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New Mexico Library Association Centennial Conference

Wednesday October 25th - Friday October 27th 2023

Browse, Borrow, Renew

This year's theme will look at the past, present and future and examine the many ways we continue to share, collaborate and advocate for libraries.

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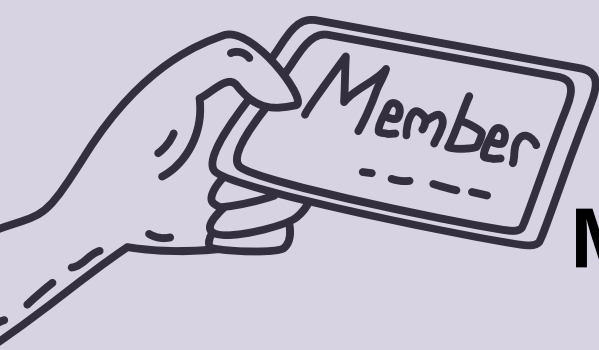
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Put your NMLA Membership to good use!

Are you utilizing your New Mexico Library Association membership to the fullest? By becoming a member of NMLA, not only are you promoting New Mexico libraries, you're also supporting your future library goals!

Benefits include:

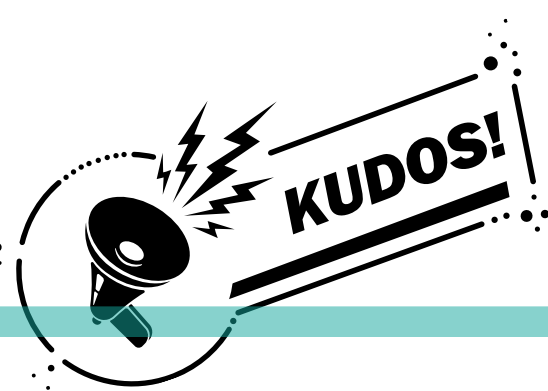
- Special Rates for our Professional Conferences. This includes our upcoming annual conference October 25-27, which celebrates 100 years of NMLA!
- Leadership Opportunities. Did you know we have several statewide committees and special interest groups that you can not only participate in, but you can also be nominated to chair? For a full list of our committees and SIGs, [click here](#). From school libraries to archives, there's something for everyone!
- Active Email Listserv. Stay up-to-date on events, lectures, job postings, legislation, and library news across the state.
- Bi-monthly Newsletter. Learn about what's going on in New Mexico libraries as well as upcoming association news.
- Educational Resources and Professional Development. Be in-the-know about awards, grants, scholarships, and workshops to support your education or advance your library's work.
- Advocacy. Receive the Legislation Bulletin and summary of the year's library legislation from NMLA's legislation liaison.
- Networking. Build community with librarians, paraprofessionals, trustees, friends, and others interested in improving library service in New Mexico.

Anyone can become a member of NMLA, even if you don't work in libraries. We have multiple memberships levels ranging from Friend, perfect to those who volunteer in libraries, to our Institutional Bundle, which comes with two registrations to attend the annual conference.

Have questions or an idea to gather the membership? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Anna at membership_chair@nmla.org.

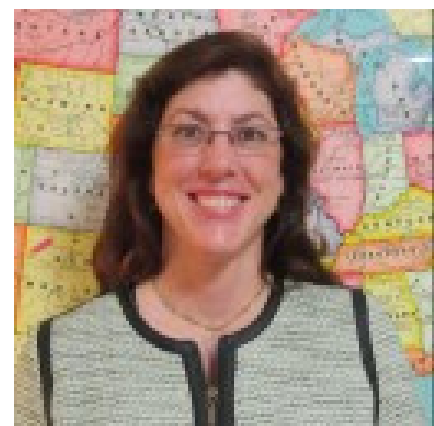


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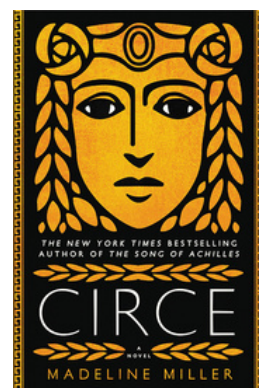


Ann McGinley has been promoted to Branch Manager of the Southside Library branch. She was previously the Collections Manager.

Southside Library also has two new reference/adult programming librarians-Aaron Oesting and Samuel Buelow and we're excited to have them join the team.



Santa Fe Public Library has been awarded another Big Read grant, we will be doing a community-wide read of Circe by Madeline Miller, in Spring 2024.



Jessica Gulliford, our Adult Program Librarian, has been recognized by the Santa Fe Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 40 under 40 business and community leaders for her work at SFPL.

The Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library will be celebrating 50 years of supporting the library beginning in the fall of this year.

books & beyond...



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New Mexico Student Choice
LAND OF ENCHANTMENT
Book Award



Land of Enchantment Book Award Committee Announces the 2023-2024 Nominated Books

The Land of Enchantment Book (LOE) Award is our New Mexico state children's choice award created over 40 years ago to encourage the youth of New Mexico to read current books of excellent quality. The LOE 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. To bring LOE Book Award participation to your library, you just need to display the current LOE Book Award nominated books that you own, encourage patrons and students to participate, and then collect and submit votes in the spring.

For more information, check out [our website](#) or contact us at loebookaward@gmail.com. The 2023-2024 nominees that K-12 students will vote on in the spring of 2024 are a wonderful selection of books with diverse representation in characters, genres, and authors.

There are 4 categories, based on grade level: Roadrunner (pre-K-3rd grade), Coyote (3rd-5th grade), Lizard (6th-8th grade) and Black Bear (9th -12th grade).



New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award
2024 Roadrunner Student Choice Nominees



New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award
2024 Black Bear Student Choice Nominees



New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award
2024 Lizard Student Choice Nominees

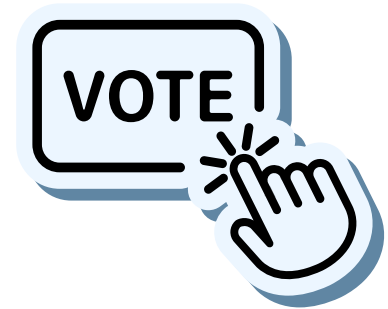


New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award
2024 Coyote Student Choice Nominees

2023-2024 NMLA Board Election

Voting is now open for the 2023-2024 year for five positions on the NMLA Board. Candidates are running for the following open positions:

- Vice President/President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Member-at-Large (two positions available)
- ALA-APA Councilor

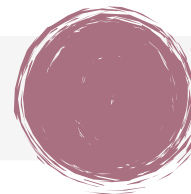


Voting will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023. Results will be announced to the membership on September 30, 2023.

To vote, please click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/c154kyDB2oaizySs6>

Meet the Candidates

Nadia Orozco-Sahi
(they/she)



President-Elect

I obtained my MLIS through the University of Denver, and am now a Library Information Specialist 3 at UNM. I was named an ALA Emerging Leader in 2022. I first became involved with NMLA through helping with the Newsletter and later being elected as ALA/APA Councilor. I am involved with ALA in various capacities. My interest in being Vice-President for the New Mexico Library Association is to continue to support, advocate for, and elevate the work that you are already doing in libraries across the state, while building connections between individuals and systems in our libraries.

Kelly Murphy

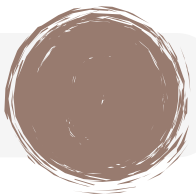


Treasurer

I'm currently an Associate Director with The Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County and have worked in the system since 2014. In 2015, I volunteered to help with NMLA's local arrangements committee and continued for several years because I enjoyed getting to know so many dedicated librarians. I changed roles in 2020 when I was elected to the Treasurer position and would like to continue in this capacity. As Treasurer, I get to work with the Board, SIGs and Committees to help them support the needs and interests of NMLA's members, particularly in regards to professional development opportunities.

Member-at-Large

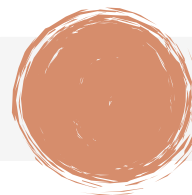
Rachel Patton



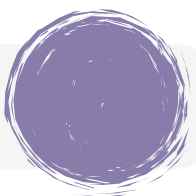
Born in Taos, I have been raised by NM Libraries. I am currently a teacher librarian at Manzano Day School in Albuquerque. In 2022, I was named an ALA Emerging Leader. If elected as a Member at Large for the NMLA, I would endeavor to support colleagues across disciplines as we navigate a rapidly changing information landscape.

As a former treasurer of NMLA and a librarian/library manager for more than 17 years, I am motivated to support the NMLA board, the organization's members, and library values. I want to serve as a Member-at-Large as a representative of Community College libraries who share Public Libraries and University Libraries goals.

Bridget O'Leary



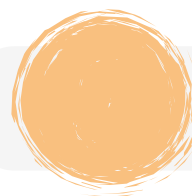
Caitlin Dunshee



With 8 years of experience in various library settings including school, public, special collections, and academic, I bring a diverse skill set and expertise to the table. I am excited about the opportunity to potentially serve as a Member at Large for NMLA and contribute my enthusiasm and experience to advancing our profession.

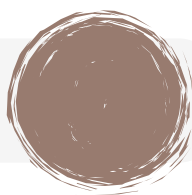
Because NMLA is impactful in creating connections within our profession, serving as a Member at Large will allow me contribute to this dynamic in new ways. As a Member at Large, my hope is to collaborate, and connect, with the membership in continuing to grow healthy, diverse and informed communities through library services.

Joshua Fox



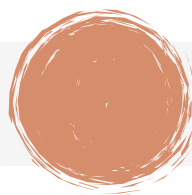
ALA - APA Councilor

Dr. John Sandstrom



I have been a librarian for over 30 years working primarily in academic and public libraries. My experience in ALA includes terms as both a Round Table Councilor and a Councilor-at-Large. As the Chapter councilor for New Mexico, I will work to represent all NMLA and New Mexico libraries at the national level.

Cassandra E. Osterloh



I believe that my experience not only within NMLA, but also the past 25+ years in academic, special, and school libraries, primarily in NM, as well as a statewide library consultant (Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator - currently and Continuing Education Coordinator – early 2000s), allows me to have a broad understanding of the needs of NM library staff.

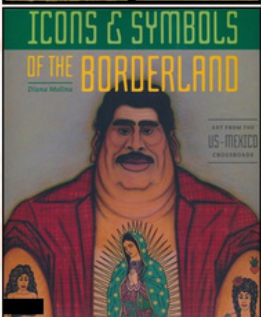
April Kent



As an academic librarian who has worked in New Mexico since February 2007, I have grown increasingly concerned about the proposed censorship and anti-intellectualism that is threatening our libraries. Serving as NMLA's ALA/APA Councilor would give me a greater platform to support New Mexico libraries.



Bloomfield Public Library



Icons & Symbols of the Borderland

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Bloomfield Multi-Cultural Center-
Event Room

6pm



Regional Artist Diana Molina will present an eclectic, multi-faceted portrayal that embodies the spirit of the New Mexico's heritage through symbols and iconographic representations, sometimes with a distinctly modern twist. A photograph collection illustrates popular symbols and those less familiar. The Virgin of Guadalupe and Mimbres Rock Arts are among the topics covered in a presentation that includes a blend of tradition, history, contemporary culture, and nature and socio-political subject matter. Touching on the current issues that face our borderland community, the artist's work as a photographer and exhibit curator provides a compelling representation of topics relevant to the national conversation and our place within it.

Carrie Tingley Hospital Records (1936-2000) Now Available for Research

The University of New Mexico's Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center (HSLIC) is pleased to announce that its Carrie Tingley Hospital records have been processed and are now available for research onsite on UNM's north campus.

The Carrie Tingley Hospital for Crippled Children was created on December 1, 1936, in Hot Springs (now Truth or Consequences), New Mexico. It was named after Governor Clyde Tingley's wife, Carrie Wooster Tingley, because of her love for helping children. The hospital's goal was to give high-quality orthopedic care, specifically associated with the polio outbreaks of the early twentieth century, to New Mexico's low-income children. The hospital was located in Truth or Consequences because of its abundance of natural hot springs, a therapeutic treatment for polio at that time. Governor Clyde Tingley modeled the New Mexico rehabilitation center after the treatment center Franklin D. Roosevelt went to in Warm Springs, Georgia. It is popularly known that Carrie Tingley Hospital treated all patients, regardless of color and financial ability. This would have been progressive on New Mexico's part as many medical facilities in the U.S. were segregated at that time.

The hospital stayed in Truth or Consequences until 1981 when the hospital was relocated to Albuquerque, and ultimately became part of the University of New Mexico Health System.

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HSLIC supported the processing of this important body of records through one of its seed funding grants, which are designed to help foster a variety of research and innovative projects by library employees. HSLIC hired UNM student Maxx Harrison (he/they) to review 16 boxes of unprocessed materials and physically rehouse them in acid-free archival containers and folders. Maxx used the time-saving archival processing framework More Product, Less Process (MPLP) as well as contemporaneously identified logical series/subseries structures within the boxes, and described the entire collection in an archival finding guide.

This guide is now available for review via [New Mexico Archives Online](#). The guide also includes a link to [digitized board of directors minutes](#). These records should be helpful to researchers in the fields of history, healthcare management, orthopedics, physical medicine, virology, and population health, among others.

For those interested in Chicano literature, Rudolfo Anaya's novel Tortuga is based on his own experiences at Carrie Tingley Hospital.

Submitted by Abbie Weiser,
abweiser@salud.unm.edu



**Dr. William Minear performing surgery at
Carrie Tingley Hospital, circa 1947-1956**

President Obama Extends Support to American Librarians in an Open Letter

Former President of the United States Barack Obama published an open letter on Monday, extending his support to America's librarians in an era of rising book challenges and growing personal attacks against those who resist them.

In his letter, President Obama underscores the importance of communities being able to have access to information via libraries and expresses his and former First Lady Michelle Obama's gratitude to librarians for their "unwavering commitment to the freedom to read."

View the full letter below.



To the dedicated and hardworking librarians of America:

In any democracy, the free exchange of ideas is an important part of making sure that citizens are informed, engaged and feel like their perspectives matter.

It's so important, in fact, that here in America, the First Amendment of our Constitution states that freedom begins with our capacity to share and access ideas—even, and maybe especially, the ones we disagree with.

More often than not, someone decides to write those ideas down in a book.

Books have always shaped how I experience the world. Writers like Mark Twain and Toni Morrison, Walt Whitman and James Baldwin taught me something essential about our country's character. Reading about people whose lives were very different from mine showed me how to step into someone else's shoes. And the simple act of writing helped me develop my own identity—all of which would prove vital as a citizen, as a community organizer, and as president.

Today, some of the books that shaped my life—and the lives of so many others—are being challenged by people who disagree with certain ideas or perspectives. It's no coincidence that these "banned books" are often written by or feature people of color, indigenous people, and members of the LGBTQ+ community—though there have also been unfortunate instances in which books by conservative authors or books containing "triggering" words or scenes have been targets for removal. Either way, the impulse seems to be to silence, rather than engage, rebut, learn from or seek to understand views that don't fit our own.

I believe such an approach is profoundly misguided, and contrary to what has made this country great. As I've said before, not only is it important for young people from all walks of life to see themselves represented in the pages of books, but it's also important for all of us to engage with different ideas and points of view.

It's also important to understand that the world is watching. If America—a nation built on freedom of expression—allows certain voices and ideas to be silenced, why should other countries go out of their way to protect them? Ironically, it is Christian and other religious texts—the sacred texts that some calling for book bannings in this country claim to want to defend—that have often been the first target of censorship and book banning efforts in authoritarian countries.

Nobody understands that more than you, our nation's librarians. In a very real sense, you're on the front lines—fighting every day to make the widest possible range of viewpoints, opinions, and ideas available to everyone. Your dedication and professional expertise allow us to freely read and consider information and ideas, and decide for ourselves which ones we agree with.

That's why I want to take a moment to thank all of you for the work you do every day—work that is helping us understand each other and embrace our shared humanity.

And it's not just about books. You also provide spaces where people can come together, share ideas, participate in community programs, and access essential civic and educational resources. Together, you help people become informed and active citizens, capable of making this country what they want it to be.

And you do it all in a harsh political climate where, all too often, you're attacked by people who either cannot or will not understand the vital—and uniquely American—role you play in the life of our nation.

So, whether you just started working at a school or public library, or you've been there your entire career, Michelle and I want to thank you for your unwavering commitment to the freedom to read. All of us owe you a debt of gratitude for making sure readers across the country have access to a wide range of books, and all the ideas they contain.

Finally, to every citizen reading this, I hope you'll join me in reminding anyone who will listen—and even some people you think might not—that the free, robust exchange of ideas has always been at the heart of American democracy. Together, we can make that true for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Barack

President Obama's letter was published online and shared across his social media channels, followed by a note encouraging followers to support the American Library Association's intellectual freedom advocacy campaign, Unite Against Book Bans. For more information, visit www.ala.org.

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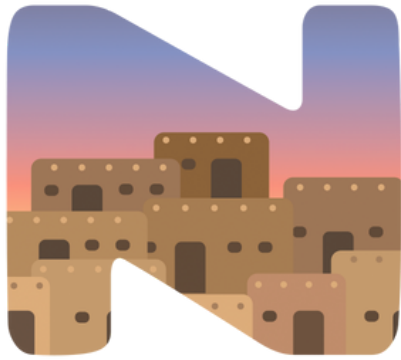
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