Technology & Mythology: The Possible Dream
by Cherrill Whitlow, NMLA First Vice-President & 1986 Program Chair

Is there a way, or are there ways, to tell our library patrons how much we can support their intellectual endeavors, and technologies, and their interests? Which myths and technologies are useful in making things better in our own libraries? Part of the overall program deals with myths. Myth technologies, and the best way to put stories together is with words. Among the Conference guests this year, Dr. E. A. (Tony) Mares, Gordon Frost, and Barrie DeClements realize how to do this from the author viewpoint.

Perhaps the combining of technologies by those people who use words and technologies to control and shift information over to people is the best way to put some ideas together. Dr. Richard Van Dongen, John Conlon, Al Mirabal, and Dr. Ray Harrigan have accepted speaking positions on the Conference program to express these thoughts.

Words can be made to do work; the storymaker or technologist has a whole statement which satisfies him and which has something to say for itself. Interest comes from a concern with the role of the library and technologies that may affect library conditions. Dr. Blanche Woolis, Dr. Lotsee Smith, Dr. Jeffrey Field, and Dr. John P. Wilson have promised to discuss problems of interest to the library community thus.

Leaders in business hold a particular interest for the intellectual/library community since they are often involved in the development of computers, bionics, artificial intelligence, and similar tools that require a knowledge of information science and of "how the language works." Business cannot handle all the learning problems, however. Uses of language by teachers and information specialists become germane to how we want our words "to work." Besides the members of NMLA who have given their time to preparing programs for the 1986 Conference, there are yet other members of the New Mexico community — Dr. Kathleen Matthews, Marilyn Davenport, and Larry Lopez — along with Kari Anderson, a California negotiations specialist, who have seen through process and product to bring in some content of the teaching arts.

In a state that contains library resources like New Mexico's, it seems appropriate to spend time out with New Mexico State Librarian Virginia Downing, who will discuss "Library Systems 2000," with comments by NMLA Past President Cheryl Wilson. The recent statewide library planning activity is the topic here.

This seems to be a fitting time to listen to the uses of language made by the professionals listed above and in the total Conference program. We need a chance to meet with all these people so that we may together continue to shape a future with which New Mexico libraries can win.

The Conference Arrangements Committee this year is co-chaired by Elaine Shannon, Albuquerque Public Library, and Chuck Baldando, Albuquerque T-VI. They are being aided in their efforts to carry out the Conference planning by committee members:


Cherrill Whitlow, to be 1986 NMLA President.

Cherrill Whitlow Assumes NMLA Presidency At End Of 1986 Conference

Cherrill Whitlow attended Sheridan Community College, Wyoming, and then graduated from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She has been employed as librarian at Rio Grande High School in Albuquerque since 1972. Previously, she taught science or was librarian in the public schools of Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Sitka, Alaska, and Rollins, Wyoming.

In 1968, Cherrill earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Arizona, Tucson; her Master of Library Science Degree was awarded by Texas Woman's University, Denton, 1976. Cherrill gained various college and university teaching and library experience at Sitka Community College (chemistry), UA Library Media Center, and UNM College of Education, where she has taught classes in young adult materials, cataloging, reference, and selection.

A member of NMLA for approximately fourteen years, Cherrill has held the positions of Chair, SLCYASD and Chair, Membership committee, Secretary, Second Vice-President, and First Vice-President. She has planned and given various workshops in media and communications. She was a panel speaker at the NMLA-TLA joint conference in El Paso, 1977, and she chaired the SLCYASD's Libros en Renacer desde Nuevo Mexico from 1980-1982.

For the New Mexico Media Association, Cherrill served as newsletter editor, 1977-1979. Other professional library activities have included: State School Library Media Advisory Committee member; New Mexico State Textbook Adoption Committee, Reference Books; ACTA Committee for Media Course of Studies; NEA-NM convention program instructor; IRA-Bernalillo County book reviews reviewer; New Mexico National History Day judge; Church and Synagogue Library Association New Mexico workshop on young adult materials; Pi Lambda Theta scholarship committee.

Cherrill holds membership in ALA, AECT, GALA, Beta Phi Mu, and the Sierra (County) Art Society. She is listed in ALA's Who's Who in Library and Information Services, 1982.

LUSA Plans Program On April 7, 1986

April 7, 1986 is the date chosen by the LUSA Round Table to present a program featuring Roberto Mondragon, Joe Hayes, and Marisella Trujillo. Roberto Mondragon will present MUSICA Y OTROS ASPECTOS CULTURALES; Joe Hayes will delve into BILINGUAL STORYTELLING IN NEW MEXICO; and, Marisella Trujillo, Bilingual Director for the Espanola Municipal Schools, will cover SPANISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION. The program will be presented at the Santa Fe La Farge Branch Library from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program is open to all and will have a $5 registration fee. For further information contact Gloria N. Trujillo, Fairview Elementary School at 753-2391.

City and County Study Library Merger

On January 20, Mayor Schultz met with the Chairs of the City and County Library Boards to urge that a committee be formed immediately to study in detail the question of unification of the City and County Libraries. The Mayor also instructed Frank Martinez, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, to make all staff and resources necessary available to expedite discussion and planning.

On January 21, the Bernalillo County Commission discussed and approved a resolution calling for study of the question of unification to the City and County Libaries. Staff were instructed to assist the City and County Boards in their planning and discussion on joint development. In addition, the Commission held a preliminary discussion on the inclusion of funds in the 1986 County Bond election for a new South Valley Library and a major commitment for additional books for the County and City Library.

A site analysis study for a new South Valley Library and a potential North Valley Library were also approved at the meeting. Work on site analysis for both areas should begin immediately.

Non-Print Round Table Has New Chair

ZuZu Blachly, Del Norte High School Librarian, Albuquerque, has assumed the position of Chair of the Non-Print Round Table, in the permanent absence from New Mexico of Bill Richmond. Bill resigned his job at the New Mexico State Library to work in California. ZuZu appointed Carol Sarath, Gallup Public Schools, to fill the office of Vice-Chair of the NPSR until the conference in April. Carol has offered to stand for election to the office for the 1986-87 term. Officer election, as well as other committee business matters, will be taken up during the NPSR’s business meeting.

LONG TERM GOALS:
1. Support the Coordinated Library Systems of New Mexico.
2. To cooperate with and participate in the recommendations of the Library System 2000 report.
3. Increase funding for all libraries.
4. Strengthen and stress cooperation among all types of libraries in New Mexico and improve library services throughout the state.
5. Develop and support services to the inadequately served.

SHORT TERM GOALS:
1. As appropriate, to participate in tasks force recommended by the Library Systems 2000 report.

WORK PROGRAM 1986-87:
1. College, University and Special Libraries Division
   a. Revise and update bibliographic control procedures for microcomputer systems.
   b. Arrange for presentation of completed work in appropriate settings.

2. Local and Regional History Round Table
   a. To encourage the sharing of information about current censorship issues to libraries in New Mexico.
   b. To publicize ways for librarians to increase their own political awareness and local legislators’ awareness of library services.
   c. To continue to sponsor and support an NMLA legislative network.

3. In cooperation with the College, University, and Special Libraries Division, promote active librarian-ship through interaction with political candidates through a Fall conference.

Library Development Committee
1. To continue to implement the recommendations of the Special Committee on Alternative Funding.

Membership Committee
1. In cooperation with Library Directors and NMLA Division and Round Table heads, increase the membership of NMLA by 5 percent or more with special emphasis on recruiting members from trustees, friends groups and non-librarian information managers.

Publications Committee
1. To plan and publish sessions for the 1987 NMLA Conference.

Publicity Committee
1. To plan Public Relations sessions for the 1987 NMLA Conference.

Teresa Connaughton
Library Development Committee

National Library Week
April 6-12, 1986
Theme: “Get a head start at the library”
NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 1986 CONFERENCE
"Technology and Mythology: The Possible Dream"
April 23-25, 1986 Clarion Four Seasons Inn, Albuquerque

1986 NMLA Conference Program Briefs

PRECONFERENCE PROGRAM "ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGS"

The Online Roundtable of NMLA and the Rio Grande Chapter of SLA will co-sponsor a preconference workshop on Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs) on Monday, April 21 through Tuesday, April 22.

The workshop emphasizes issues related to online public access catalogs such as choices of catalogs and the evaluation process including terminals and databases, database and site preparation, staff training and user orientation.

The workshop is designed to appeal to library managers and administrators and public service and technical services librarians. It assumes that participants have little prior experience with computers and online catalogs, but experienced librarians can also benefit.

Presenters include Jim Thompson of Rice University, Nancy J. Pruett, Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, Sara Randall from AMIGOS, and Linda Thompson from the University of Houston Libraries.

CUS LUNCHEON FEATURES EL PASO AUTHOR

What indeed was The Gentlemen's Club? On Friday, April 25 at 12:30 PM following theCUS Division luncheon you will have the opportunity to find out from H. Gordon Frost, author of the book subtitled: The Story of Prostitution in El Paso. An autograph party will follow Frost's talk and his book will be on sale at a 40% discount.

TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS WORK TOGETHER

Marilyn J. Davenport, principal of Sandia Base Elementary School in Albuquerque will lead the Library Instruction Round Table program on "Library Instruction: Teachers and Librarians Working Together." Mrs. Davenport will give valuable insights into how librarians can work with classroom teachers — and administrators — to improve library instruction and integrate it into the curriculum. The workshop will be Thursday, April 24 at 8:30 AM.

P.R. WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHT OF PRE-CONFERENCE

Dr. Helen M. Gothberg, Associate Professor, Graduate Library School, University of Arizona in Tucson, will conduct a day-long workshop entitled "Library Public Relations" on Wednesday, April 23, 1986, as part of the NMLA Annual Conference program, held at the Clarion Four Seasons in Albuquerque.

Dr. Gothberg brings subject expertise and practical experience to this workshop. Her doctorate is in Speech/Mass Communication and her experience is in public, school, academic, and state librarianship, both as a staff member and a consultant. Published in the fields of public relations and communication, Gotthberg has conducted workshops and formal presentations as well, the most recent being two workshops on communication skills sponsored by the New Mexico State Library.

Workshop topics include defining library public relations, development of a problem solving model for public relations, logos and signage, promotional ideas, designing printed materials, effective utilization of mass media, and budgeting. Time will be provided for questions and answers.

The New Mexico State Library, a division of the Office of Cutural Affairs, will sponsor the workshop in response to Library Systems 2000 meetings citing public relations as a leading priority in the future of New Mexico libraries.

TRAILS DIRECTOR PRESENTS NATIVE AMERICAN ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM

Lootse Patterson Smith, head of the Training and Assistance for Indian Library Services or TRAILS project, will present this year's Native American Libraries Roundtable NMLA Conference program "Update and Background on Federal Indian Library Programs" on Thursday, April 24 at 8:30 AM.

Born in Apache, Oklahoma and an enrolled member of the Comanche Tribe, Smith has written numerous books and articles concerning library education issues. She holds an MLS from the University of Oklahoma, as well as a Ph.D. in Educational Technology. Her work as TRAILS director emphasizes the use of Title II-B Higher Education Act funds for the development and implementation of short-term training programs for Native Americans in the principles, practices, development and improvement of public library and information services.

Ms. Smith will also present the opening night program on Tuesday, April 23 during NMLA on "Twenty-First Century Library Skills."

KEYNOTE ADDRESS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24 AT 10:30 AM

One-time New Mexican and Coordinator of School Libraries in the Roswell Independent School District from 1967-1970, Dr. Blanche Woolts is now the Chair of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh. Woolts will be giving the keynote address at the First General Session of NMLA Thursday, April 24 at 10:30 AM. The title of her speech is "Let No One Know My Name."

Dr. Woolts has directed institutes for school library media programs, and has coordinated conferences relating to networking and technology. In accepting the invitation to speak at NMLA, she said, "It will be fun to meet everyone again."

HOW WILL YOUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATE YOU!!

Mary Jane Annand, Library/Media Specialist at the New Mexico State Department of Education, will present the Education Committee Panel Program on Thursday, April 24 at 1:30 until 3:00 on "How Librarian Performance Evaluation Procedure, or, How Will Your School Administrator Evaluate You?"

LOCAL AND REGIONAL HISTORY ROUNDTABLE ON U. S. NEWSPAPER PROJECT

"The United States Newspaper Project: What it Means to New Mexico Libraries" is the title of the Local and Regional History Roundtable Conference Program to be presented Thursday, April 24 from 3:00-4:30. Presenter Dr. Jeffrey Field, Assistant Director of the Office of Preservation at the National Endowment for the Humanities will describe the grant program and how which NEH has contributed funding toward preservation of local and state newspapers. Field's talk will be followed by a presentation from John Pettis, New Mexico anthropologist and historian. Michael Miller of the State Library and Ruth Krug of the UMN Serials Department will lead a discussion and answer session concerning the New Mexico Newspaper Project.

EDUCATION CURATOR HEADS IN TWO NMLA PROGRAMS

LUISA Roundtable and the SLCASYD of NMLA both have programs scheduled at the Annual Conference featuring Dr. E.A. "Tony" Mares.

Padre Martinez will make a brief appearance at the LUISA Roundtable program and business meeting Friday, April 25 from 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon brought to life by Dr. Mares. A visiting UNM scholar and Education Curator at the Albuquerque Museum as well as a free-lance writer, Mares has attracted much attention of late concerning his one act play, Padre Antonio Jose Martinez de Tudos.

He will also present a program entitled "The Anachromyth: Our Peril or Our Hope?" at the SLCASYD breakfast Friday, April 25 at 7:00 AM. According to Mares, "Mythmaking is characteristic of the human condition, and myths may be creative or destructive."
TOO MUCH COLOR??
SLCYASD presents a program on Friday, April 25 from 10:30 to 12:00 NOON entitled "Too Much Color: The Myth or Technology in Children's Literature." Richard Van Dongen, faculty member of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of New Mexico will be program presenter.

UTOH STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR LUNCHEON SPEAKER
Dr. Kent Wood, professor of Instructional Technology and Director of the Office for Interactive Learning Technologies, will talk on "Removing Myths in Technology" for the Non-Print Roundtable and New Mexico Media Association Luncheon on Friday, April 25 from 12:00 NOON to 2:30 PM. Dr. Wood has done consulting work for IBM, Worldbook Childcraft International and the U.S. Department of Education. He will also present a post conference workshop at the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON on Satellite Utilization and Copyright.

MYTHOLOGY OF TECHNOLOGY TOPIC OF TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS/PUBLIC LIBRARY DIVISION PROGRAM
Dr. Kathleen Matthews, assistant professor in the General College English Unit at UNM since 1982, will present a program "The Mythology of Technology" Friday, April 25 at 1:30-3 PM for the Trustees and Friends and Public Library Divisions of NMLA. Her trials and tribulations in production of the text Thought to Essay: A Process Approach gave her practical experience for the workshop where she will discuss the "incredible aspects of layman conceptions of technology."

Linda Erickson, Technical Information Specialist at Sandia National Laboratories Technical Library and past NMLA president will be part of the LOUSA Round Table program Friday, April 25 at 1:30-3:30 PM. Linda will give a slide presentation on her trip to China last spring in a talk entitled "Ideas Far and Near." She will be assisted by Lucy Cruz, librarian at Armand Hammer United World College, and Larry Lopez.

John Conlon, Treasurer of the New Mexico Conference of Computer Users in Education will present the Non-Print Round Table program Thursday, April 24, 3-4:30 PM on "Pictures: Communication with a Plus."

The many faces of "Political Clout" will be Kari Anderson's emphasis at Legislation and Publicity Committee workshops Friday April 25.

POLITICAL CLOUT: INCREASING POLITICAL INFLUENCE
Kare Anderson, president of Anderson Negotiations/Communications, Inc. will present a fast-paced and entertaining program, presenting workable suggestions for contacting and talking to officials, including tactics for negotiating and cutting deals with unlikely allies. She will explain how to develop individual or group strategic plans for contacting and influencing officials over time. Although the focus of the presentation will be influencing state and local officials, the communication skills Ms. Anderson discusses will also be useful on a day-to-day basis in dealing with bosses, co-workers, and others. She holds degrees in journalism, political science, and urban studies.

If you are interested in serving as a grassroots contact for local state legislators, if you need help in influencing your own elected or appointed officials, or if you are curious about the political process, attend one or both sessions, Friday, April 25 at 8:30-10 AM or 10:30-12 NOON.

A collaborative effort by NMLA's newest round table, Non-Print Round Table and the New Mexico Media Association has resulted in the planning of a group of post conference workshops to be held on Saturday morning April 26, at the Business Occupations Department Building at Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute. The five workshops will cover a wide variety of topics of interest to those involved in the use of audiovisual hardware and software. Below are details of their upcoming workshops:

NMMA/NPRT Joint Conference Post Conference Workshops

- Room 201: Repair and Maintenance - Earl Phillips
- Room 202: Satellite Utilization & Copyright - Dr. Kent Wood
- Room 203: Basic Media Production - Wanda Graham
- Room 204: Microcomputers for Education K-College - Barbara Black
- Room 224: Video Production and You - Greg Palmer

Cost: NMMA/NMLA Non-Print Round Table members — $10.00 charge of three workshops.
Non-members — $15.00 charge of three workshops with the option of a free NMMA Membership for one year.

Those attending can select three workshops. Workshops will be repeated hourly and will last 50 minutes.
Refreshments will be provided.
Interested persons are asked to contact:
- Diane Klassen
- P.O. Box 600
- ESMS-R
- Roswell, New Mexico 88201
- Telephone: 624-7294

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  - **12:00 NOON - 1:30 PM**: CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE LUNCHEON

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Barthe DeClements’ to be honored at NMLA Reception

by Elaine Shannon, Albuquerque Public Library

Barthe DeClements is coming to New Mexico to accept the Land of Enchantment Award for her book Nothing’s Fair in the Fifth Grade. She has garnered 10 state awards for the same book. She only travels to conventions and promotional engagements four times a year, so New Mexico is fortunate to be able to have her company. Barthe DeClements always possessed an in-suitable curiosity about people as well as real affinity for writing. She admits that while she was growing up, “I was nosy and knew the neighbors secrets and my family’s secrets.” These were the subjects of the stories and poems she wrote as a child and teenager. After she became a teacher, she returned to the University of Washington to obtain a Master’s in Psychology because of her particular interest of human behavior.

Her award-winning book (her first book) came about because of her frustration in not being able to convince children to be kind to the “class rejects.” She says, “I thought if I wrote a story about a class leper that readers could really hate at the beginning of the book, then gradually understand, and finally identify with, I might change more heads than could by talking.” Many readers did identify with and appreciate the underdog-heroine, judging by the popular success of Nothing’s Fair in the Fifth Grade. DeClements has written three sequels showing the evolution of her heroine. Her newest book, I Never Asked You To Understand Me, has just been published. Ms. DeClements will speak at a light luncheon on Thursday, April 24th, sponsored by the Land of Enchantment Book Award Committee. She will also accept her award on Thursday at the Awards Banquet at the new Wool Warehouse.

Murder, mayhem, a love triangle, and laughter is the centerpiece of entertainment at this year’s NMLA Banquet to be held at the Wool Warehouse in Albuquerque. “Sleuth,” a comedy full of detective twists and turns, by Anthony Shaffer is being performed during April. The plot revolves around a battle of wits between Andrew Wyke, a detective story writer, and his wife’s lover who has come to ask Wyke for his wife’s hand in marriage.

The play is set in Wyke’s English country home, described as “one of those houses dear to Agatha Christie.” Detective buffs should be enthralled unravelling the clues found throughout the home. Before the play, a choice of five entrees can be selected from for a sumptuous dinner. This should be a welcome change for those used to the “rubber chicken circuit.” A no host bar will open at 5:00 pm with dinner served promptly at 6:00 pm. Desserts are at your option and can be ordered after dinner for $2.25 each. Join the fun at the NMLA Banquet.

Ride A Trolley To This Year’s Banquet

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The Nominating Committee of the New Mexico Library Association has announced the following nominees for candidates for offices in NMLA for 1986-87. The candidate for Second Vice-President will be Karen Watkins of Santa Fe while the nominee for Secretary will be Betty Reynolds of Socorro. Betty is currently serving as NMLA Secretary. Denis Roark, NMLA Treasurer, was elected last year to serve a one-year term. Moving up from the current position of Second Vice-President to First Vice-President will be Harris Richard and the 1986-87 President will be Cheryl Whiting.

Karen Watkins, Administrative Librarian at the New Mexico State Library in Santa Fe, is the nominee for the office of 2nd Vice President of the New Mexico Library Association.

In her job at the State Library, Watkins administers federal grant programs by writing reports, applying for discretionary and formula funding, assisting program managers with federal requirements, and monitoring grant expenditures. She supervises the Financial Specialist who handles library purchases as well as supervising the head of the Media Coordinating Center. As head of the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee of NMLA, Karen has coordinated the development of a statewide legislative network and has served as State Library liaison to the Library Systems 2000 planning project.

Betty Reynolds is presently director of the Martin Speare Memorial Library at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. She received her BA from Northern Illinois University, her MA in librarianship from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Her previous library positions include Head Cataloger and Serials Librarian at the University of Missouri at Kansas City; Assistant Librarian and Head Cataloger at the University of Florida at Gainesville; Associate Librarian for Tech Process at the College of the Virgin Islands; and Descriptive Serials Cataloger at the Library of Congress. Betty has served as Secretary of the Rio Grande Chapter of SLA and Treasurer of the Socorro County Historical Society.

NMLA Board members at conference will be voting on two amendments to the NMLA Bylaws. The first amendment modifies the method by which the status of association divisions and roundtables is determined each year. Currently, unit status is determined by a set percentage of the number of members on the date of the deadline for conference pre-registration. This method is inequitable for both national and institutional members. The amendments would change the method of counting so that only the total number of personal members would be used to determine unit status. The bylaws would be amended to add the word “personal” before the word “membership” in Article XI Section 4, which would then read:

"The status of divisions and roundtables for the subsequent year shall be determined by the Executive Board based on the personal membership count at the pre-registration deadline for the annual conference.”

The nd BA Executive Board voted to submit this amendment for membership approval at their meeting of June 14, 1985, in response to suggestions from roundtable representatives.

The change in the NMLA Bylaws does provide for a mailed ballot for all elections of officers would insure all members of the Association the opportunity to vote for the elected officers. Last year a written ballot was necessary for the election because two persons were nominated for two offices. The election was held at the First Business Meeting of the annual conference and only 17% of the members of NMLA were present to vote. Voting for the officers is a privilege of membership and this change would provide the mechanism for all members to vote for the officers.

The Nominating Committee asks the NMLA Executive Board to consider the following Bylaws change:

Proposed changes would add text to eliminate both the need for pre-registration deadline for the annual conference so that only members present and voting at a business meeting by mail ballot.

Is There Life After "Paradise"?

by Chris Adams, Director, Hobbs Public Library

I don’t know. Maybe I just like to see the astonishment expressed on a person’s face when I admit that I came back to Hobbs after living in Hawaii for three years.

The response is usually: "Why? I thought Hawaii was Paradise." It is. If you’re a bug. Just once I’d like to see Tom Selleck, TV’s "Magnum, P.I." swagger into his Honolulu living room and jump back in fright at several brown cane spiders dart up the wall.

Better yet, let him find one perched on top of his toaster like I did. It was my first encounter with one of those red-eyed monsters since I’d moved from Hobbs to Hilo in 1978. There it sat, absolutely still, legs that spanned four inches hugging the top of the appliance. It waited for me to make the first move.

I did — and sent the swatter. By the time I looked back, it was gone. I was afraid to think about where, but it was a long time before I ate toast again.

I told my beautician about it, and she laughed. “Aren’t they fun? They make great pets. I call mine Kimo.”

I stared at her in the mirror. “I call mine dead.”

“Oh, don’t kill them.” She looked as if I’d advocated ridding the world of curling irons. “They eat them.”

I thought about that for minutes. Even though cane spiders take naps on my clean plates, I hated Hawaii’s large cockroaches even more. They eat anything — even your showerers with me.

But even harder to peacefully coexist with are the lowly and relatively small black mosquitoes. They are everywhere, all day long.

The first time I attended an outdoor party in Hilo, I complimented the hostess on her choice of insecticide.

“That’s not incense,” she said dryly, giving me a sideways look.

“I’m mosquito repellent.”

The best was yet to come, however. When I found a six-inch red centipede in the laundry room, I let the dirty clothes pile up for two weeks.

Hilo is also plagued by hoards of earwigs. Jet black and about an inch long, the earwig looks like a mistake. Its pinchers are on the wrong end. There’s a superstition attached to this creature. Long ago it was believed that earwigs crawled inside the ears of sleeping humans, reached the brain, and slowly drove their victims insane.

When I heard that, I started wearing earmuffs to bed, tropical climate or not.

And then there are the flying termites. For about five nights in a row each spring, they “swarm,” leaving on a windy day and get grit on my window screens, and suddenly the house is full of fluttering termites.
The First Business Meeting of the New Mexico Library Association was called to order by President Cheryl Wilson at 7:40 PM in Room I of the Sweeney Convention Center with 86 people in attendance. The Honorable Mayor of Santa Fe, Louis Montano, welcomed the librarians to the City of Santa Fe. Cheryl then introduced the members of the Executive Board.

MINUTES
Jeanne Sohn asked if there were corrections to the Minutes as printed in the Conference Edition of the Newsletter. Karen Jaggers noted that in the minutes of the Second Business Meeting the discussion of Round Table officers should be corrected as follows: Karen Jaggers, Chair; Laurel Saunders, Vice-Chair; Laura Baser, Secretary; Sarah Stover, Treasurer. The Minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Marcy Litzenberg and a second by Karen Watkins.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Lowell Duhren noted that copies of the Treasurer's Report were available at the front of the room and he will have more to say about the good financial standing of the NMLA.

ALA COUNCILOR'S REPORT
Paul Agresti announced that the full text of his report appeared in the Conference Issue of the Newsletter. In summary, he said that the Ala Executive Committee had approved a vigorous program schedule, that Ala's reputed financial difficulties are now a thing of the past, and that Ala is now producing an Annual Report which was published in the April issue of American Libraries. The most satisfying action was the fact that the Chapter Councillors are organizing in order to make their group stronger within Ala and that Marcy Litzenberg was elected to Ala Executive Board.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS
Marcy Litzenberg had several announcements. There were two program changes: the American Library Association meeting will be held during this Conference, and be held during this Conference.

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Theresa Connaughton stated that the Conference Registration deadline is April 19, 1985.

CANCELLATION
Marcy Litzenberg noted that in the minutes of the Second Business Meeting the discussion of Round Table officers should be corrected as follows: Karen Jaggers, Chair; Drew Harrington; Anne Morgan, Editor of the New School Libraries, Children and Young Adults Board.

The motion carried with one person opposing the proposal to form a Friends and Trustees Round Table was presented to the Board, and Robert Piersen made a motion that the Board approve the petition. Ben Wakshtein seconded. However, the motion was tabled until the Board could act.

Linda Avery moved for adjournment, Paul Agresti seconded. Cheryl Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Sohn

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School Libraries co-sponsored with SLCSYSD was attended by 87 people and received excellent reviews. Mavis Nance will be the incoming Chair and Loura Ingle is the Vice Chair-Chair-Elect.

Local and Regional History Round Table
Michael Miller, the incoming Chair, reported that the program on New Mexico's history was made by Robert and was enjoyable. The by-laws were approved at the business meeting and Alice Clark was elected Vice-Chair-Chair-Elect. The Round Table would like to add to its program the activity of supporting the New Mexico Newspaper Project.

LUSA Round Table
Dolores Padilla announced that 35 people had attended the program and business meeting. Both the by-laws and the work program were approved. Gloria Trujillo will be the new Chair and Dolores Chavez will be the Vice-Chair-Chair-Elect.

Native American Libraries Round Table
Alana McGrattan commented that the work of the library was very successful this past year and gave a brief summary of the program. The Conference program "Building Public Support for Libraries" had 53 people in attendance. The business meeting of the Round Table was approved and new officers elected. Barbara Billie is the incoming Chair; Alana McGrattan will be the incoming Vice-Chair-Chair-Elect.

Alana also raised two membership issues. She recommended that membership figures that permit Board voting rights should be based on personal membership. She also recommended that consideration be given to having the membership year run from January through December. In doing the planning for the Board for its guidance and patience throughout the year.

Non-Print Materials Round Table
ZuZu Blachly, who had submitted the petition requesting status as a Round Table, was elected Chair and ZuZu BlackWy, who had submitted the petition, was elected Vice-Chair-Chair-Elect and approved. The by-laws of the Round Table were read and approved. The membership has worked on a work program which will be made somewhat more specific before the Board Meeting on April 20. Theresa Connaughton will work with the group on this.

Online Round Table
Harris Richard presented the report of this Round Table. During the year, it was determined not to pursue a pre-conference vendor fare since it might be burdensome to vendors and attendees also. Discussion took place regarding the issue of whether the Round Table could keep members informed of online training opportunities. At the Conference, 44 people attended the program "Technological Change: Opportunity or Obstacle?" and at the business meeting both the by-laws and the work program were approved. Irma Holthamp will be the Incoming Chair and Jack Carter the Vice-Chair-Chair-Elect.

COMMITEE BUSINESS

Awards Committee
Benj Wakahashii announced the following awards which were made at the NMLA Business Meeting:

Community Service Award
Mrs. Julia Hollis,
Carrozio Municipal Schools
Trustee of the Year
Mr. J. Paul Taylor,
Thomas Branigan Memorial Library
Librarian of the Year
Mrs. Betty Lloyd,
Arthur Johnson Memorial Library,
Raton
Mrs. Helen Melton,
Carbred Public Library

Library Development Committee
Theresa Connaughton asked for comments from the membership on the long and short range goals for the Association in the coming year. She noted some of the salient points and changes from those of previous years.

Theresa also announced that the Silent Auction had raised $100 for the Association. A total of 60 people had bid on 90 items.

Nominating Committee
Cheryl Wilson announced the results of the election held at the First Business Meeting on Wednesday, April 17. Harris Richard was elected Second Vice President, Cheryl Wilson was elected Secretary and Denis Roark was elected Treasurer. Fourteen percent of the total membership voted for these positions in a mail ballot. Lowell Duhren was elected ALA Councilor for NMLA. Thirty percent of the membership responded to that mail ballot. The officers will serve with Marcy Litzenberg as President and Cheryl Whlitow as Vice President.

OLD BUSINESS

Cheryl announced that the Executive Board had approved to accept the petitions for Friends and Trustees Round Table in an emergency session of the Board held Wednesday evening. Theresa Connaughton will be the incoming Chair and Jack Carter the Vice-Chair-Chair-Elect.

In her last official action of her year, Marcy expressed thanks to Flo Starkey, as the go-between with the Association and the firm who does all of the computer generated mailing labels, has done an outstanding job. They were also extended to Don Rains for his sound advice, great energy and incredible dedication.

Before turning the gavel over to Mary Litzenberg, Cheryl also expressed her thanks to everyone who gave their assistance to her in her past year.

NEW BUSINESS

In her new role as President, Marcy Litzenberg’s first act of business was to comment on the excellent job Cheryl Wilson had done as President in the past year. Cheryl led us to new purpose and direction with the State Legislature and in a challenging year, Cheryl has acted for the Association with grace and dignity. As an expression of thanks, from the Board, Marcy presented Cheryl with a gift in remembrance of her years as President.

Marcy next thanked the Conference Arrangements Committee for the dedication and hard work to make the Conference a success. She went to Kathy Lopez for making a difficult job seem so easy.

Marcy announced the Committee appointments for 1985/86.

Archivist - Paul Agresti
Conference Arrangements - Elaine Shanoski
Byes - Joe Sabatini
Conference Site - Denis Roark
Education - Sarah Henderson
Legislature - Karen Watkins
Library Development - Theresa Connaughton

Membership - Jane Gillette
Nominating - Cheryl Wilson
Publications - New Mexico - Amy Almquist
Publicity - Allen Schwartz
Special Committee on Certification - Linda O’Connell
Special Committee on State-wide Planning - Vi Gibson

Under additional new business, Ruth Krag presented the following resolution originally presented at the New Mexico Newspaper Conference held April 16, 1985 in Albuquerque:

RESOLUTION PRESENTED AT THE NEW MEXICO NEWSPAPER CONFERENCE, Albuquerque, New Mexico April 16, 1985

Whereas New Mexico’s newspapers are an invaluable record of the state’s heritage;

And whereas, the University of New Mexico has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to coordinate the New Mexico contribution to the United States Newspaper Project;

And whereas, New Mexico’s contribution to this national effort is dependent on the cooperation of individuals, organizations, and institutions in order to locate, catalog, and preserve these newspapers;

And whereas, it is in the interest of New Mexico and its citizens to succeed in this project;

Be it resolved that each NMLA member be notified of this project;

And be it resolved that this resolution be brought to the attention of the scholarly, journalistic, and library communities, as well as officials in our legislative and executive bodies, and that they be asked for their support and cooperation.

Irena Holkamp moved acceptance of the resolution and David Null seconded. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

James Dyke made the motion that NMLA request that the New Mexico State Library make the full text of the final report of the Statewide Needs Assessment conducted by Cress, Mc-Comb and Associates be classified and treated as a New Mexico State Document to be distributed to each of the State documents Depository libraries. The motion was seconded by Betty Reynolds. In brief discussion it was ascertained that every library in the State will receive a copy of the document. However, Dyke felt that the motion should stand. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Lois Godfrey urged that each NMLA member adopt the Association’s second long term goal as their personal goal for the year, that being to “reaffirm the importance of libraries in the community through increased public awareness and outreach programs.” Jerry Dorfin announced that the Trustees and Friends Division had actually voted to disbanded as a Division. In requesting status as a Round Table, the officers will remain the same. As part of the work goals, the group will try to form associations that will stimulate membership. He informed that if the actual total membership as a division would allow it, he would sign an agreement with the Board. He was informed that the group must wait until next year to form a Round Table. As to determine the validity of the round table’s membership.

Marcy Litzenberg adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Sohn
Secretary

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