

New Mexico (ST-7) Annual Report

March 30, 2011
Billings, Montana

MPLA Activities

- Sent news items to Newsletter editor
- Posted MPLA information and announcements on NMLA list server/wiki
- Began review of NM members and contact for renewals

New Mexico Library Association News

The Annual Conference will be April 27-29, 2011 in Albuquerque. Registration and other details is available at <http://nmla.org/annual-conference/>. The keynote speaker is Marilyn Johnson.

Legislative Issues

NMLA Legislative Day was Jan. 27. Attendees from school, public, academic, and tribal libraries contact their local legislators. Delegations representing types of library and geographical areas are introduced in the House and Senate. Overall, the 2011 Legislative Session had few library related issue. There were no capital outlay bills, two substantive bill and one general appropriations act. The State Library Commission was retained as an advisory body and the cultural Affairs Department as a separate department. The State Librarian position was funded and the position is currently being advertised.

New Mexico News Highlights

Libraries in New Mexico have received some favorable newspaper coverage recently.

Heather Dahl at Eldorado High School in Albuquerque has received recognition from Nancy Everhart, the President of the American Association of School Librarians. Nancy Everhart will be on a tour of outstanding school libraries and has selected Eldorado as New Mexico's outstanding library as nominated by the state's chapter of the association. Nancy will be in Albuquerque on April 13 as part of her tour of 35 states and outstanding school libraries, the "Vision Tour".—from the March 22 *Albuquerque Journal*, Section B, page 1

Albuquerque Public Library has an exhibit called "Artists of Teltale: Women's Sequential Art and Illustration" that features illustrated narrative works by women artists.--from the March 27 *Albuquerque Journal* Section F page 1

New Mexico State University is presenting a writing workshop for adults to celebrate El dia de los ninos/El dia de los libros on April 13.—March 28 *Las Cruces Sun News*

The Fray Angélico Chávez History Library has received and is processing a large gift of materials related to the 20th century's nuclear age.—March 25 *Albuquerque Journal* Front Page

Loma Colorado Main Library in Rio Rancho is providing computer classes through the Fast Forward New Mexico stimulus program.—March 19 *Albuquerque Journal* Front page

New Mexico State University archivist Martha Shipman Andrews's book "The Whole Damned World: New Mexico Aggies at War 1941-1945" has been selected as one of New Mexico's 100 Best Books.—March 3 *Las Cruces Sun News*

Roswell Public Library helped celebrate Dr. Suess's birthday as part of the National Education Association's Read Across America Day program—March 3 *Roswell Daily Record*