

# Newsletter

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## NMLA 2022 LibrarySTRONG

The NMLA 2022 LibrarySTRONG Annual Conference will focus on sustainability. The conference will be held in person this year October 26-28 at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North.

**Register today!** Early registration will end on September 15th. View the [preliminary program](#) to get an idea of the sessions and pre-conferences offered this year.

For those interested in volunteering at the conference, there are still opportunities to get involved. Please reach out to [annual\\_conference@nmla.org](mailto:annual_conference@nmla.org) with any questions or inquiries.

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# New Friends, New Adventures

## Santa Fe Public Library Hires New Library Division Director



SANTA FE, NM – Santa Fe Public Library is pleased to welcome our new Library Division Director, Margaret Neill. She comes to us from the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, where she served as Library Administrator.

"We are pleased to have Margaret Neill serve as the next Santa Fe Public Library Division Director. Margaret brings a wealth of public library experience to the role. We look forward to her leadership in continuing to provide high-quality library services

and moving us toward our mission and vision of creating a 21st century library system for the City of Santa Fe," said Community Services Director, Maria Sanchez-Tucker.

Margaret Neill was born and raised in El Paso, Texas. She attended Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, for her undergrad and Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York for her master's in library science. She returned to the southwest in 2005.

A life-long library user, Margaret began working in libraries as a work-study during her undergrad years and has worked in public libraries in 2002.

She worked primarily in information technology services, cataloging and collection development, including Spanish language materials, before transitioning to management. She previously held positions as the Technical Services Manager and Regional Library Branch Manager at El Paso Public Library in El Paso, Texas and Technical Services and Systems Librarian and Library Administrator at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

She previously served on the Board of Directors for Radford School in El Paso, Texas and is the treasurer and a founding board member of the Cruces Creatives Makerspace in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She is also currently a member of the New Mexico Municipal League and president of the Library subgroup.

Margaret is an avid reader, especially medical non-fiction, romance, steampunk fantasy and history. She also enjoys travel, genealogy, photography and writing.



# **Additional Staffed hours at HSLIC**

**Starting Saturday, September 10  
UNM Health Sciences Library &  
Informatics Center will be open  
Saturdays from  
12:00pm-5:00pm**

**Services available to community physicians  
and healthcare professionals:**

- Desktop computers to access the library's online resources
- Assistance connecting to the HSC-Guest WiFi if you bring your own laptop
- Assistance locating books, articles, and databases online and in print
- Reference help and/or referrals to our faculty librarians
- Free scanning and pay-to-print services

**For building access,  
please call 505.272.2311  
when you arrive**

# The New Mexico State Library is here to help with your cataloging conundrums!

by Joseph Angelo



Created by Wren Pollard  
from the Noun Project

Cataloging can be extremely complicated. There are so many different rules, guidelines, and policies one needs to navigate and keep in mind when crafting a bibliographic record. Occasionally one is faced with a wide array of options and choices. Sometimes assigning subject headings or call numbers isn't a simple or straightforward task. Additionally, all these things are never static, they are constantly being changed, revised, and updated. Because cataloging can be so complex, it's helpful to have guides and resources to refer to and learn from.

Many of the "high-profile" cataloging tools cost money. In an effort to help New Mexican librarians and library staff with their cataloging work, I started searching for and compiling free cataloging resources and training materials. The compilation of these resources eventually took the form of a [Free Cataloging Resources LibGuide](#).

I created the LibGuide in 2020 and gave an introduction and tour of the guide at the 2020 NMLA conference. Since then, I have continually updated the information on the guide to reflect current changes in the cataloging world. I've also added new resources that I've discovered while teaching cataloging skills to others. The LibGuide covers a wide range of topics, from MARC to RDA to Dewey Decimal classification. There are links to training videos, helpful websites, free tools and cheat sheets.

Sometimes when cataloging, you may encounter a puzzling question or a seemingly-impossible-to-catalog book. When this happens and you need some helpful cataloging advice or guidance, I and my colleagues at the State Library are happy to help! Since 2020, we've been offering a weekly Zoom drop-in meeting every Wednesday at 2:30pm known as the "Cataloging Café." Drop by with your questions or stop in to chat and say hi! In the event that you can't make it to the Cataloging Café, feel free to email your query to us at [sl.cataloging@state.nm.us](mailto:sl.cataloging@state.nm.us).

For those of you who are planning on joining us for the 2022 NMLA conference, NMSL Technical Services supervisor, Bradley Carrington and I will be presenting a half day pre-conference titled: "Wrangling your Metadata with the new RDA toolkit." We'll have various resources related to the preconference in a special page on the [Free Cataloging Resources LibGuide](#).

One resource on this page (and in the RDA portion of the LibGuide) is a link to a free 30-day trial for the new RDA Toolkit. If you'll be joining us for our preconference, and you don't already have access to the RDA Toolkit, make sure to sign up for your free trial about a week before the conference (around October 19th). This will give you plenty of time to get your trial started and have a few weeks of access to the toolkit after the conference.

Don't let those weird and hard-to-catalog items pile up in the backlog. The Technical Services folks at the State Library are here to help you solve those cataloging mysteries and help you become a more confident and skilled cataloger!

# INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT LIBRARY

On July 9th, Mayor Tim Keller, along with City, County, State and community leaders, opened the doors to the International District Library during a ribbon cutting ceremony after more than a decade of advocacy. The International District Library is the 19th branch of the Public Library of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. The approximately

\$16.5 million project was funded by a combination of City General

Obligation Bonds, State Capital Outlay, Bernalillo County Bonds, donations from the Albuquerque Public Library Foundation and over \$1 million from the Richard A. Freedman Trust.

In recognition of the 40-year history of the Caravan East nightclub - where the library now sits - the Jewell Community Room has a wood floor that can be used for dance demonstrations and instruction that reflects the diversity of the community. The room is named in honor of Bobbie and Tommie Jewell and seats up to 150 people. The 25,000 square foot building, designed by RMKM Architects, also has a Multi-Gen Activity Room, the first such space in a Public Library of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County that will be used for computer classes, language classes, job training, adult literacy, community bookings, maker space activities, and other activities requested by the community. The adult Reading Room is named in honor of former City Councilor Rey Garduño and includes the World Language Collections, fiction, non-fiction, large print, magazines and DVD's plus 32 public computers. The Children's Room is named in honor of Reynaluz Juarez and features reading nooks, a story tower, four public computers for children along with picture books, non-fiction and chapter books, magazines, and DVDs for children





## Features of the library include:

◆ Early Literacy Center with interactive play to develop basic literacy in young children ◆ Children's Activity Room for programs ◆ Freedman Reading Room for quiet reading, research, study, and contemplation ◆ A fireplace, funded by the Freedman Trust, as the centerpiece of the adult area ◆ Two Tower Gardens used for programs on gardening and nutrition for all ages ◆ Two virtual reality computer systems funded by the Albuquerque Community Foundation ◆ Story Plaza for outdoor gatherings and gallery displays ◆ Large interlace monitor for displaying video art and community projects



Photo retrieved from <https://abqlibrary.org/internationaldistrict>

The library is built for sustainability with saturated natural daylight from skylights and clerestory windows so minimal artificial light is required during the day. It has a closed loop heat pump system requiring no gas and minimal electricity to operate. The building is also equipped to support solar panels that will be installed later to bring use of electricity to minimal or even negative use.



# UNM University Libraries installs New Turnstile Systems



The University of New Mexico University Libraries (UL) is excited to welcome new and returning patrons into its innovative and historic spaces this fall. One of the newest features is the installation of ID-tap turnstile systems at the entrances of all central campus libraries – Centennial Science & Engineering Library, Fine Arts & Design Library, and Zimmerman Library.

The goal of the turnstile system is to support a safe and secure environment for the Lobo community while also improving protection for library collections. The project is part of a broader UNM plan to improve safety on campus while maintaining access to facilities, resources, and services.

The library entry process is similar to other facilities on the UNM campus. Students, staff, faculty, and individuals with a Lobo ID Card will be able to tap in to gain access to the spaces.

Community members without a Lobo ID Card are able to enter after checking in with staff at the desk located near the turnstiles and providing a government-issued photo ID or a student photo ID. Staff members are also available to help visitors navigate the turnstile systems and answer directional questions for each library.

The new systems include ADA-compliant swing gates and also have capability to allow group access such as campus tours. In the event of an emergency, the turnstiles are connected with the fire alarm systems and permit safe and immediate exit from the library.

More information about the University Libraries and the turnstiles systems can be found at [library.unm.edu](http://library.unm.edu).

bonds  
for  
libraries

# Vote YES on GO BOND B

Because Libraries Make a Difference!

[nmbondsforlibraries.wildapricot.org](http://nmbondsforlibraries.wildapricot.org)

This November 8th, New Mexico citizens will vote on General Obligation Bond Issue B, which if passed, will provide publicly funded New Mexico libraries with a total of \$19,000,000. This is double the amount provided in the 2020 bond issue.

This GO Bond will provide \$6,000,000 each for Higher Education libraries, Public libraries and Public School libraries. It will provide \$1,000,000 for NM Tribal libraries.

Find information about the GO Bond election at [Bonds for Libraries](#), including charts to show the estimated amounts each library would receive if the bond issue passes. Using this information, libraries can estimate what would be received by each library type in a community or county.

Libraries can also identify what needs can be addressed with the local allocation. Individual libraries are encouraged to post these facts on social media, as long as it is **informational** rather than advocacy.

NOTE: See [How to Advocate Legally](#) for more information regarding what is and is not allowed to be promoted.

Need ideas for flyers and bookmarks?  
[Access brochure and bookmark designs from previous years online at our website.](#)

Download or copy any materials and print them for distribution in your community. If you design your own graphics or flyers or bookmarks, please share them with us and we will post them on the website.

If you have an idea for a resource or graphic that would help you “sell” the GO Bond B in your area please let us know by writing to [omardurant@yahoo.com](mailto:omardurant@yahoo.com) and we will post them on the website.

**MORE IDEAS**



Thanks to funding from the New Mexico Library Association, the Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group (BfL SIG) is working on several ways to promote public awareness for the 2022 GO Bond Issue B.

**Share Your Ideas** – Many of you have great programs and projects that you use to encourage use of your library in your community. Send us information about what works for you and your patrons and we will share those ideas on the Bonds for Libraries website. We want to hear about anything you do, big projects or small, that excite the readers in your community.

**Local Projects** - Librarians, library staff and supporters are encouraged to develop local projects. Encourage your library board members and Friends groups to communicate their support for Bond B by writing letters and newspaper opinion columns and posting to social media.

**Creative Local Marketing** – Assist the SIG by educating your library patrons in creative ways. New Mexico libraries have deployed book displays, identified bond-funded computers and other technology, and used book plates to bring attention to the resources made available through Bond B.

**Share your Library Photos** – Photos of your libraries, resources, services, staff and patrons are always welcome. They help the SIG promote the Bond via the website, and on social media. If you send photos to [omardurant@yahoo.com](mailto:omardurant@yahoo.com) we will post them on our Bonds for Libraries website.

## ELECTION CALENDAR

**October 11:** Voter registration (by mail or online) closes.

**October 11:** First day that absentee ballots can be mailed to voters (who have submitted an absentee application), and first day of Early Voting (at the county clerk's office).

**October 22:** Expanded Early Voting begins at alternate voting locations.

**November 3:** Last day to request an absentee ballot.

**November 5:** Last day of early voting.

**November 8:** General Election Day.

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