Preserve New Mexico Newspapers!
Joanne Colley, UNM General Library

Continued interest in the preservation and cataloging of historic New Mexico newspapers has resulted in a joint effort on the part of four major institutions to acquire funding through the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the United States Newspaper Project for the state of New Mexico. They are the University of New Mexico, the New Mexico State Library, New Mexico State University, and the New Mexico Records Center and Archives. Other public participants will include county clerks across the state and owners of private collections.

The national effort to locate and preserve newspaper information came into being as the U.S. Newspaper Project in 1975; a joint effort between the Library of Congress and the Organization of American Historians. Funded by NEH, the USNP was originally conceived as a tool to revise the publication American Newspapers: A Union List of Files Available in the United States and Canada, edited by Winifred Gregory.

The OAH Newsletter for July of 1977 described the purpose of the project as follows: the project’s purpose is to provide increased national attention and leadership to existing state and local efforts to locate, preserve and prepare bibliographic guides to newspapers. As a result of such efforts, the project will make possible research tools of both state and national scope and thus facilitate research use of the nation’s newspaper resources.

The scope of the USNP is broad. It includes promoting:
1) comprehensive bibliographical research in those states which have not previously compiled inclusive lists of titles published; 2) statewide efforts to locate extant copies of papers published in each state and inventorying of major collections; 3) conservation of newspapers by microfilming in accordance with archival standards; 4) preparation of descriptive cataloging data for all newspapers; 5) conversion of data to machine-readable form to permit utilization of computers for preparing easily updatable guides of state and national scope providing bibliographical and locational information.

The New Mexico Newspaper Project has been of interest to concerned librarians, historians, and researchers for some time. An NEH grant for planning to participate in this endeavor was received by the state in 1985. Spearheaded by the University of New Mexico, the planning phase was primarily an information-gathering period.
both inside and outside the state. A title-by-title comparison with the Pearce Grove publication, *New Mexico Newspapers: A Comprehensive Guide to Bibliographic Entries and Locations*, was initiated that year. The study revealed that the "Big Five" institutions (the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, the State Library, the Library of Congress, and Comographics, Inc., Southwest Microfilm Division) owned 47% of the New Mexico titles identified, and that 75 titles not listed in Grove were in the possession of one of these institutions.

Other goals during the 1985 planning phase included informing the public and other institutions and collectors that the project was underway. This goal was accomplished through several mailings, and by a conference held in Albuquerque in April of 1985 called "Newspapering New Mexico." Attended by sixty persons, the gathering was addressed by *Albuquerque Journal* editor, Gerald Crawford and by Tony Hillerman, noted New Mexico author. Also at this time the New Mexico Library Association adopted a resolution supporting the project through participation in cataloging and preservation measures.

The current proposal being submitted to NEH divides the project into two phases: locating and identifying newspaper holdings across the state; and the cataloging of these titles, utilizing national standards, for inclusion into the OCLC database. The resultant bibliographic control will allow for the compilation of a union list of these materials. The second phase of the project involves the microfilming of the historically significant New Mexico newspapers around the state which are not yet on film. There are many such titles, and it is in this phase that preservation of newspapers will be assured.

Because of the delicate condition of many of New Mexico's newspapers and the potential of losing this major resource to deterioration, the New Mexico Newspaper Project will address preservation and microfilming simultaneously with the cataloging requirements. Participating in the statewide project will be Robert L. Migneault, Project Director and Dean of the UNM General Library; B. Michael Miller, Project Coordinator and Director of Special Collections, Center for Southwest Research at the University of New Mexico; Marilyn Fletcher (Serials), Stephanie Wittenbach (Reference), and Joanne Colley (Special Collections) also from UNM. Also being called upon to contribute are Don Padilla of the State Records Center and Archives; Cheryl Wilson, Head of Special Collections at NMSU; Dr. John Wilson, researcher and historian from Las Cruces; James Parke, representing Southwest Micropublishing Company, El Paso; and Nancy Fischer of the New Mexico State Library.

The University of New Mexico will be the headquarters for the project, sharing the responsibility for storage of materials with the Albuquerque facilities of the State Records Center and Archives. The cataloging of materials will also be centralized at UNM, where the cataloging and preservation of materials will be done in tandem. To assist in the promotion of the New Mexico Newspaper Project, Dean Migneault plans a statewide community outreach campaign in conjunction with a public relations tour for the Center for Southwest Research at the UNM General Library.

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**Interviews with Legislators**

*Susan Oberlander, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee*

Representative Dick Minzner, D-Bernalillo, is completing his fifth term in the House of Representatives of New Mexico and is a candidate for Attorney General in the June Democratic primary. He has consistently voted for library funding and patron confidentiality during his years in the House, and has also been a strong advocate for the anti-censorship coalition, which includes the New Mexico Library Association, in our opposition to the Obscenity Bill which has been introduced by Mary Thompson, R-Dona Ana, for the last two sessions. Representative Minzner was one of ten votes against the bill when it came to a floor vote in the House this year. The Legislation Committee of NMLA certainly owes Minzner thanks for what was a very politically sensitive vote in a year when he is running for Attorney General. This demonstrated sensitivity to First Amendment rights has made Minzner a very strong candidate, in our eyes, for the position of Attorney General. The person in that position will be influential in determining the direction the state goes in protecting citizens' rights to view any material that they choose. It will also affect us in our libraries as we continue to offer all points of view to all patrons and work to resist any encroachment of that mission.

In our interview, Minzner spoke about the ways that librarians might work more effectively to promote their cause in the Legislature. "Mail from constituents is extremely important," he said. "For instance, if I get four or five letters on an issue from my constituents, it pretty much guarantees that I will act on that issue. Even though four or five letters sounds like a small number,
it is a significant amount of mail to be received by a New Mexico legislator. Therefore, your library association should encourage its members to write, and tell them they can make a difference.

We would like to wish Representative Minzner good luck in his upcoming race for Attorney General.

Representative Raymond Sanchez

Representative Sanchez, D-Bernalillo, is a well-known and powerful figure in the world of the New Mexico Legislature. In his twenty years as a state representative, Sanchez has successfully worked his way up to the position of Speaker of the House. Anyone who has sat in the House gallery and seen the Speaker at work knows that he is a very capable leader. His decisiveness and ability to move the work of the House is always appreciated, as is his even-handed treatment of its members.

Representative Sanchez spoke of his admiration for the work of librarians, educating our citizens from the cradle to the grave. "I am who I am today because I was allowed to read competing ideas and then form my own ideas," Sanchez said, which certainly sums up the Library Bill of Rights. He also spoke of the awesome responsibility he feels that we have as librarians to stand up to censors. "I feel that it is reprehensible to censor any person from viewing and hearing anything," said the Speaker. "God gave us our senses to be used to take in information about the world in which we live. No other person has the right to limit those senses."

We thank Representative Sanchez for his welcome to us at the member's meeting during the annual conference.

Letter from Lois Godfrey

Dear Friends in NMLA,

I do sincerely appreciate receiving an honorary life membership in NMLA, and I want to thank you for this most unexpected honor. But no one receives such an award without the cooperation, enthusiasm, support, and caring of many other people—colleagues, family, and other friends.

It has been my privilege over more than 30 years to work with dedicated NMLA members on many projects, committees, and on the board. All of you are part of this award, and I hope you know that I do appreciate your efforts. If it weren't for you, this award would not be mine.

Thank you all for YOUR work in NMLA, the good times we've shared, and for your friendship, which I cherish even more.

Lois E. Godfrey
Annual Reports from 4/19/90

Business Meeting

Treasurer
Carol Myers reported that this has been a very difficult year financially for NMLA. In February the association was down to $134 in the checking account and had to cash a CD to remain solvent. Carol reported that NMLA began the 1989-90 year with a balance in the checking account of $8,518.66. As of March 31, 1990, the balance was $26,324.97 (includes income from cashed CD). Carol urged all members to fill out their membership applications immediately and get dues to the treasurer before July 1, 1990. This will not only keep the organization solvent, but will allow each member to enjoy the benefits of membership throughout the year.

ALA Councilor
Ben Wakashige reported that he attended last summer's ALA Annual Conference in Dallas and that Chuck Baldonado attended ALA Midwinter in his stead as he had another commitment. Ben encouraged all NMLA members to join ALA and to take an active part in the organization.

State Librarian
Karen Watkins reported on NMSL activities of the last year including an increase in State Aid to public libraries, prospects for purchasing land for a new State Library building, and a Program Review of NMSL services. Karen invited members to attend the Friday morning meeting on the Program Review.

Conference Program
Daryl Black reported for 1st Vice-President Chuck Baldonado. Conference registration to date is 418.

Conference Arrangements
No report

Newsletter Editor
Carol Joiner reported that unexpectedly during the year she took over the position of Editor of the NMLA Newsletter. It has been a successful year, with Carol editing 3 issues, 2 of which were double issues. The Newsletter has been very well received and Carol has been pleased with the number and quality of articles being submitted.

Division Reports

College, University & Special Libraries
Ben Wakashige reported that the CUS Division co-sponsored the pre-conference program "Nuts and Bolts of Collection Development", with the NMCAL Collection Development Committee and the New Mexico State Library. The proposed 1990-91 CUS work program is to "Promote cooperation and communication among all academic and special librarians in New Mexico." The nomination committee has recommended Judy C. Neff for the position of CUS vice-chair/chair-elect.

Public Libraries
Mary Lou Gooch reported that Sandy White is the incoming chair of the division and Mary Pat Kramer has been nominated as vice-chair/chair-elect. During the conference, the division is sponsoring the "Battle of the Books" program.

SLCYAASD
Claire Odenheim reported that there are three new appointees on the Land of Enchantment Book Award Committee: Bowers, Kingston, and Brady. The Land of Enchantment Award book reviews are now being edited by Rosemary Wilson and published in the NMLA Newsletter. Author Barthe DeClements received the 1989 Land of Enchantment Award at this year's SLCYASD Division meeting.

Round Table Reports

Documents
Ruben Aragon reported that the round table has 47 members, an increase of 6 members from last year and enough for an active status, but not sufficient for round table voting status. Ruben encouraged members to join the Documents Round Table. Jeanette Smith is vice-chair/chair-elect for the round table.

Library Instruction
No Report

Local & Regional History
No Report

LUISA
Clara Rey reported that the conference program will be "Hispanics in Library Management," presented by Luis Herrera. In celebration of LUISA's 10th anniversary, all LUISA members are wearing pale blue ribbons and will be seated together at reserved tables at the banquet. The 1990-91 nominee for vice-chair/chair-elect is Sophie Leyba.

Native American Libraries
Lee Platero reported that portions of the 1989-90 work program were completed successfully, while other goals were not realized. Veronica Payneta is the 1990-91 nominee for vice-chair/chair-elect. The conference program will deal with Native American perspectives on the Columbus Quincentenary Celebration and is titled "Encounter vs. Discovery." Lee spoke of the round table's concern about the "non-donation" clause in the New Mexico State Constitution that is adversely effecting funding of Reservation Community Libraries.

Non-Print/NMAECT
Earl Phillips reported that the round table will continue with its current work goals in the coming year and will add additional goals. The name of the round table may be changed to "Educational Technology Round Table" to be more descriptive of the round table's work. The change will be voted on at the annual round table business meeting. David Libertore has been nominated as vice-chair/chair-elect.

Online
Penny Grigsby reported on the round table's successful conference program "Computers as Tutors" presented to 70 participants. Cheryl Whitlow has been elected
vice-chair/chair elect for the coming year. Peggy Giltrow is the incoming chair.

Trustees & Friends
No report

Committee Reports

Awards
Nancy Fischer reported that the efforts of the committee led to the following awards to be presented at the banquet this evening.

Honorary Life Membership: Lois Godfrey
Librarian of the Year: Lowell Duhrsen
Librarian of the Year: Joe Sabatini
Legislator of the Year: Anthony Williams
Trustee of the Year: Carol King

Bylaws
Cheryl Wilson presented the proposals for Bylaw changes:

Article III, Membership Section 4, change the word "membership" to "fiscal"; strike Section 5 and replace with "Membership dues shall be for one year and application for membership shall be made to the Treasurer"; and Section 6 is struck completely.

Cheryl moved for passage of the Bylaw changes. Betty Long seconded. Some discussion followed. Questions from the audience were: 1) Who will mail renewal notices? Cheryl answered, "the Membership Committee." 2) When will the change go into effect? "Immediately," Cheryl answered, "but with a grandfather clause."

A member of the audience suggested that rather than making this change, a dues notice be sent each year with the conference notice. Joe Sabatini spoke to the change saying that this assures that all members get a full years' membership no matter when they join NMLA. Joe then asked Treasurer, Carol Myers, to express her opinion on the change. Carol said that in some ways the change seems like a concession to the members who are slow to pay their dues. She would prefer that the July 1 June 30 fiscal year and the fact that dues are due July 1 be publicized, with the hope that members will pay their dues on time. In this way the budget can be planned relatively accurately. Joe Sabatini noted that the recommendation for a Bylaws change came from the Membership Committee which has struggled with the problem at length. Gloria Trujillo called for a vote: 58 voted Yes, 11 voted NO. Motion carried.

Conference Site
Michael Miller reported that the 1991 NMLA Conference will be in Roswell, N.M., April 17-20. Fred Barraza has been nominated Chair of the Conference Site Committee for 1992.

Education
Kathy Flanary reported on the 1989-90 education grant awards:

Bonnie Hopkins $200 (represent N.M. at ALA)
Joyce Etulain $200 (represent N.M. at ALA)
Ruth Krug $125 (Seminar)
Karen Stabler $200 (Workshop)
Judy Neff $75 (Tuition)

The $1,500 Marion Dorroh Scholarship will be awarded at the banquet to Kay Krehbiel. In an effort to increase the scholarship trust, a fund-raising campaign will be kicked off at the banquet.

Legislation & Intellectual Freedom
Thaddeus Bejnar reported that 6 workshops on the Privacy Act were conducted around the state; the Intellectual Freedom Handbook was revised and distributed; and NMLA, with board approval, joined the organization "New Mexicans Against Censorship."

Library Development
Deborah McBeth reported that the 1990-91 work program will be presented at the post-conference Executive Board Meeting.

Membership
Alison Almquist reported that NMLA has 508 members. All divisions have voting status. All round tables have active status, but Documents and Local & Regional History do not have sufficient members for voting status. Alison encouraged membership in NMLA.

Nominating: Announcement of Officers
Karen Watkins thanked Elaine Shannon and Lucy Cruz for their assistance on the committee. Newly elected offices for the coming year are:

2nd Vice-President: Drew Harrington
Secretary: Dinah Jentgen

Public Relations
Susie Sonflieth announced the release of the Fred Barraza Reading Poster to be sold for $18 during the conference. Susie announced that professional PSAs featuring Nelson Martinez on KOAT-TV are showing to advertise National Library Week.

Publications
Sever Bordeianu reported that, thanks to the assistance of The Lindsey Company, the work of the Publications Committee has been reduced enough that NMLA President Gloria Trujillo restructured the committee as only a chair, with other members to be added if necessary.

Special Committee on Automation
Karen Watkins reported that the Long Range Automation Plan was mailed to all NMLA members in March 1990. Project Serial, a statewide serials union list project included in the plan, is underway. The N.M. Consortium of Academic Libraries is beginning to plan for possible legislative requests in 1991 to partially fund projects MICRO, DATA, and RECON.

Special Committee on Non-Member Database
Cheryl Wilson reported that there are over 1,500 names in the database.

Special Committee on State Library
Lois Godfrey reported that most of her report was covered in President Trujillo's summary. Lois emphasized the need for continuing involvement in educating State Legislators to the importance of libraries. Lois recommended to President Trujillo that the committee be dissolved, since their work has been completed.

Special Committee on Professional Staffing
No report
Special Committee on Promotional Materials
Daryl Black reported that the work of this committee was absorbed into the Public Relations Committee.

Special Committee on Conference Guidelines
Daryl Black summarized the committee report pertaining to specific requirements that potential conference sites must meet, and noted the change in language from "An annual conference will be held in the spring," to "An annual conference will be held."

Miniconference
Daryl Black reported on the successful miniconference held in Gallup on September 23, 1989, with 35 people in attendance. Evaluations of the conference suggested that participants would prefer a conference that started on Friday and finished by noon on Saturday. Daryl expressed her special thanks to the people at UNM-Gallup who helped her tremendously.

New Mexico Coalition for Literacy
Kathy Costa reported that the New Mexico Optometric Association has instituted a program of free exams and glasses for literacy students. Kathy spoke of the New Mexico Literacy Theater which has been established and has given performances.

Calendar of NMLA Board Meetings and Other Events

1990

June 15 Conference Orientation Meeting, Roswell. Briefing for new Board members, division and round table vice-chairs.


June 21 Deadline for articles for summer NMLA Newsletter issue.


Sept. Miniconference

Sept. 21 Deadline for articles for fall NMLA Newsletter issue.

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

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

1991

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.

Feb. 1 Ballots for Association offices mailed.

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.

Library Renamed for Octavia Fellin
Reprinted from Gallup Independent

City Librarian Octavia Fellin was "overwhelmed" Saturday night as city leaders announced that her name will now grace the institution she's served for 42 years.

The name change, part of a City Council proclamation read at a banquet "roast" at the Gallup Country Club, was to honor Fellin on the eve of her retirement from city service.

"It was the most exciting night," Fellin said this morning. "I was just overwhelmed."

City Manager Jeff Condrey said renaming the building the Octavia Fellin Public Library is "recognition for her many years of service to the community. She's very much an institution in the city."

Fellin announced several months ago she was leaving her position at the library to pursue other projects. Her original retirement date of Feb. 1 has been extended indefinitely until the city finds a replacement.

Fellin also received several plaques in honor of her service from U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M. and Pete Domenici, R-N.M.; the New Mexico State Legislature; the McKinley County Commission, and the City Parks and Recreation Department.

The roast, which Fellin described as a "gentle one," was organized by local business owner and family friend Joseph DiGregorio.

Condrey said the name change was kept top secret by city officials, and Fellin confirmed that the city was successful.

"After the roasting, which I have to tell you was a gentle one, they announced, Speech, Speech," Fellin said. "I got up there and said, No more speeches. I thanked them in five or six different languages, including Swahili. Then I thought it was all over, but it was not over."

As Fellin took her seat, City Councilors Louis Bonaguidi and Charlie Chavez and City Manager Condrey announced the library's new name.

"In my wildest imagination, I would never, ever, have thought of that," Fellin said. ★
Legislative Day
Washington, D.C.,
April 24, 1990

Susan Oberlander, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee

On behalf of NMLA, I attended Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. this year. This event has been sponsored by the American Library Association each year for the last sixteen years during National Library Week. It is a day when librarians from all 50 states come to Washington to express concerns of libraries to their Congressmen.

Although I was the only person from New Mexico, many states had large delegations. But we have only five Congressmen, so the work can be done by one person fairly easily. I prepared for my visit by going over library concerns that the ALA-Washington office helped to collect, and then selecting three or four issues on which to concentrate. I discussed LSCA funding with each of our Congressmen, for instance, but asked the Representatives to support the Permanent Paper Act now in the House, and the Senators to support changes in the Paperwork Reduction Act now before the Senate.

The response to the main issue, LSCA Titles I and II, that have been zero-funded in President Bush's budget, was gratifying. All of the public libraries that have received money from these two titles for services or construction in the last year wrote letters for me to carry to Washington. I was very pleased that the librarians that received LSCA money all felt strongly that it had made a significant difference in their libraries. All of the Congressmen expressed a willingness to work on supporting LSCA funding. We have two Congressmen on appropriations committees (Skeen and Domenici) and this will obviously help our cause.

Tuesday, the day of the visits, was a very full day. I began at 9:30 with a visit to Representative Schiff's office, who was at the hearing for the Petroglyph Monument that Albuquerque is trying to preserve. His education staff person listened to my spiel and then I went down to the hearing for a while. Louis Saavedra, Mayor of Albuquerque, was there to testify and Representative Richardson was also on that committee. At noon I attended the second briefing for visiting librarians, covering all the legislative issues being taken to Congressmen that day. The briefing was done by ALA and some Congressional aides. After that, I finally mastered the labyrinth routes and subways, elevators and escalators that cross over under the Capitol between the office buildings and the Capitol. Domenici was very interested in the total program figures for LSCA and seemed impressed that it was such a large program. He is definitely someone who can make a difference when final budgets are put together. He assured me that a program like this would never be allowed to remain at a zero-funded level by the Congress. Richardson agreed to put his name on the Permanent Paper Bill as a co-sponsor, since there is currently no New Mexico name on it. It seems to be a popular bill and has already passed the Senate. Skeen listened while I told him what academic libraries in the state were doing and pledged his support for a Higher Education grant that we will begin working on this year. My visit with Bingaman, who is the chair of the subcommittee that is working on the Paperwork Reduction Act reauthorization, caused the ALA staff to keep me for three hours on Monday while they made me an instant expert on the bill. It paid off with a short visit with Bingaman over the general changes that ALA would like to see in the bill, followed by an hour with the general counsel to the subcommittee over the exact word changes. The day ended with a final debriefing of state coordinators and the ALA staff, followed by a two-hour reception for the librarians and Congressmen and their staff.

What a day! I would like to thank NMLA for sending me to represent them at an extremely interesting event in Washington, and I hope that my interviews pay off. I also would like to thank the fifty librarians in the state who sent me letters on a variety of issues to carry to Washington.

An Open Letter to Everyone Interested in Libraries and the New Mexico Library Association

Daryl Black, First Vice-President/President-Elect

In January, I attended a board retreat for another organization of which I am a member. It was a day-long affair at one member’s home in the hills above Santa Fe. To be completely honest, I wasn’t really expecting a lot
out of the day, thinking of it as just another meeting. But the meeting's guest speaker and facilitator presented a session that made my mind light up like several 100 Watt bulbs. He did one of those things that was so simple and straightforward that no one else saw it, by presenting a Volunteer Application form used in Haltom City, Texas.

The application form contained three columns under the heading "Work Window." The first column read "Special skills, talents or interests you like to use"; the second column read "Areas you would like to learn more about"; and the third column was titled "NO!" The special skills are Glad Gifts - things for which you have a talent and truly enjoy. The learning column items are Quests and the NO! column was for things you absolutely could not stand doing or would not tolerate.

Using sets of 3x5 cards, each of us wrote down our Glad Gifts, Quests, and NO NOs! After we had completed this task, the cards were assembled onto pieces of butcher paper. What a revelation to learn what people really enjoyed and what they hated. Out of the spontaneity of the moment, for instance, I finally admitted to myself that despite the fact that I have a talent for editing newsletters, I really dislike the task. And I had been doing it for years. At that moment, the lightbulbs clicked on and I thought to myself, "If I feel this way, how many people are doing tasks that drive them crazy?" Should volunteers, including board members of non-profit organizations, be involved in tasks they consider drudgery if something else more suited to them is available?

This brings me to the New Mexico Library Association, an organization dear to my heart. I may be seeing members who become committee members and chairs because someone asks them to and they're too kind to say "No." In less than twelve months, I will become NMLA president, and it will be my responsibility to select a number of committee members as well as chairs. I am asking each of you reading this to consider our committees and to let me know if you have Glad Gifts for any of them. If you have questions about any of the committees listed below, please feel free to call me, either at home or at work, and I will be happy to talk to you about them. Members do following tasks:

**Awards** - receive nominations and select recipients for Librarian of the Year, Trustee of the Year, Community Achievement Award, and Honorary Life Membership.

**Bylaws and Procedures** - incorporate changes in the Bylaws and Procedures into the Blue Book and assist the Executive Board and Association with parliamentary procedure.

**Conference Site** - select cities, facilities and dates for NMLA annual conference.

**Education** - coordinate continuing education, award grants, scholarships, Baker and Taylor Grassroots Grant, and the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship.

**Legislation and Intellectual Freedom** - promote library legislation and serve as a forum on censorship problems.

**Library Development** - recommend goals and annual work programs for the Association.

**Membership** - promote membership in NMLA and publish membership directory.

**Nominations and Elections** - obtain candidates for Association offices and conduct mail ballot elections.

**Public Relations** - promote National Library Week and other publicity activities.

**Publications** - oversee the NMLA Newsletter production and other NMLA publications.

I would love to hear from you, regardless of whether or not you have been involved in NMLA in the past. Write or call me at:

Daryl Black, Oliver LaFarge Branch Library, 1730 Llano Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505, 473-7267 or 986-1036

Thanks for your help in this. Have a great year! ★

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**Acquisition Budgets: Report on the Oklahoma Conference**

*Andrea Testi, UNM General Library and Sever Bordeianu, UNM General Library*

The University of Oklahoma Libraries and the University of Oklahoma Foundation jointly sponsored the March 1-2, 1990 conference entitled, "Acquisition Budgets: Strategies for Serials, Monographs, and Electronic Formats." The conference, celebrating its decennial year, took place in Oklahoma City. The eight speakers comprised a diverse group of professionals involved with acquisitions and collection development in academic, research, and corporate environments.

A quotation from the University of Oklahoma's Strategic Plan for Excellence, "a university cannot achieve excellence unless its libraries have achieved the same stature," reflects the path libraries are striving to pave. When faced with shrinking budgets, however, this task sometimes seems impossible.

The theme of the conference, "budget strategies," was adhered to well. Representative scenarios from institutions struggling with shrinking budgets, as well as those with generous budgets were presented. The strategies, although similar, displayed creative solutions to difficult financial situations.

In keeping with the format of the conference, this report is intended to generate ideas, concerns, and discussion rather than to provide new information and answers. Roger Hanson, Director of Libraries, University of Utah, pointed out that electronic materials, because of their serial nature, require a continual commitment of funds. The realization that they represent ongoing costs and should be factored into the already-strained serials budget creates extra pressure on the institution. Hanson proceeded by giving examples of how the University of Utah has managed the budget over the years. In many cases, one-time budget increases and active student support have helped the library maintain its acquisitions budget. However, this kind of instability and uncertainty is not healthy. Libraries will be much better served by stable, predictable increases.

Dana Alessi, Director, Academic Marketing, Baker Taylor Books, discussed pricing and vendor strategies. She started out by identifying factors contributing to vendors' overhead, such as staffing, packaging, supplies, and sales representatives. In order to deal with current
hardships, vendors are introducing value-added services like electronic ordering capabilities, absorbing freight costs, and concentrating on expanding their overseas markets.

Malcolm Getz, Associate Provost for Information Services and Technology, Vanderbilt University, gave us some insights into "growing the electronic library." Vanderbilt is in a uniquely favorable financial situation. Money received from several substantial automation grants went to the purchase of state-of-the-art electronic technology, and to converting the majority of the collection into machine readable format. Vanderbilt uses the NOTIS system. In addition to the library's book and journal collections, several journal indexes have been loaded onto the system. With this vertical organization, patrons can in one step search an index by subject, find out if the library owns the journal, get the call number, and print out their results. Getz predicts that the current downward trend of prices for hardware and computer memory will continue. This will make it economically feasible for libraries to switch to the electronic library. Getz showed the relationship between the amount of information stored and the cost of storage using both paper and electronic media. It is obvious that as the amount of information to be stored grows to the size of hundreds of gigabytes, the cost per gigabyte stored is cheapest in electronic format.

Apart from solving the problem of storing these enormous amounts of information, electronics provide us with the tools to access and analyze data. Getz addressed two very important collection development problems, those of false positives and of false negatives. A false positive is a book that was bought and never used. A false negative is a book that would have been used but was never bought. Vanderbilt's sophisticated circulation system generates data that yield forecasts of the probability of use, transaction logs revealing what was searched for in the catalogue and not found, and identify those titles that have never circulated.

Charles Hamaker, Assistant Director for Collection Development, Louisiana State University, fervently presented his topic, "the gap between theory and reality in collection development." While librarians have been focusing on serial pricing, book prices (especially in the sciences) have gone up considerably. In his estimation, there is no difference between increases of prices in books as compared to journals. Publishers in general are not concerned with the interests of libraries, nor are they interested in disseminating information. Libraries have natural allies in faculty and scholars who are also engrossed in the dissemination of information. Publishers in general are not concerned with the interests of libraries, nor are they interested in disseminating information. Libraries have natural allies in faculty and scholars who are also engrossed in the dissemination of information. In our dealings with publishers, libraries must concentrate their efforts, utilize these allies, and present a unified, stalwart position.

Robert Houbeck, Head, Serials and Acquisitions Divisions, University of Michigan Libraries, addressed the functions of libraries, both historically and in the future. One often overlooked aspect of libraries is the significant stature of their collections. Even as the trend toward electronic media increases, libraries will continue to reservoir this information. In fulfilling a multifarious role, as the information central location on campus, libraries need to demonstrate the usefulness of
the assets they have while keeping up with current technological developments.

Sul H. Lee, conference chairman, and Donald C. Hudson, conference coordinator, both from the University of Oklahoma, did an excellent job of organizing an interesting conference. The schedule was well balanced and the facilities were first class.

This conference provided a forum for the exchange of ideas among librarians on how to deal with the ever-increasing and complex issues of library acquisitions budgets. The general tone of the conference indicated that all libraries struggle with the same kinds of issues. The benefit of conferences of this sort consists in the fact that it gives librarians across the country an opportunity to share ideas and experiences in the common search for a solution to our problems. It reinforced the notion that libraries and librarians, in responding to the ever-changing environment, need to exhibit flexibility, responsiveness, and ingenuity.

Depository Library Council to the Public Printer

Kathleen Keating, UNM General Library

I recently had the opportunity to serve as a member on the Spring Depository Library Council. It was an intense learning experience, as the meetings for Council members began at 7:15 a.m. and continued well past midnight. Many issues were covered and discussed, with the GPO tapes and the cataloging of Government documents as a main topic.

On Wednesday, April 25, the 30th meeting of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer began with an opening statement by the newly appointed Public Printer, Robert W. Houk. He recognized the importance of the Depository Library program as being valuable to the citizens and affirmed his support for the distribution of government information in all formats, including electronic. His stated intent is to uphold the integrity of Chapter 19 Title 44.

Don Fossedal, Superintendent of Documents, delivered a favorable update for sales, the 23 bookstores, and for all areas of the Depository Library Program.

Richard Barnett, Government Printing Office, gave a legislative update on the current legislation in Congress as of Wednesday morning. H.R. 3695 includes the dissemination of information provision and the GPO seemed pleased with the bill, as the agencies would provide for distribution, including electronic format. The sister Senate bill for H.R. 3695, S. 1742, does not have the same provisions and GPO is keeping a close watch on this bill's progress. The "Bates" bill, H.R. 3849, which includes wording of cost sharing for electronic on-line services brought about the most discussion. Most opinions were opposed to fees on the depository libraries and the library community expressed its opposition. A representative from Jim Bates' office was present at the Council and she stated that our concerns would be expressed to Mr. Bates and to the other members on the committee.

LPS Information Technology Update by Jan Erickson

of GPO was very informative. The listing of 100 depository libraries, which will receive the Electronic Bulletin Board free as a pilot project, was distributed. The EPA Toxic Release Inventory on CD-ROM will be distributed in May and is also available through the documents sales program on microfiche. Other CD-ROM products discussed included U.S. Import & Export Series, National Trade Data Bank, and the Census TIGER Database. Thirty-five libraries will be selected to receive the TIGER files, which will include 50 CD-ROMs and both pre- and post-census data. Interested libraries should read forthcoming "Administrative Notes" for information on this pilot project.

Tony Zagami, from the Joint Committee on Printing, informed the Council that The Department of State Bulletin has ceased publication as of December 1989. In order to try to revive this publication, individual libraries should write to: Ms. Margaret Tutwiler, Asst. Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Public Affairs, 2201 C St., N.W., Room 6810, Washington, D.C., 20520-6810.

Thursday morning was devoted entirely to cataloging issues. Connie Kirby, Oklahoma State University, presented an update on the Pre-1976 Cataloging Project. The University of Kentucky has a proposed grant for cooperative cataloging which would include separate cataloging for serials and a retrospective project for three main agencies: Agriculture, Interior, and Smithsonian. Expressed concerns dealt with the quality of cataloging, involvement of cataloging departments, participation, etc. There will be a survey mailed out soon and the results should cover these problem areas.

Margaret Mooney, University of California, Riverside, Library, gave a statistical presentation on the matching of selective depository items receipts against the Marvic GPO tapes. The error rate was only 1% of the total items received which was concluded to be a very good rate.

Other presenters and topics included on-line processing of new receipts in NOTIS System/OCLC tape profiling for Regions by Gary Cornwell, University of Florida. Interested libraries should contact him to obtain his detailed report. Peggy Walker, Florida Atlantic University, discussed the dBase shelflist, GOVDOX, and OCLC tapes for on-line processing of new receipts. Beverly Norton, Brigham Young University, presented DataPerfect and Marcive tapes for on-line processing. The BYU library keeps documents on separate shelves while awaiting the bibliographic records to be loaded on to the OPAC. Hugh O’Connor, University of Maryland, talked about labeling depository receipts and catalog cards with the dynamics of card label production and acid free labels.

The afternoon was spent in an open forum session where issues affecting the Depository Library Program were discussed. The Council took suggestions under advisement and then went into executive session to formulate recommendations to the Public Printer.

Friday morning, the sixteen recommendations to the Public Printer were read and approved. Individuals interested in reading the recommendations should contact their local depository library as they will soon appear in "Administrative Notes." Other business included the
passing of the Council's amended Bylaws and recognition of outgoing Council members. Working on the Council gave me the opportunity to participate closely with dedicated professionals who are actively engaged in maintaining the accessibility and dissemination of government information to the people.

**Libros en Resena de Nuevo Mexico**

*Rosemary Wilson, Mt. View Middle School, Roswell*

A New Mexico author who has not previously been featured in "Libros en Resena" is Albuquerque's Lois Duncan. Ms. Duncan is among the most popular contemporary authors for young adults. Her forte is the mystery suspense thriller. Because she has woven such subjects as clairvoyance, witchcraft, and ESP into her plots, her books have been both exciting and, at times, controversial. Her books, however, do contain food for thought for teens. Two recurring themes in her books are accepting responsibility for one's own actions, and resisting peer pressure. Whatever her topic, Lois Duncan is able to keep the reader on the edge of his or her seat and glued to the page from beginning to end. An added bonus is that many of her most exciting novels are set in New Mexico.

Among Ms. Duncan's books are: I Know What You Did Last Summer (Little, Brown, 1973) in which four Albuquerque teenagers try to conceal their involvement in a hit-and-run accident only to be pursued by someone wanting revenge; Summer of Fear (Little, Brown, 1976) in which a mysterious cousin arrives and nearly destroys her relatives through witchcraft; Killing Mr. Griffin (Little, Brown, 1978) in which a group of Albuquerque teenagers kidnap their inflexible English teacher only to have the prank backfire when he dies; Stranger With My Face (Little, Brown, 1981) in which a seventeen year old senses that she is being impersonated and discovers that she has an evil twin. The Third Eye (Little, Brown, 1984) and The Twisted Window (Delacorte, 1987) are similar stories in that the main charters are clairvoyant and use their abilities to solve mysteries.

Lois Duncan's latest book is Don't Look Behind You (New York: Delacorte, 1989, 179 p., ISBN 0-440-50139-3). Unlike her others, this book is a straightforward suspense thriller with no supernatural trappings. April Corrigan is a happy, well-adjusted teenager who is having a perfect year. Suddenly her world is disrupted by events over which she has no control. Unknown to April and her family, their father has been helping the FBI in a drug investigation and has unwittingly made himself and his entire family a target for gangsters. They are swept up into the government witness protection program before they are aware of its ramifications, and their lives are irrevocably changed.

April rebels, and through her selfishness and thoughtlessness causes one FBI agent's death and exposes herself and family to grave danger. This is a book the reader cannot put down.

Ms. Duncan's books have a faithful readership spanning grades seven to adult who will find this a welcome addition to a school or public library collection.

Ms. Duncan is also on the staff of Woman's Day Magazine for which she has written a variety of articles. One of particular interest to librarians is "Diary of a Censored Mother" (9/1/87, p. 93 and p. 156) in which she discusses the issue of censorship from the point of view of a parent and a young adults' author. This succinct article is well worth your time.


Sixteen year old Bernie and her brother, Carlton, live with their parents near Santa Fe on what was once a working ranch but now has paying guests. The teenagers are free to roam the hillsides when not helping with chores and have learned much about nature and survival, especially from their grandfather, now deceased.

When Bernie finds a teenage runaway camping near a canyon on the ranch she becomes involved in a kidnapping hoax. She also discovers romantic inclinations, leads implicating her brother, and eventually is confronted by the FBI and her father.

Along the way though, Bernie and Sean, the young rock singer runaway who has never experienced rural life, explore the canyon walls and trails in an exciting adventure. Through the aftermath of these experiences, Bernie and Carlton rediscover a closeness they had nearly lost.

This is an excellent adventure; however, there are a few areas that could meet with opposition from conservatives, especially at the mid-school level. (Review by Alma Daniels, Sierra Middle School, Roswell)

**Want to Get Extra Money for Your Library? Apply for a Grant!**

*Ruth Krug, UNM General Library*

Would you like to know...
* why the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance is often referred to as "the Bible of grantsmanship"?
* what the essential elements of a good proposal are?
* how foundations evaluate proposals?

These were just a few of the questions addressed in a seminar on "Successful Grantsmanship and Proposal Writing" taught through the UNM Training Institute in Albuquerque last fall. My participation was made possible through the award of an NMLA Education Grant.

A book could be written on all the material that was covered in this intensive 15-hour seminar. In fact, one has been written; it's called *Grantsmanship and Proposal Writing Seminar Manual* and is available from the instructor/author, Dr. Cortez Williams, 5501 Kettle, N.W., Albuquerque, 87120, for $15.
School Library Study Panel

U.S. Secretary of Education, Lauro F. Cavazos, has announced the formation of a new 19 member study panel to recommend improvements in the measures currently used to judge the quality of education that our schools provide. Their report will be filed in May 1991. We are encouraged to communicate both directly with the panel and through the individual representing the library community, Nancy Van House, Associate Professor, School of Library & Information Studies, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720. In New Mexico, you can communicate with Alan D. Morgan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, N.M. State Department of Education, Education Building, Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786.

If you feel that school librarians do make a difference in the quality of education provided for young people, take a few moments to write and express your views.

Letter from Bruce E. Daniels, Chair
ALA Planning Committee

To the Members of the New Mexico Library Association:

During the last several years, the American Library Association’s Planning Committee has made significant progress with the Association’s strategic long range planning process. At our fall meeting we reached a critical point. After reviewing background reports on each of ALA’s Priority Areas (Access to Information, Legislation/Funding, Intellectual Freedom, Public Awareness, Personnel Resources, and Library Services, Development and Technology), the Planning Committee selected "personnel resources" as a primary focus of the Association for the next three years. The short term focus will be the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services. What this action means is that while the Association will address all of its priority areas, it should give special attention to "personnel resources" and the second White House Conference.

In selecting the primary focus, the Planning Committee felt that "personnel resources" were of critical importance in achieving ALA’s Mission, that they cut across all of the Association’s Priority Areas, and that they impact most if not all of ALA’s goals. Some of the external factors which supported the need for this primary focus were: the changing library and information needs of our society; a growing population which is increasingly diverse ethnically and culturally; shortages of library school students and competition among graduate education programs for able students; and wide-spread concern about salaries and pay equity.

In order to effect these issues and address the challenges that they create, ALA and the state chapters must work collaboratively. To begin our work, the ALA Planning Committee would ask you to do the following:

• Identify a few critical results that ALA should attain within the next three years.

• Identify specific action that you and your association might take to address the primary focus of personnel resources.

• Inform the Planning Committee of your ideas and suggestions by attending the Committee’s Annual Conference Open Meeting on June 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or by sending them to Bruce Daniels, Chairperson, ALA Planning Committee, Rhode Island Department of State Library Services, 300 Richmond Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Thank you for your assistance.

Bruce E. Daniels, Chair
ALA Planning Committee

Note from the Library Instruction Round Table

If you did not get a copy of the handout from Carol Kuhlthau’s conference talk, "Critical Thinking: The Information Search Process," on Friday, April 20, it’s not too late. Contact Sylvia Ortiz, New Mexico State University Library, P.O. Box 30006, Las Cruces 88003, telephone 646-4129.
New Mexico Library Association
Goals and Work Program
1990-1991

Continuing Goals:

1. Actively support literacy programs in N.M. and encourage participation of librarians in the N.M. Coalition for Literacy.
2. Actively support the promotion of reading among the people of N.M.
3. Support increase funding and other financial support for all types of libraries.
5. Encourage and promote technology that will make information accessible to all types of libraries with particular emphasis on the rural libraries.

Short Term Goals:

1. Provide information about the N.M. Coalition for Literacy to the membership.
2. Evaluate Library Systems 2000 report and determine progress of NMLA and establish what remains to be accomplished.
3. Encourage membership in NMLA.

Work Program

College, University & Special Libraries Division:
1. Promote cooperation and communication among all academic and special librarians in N.M.

Public Library Division:
1. Continue to promote awareness and participation in the ALA program of placing a library card in the hands of every child in N.M.
2. Hold mini-conferences to share ideas within the network of public libraries, or at least a newsletter.
3. Explore the participation of libraries in reciprocal borrowing.
4. Encourage librarians to attend Municipal League meetings.
5. To develop a workshop addressing rural libraries and their future.

School Libraries, Children's & Young Adult Service Division:
1. To continue to promote the Land of Enchantment Children's Book Award.
2. To continue to promote the publication of book reviews of books published in and about N.M. in a regular column in the NMLA Newsletter entitled "Libros en Resena de Nuevo Mexico--Books on Review from New Mexico."
3. To continue to work with the NMLA Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee to promote intellectual freedom in school and public libraries.
4. To inform library media centers of the AASL/AECT school library media program guidelines and to investigate alternative funding formulas for school library media centers.
5. To promote the use of computer-assisted searching in school libraries and classrooms through a Fall 1990 workshop held in conjunction with the Online Round Table.

Documents Round Table:
1. Request recommendations from round table members for a theme for next year's documents conference program.
2. Promote round table membership from existing NMLA members.
3. Actively promote the use of State and Federal government documents.
4. Distribute literature to state libraries relevant to issues affecting both State and Federal documents services.
5. Promote a broader awareness and use of state documents by means of a mailing of the current list of state documents sent to the state depository libraries, and the 1989 list of documents sent to the depositories, to all the non-depository public and community libraries in the state in cooperation with the Public Library Division.

Educational Technology Round Table:
1. To promote awareness and appreciation of new innovations that will improve services or provide useful sources of information.
2. To foster professional growth and development of library/media personnel.
3. To provide a forum for the discussion of problems and solutions of current issues (i.e., networking the small library).

Library Instruction Round Table:
1. To sponsor or co-sponsor a fall workshop addressing an issue of importance to the LIRT membership with another NMLA division or round table.
2. To increase the bank of information on subjects of interest to instruction librarians by publishing specialized bibliographies in the NMLA Newsletter.
3. To collect articles on the topic of "critical thinking and bibliographic instruction" and organize them into a notebook which can be sent to any LIRT member or other interested librarian or teacher for use with their bibliographic instruction programs.

Local and Regional History Round Table:

1. To identify or try to create new sources of sales of New Mexico Local and County Histories-A Bibliography at reduced prices.
2. To write, or have written, articles for statewide publication to encourage updates to be submitted for the next edition of the local and county history bibliography.
3. To maintain an ongoing record and survey of N.M. newspapers being indexed.

LUISA Round Table:

1. To publish an article in the NMLA Newsletter on the history of LUISA for LUISA's Tenth Anniversary.
2. To present an all-day workshop entitled "Hablando Espanol in la biblioteca--Speaking Spanish in the library" in the Fall of 1990.

Native American Libraries Round Table:

1. At the direction of the NALRT officers, to develop and implement a survey of the membership (past and current) to solicit opinions for directions NALRT should be taking and activities desired by the membership.
2. To work with the inter-tribal and inter-state agencies library systems; to continue cooperative programs intended to provide assistance to Native American libraries for the development of formalized cooperation and resource sharing.
3. In cooperation with appropriate groups, conduct a fall workshop on special library programs for Indians, encourage networking between tribal and state libraries to share information and resources, and above all, to reinforce each other's efforts to assure Native American libraries remain open.
4. A non-monetary sponsorship of research, writing and publication of a history of school and community libraries on the Indian reservations. NALRT will request first copy for review before publication. This work will be done by Dr. Alfreda McCauley, member of NMLA and NALRT.
5. To cooperate with and support literacy programs in N.M., i.e., Futures for Children and N.M. Coalition for Literacy.

Online Round Table:

1. To publicize training and educational opportunities in the area of online searching by submitting information for publication in the Hitchhiker and the NMLA Newsletter.
2. To promote the use of computer-assisted searching in school libraries and classrooms through a Fall 1990 workshop held in conjunction with the School Libraries, Children's and Young Adult Services Division.
3. To promote understanding of how the NMLA long-range automation plan can enable libraries to develop online computer search capabilities (to use nationwide databases and to expand access to local databases).

Trustees and Friends Round Table:

1. With the Public Libraries Division and the Membership Committee, actively seek to enroll members of friends of library groups and trustees in NMLA.
2. Support dissemination of information about censorship issues and help promote the NMLA legislative network by working with local legislators.
3. Produce a trustees' handbook to be distributed to trustee boards around the state.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee:

1. Coordinate workshops for library staff and public on censorship, intellectual freedom and the new Library Privacy Act.
2. Inform and educate legislators and policy makers about issues of intellectual freedom and the importance and needs of libraries.
3. Improve the working of the Legislative Network in cooperation with Friends of N.M. Libraries and the Trustees and Friends Round Table.
4. Work to amend the N.M. statute that currently excludes libraries as donative institutions.
5. Work to increase state grants in aid line item of the State Library budget.

Design for New Library Receives Approvals

NMSU Library Newsletter

The architectural plans for the new NMSU Library have been approved by the NMSU Board of Regents, the Commission on Higher Education, and the New Mexico State Board of Finance. The Library Building Committee is working with Dean/Krueger & Associates, Inc., architects for the project, in completing the design development phase of the project. The building project is scheduled to go to bid late August 1990 and completion date is targeted for early 1992.

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