Support The State Library Bond Issue

Joe Sabatini, Albuquerque Public Library

Last year, the Task Force to Support the State Library worked successfully to create awareness of the importance of the State Library in developing library services statewide. One outcome of this campaign was the restoration of several positions and an increase in state aid. Another outcome was the decision by the Legislature to place a $600,000 bond issue on the November ballot to purchase land for a new State Library building at the corner of St. Francis and Galisteo, next to the proposed new State Archives.

At the time, the Task Force expressed several reservations about the move proposal. It seemed that the rush to build a new building did not relate to the needs of the library community, and was motivated only by legislative and judicial space requirements in the Capitol area. The "wonderful surprise" quality of the announcement and the lack of program planning about the new building created grave concerns. Our information campaign was successful in getting the library community involved in the planning process. State Library staff initiated a broadly-based effort to redefine their mission, the results of which were impressively presented at the NMLA conference.

How should we respond to the bond proposal? By putting the land purchase on the ballot, the Legislature has given us a clear indication that it wants to move the State Library. Voting against the bond issue would not keep the State Library in its current location. Instead, defeat of the bond issue would result in the State Library being dumped into unsuitable quarters like the deteriorating warehouse in which the State Archives now stands.

Does the State Library need a new building? I believe it does. The current building has served us adequately for 25 years, despite its structural and layout flaws. But future growth would be severely hampered without major remodeling. When the building was planned in 1964, computers were multi-million dollar machines that filled whole rooms. OCLC was an experiment some Ohio college libraries were trying, and a compact disk was something your chiropractor massaged. To meet New Mexico’s information needs in the 21st century, the State Library building must be able to provide many forms of information technology. Look at the projects identified in NMLA’s Statewide Automation Plan, and judge for yourself if those projects could be done effectively in the current building. We need a State Library that is accessible to its various clienteles year-around, with adequate space for growing collections and for development project offices. The increased utilization of electronic mail, computerized databases and fax machines makes it less important for the State Library to be next to the Capitol. The money needed to fix the current building for the next generation of library service would be better spent on a new building. The positive reasons to build a new State Library far outweigh the negatives. I therefore urge New Mexico librarians to support the bond issue.

New Databases Simplify Search for New Mexico Business Information

Judith Bernstein, UNM General Library

After many years of trying to remember "where did I read that piece of information?" and calling other libraries whose staff have the same memory lapses, we at Parish Library at the University of New Mexico have produced two computer databases which solve many of our needs for information on business and economics about the state of New Mexico.

The New Mexico Business Periodical Index, (NMBPI) as its name suggests, is an index to the major business serial publications in New Mexico, namely the Business Outlook, the Monday magazine section of the Albuquerque Journal, the New Mexico Business Journal, and the New Mexico Progress. Records in the index begin with August 1984 and are updated weekly. Both title and subject can be searched through a user-friendly menu, and the search can be limited by year. Any word or portion of a word in the title can be accessed. Complete citations are produced and these may be printed. An added bonus is that the sources are available in Parish Library, so access to the information is assured.

NMBUS, the New Mexico Business and Economic Database, provides over 2000 references to books, documents, pamphlets, brochures, journals, serials, directories, reports, etc: dealing with business, management, and economics related to New Mexico. In fact, almost everything in print may be included except journal articles. The index covers the period from 1970 to date with some earlier materials in areas where no other sources are available. Material is continually being added to the database.

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Gubernatorial Candidates Interviewed

Susan Oberlander,
Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee

Frank Bond

Frank Bond, a native of Nambe, New Mexico, is the Republican candidate for governor. An attorney by profession, Mr. Bond has also had a career in public service for the last 15 years that has included two terms as a member of the New Mexico House of Representatives, and a three-year term as the Chairman of the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education.

I began our interview with some questions about Mr. Bond's experience on the Commission on Higher Education since that is where I first met him. The New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries went before Mr. Bond and the Commission on Higher Education almost two years ago with a plan for a revised funding formula for academic libraries. We were successful in that endeavor, and thank Mr. Bond for his support. He reiterated some of the reasons why he felt that the revision of the formula, away from an FTE-driven one, to a program needs one, was essential. "In the previous formula, fluctuations in enrollment led to fluctuations in funding. Many components of an institution, like libraries, suffered too great a discrepancy in annual budgets under this kind of formula. This meant that in many cases the quality of the program was lost."

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Bruce King

Bruce King, the Democratic candidate for governor, has twice before served as the Governor of New Mexico and is well known to most of us as a name and a face. He is a friendly face and presence who seems to genuinely enjoy meeting New Mexicans and hearing from them. However, during this campaign at least, he was not willing to meet face-to-face, and after several months of somewhat frustrating negotiation, I was given the opportunity to have a ten-minute phone interview with the candidate.

He began by saying that he has always been a friend to libraries and feels that they are essential for a well-balanced educational system. "We need libraries to ensure that the quality of life for all citizens is equal, especially for the quality of their educational life," he stated. He mentioned that he had supported the original bond issue that built the capitol and included the State Library building as well. Paul Agriesti, who has worked at the State Library during both of Mr. King's terms, remembers Mr. King as being approachable, and said that the delegates to the first White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services in 1979 had also met with Governor King and had come away feeling that Mr.
Frank Bond continued

We next moved to the subject of long-range automation plans for the state. Karen Watkins, State Librarian, had accompanied me to the interview. We shared some of the details of the NMLA automation plan and received a surprising caveat from Frank: "It sounds great," he said. "We need to draw institutions together in this way. It seems unlikely that we will ever have every book that we need in the state. So sharing materials is certainly cost efficient. Just remember to think big. Make a plan that will be able to absorb everybody in the future. Don't limit it to only academic libraries and then have to redo it when you add the public and school libraries." He assured us that he would strongly support such an automation plan for the state. "Just remember," he repeated, "think big." We assured him that we would.

I next asked him to comment on censorship and the current climate of the state. I also reminded him that NMLA had been an opponent of the Obscenity Bill introduced by his running mate, Mary Thompson, for the last two years. He replied, "I don't think that there is much room in America for censorship. It seems to me that freedom of expression is embedded in the history of New Mexico. If I were governor, I would certainly not sign any bill that had provisions stricter than the Miller test of the Supreme Court. I would not feel that the taxpayers of New Mexico should be made to pay for the lawsuits that would result if we had such a law."

When Karen questioned him about state aid to public libraries, he appeared interested and again expressed his support for libraries as an education candidate. But he did issue a warning. He can not promise to maintain all the supplementals in the state budget if the money is simply not there.

Then he talked a little about his interest in making public schools a priority of his administration. He feels that a re-evaluation of the formula that funds public schools, similar to the re-evaluation of the academic funding formula that occurred when he was chair of the Commission on Higher Education, should be made. "I can see why a school board that is hard-pressed for money might never find that it had extra money to put into the library. But if we had a separate factor in the formula that was based on the needs of the educational support systems, such as libraries, maybe it would help them with their allocations."

Karen and I came away from our interview impressed with Mr. Bond. We felt that he had the legislative experience that would allow him to put some of his ideas into action and that his experience and interest in education is genuine.

Bruce King continued

King was kept apprised of library activity in the state and would support libraries whenever he could.

Two other statewide events of significance to libraries occurred during Mr. King's previous terms. In his first term, state aid was given its first large increase—from $20,000 to $275,000. In his second term, $25,000 was appropriated for the study that resulted in the PALS network being established later on. The PALS network consisted of putting OCLC terminals into several public libraries in the state. In our interview, I mentioned that statewide networking was still a priority of the libraries in the state. I told him a little about the new ways of achieving such a network, and he expressed interest. "I would always be interested in funding a good, workable plan for library networking," he said.

The last topic we covered was censorship. I told him that NMLA had opposed the bill brought by Mary Thompson, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, each year. He became more animated as he realized that he had a real political issue to discuss—why we should vote for him and not Mr. Bond. He agreed that a bill such as Thompson's would not be a healthy law for First Amendment rights of New Mexicans. He also stressed that we must uphold and live by the First Amendment, and gave a vote of confidence for the place of libraries in this process. "I think that librarians do an excellent job of selecting library materials to represent all points of view. And that is what we should have in our libraries," he said.

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Although items located in Parish Library are obviously included, material housed in many other locations is also extensively cited. Among them are the State Library, New Mexico State University Library, the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico as well as many other libraries on the University campus, the planning departments of the cities of Farmington, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces to date, with more locations to be added as time goes on. An attempt has been made to include all pertinent materials from locations already noted and to keep the database up to date by adding new materials from these locations as well as from new sites.

One of the major added values of this bibliographical database is the annotation for each record which succinctly describes the item's contents. In addition, many access points make it easy to search for material. Included among these are author, editor, compiler, agency, sub-departments of agencies, other organizations involved in the publication, titles, sub-titles, subjects, and geographic locations. Subjects are defined by the material itself so that newly minted terms and those parochial to New Mexico can easily be found. Searching is user-friendly. A search may be limited by year, and broad
searches may be narrowed by new criteria. Any word or portion of a word in the field to be accessed can be searched and the Boolean logical operators of "and" and "or" allow for better control of the search strategy. Citations are identified by location and the call number at that location. The citations can be printed immediately or downloaded to the client's own floppy disk.

NMBUS will be available later this fall in a hard copy edition. The edition of about 800 pages will include the complete citation with annotation and indices. The database uses dBase III software and the computer format will also be available for purchase in a floppy disc set. Both formats will be updated periodically. The Rio Grande Chapter of the Special Library Association is sponsoring the publication and sale of the material. If you want to get your library's name on the list for a copy of the printed or floppy disc version, call Donna Berg at Los Alamos, 667-5809.

Both NMBUS and NMBPI are available for public use at the Parish Library during library hours. Staff are pleased to share these resources with other library staff who telephone for assistance or with clients who are referred. The Parish reference number is 277-8853.

Second White House Conference to be Held

Paul Agriesti, State Library

The second White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services will be held in Washington, DC, July 9-13, 1991. There, delegates will gather to "develop recommendations for the further improvement of the library and information services of the nation and their use by the public." The theme for the White House Conference will be "Library and Information Services for Literacy, Productivity, and Democracy."

Public Law 100-382, the legislation authorizing the White House Conference, requires that delegates participating in the Conference be one-fourth representative of the library and information professions; one-fourth representative of persons who are active library and information supporters; one-fourth be state, federal or local government officials; and one-fourth selected from the general public.

Plans are underway for a second New Mexico Conference on Libraries and Information Services which will be held prior to the White House Conference. A Planning Committee was named by the State Library Commission at their meeting held February 21, 1990. The members are Barbara Billy, San Juan Community College; Bill Davis, New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped; Mary Lou Gooch, Ruidoso Public Library; Geraldine Huston, Las Vegas City Schools; Mary Pat Krämer, Los Alamos Public Library; Robert Martinez, Albuquerque Public Library; Susan Oberlander, Northern New Mexico Community College; Claire Odendahl, Las Cruces Municipal Schools; Susie Sonflieth, New Mexico Coalition for Literacy; Marjorie Weaver, New Mexico Friends of Libraries; Cheryl Wilson, New Mexico State University; and Gloria Zamora, Sandia National Laboratories.

New Mexico's Conference will be held in Albuquerque on February 17-19, 1991. The Planning Committee has planned a 2-1/2 day program that will not only address the White House Conference themes but is also planned to increase New Mexicans' awareness of libraries and information services. Eighty delegates will be selected to attend the New Mexico Conference, where they will discuss themes and issues identified by the Planning Committee. During the Conference, eight delegates and four alternates will be elected from the attendees to be New Mexico's representatives at the White House Conference in July 1991.

Nomination forms for delegates to the New Mexico Conference will be mailed to libraries in the state. They are also available from Paul Agriesti, Conference Coordinator. At their November meeting, the Planning Committee will select the 80 delegates from the returned nomination forms. For more information about the New Mexico Conference on Libraries and Information Services, contact Paul Agriesti at the State Library.

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Viagem ao Rio de Janeiro

Claire-Lise Benaud, UNM General Library

On June 1st, 1990, I flew to Los Angeles and took Varig flight 831 to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on my way to attend the 35th annual conference of SALALM. SALALM, which stands for "Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials," held its first meeting some 35 years ago (1956) when about 30 librarians and professors and one international bookseller met in Florida to discuss and try to solve problems "concerned with the selection, acquisition, and processing of library materials from the Latin American nations and the dependent territories of the Caribbean." During the 12-hour flight, I met another "salamista" from UCLA and we agreed to share a room at the Meridien Hotel on Copacabana beach where the conference was held. Early the next morning I shared a taxi ride—seat belts tightly fastened—with conference-goers Russ Davidson, Curator of Latin American Collections at UNM, and his family.

The conference was originally intended as a one-time effort, but it became immediately apparent that more extensive study of the problems was needed and it was agreed to continue the discussion through the medium of annual seminars held at the invitation of an institution or organization. Within the last 10 years, SALALM has been held in the U.S. as well as in three foreign countries: San Jose, Costa Rica in 1983; Berlin in 1986; and in Rio this year. On my first afternoon, I decided to take a bus tour of the city and went to the required sightseeing spots which included Súgar Loaf as well as a very large and very ugly soccer stadium. The Soccer World Cup was about to begin and Brazilians were raving mad about soccer. The bus driver confirmed that during the World Cup in 1978, when Brazil lost to Argentina, a number of fans in Brazil committed suicide.
The Conference began with reports of various committees: Committee on Bibliography, Committee on Acquisitions, Committee on Library Operations & Services, and Committee on Interlibrary Cooperation. These committees are very active; committee members report on progress made on SALALM-sponsored activities. They are devoted to the intellectual and technical activities related to the collections and services of libraries with Latin American resources. They promote, conduct, and participate in research and studies of current and potential problems. The compilation of bibliographies is an especially important aspect of these studies.

Plenary sessions of each conference consider the topic of the conference, which this year was "Continuity and Change in Brazil and the Southern Cone: Research Trends and Library Collections for the Year 2000." In addition to the participation of many SALALM members in the program, a number of speakers from Brazil and the Southern Cone countries contributed their thoughts to the discussions. Dr. Jose Mindlin, noted Brazilian bibliographer, industrialist, and leader in cultural affairs, gave the keynote address at the opening session. The Brazilian librarian sitting next to me wondered what the word "keynote" could possibly mean... In my opinion, the conference programs were not as interesting as in previous years, and throughout the week I regretted not meeting more Brazilian librarians. The fact that my Portuguese isn't (yet) perfected did not help either, even though simultaneous interpretations were offered at all sessions. I learned about standards, trends, and data collections for Latin American collections and perused statistics for most major Latin American collections in the U.S. I heard a most interesting lecture on the "sainete porteno," a kind of short play enacted in Buenos Aires theaters at the beginning of the century. I learned about collecting political pamphlets and ephemera in Brazil in the period of the "abertura," that is, during the weakening of the military rule from 1978 to 1989, I questioned what happened during the Paraguayan War (1862-1979), also called the War of the Triple Alliance--Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay ganging up against Paraguay--where Paraguay claimed that 60% of its population died during that war.

I ended my stay with a day trip to Petropolis, a town 40 miles from Rio, passing many "borracharias" along the way, not taverns as you may think, but places that fix automobile tires. Petropolis was the summer residence of Brazilian Emperor Pedro II (reigned 1831-1889). It is now a museum which displays the possessions of Joao VI of Portugal and two Brazilian emperors, Pedro I and II.

Overall, the conference was worthwhile. Besides visiting interesting and beautiful places, I talked shop and socialized with colleagues and friends; I did not get robbed--but three salamistas walking down the beach were pushed into the Atlantic, in order to have their wallets lifted; I ate a piece of red meat in a "churrasqueria" that could have fed four gringos; and I had a try at the lambada.

During the flight back to L.A.--with stops in Sao Paulo and Lima--I sat next to an enterprising young man, a Brazilian of Japanese descent who was working for a trucking company. Realizing one more time that understanding spoken Portuguese unfortunately is something else again, I listened to this passenger tell me about his home town, Maringa. Maringa, whose population is half Japanese, was created only in 1947 and is a bustling agricultural center. As far as I understood, he was going on a business/pleasure trip to Japan to look at machines for making women's stockings because Brazilian women were so fed up with the quality of Brazilian pantyhose that they were buying Paraguayan products instead, and he was going to remedy the problem. Our conversation ended in L.A., sixteen hours later.

The SALALM Secretariat is housed for periods of five years at a time, usually in institutions with strong Latin American programs. Starting September 1, 1990, the Secretariat is housed at the General Library of the University of New Mexico. The Executive Secretary is Sharon Moynahan.

**Preview of 1991 NMLA Conference**

*Barbara Harris, Roswell Public Library*

Intriguing programs and entertaining special events are taking shape for "Making Connections: Libraries and the Total Community," the 1991 NMLA Conference in Roswell, April 17-20. Conference chair Daryl Black and local arrangements co-chairs Kathy Flanary and Betty Long are planning four days of learning and fun.

At a preconference on Wednesday afternoon, April 17, the New Mexico State Library will present a workshop on conservation and disaster preparedness. A teleconference from Washington featuring Senator Pete Domenici and First Lady Barbara Bush is tentatively scheduled. Other programs will include a performance by the Literacy Theatre, a panel discussion about foundations, a presentation on the Vargas Project, and an address by Library Journal columnist Herbert White. Dr. Charles McClure of Syracuse University will conduct a workshop on reference evaluation techniques for the postconference on Saturday, April 20.

Attendees will have a chance to enjoy themselves at the exhibits opening, the silent auction, the awards banquet, library tours, and a Friday night barbecue. "The Pecos Valley Connection," the local arrangements committee of librarians from Roswell and Carlsbad, want this to be the best NMLA conference you'll ever attend.

**NMLA Annual Conference Promotes Public Awareness**

*Kathy Flanary, Local Arrangements*

As the 1990 White House Conference approaches, I'm reminded that the 1979 conference had as one of its goals heightened public awareness of libraries. Heading the list of resolutions was "the development and implementation of an aggressive, comprehensive, nationwide public awareness campaign."

NMLA, by virtue of holding its annual conference in sites around the state, will certainly make libraries and librarians more visible to New Mexicans. What better way to promote positive public awareness of the library pro-
Charles McClure Scheduled for NMLA Conference Presentation

Jeanette Smith, Documents Round Table

Dr. Charles McClure, Professor in the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University, and nationally acclaimed speaker, researcher, and author, is scheduled to give two presentations at the NMLA Annual Conference in Roswell in April 1991.

On Saturday, April 20, Dr. McClure will present a post-conference workshop entitled "Strategies to Implement Reference Service Evaluation Techniques in Your Library." Targeted to all administrative and public service librarians from academic, public and special libraries, this professional workshop provides an overview of specific reference service evaluation techniques and how such techniques can be implemented in your library. Registration is $15 for NMLA members and $25 for nonmembers.


During the conference, Dr. McClure will speak to the Documents Round Table on current research developments in government documents librarianship. He recently completed a report with Peter Hermon for the U.S. Bureau of the Census entitled "Use of Census Bureau Data in GPO Depository Libraries: Future Issues and Trends" and is currently completing a research study for the Office of Management and Budget entitled "Federal Information Inventory and Locator Systems: Policy Review and Recommendations."

The Documents Round Table is pleased to sponsor these important presentations, and encourages your support and attendance. ★

OMS Institute Gives Librarians Theoretical Background and Practical Experience

Sever Bordeianu, UNM General Library

The Office of Management Services of the Association of Research Libraries conducted a Collection Evaluation Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 24-26, 1990. The leaders of the institute were Jeffrey Gardner, Director, ARL Office of Research and Development; Jutta Reed Scott, ARL/OMS Collection Development Specialist; Assunta Pisani, Associate Librarian for Collection Development at Harvard College Library; and David Farrell, Associate University Librarian for Collection Development at the University of California, Berkeley.

OMS institutes use adult education teaching methods, taking into account the different ways individuals learn, retain, and apply new ideas. The registration packet contained information on the goals and objectives of the institute as well as suggestions for how a participant can best be prepared for the institute. The result of this preparation, which was reinforced during the introductory session, meant that each session was well organized, focused, and ran smoothly. Participants had clear expectations of what each session would cover and how long it would be. The ability of the institute leaders to budget their time and to keep the discussions focused insured that the quality of the workshop stayed high throughout the three days. The 37 participants brought extensive library and collection development experience to the institute and they were all encouraged to contribute. This created a great flow of ideas in which both the leaders and the participants shared their knowledge.

The sessions on the first day covered the theory of collection evaluation. There are collection-centered evaluations and client-centered evaluations. Topics discussed included designing use studies, creating questionnaires, data collection, data analysis, and sampling. Different methods for administering and analyzing each kind of evaluation were discussed in depth. The experience of members of the group was very important in these discussions.

In addition to the theoretical part, the Collection Evaluation Institute used a hands-on approach to studying topics. The 37 participants were divided into six groups. Each group received a topic which it had to investigate and then report on. All topics were related to collection evaluation. Topics ranged from analyzing specific collections at local libraries by using the RLG Conspectus, to designing a user questionnaire for determining user acceptance of electronic indexes, to establishing a new curriculum program in peace research. After completing their assignments, each group made a public presentation of its findings. The questions from the entire membership generated more discussion.

On the last day of the workshop, collection evaluation was put in perspective. In the previous two days, a large amount of information had been presented and processed. Participants learned that there are different ways to evaluate a collection and choices will have to be made.

Budget, time, and staff limitations have to be factored in and ultimately, each library will have to decide on the...
method that best fits its needs. Possibilities, advantages, disadvantages, and alternatives to different approaches were analyzed and discussed.

The style of the workshop, with its emphasis on participant involvement, created a great learning environment in which ideas were easily exchanged and shared. The leaders were well prepared, knowledgeable, and experienced in the subject matter. Like other library-related conferences, meeting librarians from across the country and exchanging ideas was an added bonus. The high quality of instruction and the professionalism of the participants made this institute a rich professional experience.

**Censorship Coalition Formed**

*Susan Oberlander, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee*

The New Mexico Library Association became a founding member of a new anti-censorship group this year. The group, New Mexicans Against Censorship, is a coalition of concerned organizations from around the state whose goal is to increase the public awareness of the need for freedom of expression and to persuade the Legislature to protect First Amendment rights. Other founding members of the coalition are Arts New Mexico, ACLU, New Mexico Booksellers, and Video Software Dealers Association.

In New Mexico there have been several recent events that have caused concern over the public's and Legislature's ability to withstand the pressure of right-wing groups such as the American Family Association in Albuquerque. This group, led by Ron Frost, challenged material in classrooms and libraries last year in the Albuquerque Public Schools. Other incidents include: prosecution of video stores in Farmington; severe censorship legislation brought two years in a row by Mary Thompson, now a candidate for lieutenant governor; and the heavy controversies generated by the reauthorization of the National Endowment for the Arts.

New Mexicans Against Censorship has several projects planned for the coming year to help generate support for First Amendment freedoms. In November, a banned art auction will be held in Santa Fe to raise money and to publicize some of the recent restrictions placed on freedom of expression in the arts community. Bookstores, video stores, and libraries will circulate petitions in November to collect signatures of citizens expressing their rights to view what they choose. The petitions will then be taken to local legislators so that they can have a sense of constituency sentiment before they leave for Santa Fe in January. On January 28, the Symposium on Freedom of Expression will be held in Santa Fe. Legislators and other celebrity speakers will be invited to speak. Some of the celebrity speakers will be Robert Redford, Judy Bloom, John Nichols, Judy Chicago, and Mark Medoff.

New Mexicans Against Censorship can be reached by contacting either Susan Oberlander, 753-7141, or Thaddeus Bejnar, 827-4850, who are the NMLA representatives to the organization.

**Upcoming Legislative Events**

*Susan Oberlander, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee*

Two events of interest to librarians are planned for the 1991 legislative session. The first is an event sponsored by New Mexicans Against Censorship, a coalition of concerned groups supporting the First Amendment, of which NMLA is a member. This event will take place on January 28 at Sweeney Center in Santa Fe. In the morning, several celebrities will speak on issues concerning their work and the importance of freedom of expression. Some of the morning speakers include Robert Redford, Judy Bloom, John Nichols, Judy Chicago, and Mark Medoff. The afternoon sessions will be aimed at different groups who experience challenges to freedom of expression and give attendees pointers on how to combat censorship. There will be sessions for booksellers, librarians, artists, and teachers. A fee will be charged for attendance at this symposium.

The second event is Library Day at the Legislature on January 29. This event will be held at the State Library and the Capitol. At 9:00, librarians are invited to attend a session at the State Library to hear several library lobbyists speak about library issues before the legislature, and effective techniques for conveying your opinions to your legislators. Following this, attendees will be asked to go to the Capitol to visit their legislators and to sit in the galleries while memorials in support of New Mexico libraries are read in both the House and the Senate.

**Center for Southwest Research**

*Rose Diaz, UNM General Library*

Academic libraries have an opportunity to contribute in significant ways to the questions raised in discussions of cultural pluralism. In cooperation with existing campus and community programs, university libraries have a responsibility to be in the forefront supporting curriculum and research activities that heighten the appreciation for the diversity in American life. The University of New Mexico General Library hopes to be a model institution for such efforts through its recently funded Center for Southwest Research. It will focus on careful program planning and collection development
with a strong multicultural emphasis on Southwest regional studies. The Center will be active in providing opportunities for research that actively will discourage a selective or exclusionary presentation of the past. It will provide a unique research environment for scholars to confirm, reinterpret, or redirect Southwest regional history.

New Mexico’s rich cultural environment traditionally has provided a strong foundation for Spanish Colonial and Borderlands history, frontier and ethnic studies, and Latin American programs. University programs have flourished and expanded to provide an inter-disciplinary approach to regional studies. Programs such as Chicano and Native American studies, the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute, the Latin American Institute, the Southwest Institute, the Vargas Project, and most recently, the Spanish Colonial Research Center exist because of the long-term commitment to the history and cultural heritage of the state.

The Center’s objective is to provide a national and regional focus for instruction and comparative and inter-disciplinary scholarship on the American Southwest. The Center is a library-based research and instructional facility designed to serve resident and visiting scholars, faculty, students, and community members working on the 500-year multicultural history of the Southwest. It acts as a clearinghouse and information center for materials, programs, and research on historical and contemporary Southwest issues.

The Center and its allied programs are housed in the historic West Wing of Zimmerman Library on the University of New Mexico campus. Zimmerman Library is a member of the Association of Research Libraries and is a regional depository for federal and New Mexico publications and documents. In addition to its book collections, it has the only active architectural archive in the state documenting the unique built environment of the Southwest, and an extensive map and photograph collection with emphasis on the Southwest, Mexico, and Latin America. The Library’s holdings of specialized and original materials on Mexico and Mesoamerica constitute one of the principal strengths of the Library, forming part of a broader Latin American collection that is ranked among the top ten in the United States.

The Center’s programs already include the Library’s Special Collections Department established in 1950, including the John Gaw Meem Archive of Southwestern Architecture; the Clinton P. Anderson Room of Western Americans; the New Mexican collection; the rare book collection; an extensive manuscript collection; an oral history program; and a conservation/preservation unit. Additional Center programs include the Vargas Project, a major documentary editing project which will publish a scholarly multivolume edition of the journals of Don Diego de Vargas, a seventeenth-century Spanish governor of New Mexico; the Southwest Institute, a summer, interdisciplinary, field-based program for immersion in Southwest regional studies; and the Spanish Colonial Research Center, a joint project between the University of New Mexico and the National Park Service, conducting and coordinating historical research on Spanish Colonial themes in preparation for world-wide celebration of the Columbus Quincentennial.

The goals of the Center for Southwest Research are to promote community outreach services; cooperate with other Southwest institutions; centralize other resources by providing on-line data bases; develop a clearinghouse for computerized access to Southwestern materials; develop a regional conservation program and laboratory; bring together scholars, public officials, and community leaders for regional and national conferences on the Southwest; provide support for visiting scholars and public officials; and finally, to sponsor the publication of papers and monographs to ensure the dissemination of scholarly analysis and interpretation.

Renovation and expansion to conserve better New Mexico’s documentary heritage is underway. In June of 1990, the University Board of Regents approved a $2 million appropriation for the Center that will be added to $5 million in federal monies approved in 1989 in legislation sponsored by New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici. Groundbreaking for the renovation project and expansion is expected to begin this fall and to be completed in time for the Columbus Quincentennial activities. An endowment fund has been established by the University of New Mexico to provide continuing program support for the Center.

Through increased visibility as a national and regional historical agency, expansion of research-related networks and community outreach, and establishing a strong educational and advocacy mission based on an intensive collaboration with scholars and the general community, an active partnership will develop to discover and preserve the past. This will be especially important as it relates to culturally diverse communities. By emphasizing a multicultural approach to developing the Center’s collections and affiliated programs, we seek an active, participatory role in the reinterpretation of history. It becomes apparent that we are not seeking a homogeneous history or experience, but working toward a new synthesis regarding histories that are inclusive and sensitive to cultural diversity.

In recognizing that communities do not exist in isolation, the Center for Southwest Research will offer the opportunity for an interdisciplinary understanding of the cultural diversity in the Southwest. With a strong emphasis on incorporating historical resources, we can succeed in building a foundation for a comprehensive and revisionist history. The contribution which an academic research library can make toward the multicultural realities of contemporary American life is reinforced by the critical role cultural diversity has played in American history.
Long Ago & Far Away

Promotes Reading

Long Ago & Far Away, the weekly series showcasing international television programs of classic and contemporary children's books, folktales, and fairy tales, returns for a second 13-week season. The series captures the spirit of children's literature with programs that recall the magic of storytelling. The half-hour programs inspire the love of reading as they guide us through the wonderful world of children's literature. Don't miss this important opportunity to promote reading in your school and community.

Long Ago & Far Away is produced by WGBH/Boston, and is presented in partnership with The International Reading Association; Association for Library Services to Children, a division of the American Library Association; and The Library of Congress, Center for the Book.

Award-Winning Programs

The second season includes the following award-winning programs based on books from around the world:

Beauty and the Beast
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Ragg
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More Hungarian Folktales
Oh, Mr. Toad! (Parts I and II)
Bill the Minder

and encore presentations of the following programs from season one:

The Pied Piper of Hamelin
The Reluctant Dragon
Frog and Toad Together
Frog and Toad are Friends

Following broadcast of the second-season lineup, the new shows will be repeated with shows from season one throughout the school year.

Many of these programs are available for purchase or rental. For a list of film and videocassette distributors, write to Ann Weinstock, Long Ago & Far Away, WGBH, 125 Western Avenue, Boston, MA 02134.

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(for grades 2-4)
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To help teachers and librarians use Long Ago & Far Away in an educational setting, WGBH has produced a 16-page Discussion and Activity Guide for teachers, librarians, and parents, as well as a 16-page student newspaper supplement. Both the guide and student newspaper focus on individual programs and explore literary themes through articles, suggestions for further reading, and activities for before and after viewing or reading each story.

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Editor's note: "Long Ago & Far Away" is broadcast by KNME, Channel 5, Albuquerque, on Sunday mornings at 9:00. It began on September 16 and will continue through December 16; it will not be shown on November 4, however.
Library Automation Institute
Deborah Eagan, Laguna Elementary School

With librarians from diverse communities such as academic, church, corporate, public, and school libraries I was able to attend this particular institute addressing the issue of automation this past August. As the newly-hired librarian for Laguna Elementary School in Laguna Pueblo, I was able to attend the institute through an award of an NMLA Education Grant. As a school librarian who hopes to automate a library/media center, I found the institute provided a wonderful opportunity to seriously consider the process of automating a library.

By attending the sessions and talking with many librarians, I was able to learn about the many factors a librarian must take into account to plan the lengthy process of automating the many functions of a library. Librarians and other experts generously shared their considerable experience with those of us with limited or no experience. In addition, the hands-on experience with expert guidance in the laboratory greatly enhanced the learning process.

The institute began for me on the first day, Thursday, August 16, with the session, "Computers and the School Library," presented by a school librarian from California named Bob Skapura. His enthusiastic and authoritative presentation opened my eyes to the many possibilities available to school librarians. At the next session that I attended, "Using Word Processing," Dick Flume of the NM Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources explained the exciting "shortcuts" available to all who master the intricacies of word processing.

The highlight of the day came when we all were captivated by the stirring keynote address of our State Librarian, Karen Watkins. She motivated librarians "to work together to create a statewide network to connect all people, all libraries, and all information."

The keynote address was immediately followed by a fascinating multimedia presentation on New Mexico cultures given by Louis Sanchez, a computer education resource teacher for the Albuquerque Public Schools. Among his equipment were the following items: a Macintosh 2X microcomputer, a music synthesizer with tuner, a laser disc player, a CD-ROM player, an in-view liquid crystal display overhead projector, and four speakers.

Next, it was time to experiment with the many programs at the laboratory. Laboratory programs were going on continuously at the institute all three days. Among the many programs I was able to work with in three days were:

- Librarian's Helper, wonderful for those not fond of cataloging
- Winnebago, circulation and online catalog
- Circulation Plus
- E-Mail from the State Library
- First Choice, spreadsheet which can use a mouse
- PFS: Professional Writer
- PFS: First Publisher
- Bibliofile, an online catalog

Thursday, August 16, ended with a relaxing dinner at the Legal Tender in Lamy where discussion continued about automation in particular and librarianship in general.

During the second day, Friday, August 17, I attended these sessions:

- E-Mail & Fax, presented by Harold Bogart, Office of Automation, State Library
- Inmagic, presented by Laura Holt of the State Museum

Susan Sheldon addressing Bibliofile users group

Lucy Cruz and former NMLA president Gloria Trujillo at work in the computer laboratory
**Automated Library Catalogs**, presented by Bob Skapura.

The institute's second day culminated with an evening social event at the Museum of International Folk Art where everyone could relax while wandering through the entire museum at leisure.

On the last day, Saturday, August 18, I focused my attention on two sessions: Bibliofile Users Group, presented by Susan Sheldon, and Technical Services, State Library and Automated Circulation Systems, moderated by Harold Bogart and featuring librarians around the state. By this time it was difficult not to feel overwhelmed by all the different automation terms, different computer programs, the expenses, and the endless possibilities. However, I did find a great deal of support from our State Library and other libraries to help everyone continue efforts toward the ultimate goal of creating a statewide information network through automation.

All in all, this was the most beneficial and successful library conference I have attended this calendar year. I am looking forward to any future library conferences with automation included as one of its subjects. ★

**Awards Committee Seeks Nominees**

*Zu Zu Blachly, Awards Committee*

The time has come for the Awards Committee to take action on this year's NMLA award proposals. Our committee must propose award recipients, and then the Executive Board will decide whether to accept our recommendations.

Letters of nomination or support for nomination for NMLA awards are due January 1, 1991 to: NMLA Awards Committee, c/o Zu Zu Blachly, 605 Tascosa, N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87107. Included in the letter should be the name of those persons being nominated and a few statements as to why that person is being nominated. The following are descriptions of the NMLA Awards:

**Community Achievement Award**

The Community Achievement Award is for individuals whose achievements are within their own communities. Persons receiving this award may be librarians, trustees, volunteers, or other citizens. The award is intended to recognize achievements at the local level which are important, but without direct statewide influence.

**Trustee of the Year**

This award is made to a trustee whose work on behalf of the local library has resulted in significant progress and/or achievement for that library. This award may also be given to a trustee in recognition of work in the promotion of library service within the state.

**Librarian of the Year**

The Librarian of the Year Award is made to individuals who have rendered outstanding library service. A person being nominated for this award should meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Notable contribution to the advancement of libraries within the state, known and recognized in more than one community.
- Contribution of a nature that brings recognition and/or enhances the image of libraries in general within New Mexico.
- Activities and efforts that have helped other librarians to improve their service capabilities.

**Honorary Life Membership**

This is the highest award the Association can give. This award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the purposes of the New Mexico Library Association. The award 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.

A person being nominated for this award should meet the following criteria:

- 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 Association growth are known within the library community of the state, as well as being recognized by other persons or entities in New Mexico.

I think this is one of the most rewarding "duties" of any NMLA committee! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I can be reached at 883-7222, ext. 253 or at home evenings and weekends at 345-3818.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to hearing how you wish to vote. ★

**Local and Regional History Round Table Update**

Copies of the *New Mexico Local and County Histories, A Bibliography*, compiled by Christine Buder Myers in 1983, are still available. The cost in paperback is $3.00 plus postage. To purchase, or for more information, contact Ruth Bernstein, 4732 Dona Rowena, N.E., Albuquerque, 87111. Phones: work 883-1622, home 299-0014.

In another project, the round table is compiling a list of historical societies in New Mexico, with their addresses and/or contact person. Knowledge of any of these groups would be appreciated. Please send to Ruth Bernstein at the address above.

Jeanette Smith of the NMSU Library attended the ALA/GODORT Preconference Institute, MARC Issues for Government Documents, in Chicago last June with the aid of an Education Grant from the NMLA Education Committee.
Endowment for Marion Dorroh Scholarship

Kathy Flanary, Education Committee

The Education Committee of NMLA formally thanks Dr. James Dyke and Dorothy Dyke for their $200 kick-off contribution. A year-long financial drive approved by the Executive Board began last April during the 1990 NMLA conference. Our goal is to reach $30,000 by the 1991 Conference in Roswell. Carol Myers, NMLA Treasurer, commented that a greater number of members are contributing to the scholarship fund as they renew their membership. The great news is, we have $4,232.35 in our fund so far this year. Let’s keep the momentum alive!

Dr. Dyke’s accompanying letter stated, “The scholarship program has been a resounding success! Each of us should have considerable pride in this long-standing effort, now approaching forty years. A successful drive will both stabilize the annual funding and increase the value of the scholarship to be more consistent with current economic realities. Let’s underwrite the future of the scholarship into perpetuity. We could leave no more appropriate legacy for our own chosen profession in our own chosen state.”

I am challenging myself to match Dr. Dyke’s and Dorothy’s $100/each amount. I would also like to challenge each NMLA member to set a somewhat similar goal! Aren’t you convinced that librarians in New Mexico are dedicated enough to scholarship and our library profession to complete a successful drive? I am. We can make this endowment a reality. Just keep sending in those dollars!

Thanks to the following NMLA members who donated to the scholarship fund since Conference 1990:

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Medical Library Association (MLA) Scholarship for Minority Students

A scholarship in the amount of $2000 will be granted to a minority student entering an ALA-accredited library school and with at least one-half of the requirements of the library school program to finish in the year following the granting of the scholarship. Although application are due February 1, evidence of admission to a specific library school does not have to be provided until May when the money is dispersed. Black, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Island, or Native American students who wish to study medical librarianship are eligible. For further information contact:

Medical Library Association
Professional Development Department
6 North Michigan Ave., #300
Chicago, IL 60602
312/419/9094
Calendar of NMLA Board Meetings and Other Events

1990

Nov. 1. Nominations & Elections Committee has selected a slate of officer nominees and publicizes it to the membership.

Nov. 6. Election Day

Dec. 6-7. Municipal Librarians' Association workshop, place to be announced.

Dec.-Jan. Library Development Committee. Meeting to prepare work program.

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Jan. 1. Deadline for nominations to Awards Committee.

Jan. 12-17. ALA Midwinter Conference, Chicago

Jan. 18-19. 4th Board Meeting, Clovis. Pre-Conference meeting. Completed 1990 Conference program presented and meal prices set. Pre-Conference mailing date set. Approval of awards and/or honorary memberships. Approval of items to be submitted to the membership at Conference. First review of work program. Nominees for offices announced.

Jan. 27. Deadline for articles for Pre-Conference issue of NMLA Newsletter. Include nominations for Board, division and round table offices, minutes of 1990 conference business meeting(s), text of proposed work program and any Bylaws amendments.


Jan. 29. Library Day at the Legislature, Santa Fe.

Feb. 1. Ballots for Association offices mailed.

Feb. 1. Deadline for applications for Marion Dorroh Scholarship and for applications for Medical Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students


March. Pre-Conference registration deadline.

April 17. 5th Board Meeting, Roswell. Beginning of Conference. Year-end wrap up. Presentation of annual reports.

April 17-20. 68th Annual Conference, Roswell.

June 29-July 4. ALA Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

July 9-13. 2nd White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services, Washington, DC. ★

Summer Library Tech Program to be Offered at Northern

Northern New Mexico Community College will be offering its Library Technology certificate program in two summers of intensive instruction during the 1991 and 1992 summer sessions. The Library Tech program, established three years ago, is the only one in New Mexico. The program prepares paraprofessionals to work in libraries. Four classes will be offered each summer. Classes will be held from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 on Monday through Thursday. Food service and dorm accommodations will be available. For further information, please contact Susan Oberlander or Isabel Rodarte at 753-7141. ★

Report of the Annual New Mexico Municipal League Conference

Ellanie Sampson, T or C Public Library

The Municipal Librarians Association, a section of the New Mexico Municipal League, met in Taos on Wednesday, August 29, at 8:30 a.m. There were fifteen present at this meeting, with Letha Atkins of Artesia Public Library presiding.

After approval of the minutes of the 1989 MLA meeting and acceptance of the treasurer's report, State Librarian Karen Watkins gave a report on the New Mexico State Library. The condition of the State Library has improved since meeting time last year. Several positions have been restored and state aid is slightly higher than last ($200,000 was appropriated, $50,000 higher than the previous year's $150,000). Karen thanked the MLA for support.

Currently the State Library is undergoing program review to refocus and refine its services. The newly-established Automation Office will be working on such projects as the statewide serials union list and the statewide database. The recent Automation Institute was a project of this office.

Legislative initiatives this year include additional funding for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) and for the bookmobile services.

A project the State Library will be undertaking in conjunction with the State Department of Education is "Enchanted History," in which a few school libraries in the state will be models with exemplary collections of New Mexico history, with the intent of changing the focus of the study of New Mexico history to incorporate all the peoples and all the history of this state. Funding is needed to identify other sources of New Mexico history and make this information available to the schools.
The current building housing the State Library is owned by the Legislature, which covets said building for the Supreme Court. Thus, the State Library is featured on the November ballot with a request for money (a $600,000 general obligation bond) with which to buy land on which to construct a new state-of-the-art State Library building, with appropriate conditions for computers, research, study space, and other library functions.

In MLA business, Joe Sabatini noted that it was excellent for MLA to have at least one resolution each year in the packet going to legislators. This year two resolutions were presented, one on the bookmobiles and one on LBPH. A resolution from last year on the state of the State Library was deleted, as it had been partially completed.

The winter workshop sponsored by MLA will be December 6 and 7 (place not set) and will be on Personnel Salary Equity.

By acclamation, Lucie Olsen of Socorro Public Library was elected President of the section, with Joe Sabatini of Albuquerque (Main) Public Library as Vice-President.

The program was presented by Allen Schwartz, Director of Santa Fe Public Library, and Mary Beth Pizzoli, Assistant Personnel Director of the City of Santa Fe. The program covered research done by both Mary Beth and Allen on pay equity for the City of Santa Fe and detailed the steps necessary to obtain an overview of salaries in similar sized cities throughout the Southwest.

The MLA meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Charles Townley Appointed New Dean of NMSU Library

Charles T. Townley, previously head of the Division of Library and Instructional Services of Penn State Harrisburg since 1979, became Dean of the New Mexico State University Library effective September 1. He is responsible for planning and implementation of library programs and services in the 800,000 volume library.

He believes the NMSU administration and faculty are committed to developing library and information services, and that the materials budget is being increased to reflect the instructional, research, and service needs of NMSU and the region.

Townley looks forward to working with the library staff who seem to be "absolutely first rate."

His first major assignment will be to supervise construction of the new library facility. He feels the new building is an outward sign of commitment to knowledge at NMSU.

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Money Available

Are you a hard-working New Mexico librarian?

Education grants are available through NMLA to help with your expenses to workshops, seminars, or other educational activities. Applications should be submitted to the Education Committee at least four weeks prior to the activity.

Are you a prospective librarian?

NMLA awards the Marion Dorroh Scholarship each year to some New Mexican who is enrolled in or who plans to enroll full-time in an accredited library school. Applications for this scholarship must be completed and returned to the Education Committee by February 1, 1991.

For application forms or additional information, contact:

Peggy Tooker, Chair
Education Committee
P.O. Box 579
Jal, NM 88252
505/395-3268

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Mr. Richard M. Buck
NYPL Performing Arts Research Center
111 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10023

Serving with Mr. Buck on the Nominating Committee are Marcia Pally, 243 West End Ave., #1410, NY, NY 10023 and Robert S. Peck, 3003 Van Ness St., N.W., #W-228, Washington DC 20008.

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