

**NMLA Archives and Archivists SIG meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 3:00-4:00 pm**  
**on Teams**  
**Facilitators: Co-chairs Michael Mongeau and Abby Smith**  
**Attendees: 22**

**1. Welcome and Introductions- Michael Mongeau**

**2. Repository Highlight: Eastern New Mexico University- Regina Bouley-Sweeten**

Regina said that ENMU Special Collections and Archives has three areas of collection: the Southwest, the Jack Williamson Science Fiction Library, and the University Archives. These are all represented on a mural on an exterior wall of the department.

The Southwest collection is books about the Southwest and by area authors. Archival materials: paper records pertain specifically to Roosevelt County (e.g., local club records), photographs are more broadly Southeast New Mexico, county newspapers are digitized—not online but are OCRed and can be searched on site, and the Eastern New Mexico Oral History Project has audio of many digitized interviews online (some transcripts as well). The Jack Williamson material was originally donated by Williamson, an award-winning science fiction writer and longtime local resident. Williamson's presence also led to ENMU having the papers of Leigh Brackett and Ed Hamilton. The collection includes books (circulating) and many boxes of science fiction fanzines and magazines (non-circulating). The University Archives include paper records (meeting minutes, catalogs, etc.), student newspapers and yearbooks, master's theses, and photographs.

Regina does outreach by helping faculty create class projects that use department materials, tabling at community events, and developing various public programs. The department gets 50-75 patrons asking reference questions every year; the largest constituency is community members, and the second largest is ENMU staff.

The 49<sup>th</sup> annual Jack Williamson Lectureship is at ENMU this April 9-11 and the guest is T. Kingfisher.

Jonathan Pringle asked about the proper pronunciation of the county. Regina said technically it is "Rue-sevelt," not "Roe-sevelt."

Abby Smith asked what the most-used collection is. Regina said the Leigh Brackett Papers.

Jonathan Pringle asked whether the state archives should refer prospective donations to ENMU. Regina said maybe—if they are science fiction books, she is still working through

donations that haven't been processed. As to the region, she is focused primarily on Roosevelt County.

Regina also posted links to [three YouTube videos](#) that profile material in the repository.

Michael asked for someone to volunteer to provide the repository highlight at the next general meeting. Sue Taylor said she may be able to, but she will need to get the go-ahead from her supervisors.

### **3. National Archives News - Michael Mongeau**

The ballot for SAA elections (President-Elect, Vice President, and Council) is now available for SAA members.

Michael asked if anyone was aware of America 250 events in their communities, but no one indicated that they were. One plan is for mobile museums to travel the country. Abby Smith said that "[Rooted Strong](#)" is the name of an upcoming exhibit tie-in at the New Mexico Museum of Art.

Abby said that IMLS has information on [2026 grant opportunities](#) and the deadline is March 13. See [here](#) for state-level matching funds.

Abby also said that the deadline for Recordings at Risk grants is coming up soon (February 24).

Jonathan noted that we have no acting National Archivist of the United States. Marco Rubio's interim status expired, so no one knows who is in charge of the National Archives right now.

### **4. Announcements – Everyone**

Portia Vesco reported on the success of NMU Libraries' annual [Love in the Archives event](#), which focused on Route 66.

Chloe Walker announced the Georgia O'Keefe Museum's Library and Archive's current [exhibit](#), which features drawings made by O'Keefe and Dorothy Stewart while on international travels.

Michael said that San Juan College will be turning 70 and he has created an archives-based display to tie-in. It's his first effort to install an exhibit with archival materials at the school.

Regina has begun to assemble displays that can be sent out to promote ENMU Special Collections and Archives in schools in Roosevelt and surrounding counties.

Abby noted that she would like to hear more about efforts by institutions to secure grants and other outside funding.

Kyle Olmon posted information about the upcoming [Route 66 Centennial Speaker Series](#) on Saturday, February 28, which will focus on Albuquerque's North Fourth Street, which has been called "the most beautiful ugly street in the world."

Jonna Paden said that the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is turning 50 and an [exhibition](#) devoted to its history will open next month.

## **5. Other business**

The SIG's next meeting will have a professional development focus and is tentatively scheduled for March 16 at 2:00 pm.