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**NMLA Updates and Changes**

*Submitted by Robyn Gleasner, NMLA Newsletter Editor & Website Administrator, [newsletter@nmla.org](mailto:newsletter@nmla.org)*

**NMLA Board Members**

Congratulations to our newest [NMLA Board Members!](#)

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- Julia Kelso – Member at Large
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**NMLA Website**

New website has gone live! Due to technical issues within the theme of our previous platform, the new website has gone live sooner rather than later. Please bear with us as we transfer all of necessary content to the new the site. If you have trouble finding a document or form that was on the previous site, please email [newsletter@nmla.org](mailto:newsletter@nmla.org). We still have access to the files on our previous server.

**NMLA Bylaws**

The NMLA Board voted to accept changes and updates to the NMLA Bylaws at the October 2019 meeting. These changes are now published on the website for review by the membership: <https://nmla.wildapricot.org/forum/9358786#9358786>. Voting will begin on the changes next month.

**Congratulation NMLA Award Winners!**

*Submitted by Monika Glowacka-Musial, NMLA Awards Committee*

**New Mexico Library Leadership Award -**  
Melveta Walker, ENMU, Portales

**Legislator of the Year Award - Derrick Lente -**  
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**Community Service Award -**  
Cynthia Aguilar, Santo Domingo Pueblo Library

**Library Amigo Award -**  
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**NMCAL Academic Librarian of the Year -**  
Poppy Johnson-Renvall



Melissa Carlisle, Friends of the Public Library

**Special points of interest:**

- Conference Session Recordings Available to Attendees
- GO Bond B Passed
- Community Relief Micro-Grants

## NMLA 2020 Annual Conference Session Recordings Available on YouTube



By Anna Frantz, NMLA Membership Chair,  
2020 NMLA Annual Conference Planning Committee, [membership@nmla.org](mailto:membership@nmla.org)

Though the 2020 NMLA Annual Conference may have concluded, the wealth of knowledge our presenters provided continues. Did you know most of the annual conference sessions were recorded and uploaded to our new NMLA YouTube Channel? Were there two concurrent sessions you really wanted to attend, or was there a presentation you loved and wanted to study further? No worries! Registrants can access these videos, including our keynote, featured speakers, and many SIG sessions, any time they'd like.

Because this was a paid conference, these videos are unlisted and are only available for registrants to access.

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## Rio Rancho Public Libraries Receive Stipend from ALA to Support Programs about Climate Change

By Ann McGinley, Branch Manager, Rio Rancho Public Libraries

The City of Rio Rancho's Library and Information Services Department has received a \$500 stipend from Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change, an ALA initiative that will help libraries engage their communities in programs and conversations on the climate crisis. Resilient Communities programming will begin at Esther Bone Memorial Library in the spring of 2021. The Library will use the \$500 stipend to support programming for all ages related to climate change. The focus will be on thoughtful and conscientious water use and family resilience through connectedness and preparation.

City and community partners will include Rio Rancho's Water Conservation Office, Community Emergency Response Team, and Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful, as well as American Red Cross Arizona and New Mexico and National Weather Service.

Resilient Communities strives to raise awareness and provide accurate information about the climate change crisis to the public through libraries. The pilot project has been funded by a generous grant from Andrew and Carol Phelps, the parents of a public librarian and a library master's student. For more information about Rio Rancho Public Libraries, visit [www.rnm.gov/library](http://www.rnm.gov/library). Please follow the Rio Rancho Public Libraries on Facebook and Twitter. The Libraries also send out weekly newsletters; please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y5pybu8x>.

## GO Bond B 2020

By Joe Sabatini, NMLA  
Bonds for Libraries SIG

Library bond issues were successful statewide in the 2020 New Mexico General Election. State General Obligation Bond B, providing \$9,751,433 million for public, academic, public school and tribal libraries passed by a margin of 259,358 votes. With 530,895 yes votes and 271,537 no votes, Bond B won with 66.16% in favor, 2.6 percentage points lower than attained by library bond issue B in 2018. Four counties had higher approval rates this year compared to 2018; McKinley, Sandoval, Luna and Curry. The largest declines in support were in Quay, Lea, Eddy, De Baca, Catron, Roosevelt and Harding Counties. Only two counties, Catron and Union, rejected the measure. Taos was the banner county for support at 77.4% yes, followed by Santa Fe at 76.2% and McKinley at 76%.

Bond B showed the second highest level of support among the three state bond issues; the \$10.77 million senior citizen facilities Bond A received 68% approval. Bond C provided \$156,358,475 million for higher education, special schools and tribal schools, and received a 64.8% yes vote. These are unofficial complete totals, which will be updated when the State Canvassing Board meets later this month.

In Bernalillo County, library bonds providing \$2.25 million to The Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County passed by a vote of 195,022 yes to 81,233 no, a 70.6% margin. This margin is 1% less than the 2019 City of Albuquerque library bond margin of 71.6% and below the 74.1% margin for the 2018 County library bond. Voters in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have now passed sixty-four consecutive library funding questions dating back to 1892, with an average margin of 69.0% favorable, and totaling \$152.3 million in funding. The Bernalillo County library bond was lowest in voter support among the seven bond issues proposed to county voters in 2020. Funds will go for books and media, and to complete the construction and furniture needed for the new International District Library.



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In Sandoval County, voters passed Bond Question 1 providing \$1,975,000 to 15 public and tribal libraries by a vote of 43,114 in favor and 26,541 against, for an approval rate of 61.9%. The margin of victory decreased by 4% from the 2018 Sandoval County Library Bond Issue, which had passed by a 65.9% margin.

The library community was mobilized to support Bond B through the activities of the Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group (SIG). Under the chairmanship of Omar Durant and with the assistance of NMLA webmaster Robyn Gleasner, the SIG promoted the legislation and prepared campaign materials. The SIG website provided local library supporters with a variety of media to promote passage of Bond B. A display ad was also placed on the state's leading political blog, "New Mexico Politics with Joe Monahan." Bond B was endorsed by the Albuquerque Journal and other newspapers around the state.

We also had help from the 2020 GO Bond for Higher Education Campaign, which included information about Bond B as they promoted Bond C. They mentioned bond B in a PBS "Report from Santa Fe" and promoted it on KENW's local "You should Know" half hour show. They also did a script for the local (Roosevelt County) presentations and encouraged all bond C committee members and representatives to do the same.

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## Halloween at Vista Grande Public Library

By Julia Kelso, Director, Director of Vista Grande Public Library

Halloween is usually the most wonderful time of the year at VGPL. The building is decorated to an inch of its life, food and candy abounds as do games, a costume parade, prizes, costumed children and adults (and library staff). We usually get around 100 people over the course of a few hours, which for us is a lot.

Unable to hold our usual blow-out bash, VGPL held a socially distanced, drive-up Halloween. Starting the Tuesday before, we asked trick or treaters to send us photos for our virtual gallery and were happy to photograph any costumed characters who graced the atrium where we hand out checkouts to patrons. We also handed out candy all week. On Halloween, when we closed the doors at 4:00, we headed to the front of the building where we had bags of candy (put together by library volunteers with candy donated by both volunteers and patrons) and a table of free books. Families drove up, got out, had their pictures taken and then were encouraged to take candy and a book. Everyone was respectful, waiting their turn and happy to be photographed. We had witches, plague doctors, goddesses, superheroes and horses. I don't mean the kids dressed as unicorns. I mean the Shrek-themed horses and riders.



All photos were posted on our Facebook page and website ([www.vglibrary.org](http://www.vglibrary.org)).

We hope to have something like our usual bash next year, but are really jazzed about the idea of incorporating an outdoor parade with horses.



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## 4th Annual Border Archives Bazaar Goes Viral

By Dylan McDonald, CA, Political Collections Archivist/Special Collections Librarian, NMSU

In celebration of American Archives Month, the Border Regional Archives Group (BRAG) hosted its 4th annual Border Archives Bazaar on Thursday, October, 29th via Zoom and Facebook Live. The event normally welcomes the public to a local archival venue where they participate in a celebration of borderlands history and the archival institutions that preserve the region's cultural heritage. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the organizing committee decided to put its Zoom skills to the test and broadcast a four-hour program live that featured presentations, behind-the-scenes tours, archivists sharing favorite items from their holdings, real-time Q&A periods, and open discussions. Dennis Daily, NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections Department Head, served as emcee for the event, while BRAG members from multiple archives in southern New Mexico and west Texas tended to technical details and monitored the Zoom chat function for incoming questions.

Twelve archivists, curators, clerks, and librarians from eight institutions took Zoom center stage in 15-minute increments over the course of the afternoon. They discussed their archival collections and answered questions regarding local history resources, tips on research options, and how to care for historical records. The presentations included the following:

- Sources on Women's Rights in the UTEP Library, Abbie Weiser, University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections
- Panoramic Photography, Elizabeth Villa, New Mexico State University Library Archives & Special Collections
- Overview of Archival Collections at WSMR, Jenn Jett, White Sands Missile Range Museum
- Virtual tour of historic railroad sites and architecture in and around the Downtown El Paso, Prince McKenzie, Railroad and Transportation Museum of El Paso
- Mexican Broad sides from Cd. Juarez, Dennis Daily, New Mexico State University Library Archives & Special Collections
- Menu and Cookbook Collections at UTEP



- Special Collections, Claudia Rivers, University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections
- Behind the Scenes at NMSU Special Collections, Dylan McDonald, New Mexico State University Library Archives & Special Collections
- Archival Resources of the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office, Angelica Valenzuela, Doña Ana County Clerk and Recorder's Office
- The Journal of Astronaut Gordo Cooper, Sue Taylor, New Mexico Museum of Space History
- Tiny Books, Regina Bouley-Sweeten, Eastern New Mexico University Golden Library; Claudia Rivers, University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections
- Photography Talk, David Flores, University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections
- Bringing Local History to Life through Mandy the Mule, Claudia Ramirez, El Paso Public Library Border Heritage Center
- More than 125 people from across the country registered for the event, with a high of 49 participating at one time during the broadcast. While the committee hopes to have a face-to-face event next October, the success of this year's pivot to a virtual platform with real-time feedback offers intriguing possibilities as planning for 2021 begins

For more information about BRAG, to follow the group, or view video from the event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/BRarchives>.

## Banned Books Week at Skeen Library

Submitted by Sarah Edwards Obenauf, Public Services & Instruction Librarian, NMT Skeen Library, [sarah.obenauf@nmt.edu](mailto:sarah.obenauf@nmt.edu)

The Joseph R. Skeen Library at New Mexico Tech in Socorro celebrated Banned Books Week (September 27 – October 3, 2020) with virtual and (socially-distanced) in-person events, as well as on social media.

Library Director Dr. David Cox and Public Services & Instruction Librarian Sarah Edwards Obenauf hosted three separate events on Zoom that featured banned and censored books and other media in three different time periods: before the 20<sup>th</sup> century, 20<sup>th</sup> century, and 21<sup>st</sup> century. NMT students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members from all over the country attended throughout the week and contributed to the lively discussions.

David Cox also hosted a series of socially-distanced “Stand for the Banned” Read-Outs in the library’s beautiful outside patio area (affectionately referred to as “The Moat”) each afternoon. Library staff read selections from *A Clockwork Orange*, *Kite Runner*, *The Hunger Games*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, *Grapes of Wrath*, and more.

In addition, library staff also [wrote and posted blog posts](#) about the Top 10 Most Challenged Books from 2019, [recorded “Read-Outs” of banned and challenged books](#), and engaged with patrons via social media. Staff members even created a few [YouTube playlists featuring banned and challenged songs](#)!

Follow Skeen Library at the social media links below:

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Instagram: [@nmtskreenlib](#)

Twitter: [@nmtskreenlib](#)

Email: [nmtlib@nmt.edu](mailto:nmtlib@nmt.edu)



Display for Banned Books Week at NMT’s Skeen Library. As you can see, the library was already sporting caution tape to encourage social distancing and ensure the safety of the collection! Display and photo by Chandra Reed, Technical Services Librarian ([chandra.reed@nmt.edu](mailto:chandra.reed@nmt.edu))

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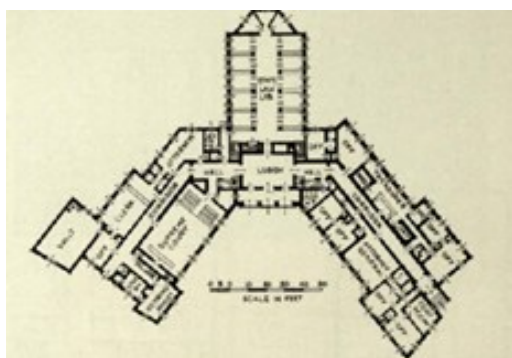
*By Rebecca Potance, Law Librarian I*

On October 9, 1937, the State Bar Association held its annual meeting at the recently completed Supreme Court Building in Santa Fe to celebrate this architectural achievement. Several people gave speeches recorded in the meeting minutes, including Justice Howard Bickley's history of the various meeting locations of the state Supreme Court. In the decades prior to the creation of this building, the Supreme Court had operated out of several different buildings, notably the former state capitols.

The occupants of the building have changed several times in the 83 years since it was completed, but the Supreme Court and Law Library have remained. During a special session for the Eleventh State Legislature in 1934, the Legislature created a building commission to oversee construction of a new home for the Supreme Court, State Law Library, Department of Justice, and the State Treasurer to relieve crowding at the capitol (Laws of the State of New Mexico 1934). A grant and loan from the federal Public Works Administration provided about a third of the funding needed to complete the construction.

The design of this Territorial Revival building pays homage to the art, history and culture of the state. Throughout the building, the official state seal, seal of the Supreme Court and the Zia sun symbol feature prominently on doors, railings, light fixtures and windows. Two federally commissioned paintings hang in the Supreme Court Courtroom: one from renowned Taos painter E. Martin Hennings and one from Santa Fe-based Sheldon Parsons. Of course, no court building would be complete without allegorical depictions of Justice as a blindfolded woman holding scales. Another highlight of the building is the Hall of Chief Justices on the second floor. It serves as a portrait gallery for the Chief Justices of the highest court in the state.

At once a functioning courthouse as well as a nationally preserved historic landmark since 2002, the building both makes history and honors it. Most of the original design from the 1930s has been preserved in the style it was created. The most significant changes over the years were the additions in the 1960s to make room for the newly created Administrative Office of the Courts and Court of Appeals.



See page 64 at <https://archive.org/details/publicbuildingss00unitrich/mode/2up>



Parkhurst, T. Harmon. Supreme Court Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1925 - 1945? Palace of the Governors Photo Archives (NMHM/DCA),

Negative # 051417 at <https://econtent.unm.edu/digital/collection/parkhurst/>



## NMLF 2020 Community Relief Micro-Grant

Submitted by Alyssa Russo, [grants@nm-if.org](mailto:grants@nm-if.org)

It's a challenging time for libraries. To assist New Mexico libraries disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic recession, and social justice issues, the New Mexico Library Foundation will provide relief funding of up to ten \$500 micro grants. Does your library, or a library you support, need support with any of the following?

- Expanding physical collections
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training for staff and volunteers
- Cultural programming
- Protective supplies
- Cleaning supplies
- Customer service and safety supplies
- Activities to promote engagement during social distancing
- Short-term payments, such as an internet bill, due to the destabilizing effects of the coronavirus
- Other ideas are welcome

If so, please consider applying for this grant. Any New Mexico library may apply; and New Mexico non-profit groups that directly benefit NM libraries may apply. Please share this announcement with interested parties outside of the NMLA membership list. Full details and the online application are available on the NMLF website: <https://newmexicolibraryfoundation.org/grants/>.

Application Deadline: November 30, 2020.

Funds will be distributed in December 2020.

Questions? Contact Alyssa Russo at: [grants@nm-lf.org](mailto:grants@nm-lf.org)

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## Embudo Valley Library Award Video

*By Joe Sabatini*

Embudo Library and Shel Neymark received one of five awards given by the Manhattan Institute. Their award presentation is in the first twelve minutes of this YouTube video.

2020 Civil Society Awards | Manhattan Institute

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHmhePM6sho>

Shel Neymark // Embudo Valley Library & Community Center. Located in Dixon, New Mexico, this rural [nonprofit library](#) and its more than 60 volunteers offer community events and a range of critical services—from free tutoring and WiFi, to access to potable water—to more than 8,500 people in the broader region.

Short version of video about the library.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtOSRikSVJY&feature=youtu.be>

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