

February 1, 2019 - NMLA Press release

Friday February 8 is Library Legislative day. We will meet at 8:30 am in room 326. The agenda is attached below if you didn't get it from NMLA. That afternoon the senate Public Affairs Committee will take up the endowment bill, so it would be great if those of you who are there could stay to support it in committee. They usually meet about 1:30 pm.

I've been in the Capital daily meeting with legislators and, today, with the Lt. Governor. Support seems strong, but you don't really know until the voting starts. Please have your communities continue to contact your legislators.

Its particularly important right now to contact representatives on the Appropriations and Finance committee. They have "finance" in parenthesis after their names on the list below. Let them know you want to see the bill, SB 264 fully funded at \$50 million. (If funded at the \$5 million it is budgeted for, it would mean about \$4,500 per year for each library; nice but not the game changer \$45,000 per year would mean for us.) Tell them you also support SJR 11, the bill that would create a vote on a constitutional amendment, which would allow each of us to be named as permanent recipients of the endowment.

AGENDA

NMLA Library Legislative Day

Orientation

NM State Capitol Room 326

February 8, 2019

08:15 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Lynette Schurdevin

08:15 1.m. - 08:30 a.m. Sign in

08:30 a.m. – 08:35 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

John Sandstrom, NMLA President

08:35 a.m. – 08:55 a.m. Tips for Talking to Legislators

Lynette Schurdevin, NMLA Legislation Committee
Guests Heather Brewer and Larry Horan

08:55 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. Library Bills introduced

Joe Sabatini

09:00 a.m. – 09:05 a.m. Public Library Legislative information

Lynette Schurdevin, Eli Guinnee

09:05 a.m. – 09:10 a.m. Public School Library Legislative information

Mary Chappell

09:10 a.m. – 09:15 a.m. Academic Library Legislative information

Ruben Aragon

09:15 a.m. – 09:25 a.m. Rural Libraries Legislation information

Shel Neymark & Eli Guinnee

09:25 a.m. – 09:30 a.m. Questions and wrap up

Remember to wear your yellow “Support Libraries” button.