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Letter from the Editor

April 3-9, 2022, is National Library Week. It's a time to celebrate libraries and the work we do as librarians. New Mexico's library landscape is as rich and diverse as the communities in which we serve, ranging from university and community college libraries to public and school libraries to special and corporate libraries. Within those libraries our roles as librarians are equally varied from public services to collections to administration. We all work together to support our users' needs. The NMLA Newsletter aims to highlight our work and foster a sense of community among librarians across New Mexico.

In this issue, read about the wonderful things you all are doing for our communities: from promoting reading to our youngest patrons, to protecting and digitizing collections, to collaborating with neighboring organizations. These projects are what makes libraries in New Mexico **STRONG**. This is what makes you **STRONG**. Please take a moment to celebrate your work.

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New Friends, New Adventures

The UNM Health Sciences Library (HSLIC) is pleased to announce the addition of two new faculty to the team! Alexis Ellsworth-Kopowski and Lisa Acuff joined HSLIC in February as the new Research and Education Librarians. Both faculty will be supporting the educational and research missions of the HSC, with Lisa having a special focus on the graduate programs in the College of Nursing and the Health Professions Programs and Alexis on the BioMedical Sciences Graduate Program, postdoctoral students and support of the research enterprise.

Alexis Ellsworth-Kopkowski (she/her) received her undergraduate degree in Public Health and Applied Indigenous Health Studies from Northern Arizona University and her Master's in Library Science with a focus on health literacy and underserved populations from University of Arizona. She is completing her PhD in American Indian Studies and Public Health, also from the University of Arizona. Prior to joining HSLIC, Alexis was a research assistant with Public Health Partners and an Educational Support Faculty Librarian at Pima Community College in Arizona. She has a background in academic librarianship, college teaching, program evaluation, and public health research. Her research interests are varied across disciplines but center upon improving health outcomes and the social determinants of health.



Lisa Acuff is excited to join the HSLIC team and looks forward to learning with, and from, the UNM Health Sciences Center! Born and raised in Sidney, Ohio, she has also lived in the East (Washington D.C. metropolis) and in the South (Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas). Lisa is especially excited to explore New Mexico and establish roots in Albuquerque

Lisa's previous experience includes multiple educational settings. She has instructed in universities (University of Tennessee and Harding University), managed a school library, created community library programs, directed the National Geographic Society's corporate learning program, and coordinated the Smithsonian Institution's volunteer research program (National Postal Museum). In her most recent position as Health Sciences Librarian at Harding University, she designed and delivered systematic instruction within the University's Center for Health Sciences to support research and learning. She especially enjoyed the interdisciplinary relationships and collaborations, including her role on the interprofessional education (IPE) steering committee.



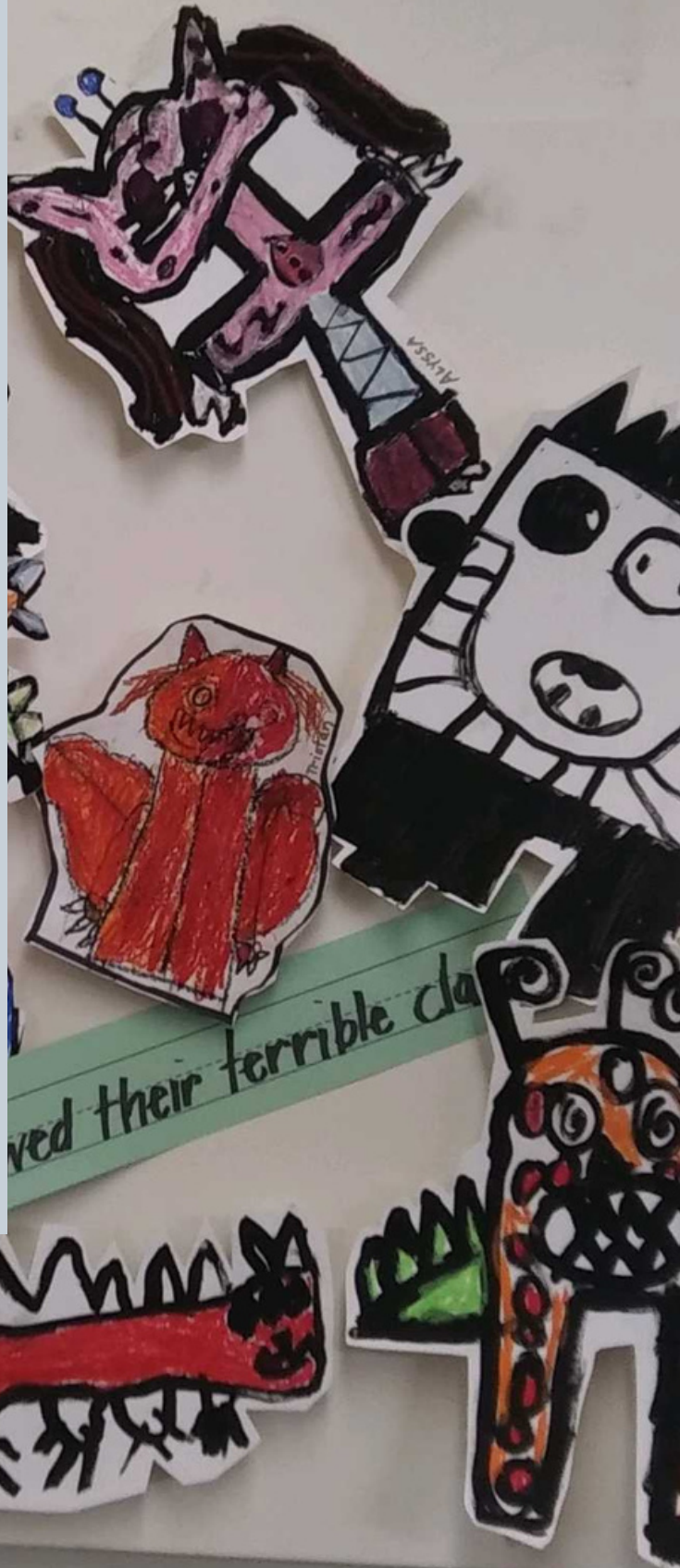
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Vista Grande Public Library Receives Grant

Submitted by Julia Kelso, Director of Vista Grande Public Library, librarydirector@vglibrary.org

Vista Grande Public Library received an ALA ARP Humanities Grant for Libraries. We will be using it to enhance our Summer Reading Program by expanding the program to tweens and adults, which we normally do not have the budget for. We will also be partnering with local groups to expand our general Humanities program over the summer, including movie events, author talks and to purchase materials to enhance these programs.

In March, our monthly library art exhibit is "Dust Devil Art" and will be displayed through March 31. This is art created by the students at the El Dorado Community School, which is right next door. They produced a variety of art projects around "Where the Wild Things Are" and similar concepts. We are partnering with EDCS to help promote "Read Across America," programs going on at the school. Activities include a kinder tour of the library on March 1 in celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday, Cat in the Hat related crafts, both in-library and take home, a PTA sponsored scavenger hunts and boards where young visitors can list their favorite reads. The last (and first) time we had VGPL filled with art from the school was March of 2020. We're hoping that many more people will get to see this exhibit.





NMLA Centennial Logo Contest

The New Mexico Library Association is turning 100! What better way to celebrate our centennial than with a contest?

Release your inner artist and show off your NMLA pride by participating in our 2022 New Mexico Library Association Centennial Logo Design Contest! Designs will be accepted through May 31, 2022. The winner will be announced the week of June 15, 2022. The winner will receive a check for \$250, one free registration for the 2022 NMLA Annual Conference, and one free ticket to the NMLA Annual Conference Awards Reception, where they will be recognized as the winner of the contest. The winning design will be revealed during our 2022 Annual Conference.

For the year leading up to NMLA's centennial (2023), we will showcase the winner's design on our website and social media. We may also create merchandise featuring this design. For more information, including official contest rules, content release form, and how to submit your design, please visit our main page at nmla.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Frantz at membership_chair@nmla.org. We look forward to seeing everyone's creations!

NMLA Scholarships & Grants

Are you currently working towards a Master's in Librarianship/Information Science? Are you a library worker who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in library technology or school library certification for graduate study toward a teacher-librarian endorsement?

If so, please consider applying for one of our scholarships! See our [NMLA Scholarships & Grants Page](#) for more information and application forms.

Application due date is May 31st, 2022.

Questions? Get in touch! Education@nmla.org



Submitted by Julia Kelso

Land of Enchantment Book Awards Announces 2022-2023 List of Nominations

The Land of Enchantment Book Award committee is supported by the New Mexico Library Association and is made up of librarians and teachers from schools and libraries around the state. This New Mexico state award was created over 40 years ago to encourage the youth of New Mexico to read current books of excellent quality. The 2022-2023 nominees that K-12 students will vote on in the summer of 2023 are a wonderful selection of books with diverse representation in characters, genres, and authors. There are 4 categories, based on grade level: Roadrunner (K-3), Coyote (3-5), Lizard (6-8) and Black Bear (9-12). The nominations are:

Roadrunner (K-3):

Unstoppable

by Adam Rex; Illustrated by Laura Park

Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera

by Candace Fleming; Illustrated by Eric Rohmann

Southwest Sunrise by Nikki Grimes;
Illustrated by Wendell Minor

Outside My Window by Linda Ashman;
Illustrated by Jamey Christoph

In a Jar

by Deborah Marcero

Evelyn del Rey is Moving Away

by Meg Medina; Illustrated by
Sonia Sanchez

Every Night is Pizza Night by J. Kenji
Lopez-Alt; Illustrated by Gianna Ruggiero

The Box Turtle by Vanessa Roeder

Coyote (3rd - 5th)

Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball by Jen Bryant;

Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

Daring Dozen: The Twelve Who Walked on the Moon by Suzanne Slade;

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

Stella by McCall Hoyle

Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story by Joseph
Bruchac

Bump by Matt Wallace

Milo Moss is Officially Un-amazing by
Lauren Allbright

We Are Water Protectors by Carole
Lindstrom; Illustrated by Michaela Goade

Flying Deep: Climb Inside Deep-Sea Submersible ALVIN by Michelle Cusolito

Land of Enchantment Book Awards

Lizard (6th-8th)

Starfish by Lisa Fipps

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

BenBee and the Teacher Griefer by K. A. Holt

Nightbooks by J.A. White

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang

Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca

The Brave by James Bird

The Other Half of Happy by Rebecca Balcárcel

Healer of the Water Monster by Brian Young

Black Bear (9th-12th)

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

In Waves by AJ Dungo

Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay

The Grief Keeper by Alexandra Villasante

The Long Ride by Marina Budhos

Lore by Alexandra Bracken

Let's Call it Doomsday by Katie Henry

Sia Martinez and the Moonlit Beginning of Everything by Raquel Vasquez Gilliland

Apple (Skin to the Core) by Eric Gansworth

You Brought Me the Ocean by Alex Sanchez

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Retirement Celebration Set for NMSU Oldest Server

The oldest library server was for the online catalog named OLE. It ran the VTLS catalog system. Purchased in May 1984, it was replaced with a Sun Systems computer running the Voyager cataloging system in the early 2000s. The Library Catalog server was eventually decommissioned in 2018 and replaced with a cloud-based solution called Alma/Primo.

The oldest Unix-based email/web server was named lib in mid-1992. At first, it was used for email, FTP and an internet information system called **Gopher**. In 1995, it started hosting **web** pages for the library. It now resides as a virtual server at the NMSU ICT Operations Center and will be decommissioned in March — almost 30 years to the day.

A reception was held to celebrate the milestone on March 2, 2022 at the Zuhl Library Conference Room. For more information, contact Kate Terpis at 575-646-1508 or kterpis@nmsu.edu.



NMSU Library Awarded Grant to Digitize Archival Collections

Submitted by Jennifer Olguin, Rio Grande Historical Collections, NMSU, jechavez@nmsu.edu

The NMSU Library has been awarded three grants from the [U.S. Department of Education, Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF\)](#). The three grants, totaling \$507,600, are allowing the library to buy more e-books, to build its digitization infrastructure through the purchase of new equipment, and to support the digitization of archival collections that document cultural heritage of the borderland region.

According to Jennifer Olguin, Rio Grande Historical Collections (RGHC) archivist and the principal investigator for the digitization grant, "This grant is a huge move forward. It is an exciting time when we can showcase our diverse holdings that have been tucked away in the stacks. The grant enables us to digitize, physically preserve, and provide online access to rare historical unpublished materials from southern New Mexico and the borderlands. New digital collections will support innovative research and scholarship specifically in the humanities, social sciences and the arts."

Jennifer and Monika Glowacka-Musial, metadata librarian, together applied for the grant in April 2021. They were notified in mid-December about receiving the award with a short time frame of six months to complete the project. Brainstorming and planning for all stages of the digitization project began immediately, including purchasing necessary equipment, selection and preparation of archival collections, hiring and training student assistants, setting up work-stations, creating collections' inventories, scanning the materials, adding various metadata along the way, coordinating work, and documenting the entire process.

One of the goals of this project has been to engage NMSU students in learning about versatility of digital collections through their active participation in the digital collections' development. Based on their hands-on experience in digitizing and curating archival materials, students now have an opportunity to understand the importance of access to reliable primary sources, see the potential for analyzing real data, and reflect on preservation efforts of, for many of them, their own cultural heritage.

Brandy Lozano, an undergraduate student majoring in Engineering Technology is working on digitizing the Mesilla Valley Spanish-language newspapers from the 1870s to the 1920s. "The Spanish newspapers I looked at had a really big impact on me seeing how people would use these newspapers to communicate with one another"



"It's something that you don't see in the world today. I can definitely say that I'm enjoying just learning about local news from years before even I was born and even before my mother was born."



Library GO Bond for 2022 Doubles the 2020 Amount

The library community had a highly successful year in the 2022 Session of the New Mexico Legislature.

The NMLA Legislation Committee presented information on the need for a 2022 Library G.O. Bond Issue to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Capital Outlay Subcommittee on October 27th, asking that Library Bond B be funded at \$19 million.

The General Obligation Bond Projects bill, House Bill 153, did allocate \$19 million, with \$6 million each for public, academic and public school libraries, and \$1 million for tribal libraries. HB 153 passed the House on a 66-2 vote, and passed the Senate on a vote of 37-0. This amount is double the \$9.5 million in the 2020 library bond.

Governor Lujan Grisham signed the bill on March 9th, placing three bond issues on the November 8th general election ballot.

The Bonds for Libraries SIG is working with Robyn Gleasner and Anna Frantz to recreate the Bonds for Libraries website. BfLSIG will prepare information to help library supporters advocate for passage of General Obligation Bond Issue B.

The Committee followed a group of bills by Representative Derrick Lente supporting the Tribal Remedy Framework response to the Yazzie/Martinez educational equity lawsuit. Two of the bills had funding for tribal libraries. The only bill that passed was HB 60, concerning Native American Language Certificate salaries.

A \$10 million appropriation was made for the Rural Libraries Endowment Fund in the General Appropriations Act (House Bill 2) as a fund transfer from Federal ARPA funds. This brings the endowment's principal to \$13 million. HB 2 also included a \$2,000,000 appropriation for planning, design and construction of tribal libraries.

The Capital Outlay Projects bill, SB 212, included thirteen library-related projects costing \$2,281,400. The Governor approved all thirteen of these projects.

The Committee held a virtual Library Legislative Day Briefing on January 28th, with over fifty people attending. Legislative Advocate Larry Horan presented techniques for working with legislators in the current environment. The event was recorded and is posted on the NMLA website as a [YouTube video](#).

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LibrarySTRONG NMLA Conference 2022 Call for Proposals

In 2019, the American Library Association identified sustainability as a core value of librarianship. Sustainability has always been a part of libraries, though we do not always see our work as meeting those challenges. In a world that is living with a pandemic, threats of climate change, political unrest, and other factors that affect our lives and planet, the sustainability and resilience of libraries is increasingly important for our communities.

Now NMLA wants to hear how you and your library meet the challenge of sustainability. This year, the NMLA 2022 LibrarySTRONG Annual Summit will focus on Sustainability. We know that libraries are:

- Sustainable
- Thriving
- Resilient
- Open
- Network Builders
- Green

What does sustainability mean to you? What are your sustainability stories? What conversations can you facilitate to help others build more resilient and just communities? In writing your proposals, consider how you incorporate concepts and perspectives of sustainability. Maybe you have a cool new recycling program, maybe you invite elders from the community to lead programs, maybe you have reinvisioned your library spaces to be more inclusive, or changed the way you do your work daily. Sustainability is much more than just a commitment to improving and maintaining our environments. It can be found in library budgets, workflows, planning, pedagogy, community engagement, and equity initiatives, among many other things.

NMLA's 2022 annual conference will be in-person October 26 - 28

Calls for proposals will be accepted through June 30, 2022, for:

- Full Day and Half Day Pre-Conference Workshops,
- Presentations
- Panel discussions,
- Posters, and
- Lightning Talks.

Proposals with a focus on the conference theme will receive priority consideration. Contact [Kate Alderete](#) for more information.

[Submit your proposal now!](#)

New This Year: Proposal Mentorship and Peer Support Opportunity!

[Sign up to receive free professional development, peer support, and mentorship!](#)

Are you nervous about giving presentations? Never spoken at a conference before? Want to learn more about sustainability? Like the idea of having a mentor to help you develop a conference program?

In order to support the creation of proposals around this year's theme and encourage first-time presenters we will be offering two free interactive workshops and one-on-one mentorship opportunities to help you develop your proposal and your presentation.

We are offering these opportunities to support anyone who is crafting a proposal for the first time, is having trouble connecting their ideas to sustainability, or just anyone who'd like a second set of eyes on their proposal before submitting it.

These events are free, but registration is required.

[Registration is now open. Please register by April 1.](#)

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