Political Figures Interviewed

Susan Oberlander, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee

Representative Cisco McSorley, D–Bernalillo, is a lawyer and native of Albuquerque whose district includes the University of New Mexico and many of the students living near the campus. It is not surprising then to hear that his legislative priorities always include matters relating to higher education. McSorley has been the chair of the University Studies Committee, a bipartisan interim committee charged with evaluating the needs of higher education in the state, for three years. It was from this committee that the recommendation for the capital projects bond act, which included NMSU’s library addition, came. The New Mexico Library Association knows Representative McSorley well because of his sponsorship of our first attempt at a confidentiality bill in 1987.

In our interview, McSorley spoke strongly in favor of requiring professional librarians in school libraries. "You need professionals in the libraries," McSorley said, "because the less professional people there are in libraries the less professional services are rendered." In the area of higher education, McSorley said his motto is, "affordability, excellence and availability," which is certainly one that all students could applaud. The New Mexico Library Association gives Representative McSorley a round of thanks for his help with our first confidentiality bill, and wishes him continued success in his legislative career.

Senator Tony Williams, R–Valencia, is a lawyer and third generation native of Valencia County. His grandmother, Ruth Tondry, was the librarian in Los Lunas for many years. In his district are two institutions for which Senator Williams works long and hard during the sessions – the Los Lunas Correctional Facility and the UNM–Valencia branch campus. This past session Senator Williams sponsored legislation for a library building at the UNM branch, which unfortunately failed to receive funding at the end of the session. He said in our interview, "The library is currently housed in a small classroom. I think that this affects the image of the branch in a significant way. If I were thinking about sending a child to college, something like that would be neither reassuring nor impressive to me."

Senator Williams was also the sponsor of the New Mexico Library Association’s Library Privacy Act in the last legislative session. This bill passed and was signed into law on March 30, 1989. We would like to again thank Senator Williams for his help in its passage.
Tom Horan, who has served as the New Mexico Library Association lobbyist for many years, is a lawyer and a native of Albuquerque. He works for the Southwest Community Health Services in Albuquerque, where he is the in-house counsel and lobbyist. Horan had some interesting observations about lobbying for us. He said that the NMLA legislative network is very reliable, that is, everyone on the network really does write or call when they are asked, and this makes it a very effective network. Which, of course, makes a lobbyist’s work a little easier. Horan is not always faced with educating every legislator to NMLA’s legislation if the network has laid the groundwork. The other thing that Horan says makes his work with us more pleasant is the credibility of our issues. “They are always public interest causes,” he said, “rather than self-interest ones. Even when you have money bills, they are generally for more books for all New Mexicans and not for more dollars for librarian’s salaries, for instance.”

We would like to thank Tom for his work on our behalf at the legislature, and most particularly, his help in getting our Library Privacy Bill passed this year.

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Electronic Communication In CSEL

Donna Cromer, UNM Centennial Library

Libraries are in the business of information, and this information is increasingly being transmitted electronically. While certainly not new (on-line literature searching and shared cataloging have been around awhile), the pace of development and range of electronic systems is now remarkable.

The University of New Mexico (UNM) opened its Centennial Science and Engineering Library (CSEL) in February 1988 (see *NMLA Newsletter*, v.16, n.4, December 1988, p.6). From the beginning (using borrowed and ancient equipment—but better than nothing!), we managed to dial in to a number of systems, such as OCLC, Dialog, and UNM’s local network. Then in the summer of 1988 CSEL purchased a DEC Microvax 3500, a minicomputer capable of supporting numerous users at once. By tradition, all "vaxen" are named, and ours was named "Hal" by the staff.

Hal came with Ultrix (similar to Unix), a multitasking, multiuser operating system, with electronic mail, text processing, and file manipulation capabilities. Also purchased was Uniplex, a user friendly (both menu and command driven) integrated office management system, with electronic mail, full word processing, spreadsheet, and database management capabilities. Staff can use either or both software options with Hal. In addition, there are several microcomputers with modems in the library. Thus, by either dialing in or being hardwired, staff have easy access to Hal, and CSEL is moving quickly to facilitate electronic communication.

Electronic mail is receiving the most emphasis right now. While it will never entirely eliminate paper, games of phone tag or meetings, or the U.S. or campus postal systems, electronic mail does facilitate faster and more efficient communication. Within CSEL, staff routinely send messages back and forth requesting reference desk replacements or system information. Also sent are meeting agendas/minutes, reminders about upcoming events, and even jokes or just things to think about.

UNM’s General Library has a goal to implement electronic communication system-wide. This has begun among the members of the Advisory Council on Automation, who are in three different libraries. Besides upcoming meetings or announcements, ongoing, interactive discussions have taken place.

CSEL is also reaching out of the library, both to the rest of the University and beyond. Many of the science and engineering departments on campus also have microvaxes, so electronic mail to faculty is very easy and quite common. Some examples are on-line search results, new book acquisition lists, and reference questions and answers. Through Bitnet and Internet (via UNM’s network), accessing the world is easy. While not heavily used yet, some of the staff are communicating regularly with colleagues from afar, and the potential is exciting. We have also devised our own "dialing out" menu and in one step can connect with the following: Arizona State University’s on-line catalog; UNM’s on-line catalog, LIBROS; UNM’s Gateway; Technet; UNM’s Medical Center Library’s on-line catalog; OCLC; STN; and Dialog.

Finally, CSEL and the General Library are involved in activities that will eventually enable others to easily connect with Hal to access such items as ILL and on-line search request forms, and the entire series of Library Information Guides, which provide information about UNM library holdings and services.

CSEL (and all libraries!) have far to go to fully exploit the seemingly endless applications for electronic communication. Meanwhile it gets easier and more fun all the time!
State Library to Track Censorship Challenges

Susan Oberlander, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee

The New Mexico State Library will begin to serve as a clearinghouse for formal challenges against materials in the state's libraries, according to the new edition of the NMLA Intellectual Freedom Handbook. The Handbook, due to be released in July, has a form for reporting challenges to the State Library. The State Library hopes that by collecting the reports on intellectual freedom challenges they will be able to establish baseline figures on challenges, predict trends as to types of materials that might be challenged and raise the awareness of all members of the library profession to the threat of censorship in the state. The new Intellectual Freedom Handbook contains information to help librarians deal with a challenge, some documents of the American Library Association interpreting the Library Bill of Rights, information on the new Library Privacy Act of New Mexico, and a sample reconsideration form. The Handbook is to be mailed to all members of the Association in July. ★

Library Privacy Act Passes

Susan Oberlander, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee

After two unsuccessful previous attempts, the Association's Library Privacy Act passed the 1989 Legislature and was signed by Governor Carruthers on March 30th. Many thanks to the members of the Legislative Network who gave information about this bill to their legislators. The bill does the following things:

1. Provides privacy for users of the libraries of the state, with respect to the library materials that they wish to use.
2. Patron records may not be released except upon written consent of the patron or upon court order issued to the library.
3. The following exceptions to the release of patron records apply: this act shall not apply to overdue notices and to the release of records by school libraries to the legal guardian of minors or legally incapacitated persons.
4. Any person who violates this Act shall be subject to civil liability for damages and costs of the action.

If you have any further questions about this new law, please contact one of the chairs of the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee: Thaddeus Bejnar, 827-4850 or Susan Oberlander, 753-7141. ★
Nominees should meet one or more of the following requirements: notable legislative contribution to library funding, notable legislative contribution to the issues of intellectual freedom, notable legislative contribution to access to library services.

Honorary Life Membership: This is the highest award the Association gives. It is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the purposes of NMLA. The award is made for constructive accomplishment rather than length of service. It is not limited to librarians, but may be made to those who have helped the Association and/or the work of libraries in New Mexico. Criteria include: a significant contribution to the Association and its activities throughout his/her library career in New Mexico. The scope of activity has reached beyond his/her own work location. This person’s achievements and contribution to the Association growth are known within the library community of the state, as well as being recognized by other persons and entities in New Mexico.

Library School Comes to New Mexico
Susan Oberlander, Northern NM Community College

New Mexico is joining the ranks of other western states without graduate library schools who have turned to a neighboring state for help in giving their residents an opportunity to obtain an MLS. The New Mexico Library Association has just completed negotiations with the University of Arizona Graduate Library School to allow them to come into New Mexico during the 1989-90 academic year to teach 24 hours of their MLS program.

The initial impetus for this program came from a survey conducted by the New Mexico Library Association Education Committee in 1987 which showed that 50% of all library employees in New Mexico had no library training at all. Of that number, 75% wished to have coursework available and 37% wanted it to be MLS coursework. At this time in New Mexico, there are only two programs with library science coursework. One at the University of New Mexico teaches a library science specialty in an education degree program, and one at Northern New Mexico Community College teaches a library technology associate degree program.

The 24 hours of credit will be taught on Fridays and Saturdays during the fall and spring semesters. One University of Arizona faculty will travel each week to, in effect, teach the courses with two other faculty members. Some local faculty will be hired as well. The student response has been building since the first information on the program went out last fall. Projected enrollment is 20-30 students in each class. The program will only continue for one year. Funding to pay travel and local faculty expenses was contributed by the New Mexico State Library and the New Mexico Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education. The University of New Mexico Libraries will serve as the primary resources for students in the classes.

The ability of library schools to attempt this type of programming has increasingly become important to western states like New Mexico, who do not, and probably will not, have the populations to support a library school. The need of residents who wish to get an MLS, and the need of the profession to increase the numbers of trained librarians in the state is a valid one. The recent trend in the western states to work out cooperative arrangements with their neighbors is certainly a sign of progress. Library educators who make the commitment of time and travel to effect these programs certainly deserve our praise.

For information about registration in this program call Cindy Wolf at 277-4203 in Albuquerque.

A Library Student’s View of NMLA 1989 Conference: Intellectual Freedom Now!
Laurie Macrae, Recipient of Baker & Taylor Grassroots Grant

I arrived in Santa Fe on Wednesday afternoon from Tucson where I was attending the Graduate Library School of the University of Arizona. This meant that I missed the pre-conference presentation by Gene Lanier, Susan Oberlander and Anita Morse on 'Intellectual Freedom and You.' Fortunately for me, both Gene and Susan were to be my companions for much of the next two days, during which time they exercised their intellectual freedom at length. On the dance floor at Club West Gene filled me in on what it means to be a recipient of a Playboy award for defense of intellectual freedom. Susan gave away some sorority-sister secrets on proper placement of one’s corsage. Together we did a pretty good job of dispelling any lingering stereotypes of librarian-like behavior, with the help of several other willing librarian accomplices.

But seriously folks, Susan (a recipient of this year’s "Librarian of the Year" award) did a superb job of promoting the issues of intellectual freedom before the State Legislature this session. With the wonderfully organized support of librarians throughout the state, she was able to steer legislation vital to New Mexico libraries through the maze of committees and hearings to successful passage. I’m sure her contribution to the pre-conference presentation was equally impressive. My informants who were able to attend pre-conference tell me that Gene Lanier cautioned librarians of the dangers from would-be censors be they local or governmental, and Anita Morse presented a fascinating history of actual cases involving attempted library censorship.

I did tour the grand opening of exhibits and met Stan Crawford (who sold out his book Mayordomo that afternoon) and listened to live music, a first for NMLA.

My first session was Will Manley’s address Wednesday night at the El Dorado. Mr. Manley entertained the crowd with jokes about new library technology (microwaves in the staffroom) and a brief history of the politico-economic conditions of the 1970’s which have brought us to our present status quo. He devoted his
last five minutes to suggesting that librarianship in the 1990's "get back to basics", the basics being collection development, public service, and education. I found Mr. Manley a disappointment. As a student I hoped for and expected something more than a recap of Library Foundations from a person who has been in library administration for as long as Mr. Manley.

The next day I heard Bernard Vavrek (again with a futurist topic) discuss the future of rural librarianship. Dr. Vavrek devoted much of his presentation to literacy services in rural areas. His was an interesting and informative presentation.

Later in the afternoon Mary Beth Johnson and Barbara Rosen from UNM's General Library gave an evaluative and clear presentation on CD ROM end-user instruction, a hot topic in library school, and one we seem to be slow to pick up in the public library world. These women know their stuff. I hope they will be available for workshops in the future.

Thursday evening at the NMLA banquet we all got a chance to congratulate each other on another year of accomplishment. I was given the Baker & Taylor Grassroots award and felt a bit overwhelmed by the accomplishments of my companions at the podium. New Mexico librarians have a lot to be proud of, and I consider it an honor to be included in this year's splendid crew.

On Friday the Academic and Research Librarians Round Table presented Mike Miller and Roger Meade on the wonderful world of archives. Michael Welsh expounded on the many uses of archives to the historical researcher. I was pleased to see archives & archivists getting a share of the spotlight at NMLA. I wish that library school offered more exposure to archival resources and work.

As the week came to an end I joined my cohorts in a lovely dinner at La Tertulia. The dinner conversation was great (thanks for the jokes!) and the theater--New Mexico Repertory Theater's production of "Steel Magnolias"--was hilarious. Once again my companions made me very glad I chose this line of work.

Sunday night I was back in Tucson preparing for final exams. Library school introduces us to the importance of intellectual freedom. This year's NMLA Conference gave us a taste of all the excitement a truly diverse and intellectually wide-open library community has to offer here in New Mexico.  

State Library Survey
Lois E. Godfrey, Task Force to Support the State Library

A questionnaire asking for your experience of interaction with the State Library was sent to every NMLA member and many others on July 12.

It is important to the Task Force to have as many responses as possible by July 28, but responses received before the end of August will be tabulated and used in conjunction with the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee's contact with State Legislators.

It is especially important to have input from those in rural areas who are served by the Bookmobiles or the Books by Mail program, although we need information from all who receive help of any sort from the State Library.

It takes only a few minutes to fill out the survey, and a 25-cent stamp to return it to the survey compiler. Please help by returning your survey form as quickly as possible. Thank you!

If you didn't receive a survey, please call Lois Godfrey, 662-7381, anytime from 8am-10pm, and she'll send you one by the next mail.

LIFC Meeting

The Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee celebrated the 200th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille with a work meeting on Friday, July 14 at Parish Library (UNM) in Albuquerque at 1:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in being a resource person for the committee or a member of the legislative network please call Thaddeus Bejnar at 827-4850 in Santa Fe. Anyone interested in helping interview legislators and legislative candidates on behalf of NMLA, please call Susan Oberlander at 753-7141 in Espanola.

Librarians in High Places

Kathy Carlson, librarian at Armijo Elementary School in Albuquerque, has been awarded a travel stipend by the American Women's Club in Sweden (American Women's Club Scholarship Foundation), to translate Swedish folktales in Stockholm and Uppsala, Sweden, this summer.

Kathy will spend most of a month in the Greater Stockholm/Uppsala, Sweden area translating selected folktales from the thousands housed in the libraries at the Nordiska Museet and Uppsala University. The folktales were collected throughout rural Sweden by anthropologists during the 19th century.

Kate Clarke, unlike some desert dwellers who like to go to the beach for vacation, opted for the mountains. The world's highest mountains. The Himalayas. That might seem like an unlikely choice for a
reference librarian. But as an NMSU librarian, she had all the research skills necessary to plan the trip of a lifetime.

For nearly three years, she planned. She saved her money and all her vacation days for a trek through Nepal. A veteran backpacker and mountain hiker, she was intrigued by the tiny Hindu kingdom sandwiched between India and China that has nine of the world's 14 highest peaks, with Mt. Everest the king at 29,028 feet.

On the way to work, she'd listen to language tapes to learn Nepali. Over lunch hours, she would pour through books on the many cultures of Nepal, including the famous Sherpa guides' culture. She ordered stacks of catalogues from companies offering treks full of freezing cold nights and bone-bending walks costing upwards of $2,000 not counting airfare. She even studied topographical maps of the country that seemed to have little flat land but only terrain forever going either up or down.

The maps weren't wrong. She learned quickly her first day on the trail.

Leaving from El Paso October 22, she flew to Seattle, then Bangkok. She was scheduled to fly right on to Kathmandu in Nepal, but she was bumped from the overbooked flight. She panicked. If she missed connecting with her group, she's lose everything. She got on another flight--only to find her group already gone from Kathmandu. She squeezed on another plane, this one to Lukla, the starting point of the trek. Now, the group was a full day ahead on the trail. But if she could walk two days' terrain in one, she could catch up. "Let's go!" she agreed.

The 6 ½ hour trek was probably the hardest of the entire 20 days. From Lukla at 9,000 feet, she walked down to a river valley, then up a steep grade "for hours" to Namche Bazaar at 11,300 feet.

As the sun was setting, she saw her fellow hikers, having a leisurely tea in camp before dinner. She collapsed with relief.

The total trek of about 100 miles covered from three to seven miles a day, some days more arduous than others. In one sense, the hike was luxurious compared to wilderness back-vacking. She carried only a 15-lb. day-pack of water, warm clothing, camera, and a diary. The Sherpas with their yaks carried the rest, set up camp, and cooked all meals.

The route took them up and down four valleys leading to peaks and ridges ranging from 17,000 to 18,500 feet, each with spectacular views of Everest. At times, her heart would pound furiously, even waking her in the night, making her gasp for air. But Clarke experienced her only real fear going over the mountain pass called Cho La. A sudden snowstorm descended on the group that had gotten too spread out along the trail. Everyone arrived safely at camp, however.

Clarke's trip was really two trips. After the mountain climbing, she went in search of a child she sponsored through the Save the Children Federation. Gopi Maya Wasti, a 7-year-old girl, lives at a lower elevation in Nepal, with almost semi-tropical climate and vegetation. Clarke brought gifts to Gopi--including an NMSU T-shirt--and enjoyed a day at a local harvest festival before returning to Kathmandu.

Home in Las Cruces by the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Clarke went back to work Monday morning. After a week of jet lag, she was back to normal, dreaming about mountains. Another trek in the Himalayas, maybe. But then, the Andes seem so interesting. -- Nina Singleton, NMSU Information Services

**Librarians Discover Money**

*Kathy Flanary, Education Committee*

Daryl Black and Mary Grathwol, both of Santa Fe Public Library, recently discovered available money. It was packaged as follows:

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Money has always made the world go 'round, but does it ever improve this spinning turf we all call home? Of course it does; Black and Grathwol are living proof of its benefits. Additionally, the two Santa Fe librarians are generously willing to share the source of their discovery:

- **Education Grants**
- **Job Enrichment Grants**
- **Baker & Taylor Grassroots Grant**
- **Marion Dorroh Scholarship**

Their important discovery led them to a small, uncomplicated form. After studying the form, they submitted details, only to find they qualified. A Education Grant was awarded allowing them to "cash in" for ALA in Dallas. Next issue of NMLA Newsletter will report further their exciting educational ventures!

You, too, could "cash in" and improve your own library turf. Apply for Education Grants, Job Enrichment Grants, a Baker and Taylor Grassroots Grant, or a Marion Dorroh Scholarship. Better yet apply for three out of four!

You're thinking there must be some "catch." You're right! Applications must be received "four (4) weeks in advance of anticipated use." Two of these sources could help you take advantage of the University of Arizona Graduate Library Science Courses offered in Albuquerque this Fall. Write or Call:

Kathy Flanary  
Chairperson, NMLA Education Committee  
New Mexico Military Institute  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201  
(505) 622-6250 x 342 or (505) 347-2765.  
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October Workshop Planned
Deborah Eagan, LIRT Chair

To meet this year’s goals and work program the Library Instruction Round Table has been working with the Online Round Table to plan a jointly sponsored two-day workshop, October 26-27, 1989 at Miller Library, Western New Mexico University in Silver City. The LIRT session, Friday, October 27 from 9:00 to 12:00 will be presented by Associate Professor John Richardson, Jr. of the UCLA School of Library and Information Science on the topic “Toward an Expert System for Reference Service: A Reference Agenda for the 1990’s”. A demonstration, of computer models that attempt to replicate a system of typical strategies used by a reference librarian to answer reference questions, will be included in the session. ★

Errata
Two factual errors appeared in the lead story “1989 NMLA Awards Presented” in the June 1989 NMLA Newsletter. 1989 was not the first time in the Association’s history that there were two recipients of the Librarian of the Year Award. In 1985, Betty Lloyd and Helen Melton were named Librarians of the Year. The 1989 winners were Susan Oberlander and George Morey (not Morley). ★

NMSU Launches $2 Million Campaign

Patsy A. Duran, NMSU’s director of annual gifts, has been named coordinator of the upcoming campaign to raise $2 million for the university library and to develop a friends group, according to J. Bruce Streett, vice president for institutional relations.

“The appointment of Patsy Duran illustrates the importance the administration places on this campaign,” Streett said. “We have assigned one of our most effective development officers to run the campaign because a good library is the heart of a good university.”

Duran will move from her office in Dove Hall to the Branson Library this summer for the two-year assignment. She joins Dean of Libraries Hiram Davis in planning the campaign for cash gifts. The money will go toward materials and equipment for the new $11 million library, authorized in a statewide bond issue last year. ★

Cold Fusion, Hot Reference

"Ask a professional, ask a librarian" took on new meaning recently when Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL) hosted a conference called "Workshop on Cold Fusion Phenomena" at the Sweeney Convention Center in Santa Fe on May 23-25. The purpose of the workshop was to provide a forum for the intense scientific debate raging over whether cold fusion has been achieved as claimed by researchers at the University of Utah. More than 400 scientists from the U.S. and the world attended the convention on cold fusion, potentially the most important discovery in energy of the century. In addition to the physicists and chemists in attendance were the librarians.

The librarians were not there to give papers: they were there to provide the wherewithal for them. "To the best of my knowledge," reported Donna Berg of the LANL Library, "this was the first time there has been an interactive reference staff at a conference." The three reference librarians, Jackie Stack, Carol Nielson, and Donna Berg, were at their on-site reference desk from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the conference "without a break," Ms. Berg exclaimed. Because of the speed with which developments in cold fusion are proceeding, the ability to provide immediate information was essential to the conferences. Many of the scientists who gave papers came with no prepared papers, relying instead on last-minute information FAXed to the reference desk to include in their presentations. "This service is essential for efficient flow of information," one attendee commented on the evaluation forms. "We got all we needed: the workshop was certainly enriched by this," stated another. Equipped with a portable computer linked to NEXIS, DIALOG and STN databases (the respective companies donated on-line time to the conference), a laser printer to retrieve paper copy, and a photocopier, bibliographies and custom literature searches were rapidly generated. Published papers and research from the labs around the country came to the convention floor via a FAX link with the LANL Library 40 miles away. On-hand stocks of copier paper were exhausted on the first day and by the end of the conference 46,000 pages had been copied, 28,000 articles distributed, and 4,600 queries answered. "I think this was a marvelous idea and was of great use to me," responded one attendee. "I hope this idea spreads to all meetings." ★

People Notes

Cindy Wolf of the UNM Educational Foundations/Library Science Department is pleased to announce that a student in library science, Paul Wenniger, has been named the Outstanding Masters Student in the College of Education. Paul is an assistant librarian at the Penitentiary of New Mexico in charge of the South Facility library. This honor has been won by a student of the Library Science Division for the last three years.

Concha Encinias, director of the Moise Memorial Library in Santa Rosa for 18 years, will retire on June 30. She will be replaced by Joan Chavez who has been the assistant librarian for the past year. The El Rito
Community Library, with the assistance of a grant from Rio Arriba County, has hired Fathi Ben Halim to take care of the library. Betsy McIntosh, who has been a volunteer librarian there, is looking forward to a lower level of involvement. Bob Slusser is joining the staff of the Talking Books Library at the State Library as patron records clerk.

Albuquerque Public Library has a new Head of Public Services, Joyce Frashier, previously manager of the Wyoming Regional Branch Library. Noreen Breeding, formerly the Head of Adult Services at that branch, will fill the position Ms. Frashier is leaving.

Carlsbad Public Library has a new appointment to the post which has been vacant since George Webster left last July. The new Head Librarian will be Mary Elms, previously librarian with the Valley Forge, PA school system. She and her husband, Wallace, are moving to the Carlsbad area where he will be the Superintendent of Carlsbad Caverns with the Park Service.

In Santa Fe, the National Park Service has appointed Amalin Ferguson, previously with the College of Santa Fe, to be the first full librarian in the Southwest Regional Office Library. The library serves 38 parks in five states with a strong collection in archeology and cultural anthropology. At present, it is open to researchers by appointment. Amalin has lots of basic library service to initiate and is asking for library hand-me-downs from anyone able to help. She would like recent copies of BIP, LC classification schedules, LC subject headings (post 8th edition), and Gaylord or equivalent circulation materials. The library’s address is NPS-Swo, OIV Library, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, NM 87501-0728. The phone number is 988-6839.

Mike Poulson has a new position as associate librarian with the State Supreme Court Law Library. He is leaving his old employment as librarian with the Southern Correctional Facility Library in Las Cruces.

Out at the Western New Mexico Facility Library at Grants, Dorothy Woodward is the new librarian.

The final note is not a change of setting, but a change of scene. Nancy Myer, the Chief of Library Service at the V.A. Medical Center in Albuquerque recently participated in a two-week visit as one of 33 delegates in the "People to People International Citizen’s Ambassador Program." She visited the People's Republic of China, including the National Library of China in Beijing with stops in Nanjing and Honxhou.

School Librarian’s Scholarship

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) will present its first award of $2,500 to provide financial assistance for the professional education of an individual who plans to become a school library media specialist. Candidates must present evidence of: scholarship, financial need, interest in work with children or young people, an intention to pursue full-time graduate-level education and acceptance by an ALA-accredited graduate school. The award, donated by Jay W. Toor, president of Library Learning Resources, will be an annual award. Applications are available from AASL School Librarian’s Workshop Scholarship, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. The deadline for application is February 1, 1990. ★

Calendar of Events

September 15-16, 1989
3rd NMLA Executive Board Meeting

October 25-29, 1989
Society of American Archivists
St. Louis, Missouri

October 26-27, 1989
Two-day Workshop
jointly sponsored by
Library Instruction and Online Round Tables
Miller Library, WNMU, Silver City

January 6-11, 1990
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Chicago, Illinois

January 19-20, 1990
4th NMLA Executive Board Meeting

April 18, 1990
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April 18-21, 1990
NMLA Annual Conference
Albuquerque

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American Library Association
Chicago, Illinois
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- Calendar year 1989 (January-December)
- School Year 1988/89 (Fall-Spring)
- Special project which ends in 1989.

The deadline for entries is February 5, 1990.

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To Enter
To request an Information Packet containing contest entry forms, rules and regulations, questions and answers about the awards, a sample of the judges' evaluation form, names of the contest judges, and a list of previous winners, please write to: Library Relations Department, The H.W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452.
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