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New Mexico Board Report

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### **MPLA Activities:**

- Am currently reviewing all reports submitted for upcoming MPLA meeting;
- Will attend and participate in the MPLA/CALCON Conference;
- Promoted the grants for New Mexico librarians to attend the CAL.MPLA Conference or other professional development activities.
- Submitted information to MPLA newsletter.
- Submitted information to NMLA newsletter.
- Requested exhibitor table for NMLA conference for MPLA.

### **NMLA activities:**

The NMLA annual conference will be November 2-4 at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North. The theme is “Ideas, Insights, Transform Innovation” and the keynote speaker is Julie Todaro. Complete information on the conference can be found at <http://nmla.org/annual-conference/>

The NMLA 2017 Mini Conference will be held at New Mexico Highlands on April 6 – 7, 2017.

### **Other State News:**

The report commission by the New Mexico Library Foundation earlier this year has been released and is available at [http://www.nm-lf.org/2016\\_New\\_Mexico\\_Libraries\\_Assessment.pdf?attredirects=0&d=1](http://www.nm-lf.org/2016_New_Mexico_Libraries_Assessment.pdf?attredirects=0&d=1) Some of the [2016 New Mexico Libraries Assessment](#) highlights of the report are summarized below.

- New Mexico's library landscape is unique, rich and diverse.
- Adequate funding is a critical issue for virtually all New Mexico libraries, because the existing funding mechanisms do not generate enough support. .
- 88% of New Mexico libraries reported shrinking or flat budgets in the last three years, and 92% say their expenses have increased or stayed the same.
- 89% of New Mexico libraries reported challenges in providing relevant, high quality collections, 87% reported having inadequate staffing and 95% reported having one or more facilities-related challenges.
- Libraries strive to bridge the digital divide and keep up with advancing technology, but are held back by lack of broadband access, outdated hardware and limited electronic resources.
- 40% of New Mexico libraries reported they do not offer broadband Internet service and only 7% reported having no technology issues at their libraries.
- Despite the many challenges they face, New Mexico libraries can take pride in their many achievements. In the last five years, a significant number of New Mexico libraries have added

new services such as makerspaces, support for job seekers, computer literacy training and library programs.

- 96% of all libraries reported that their services support student success, 86% reported supporting lifelong learning and 64% reported their library preserves resources and cultural assets.

On November 1, Libraries Transform New Mexico meeting will gather together 100 New Mexico stakeholders including legislators, policymakers, community leaders, librarians, library supporters/patrons and members of the general public to build on the information from this report. This event will be an exciting opportunity to showcase the accomplishments of New Mexico libraries and, more importantly, to identify ways libraries can further expand as collaborative partners with educational institutions, cultural organizations, government services and private enterprise.