

New Mexico (ST-7 Report)

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Omaha, Nebraska

MPLA Activities

- Sent news items to Newsletter editor
- Posted MPLA information and announcements on NMLA list server/wiki

New Mexico Library Association News

The Mini-Conference will be held Oct. 25-26, 2012 in Carlsbad, NM.

The Annual Conference will be April 17-19, 2013 at the Albuquerque Sheraton Upton. Registration and other details is available at <http://nmla.org/annual-conference/>.

The Association is facing major financial issues. Both conferences must make a profit. The administrator's salary and hours have been reduced. The Newsletter is being distributed in electronic format only to save costs. Membership is down. Fundraising from corporate partnerships such as Macy's , Albertsons, and Chilis have been established.

A change in the electronic discussion list was made in August to hopefully create more interest and distribute information easily throughout the state.

Legislative Issues

The 2012 GO Bond Issue B will provide a total of \$9.7 million to New Mexico Libraries. The Bonds for Library SIG of NMLA has a website with additional information at <http://bondsforlibraries.nmla.org/>. Passing this bond is critical for funding for many New Mexico Libraries.

Other Information

New Mexico State Library is sponsoring the Letters About Literature program which encourages young readers to read a book and write a letter to the author about how the book changed their view of the world.