

Message from the President

Poppy Johnson-Renvall, NMCAL President



Greetings!

Welcome to our newsletter! Thank you so very much for taking the time to find out about our organization. We believe in the power of libraries to change our society—to shape our vision for a healthy New Mexico economy and a successful citizenry!

The New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL) makes sure that all citizens of New Mexico have equal access to quality academic library resources in order to positively impact learning outcomes in post-secondary settings. This allows our students to be prepared and excel in their future career paths.

Our membership comprises Library Directors from 38 academic libraries statewide—special libraries, medical libraries, tribal libraries, large university libraries, community college libraries and others. We represent the academic interests of our students across the state, and support the research needs of our faculty and students.

One of the most important things that we do is coordinate a state-wide consortial database purchase with our GO Bond Funding. As in previous years, with the 2018 GO Bond monies, 26% of the 4 million dollars we received (just over a million dollars) is earmarked to pay for a subscription to an academic database containing hundreds of thousands of articles on many academic fields of study. Purchasing consorcially, not only saves tax payer money, but it also ensures that students have equal access to resources whether they are in Las Cruces, Albuquerque or more rural locations like Tucumcari.

Currently, NMCAL is also in preliminary talks with the New Mexico Higher Education Department on requesting \$20 million in one-time funding to take us to today's level of technology in libraries. Many libraries across the State need technology upgrades in order to prepare New Mexicans for success! Libraries are the only places where some of this super cool technology lives and can be made freely available to our students: 3D printing, artificial intelligence (AI), digital storytelling, virtual reality, cloud printing, copying and scanning, maker spaces, RFID technologies, coding clubs, and streaming services—just to name a few.

Our institutions are also leading the way on the implementation of information literacy initiatives set forth by the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED). As part of the NMHED's recent changes to the general education core, courses taught in the Communication and Humanities content areas are required to integrate and assess a digital and information literacy essential skill. In response, across the State, academic libraries are focusing, improving, and tailoring content in order to meet program and course requirements. We are conducting focus groups, developing lesson plans, doing instruction sessions, all in order to help ensure that our information literacy offerings are useful to our students and that they meet or exceed NMHED standards, preparing students for future academic and career success. Libraries are also in the unique position to network across disciplines helping align goals and expectations to ensure a consistent academic experience for all New Mexicans.

Again, thank you so much for supporting libraries! We are proud to live here and to serve the needs of our knowledge-seeking students! All of us have seen time and time again, that libraries change lives and we know the positive influence we can wield through proper fiscal support and spending prudence.

Message from the Editor



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From the Editor

Welcome back, avid readers, interested professionals and all those interested in what your Academic Libraries are working on! Included in this issue are snapshots of activities that have engaged NMCAL members lately. There are many more than those listed here of course (just check with any local library!), but we had to go to print, and our members are very busy providing all these services to our communities. We lead off with some news of general interest from the statewide advocacy group “Libraries Transform”, and then (in no particular order!) find out about staff changes at UNM and NMSU. Also in this issue, read about the highly anticipated activities that NMCAL has sponsored at the joint NMLA/ MPLA conference as well as some really stellar initiatives going on at UNM! Banned book week gets a shout-out, as does the Border Archives Bazaar! We round out this issue with Family Night over at ENMU, Technology Kiosks and Story time at CNM. New Technology with the familiar personal touch found at your New Mexico Academic Libraries. Please enjoy learning a bit more about us.

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The New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries:

- Provides academic libraries in New Mexico a forum for the discussion of common goals, issues, and a venue for networking.
- Facilitates the sharing of resources, access to services, and information which benefit all those served by New Mexico academic libraries.
- Encourage partnerships that strengthen and build stronger academic libraries in New Mexico.

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NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections 3rd Border Archives Bazaar a Success!

Dylan McDonald, CA, Political Papers Archivist, NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections

The Border Regional Archives Group (BRAG) hosted its third Border Archives Bazaar on Saturday, September 28, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The free event gave the public a chance to see historic treasures from 18 institutions in the Las Cruces, El Paso and surrounding borderlands region. Archivists, curators, and librarians discussed their institutions' archival collections and answered questions about local history resources and how to care for historical records and artifacts. This year's theme, Archives: Mirrors of Ourselves, highlighted how archives reflect individual experiences and shared community history. More than 275 people attended the six-hour event, the largest crowd in the event's three-year history.

The Bazaar also included five lectures and two film screenings in the museum's theater. The Archives Bazaar Planning Committee selected the speakers because of their recent scholarship on the borderlands and the diversity of subject matter. The line-up included:

- Dr. C.J. Alvarez, University of Texas at Austin, "Border Land, Border Water: A History of Construction on the US-Mexico Divide"
- Janine Young, El Paso County Historical Commission, "Researching Women Suffragists in the Archives: Challenges and Rewards from the El Paso Experience"
- Dr. Rick Hendricks, New Mexico State Records Center and Archives, "El Paso del Norte's Catholic Clergy in the Durango Cathedral Archives"
- Dr. Julia Smith, NMSU, "The Devil's Mistress and the Birth of the Acid Western in Las Cruces"
- Dr. Jeff Shepherd, UTEP, "Wendell Chino, the Mescalero Nation, and Native American Activism after World War II"
- La Venganza de Pancho Villa, a compilation film created in El Paso, Texas by local filmmakers Félix Padilla and his son Edmundo Padilla during the early 1930s.
- The Devil's Mistress, a film shot in the Organ Mountains near Las Cruces, New Mexico with a local cast and crew. Released in 1965, the film is a prototype of the "acid western" genre.

Feedback from those in attendance was overwhelmingly positive, particularly noting the great diversity of participating institutions – from universities and local historical societies to museums and national parks – and the excitement this generated. "The exhibit area kept me motivated in staying for the entire event," commented one attendee.

The Society for Southwest Archivists' Community Outreach Fund lent generous support for the event. Additional funding came from the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, the NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections, and UTEP's C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department.

For more information about BRAG, follow the group at <https://www.facebook.com/BRarchives>.



UNM Digital Initiatives and Scholarly Communication Develops Online Cultural Heritage, Scholarly and Educational Resources

Amy Winter, DISC Program Specialist and Patricia Campbell, University Libraries Marketing Manager

Sarah R. Kostelecky was recently appointed as the director of Digital Initiatives and Scholarly Communication (DISC) for University Libraries. Previously at UNM, Kostelecky served as the education librarian and access services librarian in the Indigenous Nations Library Program. She earned both her M.A. in Information Resources and Library Science and B.A. in Sociology from the University of Arizona. Prior to working at UNM, she was the library director at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. She was also a librarian in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library system. Her research focuses on outreach efforts to underrepresented communities, diversity in academic libraries and library collections, and Native American language resources. She is a member of Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico.

Kostelecky and the DISC team – staff member Amy Winter, CLIR Fellow Margie Montanez, and two talented and hard-working graduate student fellows – are dedicated to increasing access to UNM and state-wide special collections and promoting open access. The team offers practical and technical support to their UNM-wide and state-wide partners for digitization projects large and small, as well as development of web portals for special content.

The UNM Digital Repository (digitalrepository.unm.edu) is a digital showcase of the research, scholarly, and creative output of the UNM community. The repository is administered by University Libraries for the entire campus and serves as a permanent, ever-growing, free digital archive to disseminate UNM’s research and scholarship as widely as possible.

A few of their most recent projects include two oral history collections located online at digitalrepository.unm.edu:

- The “Native American Oral History Program Interviews of UNM Affiliates,” is only one of several great oral history collections digitized by the library and made available online.

- The “UNM Black Alumni Chapter Oral History Project” contains ten video interviews with members of the UNM Black Alumni Chapter. Transcripts accompany each interview.

Last month, the UNM Digital Repository had 53,859 full-text downloads and 217 new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to 103,974. University of New Mexico scholarship was read by 3,351 institutions across 182 countries (see map).

The most popular publications were:

- Centro Cultural Abya Yala del Ecuador (20,795 downloads)
- Natural Resources Journal (5,903 downloads)
- New Mexico Law Review (3,409 downloads)

New Mexico Digital Collections (nmdc.unm.edu) is hosted by University Libraries on behalf of a large number of partners in the state and is a central repository for digital collections about New Mexico. Collections in many formats are included: photographs, manuscripts, posters, oral histories, videos, maps, and books from libraries, museums, and cultural centers across the state. There are no restrictions on who can search the site but the content is owned by the individual partners who may place restrictions on how it can be used.

Another oral history project “The Working People’s History of New Mexico Project” is part of this statewide resource New Mexico’s Digital Collections at nmdc.unm.edu. This project has gathered stories of labor-management relations and participation in union, workers council, and social activism in New Mexico. Eight new interviews were recently added.

For more information on Digital Initiatives and Special Collections visit goto.unm.edu/disc.

The map above shows number of downloads of articles from the UNM Digital Repository by country.



Libraries Transform

Julia Kelso, Director, Vista Grande Public Library

Libraries Transform has started a newsletter that will be dropped at the NMLA/MPLA conference! To subscribe send an email to librariestransform@gmail.com and ask to be put on the list. This newsletter will provide information and resources relevant to librarians of all types across the state and will accept submissions of links to the same. We will also be sharing stories of transformation and advocacy resources. We are updating our website. Both of these actions are part of our effort to reach out to all NM libraries in order to update, inform, advocate and combine forces.

We're working with the school librarians to craft the survey for the school library assessment (per SM-27).

We are planning future regional workshops to reach out to librarians across the state.

Central New Mexico Community College Libraries Expand Technology and Electronic Resources Collections

Mary Bates-Ulibarri for CNM Libraries

Tech-to-Go offers college students the ability to check out a laptop, iPad, calculator or other technological device for short-term use, and is piloting a self-checkout Kiosk at its Jeannette Stromberg Main Campus Library location with the intention of making laptops more easily available. This initiative supports students who may not own a laptop with a device they can use in class, for group or independent study, or for use of CNM's expanding online offerings.



Student using laptop kiosk

Future plans include installing additional Laptop Kiosks in multiple campus locations.

We have also recently added the database Nexis Uni® and an institutional subscription to the New York Times to increase the college community's timely access to news, business and legal information online. Nexis Uni® from LexisNexis features more than 15,000 news, business, financial, government and legal sources—from articles published today to U.S. Supreme Court decisions dating back to 1790. This initiative supports our efforts to educate students about 'fake news' and other kinds of misinformation, and enables students to locate reliable information and diverse viewpoints by providing free access to authoritative sources as an alternative to social media.

Montoya Campus Library's popular Story Time program for preschoolers, coordinated by Library Specialist Allyson James-Vigil, is now partnering with the English as a Second Language program taught by CNM instructor Laura Jijon to enrich the student's learning experience while giving

the preschool children an introduction to other cultures. In the Fall semester of 2018, the ESL students, of multiple nationalities, worked together to write and illustrate a multilingual storybook, and then performed it, in English, for the children. A copy of the book is available in the Library. The ESL students also collaborated to produce an international feast consisting of foods from each of the ESL student's home countries to share with the children, their teachers and parents. This holiday season the ESL students will work together to produce a puppet show and international feast. The public is invited.



Library Specialist Allyson James-Vigil with storytime selection

NMSU Carlsbad Library

Samantha Villa, NMSU Carlsbad Library Director



New Café Table. Photo by Sky Klaus, NMSU Carlsbad Marketing Director.

Power Up!

The NMSU Carlsbad Library recently purchased two café tables with built-in outlets and phone chargers. Our students have really enjoyed them, and it saves them the trouble of searching for nearby outlets to charge their laptops and mobile devices. The library plans to use bond funds to purchase additional special furnishing, with built-in power stations or laptops for our students.

Banned Books Week 2019

The theme for this year's Banned Books Week was "Censorship Leave Us in the Dark, Keep the Light On." The NMSU Carlsbad library celebrated this week with a special event held in the library. Faculty, staff, and students participated in this event. Participants read excerpts from their favorite book and stated their opinion related to our freedom to read.



NMSU – Las Cruces Library

Elizabeth Titus, Dean, NMSU Las Cruces Campus Libraries

2019 NMSU Southwest Border and Cultures Institute Research Grant

NMSU Library Professor and Technical Services Department Head at NMSU Library Ellen Bosman was awarded a 2019 NMSU Southwest Border and Cultures Institute research grant. The grant provides funding for "Enhancing NMSU's GLBTQ Collections" in the social science and humanities to increase diversity and inclusion in research collections in these disciplines.

New Employees at NMSU Library



The New Mexico State University Library has added four new staff members. Please join us in welcoming Patricia Mejia, Alisa Gonzalez, Maya Conde-Kamijn, and John DesGeorges. Patricia is the new Library Operation Manager for Access Services. Alisa is the new interim Library Department head of Reference and Research. Maya and John are Library Specialist for Access Services and Reference and Research Department. We want to welcome them to New Mexico State University Library.

Fabian Garcia in National Agricultural Center's Hall of Fame

Image courtesy of the Fabian Garcia Collection



NMSU Library would like to announce a much-deserved recognition to Fabian Garcia with his induction into the National Agricultural Center's Hall of Fame.

NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections has materials related to this great man. The main set of materials we have are the Fabian Garcia papers, containing both personal and professional papers, correspondence, notebooks, speeches, manuscripts for publication, and photographs. Fabian Garcia married Julieta Amador, and the vast collection of the Amador Family papers in our collection contains a wealth of information on Fabian Garcia, particularly highlighting the personal side of his life. This collection can be viewed online: <https://rmoa.unm.edu/docviewer.php?docId=nmlcuaa011.xml>

J. Paul Taylor 99th Birthday Celebration

NMSU Library participated at J. Paul Taylor 99th birthday celebration on August 25, 2019 at the Farm and Ranch Museum. NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections featured materials selected from J. Paul Taylor Collection highlighting his long life of public service in New Mexico, as well as his personal materials related to his family history.



Staff members at J. Paul Taylor celebration

Member News

UNM – Valencia Campus Library

Barbara Lovato, Library Director / Senior Lecturer III,
UNM – Valencia Campus Library



Farewell to LeAnn Weller

LeAnn Weller retired after nearly 13 years as the Library's Public Services Librarian. During her tenure, LeAnn was an integral part of many

teams and projects in the library, the campus and the professional committee. She actively researched, presented and published in the areas of Gamification, Online Learning and Instructional Design. She was instrumental in creating and maintaining the library's web and social media presence and taught many hundreds of classes and thousands of students during her time here. She will be sorely missed, but we wish her all the best in her retirement!

ASL Night



The Library is hosting a weekly voice-off event to support students in SIGN 2125 and grow our campus community. Our librarian and the teaching faculty for SIGN 2125 are collaborating to create a comfortable space for signers in our campus community to connect with each other and strengthen their communication skills. If you are interested in ASL, or would like to turn your voice off for a little while, please come and join us each Wednesday evening in the Library. Snacks will be provided for participants.

New Public Services Librarian / Lecturer III

The Library is pleased to welcome Kat Gullahorn as our new Public Services Librarian/Lecturer III. Kat began work on August 12, 2019 and has already reached out to many on Valencia Campus. She's organized the Library's first every ASL night at the Library (see below) and was instrumental in collaborating with Belen Public Library to bring a Banned Books event to Valencia Campus. Kat has written an introduction for herself below.

"My name is Kat Gullahorn, I am the new Public Services Librarian here at Valencia Campus. My main role is to support teaching and learning on campus. I collaborate with faculty to develop meaningful units around Information Literacy, Research Methods, Citation & Bibliography, Intellectual Property, course specific learning objectives . . . and so much more! If you're teaching a class this term, I hope to connect with you. Email me to begin our adventure – the possibilities are infinite.



I grew up in northern NM, though I've lived in Albuquerque now for many years. I hold undergraduate degrees in linguistics & signed languages, and a Master of Library Science. Currently I am working on certification to teach online. My academic background includes information science and linguistics of manual languages, though librarianship has formed a trans-curricular foundation of knowledge and resources. My personal research is in ceramics. I have been an academic librarian for 15 years, serving both the UNM and CNM Albuquerque communities in this time. I've built two primary school libraries from the ground up – a k-8 library on Jemez Pueblo and an IB world school library – that was fun!"

UNM-Taos Library Director Creates Connections WiFi Hotspots Are Top Circulators for Rural/Commuter Students

Nicole Kirby, MLIS, Library Information Specialist 1

Kathleen Knoth, longtime director of UNM-Taos Library, always puts patrons first. UNM-Taos is a commuter campus, and many of our students live in rural areas of Taos county without internet service, or simply can't afford internet service at home. The library provides laptops for checkout, but students still struggle to access the internet. Ms. Knoth worked with administrators to purchase portable Wifi hotspots for library patrons to checkout, and the results have been impressive.

After reaching out to other departments and making the case for the need, 3 Verizon Wifi JetPacks were purchased using the Title V- Caminos grant. After this initial pilot project showed that the hotspots were wildly popular, the library was able to obtain 5 more using a Title V - Cumbres grant. In the grant requests, the purchases were justified as tools to "expand technology," "build online delivery access, capacity and sustainability," and addressing the grant objective to "expand technological capacity to support new online and hybrid programs and services."

Our 8 Wifi hotspots are the top circulating items in our library, and students have consistently praised this service. Students are now able to complete online coursework, access library databases, do research, stream video, read e-books, and email instructors from the comfort of home. Patrons have described the hotspots as "amazing," "so helpful," and even "life-changing." Many of us may take our internet service for granted, but Ms. Knoth recognized that many in our community were in need. By thinking outside the box to expand library services to meet demonstrated needs, Ms. Knoth has once again shown us that libraries really do change lives.



Wifi Jetpack



Genevee - UNM Taos student - in the wild, using the Jetpack.

Eastern New Mexico University Family Weekend

Christy Ruby, ENMU Libraries, Public Relations Librarian

Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) hosted their second annual Family Weekend October 11-13, 2019. As part of the weekend, the Golden Student Success Center (GSSC) hosted an Escape Room on Saturday, October 12. The Escape Room scenario was run eight times, and about 80 people participated.



This was one of the first groups that completed the Escape Room.

The props used for the escape room included a fake book (cataloged so participants could find it online) with a lockbox inside, a small lockbox placed inside a tissue box, a toolbox with two locks, a blacklight, and various other laminated props and hints.

Each group was given 30 minutes to solve the Escape Room, and every group that participated finished in that time frame. The fastest finishing time was 25 minutes. Each of the groups worked together to solve the puzzles, and there was a correlation between the size of the group and the amount of time it took for them to solve the puzzles. Larger groups took longer than smaller groups to solve the Escape Room.

One of the librarians in the GSSC put the room together and crafted the puzzles. The basic template of the room was created from copy of a Google document, created at the Washington Library Association 2018 meeting. The session was about escape rooms and how libraries can incorporate them into library programming. The Escape Room was designed for eight to ten participants, and participants aged six and older were encouraged to attend. Families with children younger than six were encouraged to attend, but children younger than six were not able to help as much as older children.



This group is trying to find the book safe hidden in the stacks.

The librarian who created the Escape Room used many different types of puzzles, and that helped keep the participants active and engaged. Oddly, the most difficult part for participants was to search the catalog once they found the names of a few books they needed to find. The experience was enlightening for both librarians and participants.

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NMCAL Professional Development News

Dennis Davies-Wilson, Library Director, UNM-Los Alamos

Information Literacy Professional Development Workshop

The academic library community participated in an Information Literacy workshop during the NMCAL Annual Retreat, on August 1, 2019. In addition to library directors, instruction librarians and other staff from a number of academic libraries in New Mexico were in attendance. Elizabeth Dolinger and Irene McGarrity of Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire, provided this wonderful presentation and hands-on workshop, which they custom designed for NMCAL. The purpose of the workshop was to provide academic librarians in New Mexico with thoughts and ideas for the implementation of the Information Literacy Essential Skills into the New Mexico Higher Education General Education Core Curriculum. The workshop was excellent, timely, useful, and enjoyable.

Information Sharing Session

NMCAL has coordinated an information sharing session that will be held during the NMLA/MPLA Joint Conference on November 1, 2019. This program is an opportunity for open discussion and the sharing of ideas and information by attendees, regarding the implementation of the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy into the New Mexico Higher Education Core Curriculum, which became effective in August 2019. Participants will have the opportunity to share ideas and what is happening at their institutions with regard to any and all aspects of the implementation, such as: first steps; librarian-faculty collaborations; ideas for course assignments or projects where one or more Framework concepts will be integrated; implementation resources; assessment issues; and challenges and successes.

NMLA Pre-Conference Workshop

NMCAL will be co-sponsoring a pre-conference workshop with the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) during the NMLA/MPLA Joint Conference on October 30, 2019. The workshop, entitled "Project Outcome for Academic Libraries" will be presented by Sara Goek of ACRL. This is a free event that is being funded by a grant that ACRL received to launch an initiative that has been named "Project Outcome," which is a tool kit that has been developed to assist academic libraries in measuring four key learning outcomes, including knowledge, confidence, application, and awareness, across seven library program and service areas. These areas are instruction, events/programs, research, teaching support, digital and special collections, space, and library technology. The tool kit has been designed to provide academic libraries of any size a mechanism to easily measure outcomes in these areas and to analyze and use the data to enable continuous improvements and advocacy.

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