Hello, Librarians!

As we entered March our country became much more aware of a health crisis that has affected other areas of the world. The coronavirus, or COVID-19, has affected a number of communities in the United States. As I would join the many health organizations who suggest to stay calm, wash hands and counters in public areas, I also know that there is a fear factor for some to go into public areas. Libraries, if they are anything, are public areas for learning, community building, and lifelong learning.

To help patrons in these times, if you have a disinfection protocol in your library, let your patrons know. Include the frequency of wipedowns of the Circulation Desk, keyboards, door handles, and other places many people touch. Encourage people to wash hands thoroughly, cover coughs and sneezes, and to be aware of others to help reduce health fears and concerns.

Among the various websites, here are some which I have found helpful:

- About Coronavirus—CDC
- Resources for Libraries on Coronavirus—Everylibrary
- Situation Summary—CDC
- Schools, Workplace, and Community Locations—CDC

Among the most helpful things to do is posting signs, making people aware of personal hygiene. The CDC and other groups have great resources on this! Create signs using some of these:

- Handwashing Saves Lives: Buttons & Badges
- Trending to make a difference with #handwashingheroes
- Food World

Let’s work together with our communities during these times, and think together on staying healthy.
Battle of the Books

Submitted by Karin Trujillo and Helen Stein, NM Battle of the Books State Steering Committee Members.

The New Mexico Battle of the Books is growing in numbers and expanding into north and northwestern New Mexico! We would LOVE for you to join us!

Schools, public libraries, home schools, and other organizations or individuals can sponsor students and teams to the come to the competition. The New Mexico Battle of the Books is a reading competition for students in grades 4-8. The New Mexico Battle of the Books encourages the youth of New Mexico to read high quality literature, have fun, and compete by demonstrating their knowledge of the books they read. Teams compete in either the Elementary or Middle School Division. While teams are registered as a group, participants are placed on mixed teams that consist of children all over the state. Visit http://nmlibraries.org/battleofthebooks/ for more information.

Each year we have two Battles, one in central New Mexico and one in the south. The Battles take place every year on the same day with the same books and the same questions as each other. This year’s sites are in Rio Rancho and Las Cruces. We are in the process of adding a 3rd battle in San Juan County for 2021, but need your help. The best way to see if this is something you would like to do with your students and/or patrons is to volunteer or observe at one of our events on April 25, 2020! Here is the contact information for volunteering:

Rio Rancho Middle School in Rio Rancho - contact Peggy Sanchez at sanchez_margaret@aps.edu.
Onate High School in Las Cruces - Loree Downing at statebattleofthebooks@gmail.com.

If you would like to get more involved at the state level, please contact us at ktrujilo@comcast.net or helen.stein@aps.edu.

Photos from NMLA Library Legislative Day Orientation 2020
NMLA’s New Open Access SIG: Where all the Cool Kids Want to be!

By Erin Wahl, Open Access SIG Chair

Last year, with the guidance of NMLA's Board, I proposed a SIG about something I care a lot about: open access. The Open Access SIG was created to explore issues of open access related to New Mexico's libraries, with the goal of championing open-access initiatives across the state and providing open-source, relevant, progressive resources for libraries and their various stakeholders. This description gives us a lot to work with, and opens us up to collaborations and partnerships with other NMLA SIGs to create a robust cornucopia of offerings statewide.

Please sign up by choosing this SIG when you renew your membership. Contact me directly through our SIG email: openaccess-sig_chair@nmla.org to be placed on a mailing list. Keep up-to-date with what we're doing by visiting our official unofficial WordPress site, no SIG membership required. https://openaccessnmla.wordpress.com/

If you are passionate about open access, curious, *hungry, or like bad jokes told by a gal in her mid-30s, then this is the SIG for you. I'm looking forward to getting a team to work on our first project!

Subject Guides Created by UNM Health Sciences Library

Kelleen Maluski, Student Success and Engagement Librarian at the UNM Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center (UNM HSLIC,) created a subject guide to help researchers navigate information and resources about COVID-19. The guide includes resources and research for tracking, information on how to conduct a search, free resources specifically about COVID-19, information for patients and the public, overviews of the virus, and self care and mindfulness. This guide can be accessed at https://libguides.health.unm.edu/covid19. Please reach out to Kelleen at camaluski@salud.unm.edu with any questions.

Robyn Gleasner, Resource Management Librarian at UNM HSLIC, created a subject guide focused on the free resources offered by vendors and publishers specifically geared towards health sciences students and instructors. The guide includes information on how students can access textbooks that were previously available in print on course reserves electronically, streaming videos that can help with simulation and labs that may now be offered virtually, as well as offers for teaching tools that can help instructors adapt in-person courses to a virtual environment. This guide focuses on access for the UNM Health Sciences community, but could be adapted to serve other libraries and their communities. The guide can be accessed at https://libguides.health.unm.edu/freeresources. Please contact Robyn with any questions at rgleasner@salud.unm.edu.
NMLA Scholarships

Submitted by Glenn Koelling, NMLA Education Committee Chair, education@nmla.org

The NMLA Scholarship cycle for this year is open! The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship provides scholarship awards to students enrolled in advanced degree programs in library and information science at ALA-accredited colleges and universities. This scholarship is available to both full-time and part-time students.

The College Scholarship Fund supports New Mexico library workers who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in library technology or school library certification. It can also be used for graduate study toward a teacher-librarian endorsement.

Due date for both awards is May 31, 2020. Applicants need not be members of NMLA.

We also still have continuing education funds left, so if you’ve got a conference, class, or webinar coming up, please consider applying! Please visit https://nmla.wildapricot.org/Scholarships-Grants for instructions on how to apply or email questions to education@nmla.org.

Call for Proposals for NMLA Annual Conference 2020

The NMLA Annual Conference is currently scheduled for October 21-23, 2020, at the Marriott Pyramid in Albuquerque. Please consider submitting a proposal to present at the conference at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdz76OMO63l2EvDVyuPm_tdR4IoYUovQRIGLGC_5rJS6CJJtw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

The deadline to submit proposals is April 15, 2020.
Summary of Library-Related Bills from 2020 Legislature

BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

**SB 207 2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS GO BOND ACT**

Three bond issues are on the November general election ballot. Library Bond Issue B is funded at $9,500,000, including $3 million each for public, academic and public school libraries, and $500,000 for tribal libraries. This is a reduction of $3.25 million from the amount for Bond B in 2018.

Bonds for Libraries will prepare information to help library supporters advocate for passage of General Obligation Bond Issue B on the 2020 November general election ballot.

The text of the bill is at: [https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/20%20Regular/final/SB0207.pdf](https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/20%20Regular/final/SB0207.pdf)

A chart of all projects funded by the General Obligation Bond Projects bill is at: [https://nmlegis.gov/Publications/Capital_Outlay/Chart%20Funded%20Projects%20by%20Question%20-%20SB%20207,%202020.pdf](https://nmlegis.gov/Publications/Capital_Outlay/Chart%20Funded%20Projects%20by%20Question%20-%20SB%20207,%202020.pdf)

**SB 103 CULTURAL AFFAIRS FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE**

This provides a $5 million appropriation to establish a cultural affairs facilities infrastructure fund to be used "to plan, build, repair and maintain Department of Cultural Affairs facilities", which include the New Mexico State Library. The bill text is at: [https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/20%20Regular/final/SB0103.pdf](https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/20%20Regular/final/SB0103.pdf)

**HB 349 CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS**

The text of the signed bill is posted at: [https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/20%20Regular/final/HB0349.pdf](https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/20%20Regular/final/HB0349.pdf)

The Capital Outlay Projects bill funded more than a thousand projects through $532,221,298 in general fund and severance tax bond fund appropriations. The Governor used her line-item veto authority to veto several hundred projects costing $109,529,091, or 20.6% of the total appropriation. HB 349 included twenty-eight library-related projects costing $4,020,000. The Governor approved sixteen of these projects, costing $1,117,000, and line item vetoed twelve library projects costing $2,825,000, or 71% of the proposed appropriations.

Among the approved projects were $500,000 for a public library in Chaparral, $400,000 to replace the elevator at NMSU Alamogordo and $300,000 for improvements to the graduate student learning commons in UNM Zimmerman Library. Among the vetoed projects were $505,000 towards completion of the International District Library of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library, $500,000 to the New Mexico State Library for rural libraries statewide and $350,000 for roof and other repairs for the public library in Cloudcroft.

**HB 2 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2020**

The General Appropriations Act does include a $200,000 increase in the appropriation for the State Library’s grants-in-aid program for public and tribal libraries, from the current $990,000 to $1,190,000. With an estimated population of 2,096,829 as of the July 1, 2019 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, New Mexico would be investing $0.57 per capita in its library state aid program.

The bill text is at: [https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/20%20Regular/final/HB0002.pdf](https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/20%20Regular/final/HB0002.pdf)

The Appropriations Act also provided $2 million to the Rural Libraries Endowment Fund in fiscal year 2020. The original Legislative Finance Committee recommendation had requested $5 million.
The WHEELS Museum 2nd Annual Auto Parts Swap Meet and Car Show Extravaganza

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NMSU Library News

Kate Terpis, Interim Dean of NMSU Library

The 90th Anniversary of the Discovery of the Planet Pluto by Clyde W. Tombaugh

NMSU Library and NMSU Department of Astronomy to celebrated Clyde W. Tombaugh’s legacy and modern planetary science on February 26 at Zuhl Library. The celebration included an exhibition and a panel discussion in honor of the 90th anniversary of the 9th planet’s discovery. The exhibition had Tombaugh’s documents, photographs, and optical instruments.

NMSU Library Metadata Librarian selected for the American Library Association’s Emerging Leaders Program

Assistant Professor and Metadata Librarian Monika Glowacka-Musial has been selected for the American Library Association’s Emerging Leaders Program. This prestigious program selects 50 or fewer applicants per year from a national pool. The program enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into the Association’s structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. Glowacka-Musial holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Polish language and literature from Warsaw University, a master’s degree in library science from the University of Arizona, and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Temple University. She is the first NMSU librarian to be selected for the program since the program’s inception in 2008. For more information visit http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/leadership/emergingleaders

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Jackie Dean who was given the NMLA Honorary Life Member award at the Annual Conference in 2017. While this award was not acknowledged as it should have been in the 2017 newsletter, we greatly appreciate all you have done for NMLA and glad to include you as a lifetime member. Kudos to you, Jackie!

If you have someone you would like to recognize in Kudos Corner, please send names, why you would like to recognize them, and a picture to newsletter@nmla.org
J.R. Willis, Old Town Arts Entrepreneur and Postcard Artist

Submitted by Joe Sabatini

Historic Albuquerque, Inc. has now posted on YouTube their recording of my January 11, 2020, presentation on "J.R. Willis, Old Town Arts Entrepreneur and Postcard Artist."

I wanted to share the link with my family, friends and history amigos, as the subject got to be more interesting and fun the deeper I got into the research. The video includes the introduction and the talk, but not the questions or the preliminary slide show.

Let me know if you have any questions. I have added the presentations to the ones I have listed in the Speaker's Bureau of the Albuquerque Historical Society and the Historical Society of New Mexico.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmFovyhdUI4

ACRL-NM

Academic librarians, consider joining ACRL-NM! As New Mexico’s chapter of ACRL, the Academic Libraries SIG promotes excellence in academic libraries through programming and professional development opportunities that fit local needs, as well as through advocacy efforts and networking connections. See https://acrlnewmexico.wordpress.com/ for more information. Contact nmacrflsig@gmail.com with any questions.

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