

New Mexico MPLA Report  
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The next NMLA Board meeting is January 27 in Santa Fe.

The preliminary program schedule for NMLA 2011 meeting to be held in Albuquerque New Mexico on April 27-29, 2011 is now available at the following address.

<http://nmla.org/annual-conference/>

NMLA library legislative day is Thursday, January 27th in Santa Fe. This is an opportunity on to remind our legislators that Libraries Change Lives. Librarians assemble at the Capitol to be in the House and Senate chambers when our delegations are introduced during opening ceremonies and make contact with the local legislators on the issues that concern us all.

General Obligation Bond B passes statewide although it failed in some individual counties. It passed by an unofficial margin of 23,640 votes. With 268,752 yes votes and 244,428 no votes, Bond B won with 52.4% in favor, one-tenth of a percentage point higher than attained by Library Bond issue C in 2008. The library community was mobilized to support Bond B through the activities of the Bonds for Libraries Political Action Committee (PAC). The Bond will provide \$7,000,000 for libraries in New Mexico

The NMLA Nominations & Elections Committee has the following election slate thus far:

VP/President-Elect:

Tina Glatz (Director/Librarian, Ocate High School, Las Cruces)

Treasurer:

Norice Lee (Head of Access Services, NMSU Las Cruces)

Members-At-Large:

Steven Harris (Director of Collections & Acquisitions Services, UNM)

Poppy Johnson Renvall (Associate Director, CNM)

Linda Keulen (Director/Librarian, Roosevelt Middle School, Tijeras)

Janice Kowemy (Director/Librarian, Laguna Public Library)

The State Library has announced that LSTA Technology Support Grants totaling **\$26,427** have been awarded to eight public libraries in New Mexico:

Eagle Nest Public Library - **\$1,447**

Embudo Valley Library & Community Center - **\$787**

Glenwood Community Library - **\$2,835**

Jemez Springs Public Library - **\$5,507**

Magdalena Public Library - **\$1,166**

Moriarty Community Library - **\$5,400**

Placitas Community Library - **\$2,400**  
Questa Public Library - **\$6,885**

Grants were awarded for technology support contracts and for software to support the libraries' computers. Each of the eight libraries will be contracting with a vendor to provide technical support for the libraries. Some libraries will be purchasing security software, time management software, and other software to improve the performance of the libraries workstations.

The New Mexico State Library and the Department of Cultural Affairs today announced the official New Mexico Centennial Poet, Author, Children's Author and Storyteller, in addition to a special Distinguished Writer. They are:

- Poet: Levi Romero
- Author: Don Bullis
- Children's Author: Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
- Storyteller: Joe Hayes
- Distinguished Writer: N. Scott Momaday

In the summer of 2010, the New Mexico State Library sought nominations statewide, which were reviewed by selection committees of scholars, writers, librarians, and educators. The writers' work will be highlighted throughout the statehood Centennial commemoration in libraries statewide. Said State Librarian Susan Oberlander, "We're delighted to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize some of our finest home-based writers, and share their work with residents and visitors alike in 2011 and 2012." For more information visit [www.nmcentennial.org](http://www.nmcentennial.org), or call 505-984-2012.

The State Library has added the following two Gale databases to Magazines Online. The new databases will be available from now until June 30, 2011. These databases are funded by the 2010 LSTA Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**ChiltonLibrary.com**  
**Gale Opposing Viewpoints In Context –**