

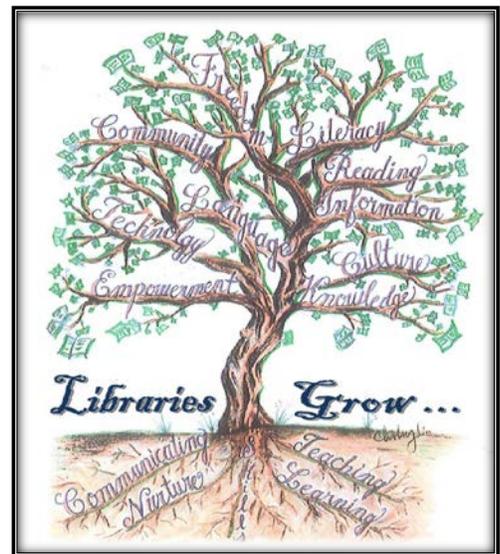
MPLA Activities

- Attended the NM Library Association Executive Board Meeting June 14, 2013
- Sent MPLA news item to the editor for the upcoming NMLA newsletter
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- Sent info to NM lists about Leadership Institute
- Participated in conference call meeting between LI and state reps

NMLA Associations News

- Steven Harris has resigned as NMLA member at large He is leaving UNM for a new position at the University of Nevada, Reno to be Assistant Dean of Libraries for Collections and Knowledge Access Services.
- Budget issues continue to be a major concern to the association.
- The Bylaws changes passed the Executive Board and were published in the July issue of the Newsletter. The members will vote in the first electronic election will be August.
- **2013 NMLA MiniConference Call for Program Proposals**

The 2013 MiniConference will be held October 17-18 in Los Alamos, NM at the Mesa Public Library with featured programming and entertainment at the historic Fuller Lodge. The conference theme is *Libraries Grow...* Libraries are the roots of a community. They are an organic place where seeds of interest and knowledge are planted. Where the branches explore cultures and nurture individual freedoms. Libraries are a center for learning new skills, new worlds and languages. Librarians cultivate the roots of our people by providing foundations for learning and access to information technologies. Through libraries, people are empowered to grow and flourish. The Conference will focus on how information professionals are growing a more literate New Mexico. We will explore how librarians in NM are helping our patrons to navigate the various media, interfaces, technologies, and to access and interpret the information they discover. There exist some amazing literacy programs in New Mexico. Across the state, Librarians are working hard to lessen the divide between patrons and information through innovative resources to help raise information fluency skills in every environment. This conference is an opportunity to showcase initiatives, software, programs, services See the website for the program proposal form and



additional information <http://nmla.org/2013-mini-conference/> Program submissions must be postmarked or date-stamped by **August 15, 2013 for consideration** .

Other Library News

ABC Library (Albuquerque Bernalillo County) North Valley Library was extensive damaged by a fire on the morning of July 3, 2013. The children's sections and library computers seemed to be the focus of the fire which is being investigated as arson. The rest of the library sustained smoke damage. The Library will remain closed as fire restoration of computers, furniture, and library materials takes place. All carpet will need to be removed and replaced as well. This restoration project has just begun and there is not timeframe or a date for re-opening the building.

The Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections at the University of New Mexico has received the congressional papers of former New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingaman. Bingaman served in the U.S. Senate from 1984 to 2013. He served on the Senate Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, the Joint Economic Committee and chaired the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. He was lauded by Politico.com in 2012 for building one of the most bipartisan committees in an extremely partisan congress. Bingaman's papers consist of 1,100 boxes and a number of digital files. This is the first time University Libraries has received congressional files in digital form. The files will be processed and made available online. Western New Mexico University has received Bingaman's personal memorabilia. WNMU President Joseph Shepard said, ""Silver City area residents will now have new insights into Senator Bingaman's early years growing up in our community and of his father who was a professor here and made important contributions to our university. We are honored to receive this donation."