

# Newsletter

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS: 1923-2023

## March/April 2023

### Letter from the President

Hello NMLA Members and Happy Spring!

As I enter my second quarter as NMLA president I'm often reminded how important our association continues to be for our Library Workers. As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, as we continue to be the face of culture wars across the country and as we continue on in our day to day work tasks, I know the value of NMLA and the network of hard working library professionals that keep our association and our profession strong.

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During my time as President, my continued thought is “What can the association do for you?” As such, working to continue to build networks, working to offer free professional development, and working to build on the lessons our board has learned to make our association work better for you are my priorities as your president.

In the last few months, the NMLA board, wholly through the dedication and effort of our Members at Large, Julia Kelso, Cassandra Osterloh, Anne Lefkofsky and Ellen Bosman, is proud to offer our FREE Spring Symposium on Friday April 14th. We look forward to seeing you all there. We are working diligently with ALA/APA Councilor, Nadia Orozco-Sahi and NMLA Administrator, Spencer Naar on creating a network of library mentors throughout the state. And our conference committee are hard at work planning and creating our 2023 NMLA Annual Conference.

During the New Mexico legislative session, NMLA worked hard in advocacy and saw a 15 million dollar increase in our Rural Endowment Fund, multiple multimillion-dollar capital outlay projects were approved for our tribal libraries, and changes to our tax code that provide exemptions on paying tax on e-books for libraries. While our efforts for capital funding for Bookmobiles in the state did not go as planned, we are already working on plans to double our effort in our next session.

The work we all do for New Mexico continues to be so very important. And New Mexicans have learned to rely on the stellar work that you all do!

Thank you all for your dedication to information,

Kate Alderete  
NMLA President



Don't forget to  
Renew your  
NMLA  
membership &  
join a  
Special Interest  
Group



**UNM** HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY  
& INFORMATICS CENTER

**We're  
Hiring**



# Research Data Specialist Information Webinar

Join us on Monday April 17, 2023 from 10am-11am (Mountain Time) to  
learn more about New Mexico, UNM, our library, and the position.

<https://hsc-unm.zoom.us/j/97495833183>

Passcode: 688318

- There will be a **Q&A session** after the initial presentation!
- Attendees will be muted and not shown on video
- The Zoom Q&A feature will be active
- Session will be recorded and available on our website



See full posting:  
[bit.ly/43dfltt](https://bit.ly/43dfltt)

»» <https://hsc.unm.edu/hslic/about/employment.html>

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023**

Registration at 8am ~ ENTRY FEE: One (1) Can of Food for the Food Bank

**RUN / WALK BEGINS AT 9AM**

T-Shirts to the first 30 registered Runners/Walkers  
FREE REFRESHMENTS: Water, Granola Bars, and Bananas



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Welcomes

**Isaac Valdez**

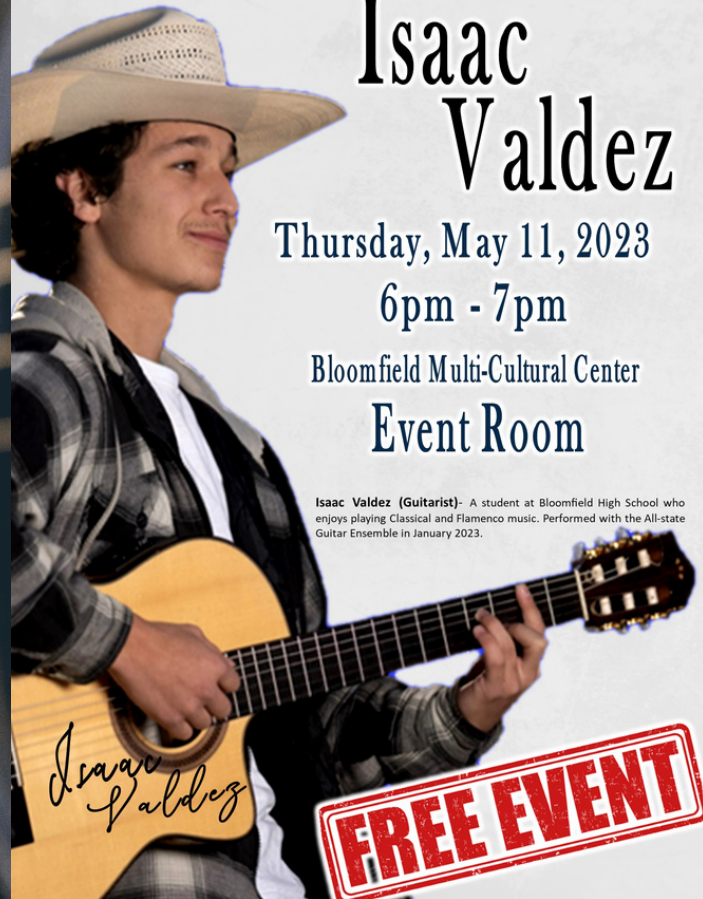
Thursday, May 11, 2023

6pm - 7pm

Bloomfield Multi-Cultural Center

**Event Room**

Isaac Valdez (Guitarist)- A student at Bloomfield High School who enjoys playing Classical and Flamenco music. Performed with the All-state Guitar Ensemble in January 2023.



*Isaac Valdez*

**FREE EVENT**

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Presents

**Sandstoners**



**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

**6pm - 8pm**

**Bloomfield Multi-Cultural Center  
Event Room**

Bloomfield Public Library

**FREE EVENT**



**FREE EVENT**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

**Bloomfield Multi-Cultural Center-**

**Event Room**

**3pm**

A good financial adviser will help you set your goals

- ✓ DEBT
- ✓ MORTGAGE
- ✓ ADVICE

1923- **Browse Borrow Renew** -2023  
100 years of sharing, advocacy, and innovation



**NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
OCTOBER 25-27, 2023 ALBUQUERQUE, NM

NMLA's 2023 annual conference will be held in-person at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North, October 26 and 27 with a pre-conference October 25.

We will look at the past, present and future as we continue to share, collaborate, and advocate for libraries together!

## Call for Proposals

### Deadlines:

Pre-conference Proposals

May 12, 2023

Conference Proposals

June 2, 2023

### Questions:

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**SUBMIT**  
**A PROPOSAL**

## Conference Mentorship

Are you nervous about giving presentations?

Never spoken at a conference before?

Want to learn more about applying the conference theme?

Like the idea of having a mentor to help you develop a conference program?

To support the creation of proposals around this year's theme, and encourage first-time presenters, a free workshop and one-on-one mentorship opportunities will be offered to help develop your proposal and/or presentation.

These opportunities are for anyone crafting a proposal for the first time, having trouble connecting their ideas to this year's *Browse, Borrow, Renew* theme, or who'd like a second set of eye on their proposal before submitting it.

New Mexico Student Choice  
**LAND OF ENCHANTMENT**  
 Book Award

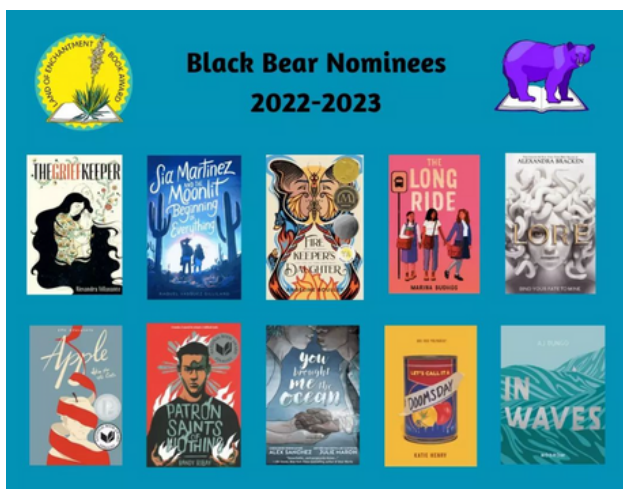


# Land of Enchantment Book Award Voting is Open

Voting is now open for the 2023 New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award. This children's choice book award is designed to encourage the youth of New Mexico to read outstanding books of literary quality. The Land of Enchantment Book Award Committee is composed of public, school, and New Mexico State Library librarians from all over New Mexico.

Even if children and students haven't started reading the 2022-2023 nominees, there is still time to participate. For the Roadrunner (K-3rd grade) and Coyote (3rd-5th grade) awards, just 3 of the nominees need to be read for children to vote. For the Lizard award (6th-8th grade), students read 2 of the nominees to vote, and for the Black Bear award (9th-12th grade) students only need to read 1 nominee to vote.

Find out all you need to know about the Land of Enchantment Book Award, get the list of next year's (2023-2024) nominees, and gather details about the voting process through the LOE Book Award website.





# NMLA Board

## Call for Nominations

We are looking for a few good Board members for 2023! The positions of Vice-President, Treasurer and two Members-at-Large will be voted on by the membership in August/September, 2023.

- The Vice-President serves for one year before becoming the President the following year. The Vice-President sets the theme and program for the annual conference.
- The Treasurer serves a two year term and is responsible for keeping all financial accounts, providing a financial report at meetings and preparing the annual budget
- Members-at-Large serve a two year term. Members at Large act as liaisons with Special Interest Groups and set the theme and program for the spring conference (virtual).

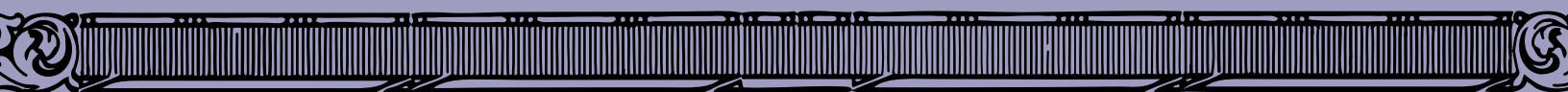


Interested or know a colleague who would be great? Please submit your name or a nomination to Dean Smith at [dpsmith@cabq.gov](mailto:dpsmith@cabq.gov)

# In Memoriam

## Melissa Carlisle (1960-2023)

We mourn the loss of Melissa Carlisle, our longtime, much-loved Administrative Coordinator. As the inaugural and only administrative coordinator, Melissa's tenure with the Friends has left a legacy that will console us in our loss and inspire us as we continue to support the Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County



# NMLA Scholarships

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 website for more information and application forms:

<https://nmla.wildapricot.org/Scholarships-Grants>

Application due date is May 31st, 2023.

Questions? Get in touch!

[education@nmla.org](mailto:education@nmla.org)







# Library Legislative Outcomes

Governor Lujan Grisham has signed the three major money bills for the session, House Bill 2, the General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 192, Additional Appropriations and Confidentiality and HB 505, Capital Outlay Projects.

## House Bill 2, the General Appropriations Act

HB 2 enacted the original budget funding recommended for the New Mexico State Library, and added \$200,000 for the National History Day program, which had been in SB 270.

House Bill 2 appropriated \$15 million for the Rural Libraries Endowment fund, and specified that the money “is from the general fund and not the appropriation contingency fund of the general fund.” This brings the endowment fund up to \$28 million. Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino had sponsored a bill, SB 214, which would have appropriated \$37 million. Senator Ortiz y Pino plans to work for a 2024 appropriation to reach the goal of having \$50 million in the endowment fund.

## Senate Bill 192, Additional Appropriations and Confidentiality

Eight library project appropriations were included in SB 192. The Governor included seven of these projects in her approval of the bill, and vetoed one project.

## HB 505, Capital Outlay Projects

The Governor signed HB 505, which provided \$1,234,519,983 for over 1,500 projects statewide. She line-item vetoed only three of these projects. All twenty-nine library-related projects were approved, appropriating \$28,513,780. The largest item was a \$20 million appropriation “to plan, design, construct, renovate, furnish and equip tribal libraries statewide, including for facilities in the Pueblo of Jemez, the Pueblo of Santa Clara, the Pueblo of Santo Domingo and the Mescalero Apache Nation, with award amounts to be determined by the department based on submission of cost estimates from a qualified professional and documentation of readiness to proceed.”

## SB 147, Tax Changes

The Governor signed the tax bill making many technical corrections to the tax code. SB 147 includes provision to exempt governments from paying gross receipts tax for “digital products” that are loaned to the public.

The effort by NMLA to support a \$350,000 appropriation for a new bookmobile for the New Mexico State Library was unsuccessful.

# Book Challenges & Community Support

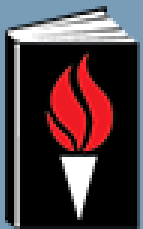
At the City of Rio Rancho Governing Body meeting on Thursday, 13 April 2023, four local members of the CCIA (Coalition of Conservatives in Action) and MassResistance spoke before the Governing Body and a packed Council Chamber to demand that the Rio Rancho Public Library remove materials they deemed inappropriate for its LGBTQ+ related content.

Against these voices, 28 supporters spoke in defense of the library's Freedom to Read policy and against attempts to ban and censor library materials. Among the attendees who came out in support of the public library and of free and open access to information were NM State Senator McKenna (NM District 9) and NM State Representative Cates (NM District 44). Supporters demonstrated in front of City Hall before the meeting with flags and a banner.

Councilor Culbreath (CoRR District 5) expressed her admiration and appreciation of the eloquence of this evening's speakers, and Councilors Wymer (CoRR District 4) and Lenentine (CoRR District 2) expressed their appreciation that the speakers maintained their composure and decorum in the midst of an emotional issue.

A recording of the proceedings may be found on [The City Website](#) in the Watch and Download City Meetings > Available Archives > Government Body Meetings section. Public comments regarding library materials begin at around the 10:30 mark and end at around 1:19:00.

## Resources



**Freedom to Read Foundation**  
**FREE PEOPLE READ FREELY**



**Banned & Challenged Books**

## NMLA Executive Board

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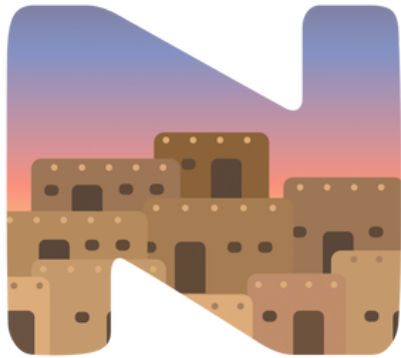
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