Librarians go to State Fair with Booth

by Laurel E. Drew

No, it wasn’t John Wilkes Booth or Ed- win Booth, or even Booth Tarkington!! It was NMLA’s very own exhibit booth (shared, of course, with the New Mexico State Library). The exhibit space was one of the colorfully decorated booths and winking lights. It contained a sampling of reference books, pamphlets, and handouts plus a large flywheel full of questions. Also prominently displayed was a DIALOG computer terminal which was staffed and operating for demonstration purposes during many hours of the Fair.

The questions in the flywheel were one of the most popular aspects of the booth. They were keyed to the small collection of reference books which was on hand in the booth. Fair-goers were urged to “take the library classification” and find the answers to the questions. To minimize frustration, a key led the librarians (and participants who figured it out to the appropriate cita- tions rapidly. For the first several days, posters and bumper stickers were given as prizes for correct answers, but these soon ran out. After that, visitors were challenged to “Try the only free game at the Fair — no prize, but all winners of the idea seemed to work almost as well.

Children were particularly excited by the game, and it was easy to gather sight to ten participants and dealers which, given the public’s property to join a crowd, naturally grew.

A rare clear view of the NMLA/NSML booth at the New Mexico State Fair.

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children’s Book Exams

By Eddie Beck

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APL Director Resigns

The New Mexico State Library has an- nounced that three Examination Centers for Children’s Books have been established at the Albuquerque, Deming, and Roswell public libraries. The review collections in each of these libraries total up to 2,000 titles in- cluding works of books and various review copies which are sent to the State Library. These books are shipped quarterly to the Exam- Center libraries.

The three libraries were chosen for their geographic location, availability of space, and willingness of librarians to make the books available to persons interested in children’s literature. Various activities which are considered.

Joe Moore, children’s librarian at the Deming Public Library, has added several teenagers and retired teachers to assist in reviewing books. A monthly “newsletter” will be distributed to school students and residents to inform them of the books currently available. An informational “get-acquainted” meeting with the school superintendent,

principals and local librarians is scheduled for October 9 in November. January and March, librarians in the area will hold “Ideas Exchanges” and have an opportunity to examine and discuss newly-published books. Additional activities are being planned.

At the Roswell Public Library, children’s librarian Judi Ward is primarily responsible for ROSPIC (Roswell Public Library Inspection Col- lections). During an orientation workshop in May, Mrs. Lavon Reed explained the ideas on how to do book reviews. Later, the 22 participants held group discussions to help plan future ROSPIC activities. In August, as a result of the May discussions, John King at KSBM Radio in Roswell, told how to prepare radio spots and Joe Hays, profes- sional storyteller, conducted a workshop on how to do book talks. Six of the participants then presented book reviews and book talks, generating much interest and enthusiasm for this type of effort. Lorettta Clark, Community Services librarian, reports that the ROSPIC materials are available to librarians for check-out, evaluation and review-writing purposes. As a result of this type of in-hand examination, one library has ordered an entire series on energy.

The Albuquerque Public Library review collection is on the second floor of the Main Library. The room is quiet, and equipped with chairs and tables for study purposes. Review copies received by the Albuquerque Public Library system are inter-filed with the books sent from the State Library. Also available is a wide assortment of review tools to be used in conjunction with the books. This collection is available during regular library hours. Linda O’Connell, Director of Public Ser- vices for the Albuquerque system, ex- pects the collection to be used frequent- ly by the children’s librarians, by school librarians and by students of children’s literature from the universities in the Albuquerque area.

August 26, 1981 was the final day for Rosemary Lane as director of Albuquerque Public Library. She has moved on to sunny southern California as the director of the Chula Vista Public Library.

Mrs. Lane became director of the Albu- querque Public Library 2½ years ago when the City Government reorganized the library, the zoo and the museum into the Cultural Services Department with Alan Clark as the director for the new department. Lane, however, was not new to APL. She had served as the assistant director and chief of op- erations since 1972.

Growth is a key word to describe Lane’s administration with Albuquerque Public Library. She oversaw the con- struction of a functional and forward looking new Main Library. Demolition of the Old Main Library into a Special Collections Library and a historical show piece took place during her term. And, preparation of final architectural plans for a new Juan Tabo Branch Library in the expanding northeast heights commanded much of her atten- tion during her last few months here. Funds for the construction of this building will be included in the general obligation bond election to be placed before the voters on October 6. Two years ago these same voters said yes to a long overdue renovation of the Main Library. The 1981 election will add temporary quarters to a storehouse at a nearby shopping center. Moreover, limited renovations of the Ersie Pyle and Los Griegos Branch Libraries began just days after she resigned.

Lane also undertook and completed a comprehensive plan for library development with Albuquerque. This plan spans the next two decades.

Over the years of Lane’s administration, the staff grew, too. Added positions for librarians, clerks and clerical staff helped contend with the demands of a rapidly increasing city population.
NIE's Minimum Competency Hearing

Who's Keeping Score?

One of the most controversial issues in the public schools today is that of minimum competency testing. Should it be used? If so, how?

- To test students for promotion?
- To provide information for remedial counseling?
- To determine childrens' educational achievement?

But there are other issues as well — more theoretical issues that extend deep into the philosophy of American Education.

- Does minimum competency testing have a beneficial or harmful effect on students?
- Does minimum competency testing have beneficial or negative effects on the public's perception of education quality?

These questions were the central focus for discussion at an MCT Clarification Hearing sponsored by the National Institute of Education at Washington, D.C. The hearing was held July 8, 9, and 10 in Washington, D.C. The purpose: to provide information that would help NIE in making decisions about MCT policy and programs. Excerpts from deliberations were broadcast on PBS stations in a four-part weekly television series on MCT. The series, entitled "Who's Keeping Score?" aired the first time on Thursday, September 17.

The hearing was conducted in a triad-like setting, following procedures adapted in part from the judicial process. Hearing Officer Professor Barbara Jordan, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, presided at the three day hearing. Jordan was represented by two research teams who built cases and defended positions on opposite sides of the major issues for Dr. W. James Popham, UCLA, was team leader for the side defending the benefits of MCT. He took a position: Regional Editors, Alene Allen, Jr., UCLA; Carol Boumoq, UCLA; Celie Haynes, instructional objectives exchange; and Anthony Trapello, Superintendent of Mt. Tamalpais Union High School District (CA). The opposing team was led by De. George Madison, Boston College, who presided at the case against MCT by citing its harmful effects. He was assisted by team members: James Popham, Boston Public Schools; Norman Grossman, NJ Education Association; Walter Hayne, Honors Institute; Wade Henderson, Center for Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), San Francisco State University; Illinois; Diana Pullin, Washington D.C. Civil Rights Project; and Renee Marzotta, Chicago Education Project.

In all, 37 witnesses from around the country gave testimony about their personal and professional experiences and opinions regarding MCT programs. The witnesses included public figures such as consumer advocate Ralph Nader, U.S. Representative Charles Vanhook, columnist William Raspberry and Florida's Commissioner of Education Ralph Trujillo, as well as local superintendents, principals, teachers, school board members, parents, university professors and researchers, representatives of teachers' organizations, and others. The hearing permitted direct, cross, redirect and recross examinations of each witness.

While the framework for the hearing borrowed extensively from judicial procedure, it was not intended to result in a victory for one side or the other. As Barbara Jordan explained in her opening remarks, "The Clarification Hearing is designed to serve an educational function by providing a public forum for discussion of a controversial topic from different and often competing perspectives to act as a vulture present to render a final judgment; final judgments and decisions are left to the viewers."

In addition to the PBS broadcast, the materials available for both workshops, seminars and other public forums. Material will be available after November 1, 1981.

- Three-hour video tapes (1/2" video cassette): each cassette will be a detailed summary of the workshop.
- A Users Guide: 32 pages will be a detailed summary of the workshop.
- Summary of each team's argument:
- Summary of witnesses testimony by team.
- Summary of evidence and witness testimony by team.
- Suggestions for use of the tapes for part of the decision-making process by teams.
- Use of the tapes in future workshops, seminars, etc.
- Relevance of the tape set of content and transcripts for expanded discussion of specific issues.
- Reference for all documentation and evidence presented at the hearing.

The workshop is directed at middle level educators in library services and libraries and at administrators or department directors likely to have responsibility for preparing technical parts of RFPs and or monitoring contracts in the information field.

On the workshop is open to persons in private organizations that submit proposals in response to RFPs and that subscribe to contracts and other services. The workshop has been attended by librarians, technical information specialists, library directors, system analysts, administrative officers, and project volunteers.

RFP, Inc. provides information, research, and services to aid government grant contracting. King Research, Inc. has conducted research that is dedicated to high-quality studies of information systems, policies, and products. Both firms are located in Rockville, Maryland.

Registration forms and further information about the RFP Writer's Workshop can be obtained from RFP, Inc., 6006 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Md 20855; telephone (301) 948-0939.

Because of the importance of volunteer staff to libraries of all sizes, the Public Library Association of Small and Medium Sized Libraries Section (SMLS) and the American Library Association's Division of Planning at the AALA Midwinter Conference. The volunteers, they must be received by January 11, 1982.

The volunteers will be paid a $50 honorarium.

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For more information about OPENS, contact Peggy Barkley, 562 N. Marion St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

"RFP WRITER'S WORKSHOP" FOR INFORMATION MANAGERS

Rockville, Maryland — RFP, Inc. and King Research, Inc. have announced plans for their "RFP Writer's Workshop: Contracting for Information Systems and Services," to be held in Los Angeles on December 12, 13, 1981, at the Travelodge International Hotel. The two-day workshop helps people master the art of preparing effective Requests for Proposals in the information field. The workshop focuses on Statements of Work and other technical documents that make up a Request for Proposal, and makes extensive use of examples from the system between good and bad RFPs. Participants receive a wide selection of actual RFPs previously used to contract for information systems and library services.

According to Donald E. Berninger, President of RFP, Inc. and one of the workshop leaders, "The RFP Writer's Workshop helps information managers develop more effective Requests for Proposals and, consequently, get better results from their contracts."

Another workshop leader is Vera E. Pinko, Senior Vice-President of King Research, Inc. and Parascope White, parapet, partner at Cozen & White, a law firm in Washington, D.C.

The workshop is directed at middle level educators in library services and libraries and at administrators or department directors likely to have responsibility for preparing technical parts of RFPs and or monitoring contracts in the information field.

OPENERS is off to a strong start. noted ALA Executive Director Robert Wedgewood in his report to the kind of reception we had hoped for. Our circulation of OPENERS' first year is 250,000 and we should reach that mark by the second or third issue," Wedgewood predicted.

All subscribing libraries also received an 18 page marketing kit filled with ideas on how to promote OPENERS and use it to further promote the library's collections and services. A new promotion plan is being developed which is designed to make copies available in other locations in their communities, as well as in the library.

OPENERS is published by the American Library Association. Because of the importance of volunteer staff to libraries of all sizes, the Public Library Association's Small and Medium Sized Libraries Section (SMLS) and the American Library Association's Division of Planning are planning a program on volunteers for the American Library Association's 1982 Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

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Librarians with Booth

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Several libraries throughout the state provided leaflets of various types. Many of these were received by the New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) and distributed to those attending the fair. The majority of Fair-goers are, of course, from the Bernalillo County area, and the library bond issue and changes in library hours in Albuquerque received numerous questions. The majority of both visitors and library staff were eager to provide information about the bond issue and the changes in library hours.

The booth was popular and fun for both visitors and workers. It reached a vast number of people and was a popular attraction for the New Mexico Film and Game exhibit room. The location of the display was ideal. The location on the plaza allowed easy access to the New Mexico Fair and Game exhibit room.

On August 31, a group of librarians gathered at the New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) office in downtown Albuquerque to celebrate the end of the summer reading program. Following that, the group gathered with the University of Colorado, Virginia's Fairfax County Public Library, and the Library of Congress, Connecticut's Greenwich Public Library, New Mexico's Public Library, and New Mexico's Public Library. They enjoyed a cocktail party in the tradition of Rosemary Lane's accomplishments and contributions to library service in Albuquerque.

Lane's Achievements Noted

Joint access agreements consummated during the last few years with university, technical, and other libraries in Albuquerque were evidence of Lane's interest in cooperative library services. This is only a brief overview of Rosemary Lane's accomplishments and contributions to library service in Albuquerque.

Many Albuquerque area librarians, current and retired, gathered to congratulate Mrs. Lane on her new position.
ROSWELL — The Land of Enchantment Children’s Book Award Committee will ask participating schools by October 1 to have students in grades 4-8 who have read the suggested 1981 list (mailed August 30) to vote for their favorite book. Students who did not receive a ballot, may contact Marcia Baird, Eastern New Mexico University, Box 1300, Portales, NM 88130 or Glenna Moore, University of New Mexico - Roswell, P.O. Box 200, Roswell, NM 88201.

The Committee, co-sponsored by the New Mexico Library Association and the New Mexico International Reading Association, hopes to encourage the children of New Mexico to read more books.

Voting for the award will be held at the November 16, 1981. The deadline for schools to receive their ballots is November 2-6, 1981. The winner will be announced in the December issue of the NMLA News and the award will be presented at the 1982 NMLA conference.

Committee members are Marcia Baird, Glenna Moore, Nova Seibert, Pat Taft, Nancy Ebeling, Pat Osborn, Alma Daniels, and Gra...
Enchantment Children's Book Award ballots to all parents on December 15, 1981. At that time, all students who have read books from the Enchantment (August 1980) will be able to participate if they wish. To participate, please contact Dr. Lucille Moore at University of New Mexico, Portales, New Mexico Eastern New Mexico University, Box 6761, Roswell, New Mexico.

Co-sponsored by the New Mexico Book Council and the New Mexico Council of the Reading Association, the award was established to motivate New Mexico students to read more

An essay and an essay contest held during the week of December 15. The winner will be announced in NMLA Newsletter and awarded to the winning author of a new book in Las Cruces.

The judges are: Nola Starkey, Dr. Lucille Duhrsen, Duffy Porter, Marge McGarrah, Toni Zia, Geneva French.
Activities Credit Offered

By Karen Watkins

Library personnel in New Mexico are frequently interested in receiving credit or tangible recognition for their extra curricular activities, such as organizing educational accomplishments. As a help to individuals and organizations who might want to recognize achievements or offer recognition for CE, CLEAC has compiled a directory of CE programs and the procedures associated with each.

College Credit (Graduate or Undergraduate)

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are awarded when an individual attends a course designed to help the student prepare for professional advancement. These CEUs may be used to fulfill the requirements for a college degree or special course. The course must be approved by the college. The CEUs should be transferred to the college for credit, and the college will evaluate the course and award the credit. CEUs are transferable only to the college from which they were earned.

CLEN

The Continuing Library Education Network (CLEN) is a national organization which offers a voluntary, self-paced, maintenance-of-competency program to library personnel. The CLEN program is designed to help library personnel keep a record of all learning activities in which they participate. A wide range of learning activities, including nontraditional activities such as writing a journal article, teaching, preparing an audiovisual presentation, and presenting a paper at a conference, are expressed in terms of contact hours, which are then recorded in the registry. For a fee, CLEN will supply a transcript of a person's recorded activities. NMLA members who have completed CLEN activities may be entered into the registry by the sponsor of the activity or by the individual participant.

CLEU's from the University of New Mexico

A workshop leader does not have to be connected, formally, with UNM to have a course or workshop approved by the CLEU program. To have a program approved, workshop leaders should work with the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services. To ensure the quality of the experience, the program or activity must be planned in response to the educational needs of a target population or client group. The planning must include input by representatives of the client group to be served, individuals having relevant expertise and, personnel administering the activity, and before the planning of the program, a statement of rationale, purposes and goals must be prepared for each educational activity.

The Registrar of UNM Continuing Education releases a bulletin of CE units earned and will furnish, on request, an official transcript of CE units earned at UNM. To find out more about UNM's CEU program, contact the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services, University of New Mexico, 80 Yale, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87131 (505-277-3011).

Inservice Certification Credit

CLEU's from the University of Albuquerque

The Department of Continuing Education at the University of Albuquerque is designed to work with workshop leaders to provide CEUs that will give credit to the participation of workshops that will give credit to the CEUs. A workshop leader should contact the Continuing Education at the University of Albuquerque, 804 Yale, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87131 (505-277-1111).

Certificates of Attendance

Certificates of attendance - such as those offered by NMLA, the State Library, and CLEN - are awarded to prove attendance at or completion of an organized learning activity. Certificates may or may not include CEUs. Like CEUs, certificates may be filed in your personal folder and are useful indicators to present and future employers of your interest in improving your skills.
Bibliographic Workshop Coming

Have you registered yet for the day-long bibliographic instruction workshop to be held on November 3, 1981, at the University of New Mexico Libraries? For information contact all UNM Libraries members in early October, (Contact Cindy Kay at the UNML Libraries, Box 9176, Las Cruces, 88003 - 466-3692. If you didn't receive this information, A $12 registration fee will be charged for this program, sponsored by the UNM Libraries Association, University, and Special Libraries Division; the Rio Grande Chapter of the Special Libraries Association; and CLEAC.

The guest speaker Barbara Schwartz, coordinator of the instructional program at the UT-Austin Undergraduate Library, will discuss planning an instructional program on a shoestring, emphasizing planning and organizing for library instruction. Recently elected Secretary of the Bibliographic Instruction Section of the ALA Association of College and Research Libraries, Ms. Schwartz is the co-author of Teaching Library Skills in Freshman English: An Undergraduate Library's Experience, published in 1981 by the UT-Austin Libraries. Barbara says she is "very excited about the opportunity to share with librarians in New Mexico what I've learned from experience.

Join Barbara Schwartz and a panel of librarians from New Mexico academic and special libraries in bibliographic instruction on November 3 for an idea generating and sharing day.

OCLC Users Meetings Planned

The Public Libraries Division of New Mexico Library Association and The New Mexico State Library are sponsoring three regional information sharing sessions for OCLC users in New Mexico this fall. Sessions will be held October 9 at the State Library in Santa Fe, November 6 at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, and November 13 at Golden Library, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales.

These practical and informal meetings will be geared to terminal operators who use the OCLC cataloging and interlibrary loan subsystems. Harold Bogart, Technical Services Librarian at the State Library, will make each session but all participants will be encouraged to share ideas, meet other librarians, and present problems. We hope that all types of OCLC libraries will be represented and that all sorts of OCLC-related concerns will be addressed.

Anyone who did not receive the detailed information attached to the September 21 issue of the Hitchhiker can get further information or register for one of these sessions by contacting Ms. Bogart at 892-3692 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

OCLC Systems

Don't Forget NMLA NOW

UNM Friends Elect Board Members

Three new officers and four board members have been elected to serve three-year terms on the executive committee of the Friends of the University of New Mexico Libraries.

The group's new president is Mary Ann Rogers who succeeds Elizabeth Hendryx to the post. The other two new officers are Jim Dine, vice president, and Susan Badger, secretary-treasurer.

New board members are Janet Roy, Dwight Myer, Julius Golden and Gloria Hernandez Koury.

They join Hendryx, Homer S. Magrave, Joseph Baca, Ed Perkins, Marita Travelstead, Caroline Beauxmont and Catherine Fileld on the committee.

The Friends of the University Libraries is a non-profit organization which, among other activities, helps procure materials for the UNM General Library.

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News Notes Around New Mexico

PICOYS VALLEY—The Picoys Valley Library Association will meet on October 27 at 7:00 PM for a dinner and discussion of current creative or innovative programs and accomplishments of area libraries. Further discussion will center on the future of the library as it relates to many aspects of life and includes a film by the title, “For What World Do We Plan?”

ALBUQUERQUE—Al Unm, four librarians have become faculty members. Marilyn Fitcher is now assistant professor and serials acquisitor. Jessie Sust is assistant professor and assistant dean for collection development. Christopher Segrest has become an assistant professor and assistant head of the bibliographic control department, and Janet Frederick has been named a visiting instructor.

SANTA FE—Sandy Faulk, government documents librarian at the University of New Mexico State Library, has been appointed by the United States Superintendent of Documents to serve on the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. She is the first New Mexico librarian to serve on the Council and was appointed for a three-year term. Sandy is also currently working on her master’s degree in public administration at the University of New Mexico.

LAX CRUCES—The summer reading program at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library was a huge success. Approximately 3,000 young people attended various programs. Participants in programs at the library, city bookmobile, and county bookmobile received certificates for reading at least ten books. The Friends of the Library paid for gift certificates at Books Galore and More for winners of the relaxed Animal Parade, Draw a Dragon Contest, and the Summer Reading Program.

ALBUQUERQUE—The Albuquerque Public Library recently held an appreciation luncheon for the many volunteers who work in special programs at the library and branches. A presentation on the Center for the Book, a special program for 5th and 6th graders, was given at the Special Collections Library and given to the volunteers at the luncheon.

NMLA 1982 Conference Theme Set

The New Mexico Library Association annual conference will be held in Las Cruces in 1982. Scene of the event will be the Holiday Inn which will be occupied by numerous librarians from April 14-16, 1982.

The conference theme will be “New Mexico Librarians Meeting Challenges.” A very elegant logo and more information on the conference will appear in the December issue of the NMLA Newsletter.

NMLA Adds New Award

In 1982, the New Mexico Library Association will add a new award to the existing three.

The award categories will be as follows:

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT

The COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD will be given for individuals whose achievement are within their own community.

Persons receiving this award may be librarians, trustees, volunteers or other citizens. The award is intended to recognize achievements at the local level which are important, but without direct statewide influence.

This award may also be given as the Association’s recognition of an award from another source that has enhanced the library, and so the entire community. Such recognition might be given to a local school or academic librarian who has received community, regional or national honor.

Nominations for this award should document the specific actions, awards received, etc. that meet these requirements. Supporting letters for the nomination may be included as well.

Nominations for any of the above mentioned awards may be received any time prior to 60 days of the annual conference of the Association.

Nominations should be sent to Mavis Nance, Co-Chairman, Membership and Awards Committee, 1008 West Ave F, Lovington, New Mexico 88260.

Index Now Available

A three-year cumulative index is now available for issues of the Newsletter, Intellectual Freedom published in 1978 through 1980. This includes volumes 21 through 29.

The index is $1 prepaid, $10 billed. To order the index, write:

NIF Index, 78-80
Office for Intellectual Freedom
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611.

Checks should be payable to the American Library Association.

SHIRLEY OLOFSON MEMORIAL AWARD

The Junior Members Round Table of the American Library Association offers annual Olofson Awards of $100.00 each for ALA members interested in attending their second ALA conference. This award was established in 1972 in honor of Shirley Olofson who died in November 1971. She would have served as JMRT chairperson in 1971-72. Applicants must be members of ALA and potential members of JMRT.

Please type the following information:
1. Name __________________________
2. Home address ____________________
3. Home phone _____________________
4. Business phone __________________
5. Present employer __________________
   Name of institution __________________

Address of institution ____________________________

Immediate supervisor ____________________________

6. ALA membership number _____
   Member of JMRT ______ yes ______ no

7. Location and year of attendance of your first ALA conference ______

8. In a clear and concise statement of no more than 250 words explain your reasons for applying for this award. The Olofson award committee in particularly interested in enthusiasm for national activity, demonstrated commitment to professional development, and financial need. Please cite any examples illustrating the above.

9. Recipients are required to attend at least one JMRT Executive Board meeting in attendance of the meeting where the award will be presented.

DEADLINE: December 1, 1981

RETURN TO:

Donna Crammer
Alabama Public Library Service
6030 Monticello Drive
Montgomery, AL 36110

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 1982 SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA AWARD

CHICAGO—A $5,000 prize for the most outstanding achievement in providing exemplary media programs at the elementary level is being offered to school systems submitting applications for the 1982 School Library Media Program of the Year.

The awards program, now in its tenth year, is sponsored by the American Association of School Libraries and the Librarians and the Library Services and Library Advancement Companies. It succeeds the ER School Library Awards given during the decade 1963-75.

Top winner of the 1981 competition was Blue Valley Unified School District, Kansas. National Finalist citations were given to Pulaski County Special School District, Little Fork, Arkansas, and Montgomery County School Districts.

The 1982 awards will be made during National Library Week, April 14-20, and as many as five other school systems may also be cited for the quality of their elementary media programs. Any school system—public, private, or parochial—is eligible to apply.

For application forms, write to the State School Library Media staff, Educational Resources Center, Department of Education, State Office, New Mexico 87501. Completed applications must be submitted no later than November 10, 1981.

Change of Address Needed

If you are a member of the New Mexico Association and are changing your address, please let the Membership Office know. We are not responsible. Simply send the mailing label from an old magazine to a new one, and your name will be removed from the mailing list of the New Mexico Library Association, 549 Dorado Drive S.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123.