

# Newsletter

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2022 is coming to an end and I've been thinking a lot lately about success and wondering how we as librarians can show our success. Is it simply by counting the things that we have done and accomplished? Or is there a more qualitative approach to show our reach? Maybe there is a combination of both the quantitative and the qualitative to show our impact.

Speaking of success, I wanted to congratulate the presenters and organizers of the 2022 NMLA Annual Conference for creating such a successful event. The overall quality of the conference was impressive and impactful. Special thanks to Kate Alderete, Erin Wahl, Eli Guinee, and Spencer Naar for making it happen!

Congratulations to all of our new board members!

- Kate Alderete – President
- Ruben Aragon – Vice President
- Nadia Orozco-Sahi – ALA/APA Councilor

I'm looking forward to working with you all in 2023! Let's make it another successful year!

Robyn Gleasner, NMLA Newsletter Co-Editor

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# The Big Reveal



**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS:  
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NMLA Centennial Anniversary Logo  
Design Contest: The Big Reveal!

At the Awards Banquet during the 2022 New Mexico Library Association's Annual Conference, we revealed NMLA's centennial look. This logo, designed by Elizabeth Villa, will be the new face of NMLA for the next year as we celebrate 100 years of NMLA.

Congratulations once again to  
Elizabeth!

# AWARD WINNERS

**Dean Smith** received recognition as a former NMLA President

**Richard Gerding** received the New Mexico Library Amigo Award

**Samantha Villa** received the New Mexico Library Leadership Award  
and NMCAL Academic Librarian of the Year Award

**Elizabeth Martinez** received the New Mexico Library Amigo Award

**Angela Watkins** received the Community Achievement Award

**John Sandstrom** received the Honorary Life Membership Award

# CONGRATULATIONS!





## Join the Sustainability Program Revolution with 25 Ready-to-Use Sustainable Living Programs for Libraries

Gardening and sustainability programs are becoming increasingly sought after by library patrons. Given the rising interest by the general public to become more eco-friendly, these library programs should be more than just a trend. If you're wanting to join the sustainability revolution by hosting these programs, but aren't sure where to start, Ellyssa Kroski's 25 Ready-to-Use Sustainable

Living Programs for Librarians is for you. The book, edited by Kroski and published through the American Library Association, includes contributions by several library paraprofessionals and librarians throughout the country. Projects include a variety of gardening and sustainability topics, from creating upcycled jewelry to hosting a library compost drop-off for patrons. Each chapter includes everything you need to know for your program to be successful, with step-by-step instructions that include the program's cost, supplies and resources needed, setup and delivery, and future programming ideas. For those without a gardening or sustainability background, the book also contains a chapter on examples of area organizations to partner with so local experts can host programs with your library, providing their years of experience and knowledge for your patrons. To see the complete list of programs included and to purchase a copy for your library's professional collection, visit the ALA Store at <https://www.alastore.ala.org/sustainableliving>.



# Pre-Conference Success

The Town of Bernalillo's Martha Liebert Public Library would like to thank State Librarian Eli Guinee and Deputy State Librarian Kate Alderete for selecting our library to host the 2022 NMLA Pre-Conference on October 26. They helped craft a superb day of events and even catered the lunch.

Martha Liebert, who founded our library in 1966, set the tone with her keynote address emphasizing the importance of history. Attendees received a signed copy of Martha's groundbreaking history of Bernalillo, entitled, "Bernalillo: Between the River and a Hard Place" which the author launched in January.

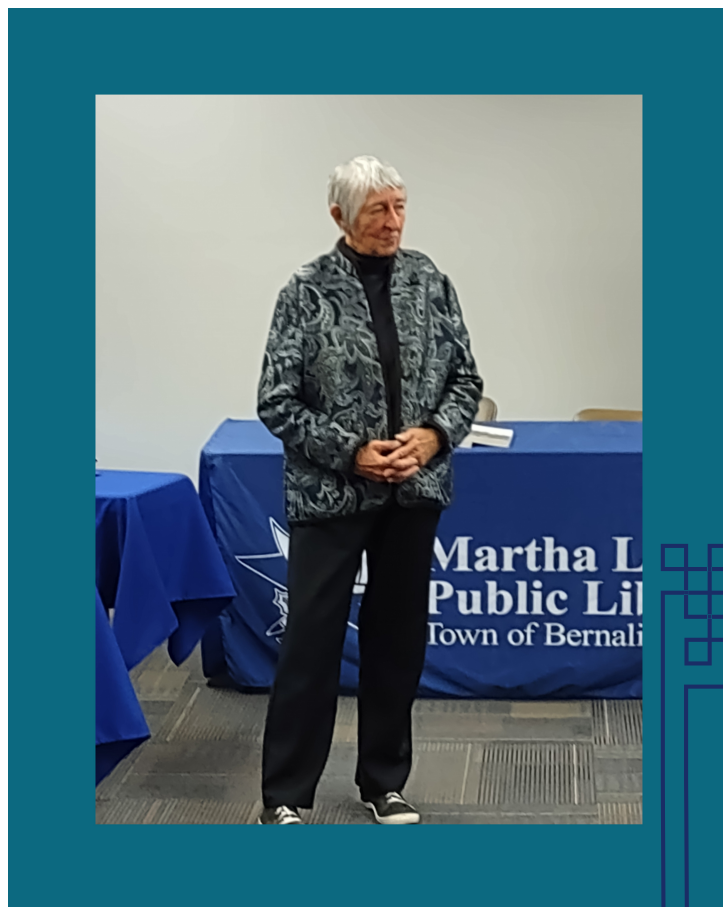
Joe Sabatini was at the top of his game presenting the biography of Erna Fergusson. He connected with every attendee through his immense knowledge of our New Mexico libraries. Mr. Sabatini's rousing presentation was followed by a brief library tour of our historic, Spanish-Pueblo revival building which was completed in 1936 to serve as Bernalillo's secular school house.

State Historian Rob Martinez rounded off the speaker presentation with a brilliant overview of colonial New Mexican literature. With his characteristic upbeat presentation style and profound bibliographic knowledge, Mr. Martinez greatly impressed his audience.

For the perfect ending to an indulgent program of local history, virtually everyone made it to Martha Liebert's comprehensive photo exhibit at the Sandoval County Historical Society. Librarians were able to relax, enjoy Martha's famous hospitality, and take in the scenic bosque, river, and mountains near the historic DeLavy House on a beautiful, late October afternoon.

We all learned a great deal and enjoyed the amazing diversity among the librarians who attended—all united by a common interest in New Mexico history!

Thank you, once again, for allowing us to host this year's NMLA pre-Conference.





Need help funding library training or professional development? Apply for one of NMLA's [Continuing Education Grants](#)! Awards of up to \$200 are made on the basis of financial need. Grants can be used for workshops, other professional association meetings, or any type of library-related training activities. There is no deadline for Continuing Education Grant applications; however, funds available are limited and are distributed in the order that applications are received.

Questions? Get in touch!  
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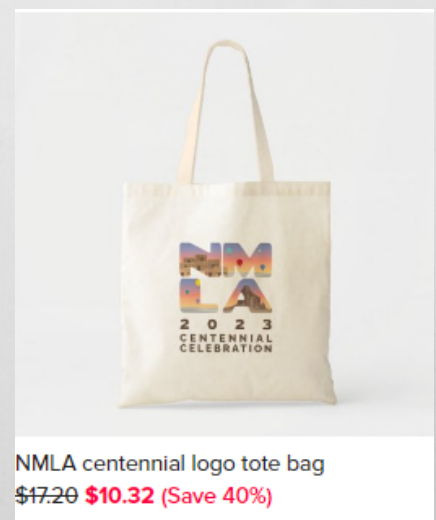
# NMLA Announcements

## Bylaws and Procedure Manual 2022

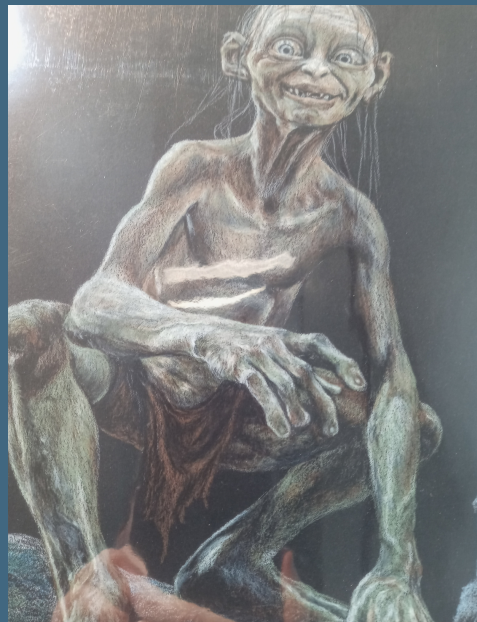
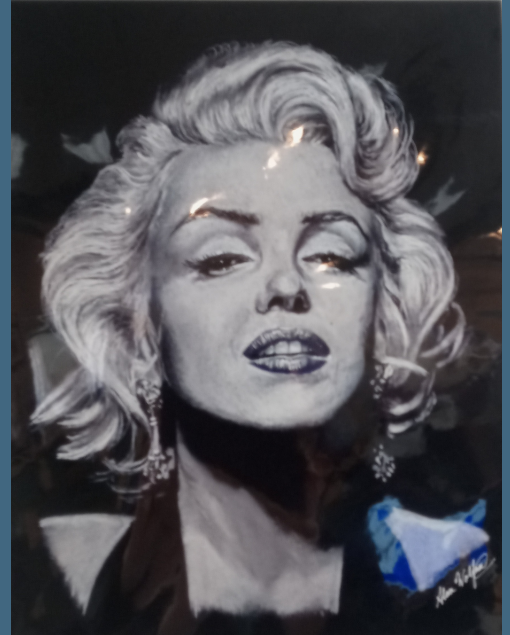
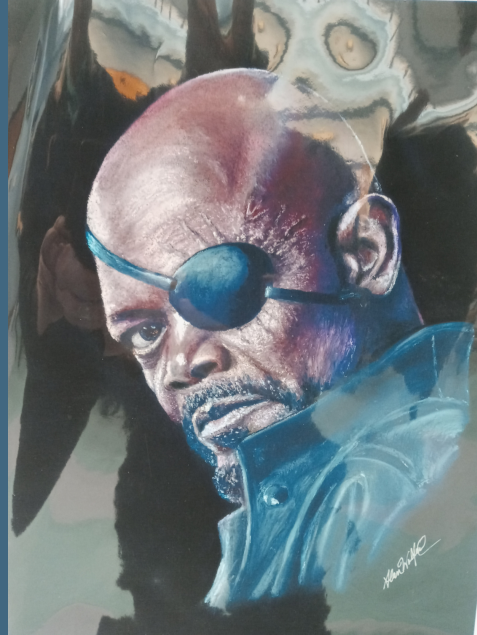
The NMLA procedures and bylaws have been revised for 2022. A final electronic vote will be emailed starting Friday December 16th and is to be completed on or before Friday, December 23, 2022. See the revised documents on the [Bylaws & Procedures Page](#).

## NMLA Zazzle Store

The [NMLA Zazzle Store](#) is now live and features the new Centennial Logo designed by Elizabeth Villa. The store includes water bottles, notebooks, t-shirts, tote bags and coffee mugs.



Bloomfield Public Library



Art of comic book characters, movie stars, popular culture by Pastor Alan Wolfard.

On Display until January 31, 2023.



# Library Bond Measures Successful throughout New Mexico in 2022 Election

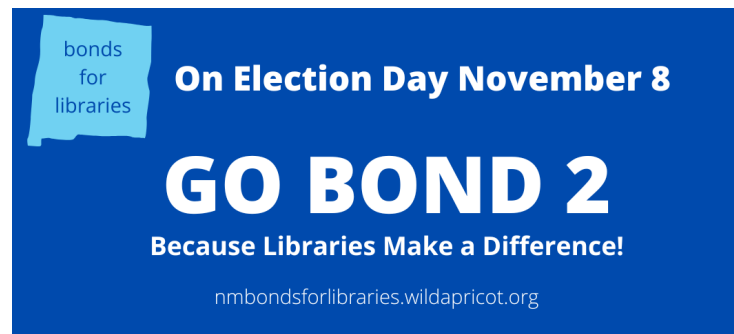
By Joe Sabatini

Library bond issues were successful statewide in the 2022 New Mexico General Election. State General Obligation Bond 2, providing \$19,266,000 for public, academic, public school and tribal libraries passed by a margin of 161,818 votes.

With 401,235 yes votes and 238,410 no votes, Bond 2 won with 62.69% in favor, 3.6 percentage points lower than attained by library bond issue B in 2020. Mora, Harding and Grants were the only Counties which had a higher approval rate this year compared to 2020. The largest declines in support were in Lea, Curry, Chaves, Roosevelt, Eddy, Otero and Valencia Counties. Seven counties, Catron, Chavez, Curry, DeBaca, Lea, Quay and Union, rejected the measure. Taos was once again the banner county for support at 77.6% yes, followed by Santa Fe at 74.4% and McKinley at 74.3%.

Bond 2 showed the second highest level of support among the three state bond issues; the \$24.47 million senior citizen facilities Bond 1 received 66.3% approval. Bond 3 provided \$215.99 million for higher education, special schools and tribal schools, and received a 61.3% 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 \$1.5 million to the Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County passed by a vote of 150,329 yes to 69,236 no, a 68.5% margin. This margin is 2% less than the 2021 City of Albuquerque library bond margin of 70.6% and below the 69.2% margin for the 2020 County library bond. Voters in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have now passed sixty-seven consecutive library funding questions dating back to 1892, with an average margin of 69.0% favorable, and totaling \$159.7 million in funding. The Bernalillo County library bond was sixth in voter support among the seven bond issues proposed to county voters in 2022. Funds will go for materials and resources.



In Sandoval County, voters passed Bond Question 1 providing \$1,885,000 to 15 public and tribal libraries by a vote of 37,505 in favor and 18,910 against, for an approval rate of 66.5%. The margin of victory increased by 2.5% from the 2020 Sandoval County Library Bond Issue, which had passed by a 62% margin. These funds can be used for “planning, designing, upgrading, constructing, remodeling, furnishing, equipping, repairing and otherwise improving library facilities...and purchasing books and other library resources....”

In Doña Ana County, the City of Sunland Park passed a \$4 million bond issue for a recreation center and library. The vote was 1,050 in favor and 439 against, a 71% victory margin.

The library community was mobilized to support Bond 2 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. We mailed a letter to every academic, public and tribal library director and every high school librarian about the bond campaign and promoting NMLA membership. The SIG website provided local library supporters with a variety of media to promote passage of Bond 2. A display ad was also placed on the state's leading political blog, “New Mexico Politics with Joe Monahan.” Bond 2 was endorsed by the Albuquerque Journal and other newspapers around the state. We were interviewed for news stories on Albuquerque TV station KRQE and Public Radio station KUNM-FM.



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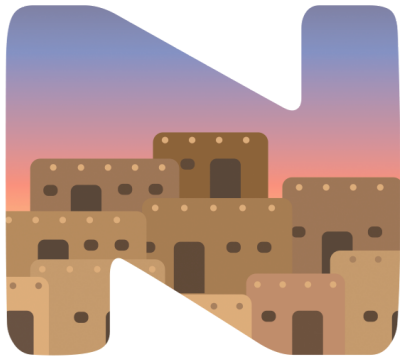
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