The ALA extravaganza in San Francisco was a great experience. Let's face it, anything in San Francisco is a great experience. Especially the food, but I'll get to that later.

With multitudes of programs to choose from, and with many of the most interesting ones scheduled at the same time, I decided to opt for a couple of machine-oriented sessions, some having to do with books, and some with library services. As it turned out, my choices were good ones. I attended “Megabytes Without Megabucks,” put on by the Community & Junior College Section of ACRL, and found out about an inexpensive, micro-based circulation/on-line catalog system which seems to be ideal, and has been tried and tested for four years. A morning-long session on the present and future use of CD-ROM in reference services was quite illuminating. Wait until you see what you will be able to do with Microsoft's “Bookshelf.”

A number of interesting talks on the Book Arts in the San Francisco Bay area convinced me that fine printing is still alive and well. I would like to get back some day to see SFPL’s rare book collection and visit some of the collector’s book shops. The President’s Program was on Library Services to New Americans and People of Color, and featured two excellent keynote addresses on what we are and are not doing for minorities and the non-English speaking, with responses from Native American, Hispanic, Black and Asian librarians. I also...
FORCES THAT SHAPE US  
THE 1988 CONFERENCE THEME

American libraries are social institutions that operate within the constraints of our Democratic Republic. Library services, clientele, policies, and philosophies of service are largely determined by factors outside library walls.

The theme for the 1988 conference, BEYOND LIBRARY WALLS: FORCES THAT SHAPE US, encourages New Mexico librarians to consider the environment of library service. Keynote speakers and programs will highlight the economic, social, political, and cultural influences that mold libraries in this society.

Robert Wedgeworth, former Executive Director of ALA and current dean of the Columbia University School of Library Service, will open the conference on Wednesday, April 13 with an address on "The Context of American Librarianship." Other speakers will talk about topics ranging from intellectual freedom to economic and social issues affecting information needs and services.

Three celebrations will add excitement to the conference. NMLA will observe its 65th anniversary, and both New Mexico State University and New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology will commemorate their centennials during 1988.

Plan now to attend the conference April 13-15. National speakers, festive social events, and the scenery and hospitality of Las Cruces will make it an enjoyable and stimulating session.

GRASSROOTS GRANT CONTRACT NEEDED

The American Library Association Junior Members Round Table is seeking individuals who may be interested in administering the Baker & Taylor/JMRT Grassroots Grant program in the state of New Mexico.

The program offers one $250 scholarship to a full or part-time student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate library technology program. The scholarship is used to finance the student’s trip to the New Mexico Library Association annual conference. Any remaining money can be used by the student for their library education.

However, before a scholarship can be awarded in New Mexico a local coordinator is needed. If you are interested in becoming the contact for New Mexico, contact Betsy Peck, Roger Williams College Library, Old Ferry Road, Bristol RI 02809.

COST REDUCED ON BIBLIOGRAPHY

by Penny C. Grigsby, Local and Regional History Round Table, WNMU-Silver City, NM

The New Mexico Local and County Histories: A Bibliography, is now available at a reduced cost. The original $25 cost for clothbound copies has been reduced to $10 and the $15 paperbound copies are now available at the reduced price of $5.

This research guide is organized by county, with a listing by author, of all known books relating to the history of that county. The index has cross references to related items which involve more than one county. This is a useful title for librarians, historical researchers and others, and lists numerous little-known entries and locally produced items not listed elsewhere.

If you wish to obtain copies at the reduced cost, please contact Susan A. Sultemeier, 13521 Witcher NE, Albuquerque NM 87112.
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

This special committee studied the possibility of hiring a part-time executive secretary for NMLA. The estimated cost and the pros and cons were presented to the Executive Board at the June 1986 meeting.

At this meeting, a vote indicated that the idea of contracting services for conference and membership on a temporary basis be explored until it was determined the need for a year-round executive secretary position.

The committee explored the clerical drudgery in NMLA that could be contracted out to an agency. The areas examined were mailing, printing, conference, and membership. The committee decided that the most tedious jobs were mailing and printing.

The following guidelines were set up for contracting an agency to do most of the mailing and printing for the association:

1. The agency will maintain a computerized current membership list for mailing labels and membership records.

2. Bulk mailings and any mailing to over 50 recipients that requires computer-generated labels may be done by the agency.

3. The agency will arrange for printing of flyers, conference programs, and other materials, using camera-ready masters supplied by the association. The NMLA treasurer will reimburse for actual printing costs.

4. NMLA’s mailing permit and address will be used for the mailings.

5. The NMLA treasurer will reimburse the contracting agency for non-bulk-mail postage costs upon presentation of post office receipts and a reimbursement request form. It will be the responsibility of the agency to inform the treasurer when the money at the post office for bulk mailings needs additional funds.

6. Mailings must be approved by the requesting unit head. Initialed official work orders are then sent to the Publications Chair/Co-Chair. The Publications Chair/Co-Chair will be responsible for getting the work order to the agency.

7. The author keeps a copy of the material that is to be reproduced. The agency is responsible for proof reading and for returning the master to the author.

8. The bid should include labor and overhead costs and the contractor’s profit. It should NOT include postage, bulk-mail charges, or printing costs because those actual costs will be directly reimbursed to the contractor upon presentation of receipts.

9. A calendar of major mailings, such as conference information, membership mailings, newsletters, and the directory will be provided in the RFP. Other major mailings may be determined at the June board meeting and will also be included.

10. PC compatible software will be the property of NMLA. A suggested software is dBASE III PLUS.

11. There will be a contract between NMLA and the agency.

12. The Publications Committee will supervise for at least the first year.

13. There will be an evaluation at the end of the first year.

The committee will advertise for this job in the various newspapers throughout the state. Deadline for proposals is 5:00 p.m. August 14, 1987. An agency will enter into a contract with NMLA for September 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

NONPRINT/NMAECT ROUND TABLE REPORT

By Carol A. Sarath, Gallup-McKinley County Schools

The merger with New Mexico Media Association is being completed. A committee to revise the round table bylaws has been formed. Dave Butler is the chair and is working with Wanda Graham and Virginia Whitney. The NMMA treasury ( @$475.00) will be deposited with the ENMU film library. Wanda Graham will purchase films/videos on the Southwest with the money. Anyone in New Mexico will be able to borrow these titles free of charge in memory of Nevada Thomason.

Wanda Graham has been appointed secretary and will be working on a membership drive to increase membership and obtain voting status.

Chuck Baldonado, vice chair/elect is working on conference offerings.

ZuZu Blachley is chairperson of the nominating committee.

BE A REVIEWER FOR SLCYSD’S BOOKS ON REVIEW FROM NM

Since 1981 the SLCYSD has published annually Libros en reseña desde Nuevo Mexico/Books on Review from New Mexico. Librarians and teachers throughout the state author the reviews which cover new and neglected old books, reprints and audio-visuals about New Mexico or the Southwest or products of New Mexico publishers.

With added emphasis in the school curriculum on topics New Mexican, we are particularly interested this year in covering materials appropriate for many levels — lower elementary through adult.

You are invited to be one of the reviewers. To volunteer, fill out the postcard found in this newsletter and mail it by October 28, 1987.
NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK
LEGISLATIVE DAY
by Gloria N. Trujillo, NMLA 2nd Vice President

As immediate past chair of the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee of NMLA, I attended National Library Week Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., on April 7, 1987. This event was attended by some 520 library supporters from 43 states and the District of Columbia. NMLA made a $75 contribution to help sponsor National Legislative Day.

This busy day began with a morning briefing by Eileen D. Cooke, Director, ALA Washington Office, who presented an overview of the current status of library legislation. First, the administration recommended zero budgeting for libraries. Second, Congress rejected the administration's rescission proposals for library programs. Third, ALA generally recommends funding at amounts required to maintain the current level of services according to the Congressional Budget Office. Fourth, for currently unfunded HEA (Higher Education Act) library programs, ALA recommends amounts authorized for FY 1987. Fifth, forward funded consolidation of 32 programs including former ESEA IV-B School Library Resources and Instructional Equipment is being recommended. Notably, on May 21, the House of Representatives took final action on H.R. 5—School Improvement Act of 1987. H.R. 5 reauthorizes a number of education programs. Reauthorization of education programs in the Senate includes S. 267—Targeted Educational Assistance Act and S. 594—Education Consolidation and Improvement Act Amendments of 1987. S. 267 singles out school library resources as a separate priority while H.R. 5 includes it with four other areas under the priority of instructional and educational materials. S. 594 is the Reagan Administration's ECIA reauthorization legislation which would expand the number of purposes for the use of funds to seventeen areas. School library resources continues to be one of the areas.

The major part of the day was spent visiting congressional offices and speaking with representatives, senators or with legislative assistants. Virginia Hendley and I met with Senator Domenici and Congressman Lujan and with legislative assistants from our other congressmen's offices. We expressed our concerns for all library-related legislation, especially LSQA funds and the earmarking of Chapter 2 funds for school library media centers. All were very hospitable, receptive, and very concerned about library needs in our state.

HOPES FOR FUNDING STILL ALIVE AS NEW PROPOSAL IS DRAFTED
by Janet Thompson, Zimmerman Library, Albuquerque

As many supporters of the US Newspaper Project for New Mexico will recall, the planning phase for this project ran from January 1 — June 30, 1985. During this time, much bibliographic and holdings information was gathered by the University of New Mexico; the host institution for the project. A newspaper conference was held in April 1985 and interested and knowledgeable New Mexicans attended.

An initial proposal for Phase II of the project, which is to include a combined cataloging and microfilming effort, was turned down for funding by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in May 1986. Since then, the project has been dormant but not dead. A new proposal is now being drafted to be submitted to NEH by the December 1, 1987 deadline. Proposal supporters at Zimmerman Library are optimistic that the project will be funded this time around and that work on cataloging can begin on July 1, 1988.

In the near future, I will be contacting many of the people who have shown interest in this project for statements of continuing support and commitment. Any inquiries about the project should be addressed to me: Dr. Janet A. Thompson, US Newspaper Project for NM Collection Development Zimmerman Library University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM 87131 Phone: (505) 277-7153

1987 IS THE YEAR OF THE READER

The Center for the Book, part of the Library of Congress, has designated 1987 as The Year of the Reader. The United States Congress enacted it into federal law and Governor Carruthers proclaimed it so in New Mexico.

The purpose of the Center for the Book is to advise the Library of Congress on the state of reading in the United States and that state leaves a lot to be desired. A survey of reading habits in America reveals that book reading among people under the age of 21 has dropped sharply since 1978 — from 75% of that age group to 63%.

The Year of the Reader is intended to stem and possibly even reverse this trend. The Center for the Book will initiate and promote an array of reading-related activities, including book festivals, open air readings, essay contests and serialized readings on radio stations.

With the help of these nationwide programs celebrating The Year of the Reader, it is hoped that Americans can be encouraged to develop a love affair with the printed word.

For more information, Contact: Bambi Landry
Santa Fe Public Library
984-6792

READ

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American Library Association
CUS DIVISION SURVEY RESULTS

In keeping with the CUS Division work program, a survey on applications of microcomputers in the college, university and special library setting was conducted in the spring of 1987. This survey identified both hardware and software packages used for various library applications. It is hoped that this information can be shared when choosing equipment or packages for your library. The survey was compiled by Anne Morgan, CUS member.

APPLICATIONS OF MICROCOMPUTERS IN NEW MEXICO COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES

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Professional Student Exchange Program

WICHE’s Professional Student Exchange Program enables students in 13 western states to enroll in out-of-state professional programs when those fields of study are not available in their home states. Exchange students receive preference in admission. They pay reduced levels of tuition: for most students, resident tuition in public institutions and approximately one-third the standard tuition at private schools.

The New Mexico Student Exchange Programs are administered through the University of New Mexico under the guidance of the Commission on Higher Education.

For additional information, please call or write:
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THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING TO THE WICHE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS NOVEMBER 1, THE YEAR BEFORE ENTRANCE TO A PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM.
STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
by Virginia Hendley, New Mexico State Library
State Library Budget:
The State Library’s budget for the 76th Fiscal Year, which began July 1, is $2.4 million — approximately $100,000 less than the current fiscal year. Our request to return the Interlibrary Loan network to state funds and to upgrade the OCLC terminals to M300s was deleted from the request at the agency level. A request for a new bookmobile was also eliminated. A major problem was created when the library’s request for $242,000 for the State Aid program was cut to $136,300. The library lost one position — the result of a hotly contested discrepancy in the position count that was just settled.

NMLA Conference:
All New Mexico State Library staff who attended the conference in Mescalero praised the program.

ALA Conference:
NMSL staff who attended the San Francisco Conference are Virginia Hendley, Susie Sonflieth, Daryl Black, Harold Bogart and Peggy Giltrow.

Staff Activities:
Susie Sonflieth is serving on the executive committee of the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy.

Virginia Hendley has been elected to a three-year term to the board of AMIGOS Bibliographic, Inc.

CONFERENCE

For more information, contact Betsy F. McCutchin, Publicity Chair New Mexico Library Association 4751 Quail Run Las Cruces, NM 88001 Telephone: 522-9064

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN NM STUDIED
by Susan Oberlander, Northern New Mexico Community College, Espanola
The Special Committee on educational opportunities will meet in Santa Fe on October 23, 10 AM to 3PM at the Santa Fe Public Library. The committee has been asked to examine library education opportunities in New Mexico at the college level, and to explore the need for such opportunities among people working in libraries.

A survey to explore educational needs is being mailed in September to all libraries in the state. In this way, we hope to hear from all levels of employees in NM libraries about their current educational levels and their needs for further course work.

After evaluating the survey, we hope to meet with librarians around the state to hear more directly about their needs.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE
The following volunteers will be responsible for conference arrangements for the Las Cruces meeting. CONFERENCE DATES: APRIL, 13, 14, and 15, 1988.

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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT
by Linda Jones, NM Boys School, Springer
Linda Jones, NMLA Publicity Committee Chair, attended the NMLA board meeting held in Farmington, New Mexico, in June. Plans for Publicity Committee sponsored activities include: a news release to the media to publicize the “1987 — The Year of the Reader”; mailing registration forms for the Poster Contest to be held at the NMLA Conference in Las Cruces, and adding a Publicity Swap to be held in conjunction with the Poster Contest. Plans also include mailing out bookmarks again this year to publicize National Library Week. Part of the bookmarks will feature poster designs from last year’s Poster Contest.

The Publicity Committee met in June to finalize plans for the Poster Contest and Publicity Swap and to rough draft ideas for the registration form, publicity swap, and bookmarks, and to set tentative dates for completion of activities.
SOUTHWEST ARCHIVISTS MEET IN NEW ORLEANS
by Joanne Colley, Univ. Archives, General Library UNM

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists was held in New Orleans, Louisiana May 20-22, 1987, and was attended by approximately 70 archivists from Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The headquarters for the meeting was the Royal Orleans Hotel, located on the outskirts of the French Quarter. Donn Neal, Executive Director of the Society of American Archivists in Chicago, was a special guest.

The meeting opened with a gala reception at the Historic New Orleans Collection, a private research foundation whose research, curatorial, and manuscript divisions house material about the South which are of interest both locally and nationally. Other special events of interest were trips to the Old Mint, an historic French Quarter property now managed by the Louisiana State Museum, and to the Gallier House, a home built in 1857 by the renowned New Orleans architect, James Gallier.

The meetings focused on five topics: archival collections in the South, archival education, planning structures to house archives, the preservation of audio-visual resources, and writing disaster plans for libraries and archives. Each of these topics was covered by a series of papers, the quality of which I thought was quite remarkably good. Of particular interest to me were the presentations on buildings for archives as UNM will hopefully be finding a permanent home for its new University Archives in the near future. Three possible situations were discussed; designing and building a new structure, renovating an old building, and building a state archives, taking into consideration the political ramifications as well as the physical. Components of a successful project include written guidelines as to what functions are carried out in the archives, how materials are used there, and how preservation of materials is to be accomplished, and also open communication with the architect and contractor. Most organizations have a planning committee; this group must control the design as far as the functional uses of the building by submitting a written prospectus. Occupants of the building should be included on this committee without question. The archivist’s success on the committee will hinge on communication, control, and participation in the process.

The information about disasters in libraries and archives was presented by Toby Murray, University of Tulsa Information Officer, who provided a copy of her Basic Guidelines for Disaster Planning in Oklahoma to each person attending the meeting. This, along with a Bibliography on Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Recovery, provides a useful new tool for the UNM Library.

This was an important trip both for the information it provided and for the opportunities for networking which result from professional meetings. It is highly likely that the Society of Southwest Archivists will meet in Santa Fe for their 1989 annual meeting; if so, we will be hosting a group of highly professional and enthusiastic people!
Table, the School Libraries, Children & Young Adult Services Division of NMLA and the New Mexico State Library. Local hosts for this event are the College of the Southwest and the Lea County Library Association.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Since April, we have had two applications for education grants. Virginia Seiser from University of New Mexico General Library was awarded $65.00 for registration at ALA annual conference in San Francisco.

June Lano, who is employed at Crownpoint Community School, was awarded $200.00 for the summer session at the University of Oklahoma, where she will complete her MLS July 31, 1987.

Funds have not been dispersed for either of the grants. Both recipients have been notified of their grants and should be sending receipts for their disbursements soon.

There is $135.00 left in the Education/Job Enrichment budget for 1986-87.

CORRECTION

The chair of the awards committee is Martha Liebert, Martha Liebert Library, Bernalillo; not Jane Gillentine.

LEGISLATION AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE REPORT

By Daryl Black, NM State Library, Santa Fe
Just when we thought we were safe and public libraries would have extra book money in 1989, rumors began to fly about Governor Carruthers’ plans to veto HB 423 — The Public Library Bond Bill. Members of NMLA and the Legislative Network made a noble, last-minute effort to head off a veto by tying up the Capitol switchboard the final day for bill signing. Over 50 calls were made but HB 423 was nonetheless vetoed, with unrecovetable expenses cited as the reason.

We have been advised by both Judith Krug of ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom and our legislative advocate Tom Horan, to try again for a bond bill in the 1988 session. The LIFC will meet in late July to discuss plans for that and the 1987-88 goals and work program.

We hope to have a small contingent meet with Governor Carruthers in early August to discuss library legislation. In addition, Katherine Carruthers was invited to this board meeting but was unable to attend; she will be invited to the September board meeting in Santa Fe. By encouraging attendance at these meetings by the governor and his wife, we hope to spread the good news about libraries and open opportunities for increased funding.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK 1987

by Judith Krug, ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom
Banned Books Week ’87 — Celebrating the Freedom to Read, explores the crucial connection between protection of our First Amendment freedoms of speech and press and the continued vitality of our constitutional republic.

This year’s week-long celebration: Sept. 19-26, is focused on “Commemorating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.” This theme highlights the First Amendment and serves to publicize the dangers of censorship to the continuation of a constitutional republic. New infringements on our First Amendment freedoms are being proposed at an alarming rate — secular values, the shared common ground of our culture and our republic, are called a “religion” and banned from the public schools in Alabama; laws prohibiting display of undefined, “harmful to minors” materials are being passed in a number of states, and federal government attempts to create new categories of materials that may be withheld from the public continue unabated.

You can help by working with your local bookstores on exhibits and programs to generate public and press attention of First Amendment concerns. A resource book, available for $15.00 from ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, contains a list of books challenged within the past year by would-be censors, compiled from the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom; a larger, annotated list of books and other materials challenged throughout the ages; an essay on the Constitution; ad slicks; quotes on the First Amendment; title and geographic indexes; five posters; sample press releases, and suggestions for Banned Books Week displays and activities.

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