Against the historical backdrop of Las Vegas, "one of New Mexico's undiscovered jewels," conference goers will have a wide range of activities to choose from at this year's annual conference March 17 - 20. The pre- and post-conference and keynote speeches will underscore the theme selected by First Vice-President Alison Almquist, "Share the Vision: New Mexico Libraries Working Together." This theme has also been loosely interpreted by the various NMLA divisions and round tables as they have put together programs and rounded up speakers to address the interests of their members.

The free preconference workshop, "Speaking Up and Speaking Out: Effective Public Speaking and Media Relations for Librarians," presented by Susan Silk, and the all-day post-conference, "Grants and Fundraising: Developing Resources from the Private Sector," with Laura Threet, will provide attendees with specific tools and skills to strengthen their libraries' positions within their communities. Both keynote speakers, Susan Silk and ALA President Marilyn Miller, are known for their visions of what librarians can do for their patrons and their communities, and for their ability to share those visions.

Other conference-related activities will include online demonstrations, poetry reading, appearances by authors Faye Couch Reeves, Phil Yeh, and Louis Sachar, a casino night, tours of Fort Union National Monument, historic Las Vegas neighborhoods, and Montezuma's Castle, the first birthday party of the New Mexico Library Foundation, a University of Arizona alumni reception, a silent auction, exhibits, the sharing of public relations materials, and a gala awards banquet. Somehow in the midst of all this activity, NMLA business will be conducted -- the annual business meeting will be held, and divisions and round tables will elect new vice chairs and approve work programs. And amidst a full schedule of programs, workshops and meetings, old friends will meet, ideas will be exchanged, contacts will be made or renewed, and memories will be forged. Those who are visiting Las Vegas for the first time will be just amazed. You wouldn't want to miss this conference.
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Calendar of NMLA Board Meetings and Events

1993

February 26  Deadline for Annual Conference Registration

March 1  Deadline for returning ballots

March 17  Executive Board Meeting, Las Vegas. Year-end wrap-up, presentation of annual reports.

March 17-19  70th Annual Conference, Las Vegas. Theme: "Share The Vision: New Mexico's Libraries Working Together"

March 20  Executive Board Meeting, Las Vegas

March 26  Deadline for submissions to Postconference Newsletter

Newsletter submissions
deadline
March 26, 1993

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Thank you.

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Annual Conference

"Speaking Up and Speaking Out,"
Preconference Workshop

Do you remember the class "Tooting Your Library's Horn" in library school? You don't? Perhaps it wasn't offered. It is another of those underdeveloped skills that may be essential for your professional survival as well as for the continuing survival of your library.

Most of us have interpreted the requirement "Good oral communication skills" in our position announcements to mean the ability to be understood when speaking to patrons and those we work with. Susan Silk, who will be leading the preconference workshop, feels that it is extremely important for librarians and library advocates to further develop communication techniques that will enable them to effectively promote their libraries through the media to the general public. Her workshop, "Speaking Up and Speaking Out: Effective Public Speaking and Media Relations for Librarians" has been specifically designed to train librarians to be spokespersons.

Susan Silk has conducted similar workshops for ALA and the Washington and Idaho state library associations. The half-day workshop, which will begin at 1:00 Wednesday, March 17th, is free of charge and will include a training guide. The workshop is intended to teach the participant the responsibilities of the spokesperson:

- to be an educator
- to be quotable
- to be prepared
- to be in control

Beyond covering content, the workshop will also cover delivery (for radio and television interviews) and appearance (for television interviews). It has been designed to help participants go beyond their fear of the media and to look forward to the challenge of media interviews. The workshop has been highly recommended by those who have attended.

Postconference to Focus on Fundraising
by Kathy Flanary

The NMLA Postconference will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Luna VoTech campus in Las Vegas. The purpose of the workshop is to address various aspects of fundraising and grantwriting for libraries. The leader of the workshop will be Laura E. Threet, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico General Services Department. She also serves as Chair of the New Mexico Fellowship Board of Directors.

Ms. Threet was previously Executive Director of the Albuquerque Community Foundation. She has been active in civic affairs in Albuquerque for many years, serving in executive and board capacities at UNM, The United Way, YMCA, YWCA, and Chamber of Commerce, among other responsibilities.

She has received many awards including the New Mexico Distinguished Service Award, and was named one of Albuquerque's five most influential women. She has been the New Mexico Public Citizen of the Year.

At the Albuquerque Community Foundation which Ms. Threet served for ten years, she helped develop their grant guidelines and chaired many fund-raisers and projects. She has taught numerous classes on grantwriting and provided technical assistance in management to various nonprofit organizations.

"Grants and Fundraising:
Developing Resources From The Private Sector"
Laura Threet,
Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico General Services Department

March 20, 1993 - Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Learning Research Center Auditorium
Luna VoTech Campus

5 Continuing Education credits
NMLA Members $10
Nonmembers $15
(cost includes breaks and lunch)

Marilyn Miller and Susan Silk to Speak

NMLA is fortunate this year to have two dynamic conference keynote speakers who will be sharing their visions and some methods and tools for carrying them out. ALA President Marilyn Miller will be speaking on Thursday morning at 10:15, and Susan Silk's address will be on Friday at 10:15.

The subject of Miller's address will be "Empowering People Through Libraries," which is the theme of her presidential year. "The concept of empowerment is not new, but never
Global Literacy--Not Just for Public Libraries!
by Ellanie Sampson

Once upon a time a cartoonist offered to paint murals and install and stock bookshelves on the busses used by a major urban transportation system in an effort to encourage more people to use the bus system instead of driving so many cars and adding to the already-bad pollution problem. The transportation officials demurred, saying that over 100 languages were spoken in that city and just where did this cartoonist plan to get books in all those languages?!
"OK," quoth he, "I'll do books without words!"

Phil Yeh, founder and director of Cartoonists Across America, is dedicated to world peace, literacy, and the environment. These themes echo and reecho throughout his books, comics, cartoons, and murals.

In her introduction to Mr. Yeh's first full color book, *Theo The Dinosaur*, Barbara Bush states: "Danger is everywhere in our world. Not knowing that something is dangerous is our first mistake. Reading and getting educated is our first step to understanding...."

*The Winged Tiger* is Mr. Yeh's first wordless global literacy book, designed to reach the entire planet. With wordless illustrated introductions by Jean Giraud (Moebius) and Wendy Pini (Elfquest), *The Winged Tiger* tackles peace, environmental issues, and literacy. It offers that first step to understanding on a broad and sweeping scale, appealing to adults and children alike, regardless of background.

Speaking to the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy annual conference in June of 1992, Mr. Yeh told the audience about the creation of *The Winged Tiger* and the problem of promoting literacy and mass transit in a multi-lingual area. He also told and illustrated *The Penguin is Mightier Than the Swordfish*, a tale of literacy at the South Pole.

Mr. Yeh will be speaking on the concept of global literacy at the Public Library Division luncheon, to be held on Thursday, March 18, 1993, at the annual NMLA conference in Las Vegas. Mr. Yeh's talk is cosponsored by the Public Library Division and the Library Instruction Round Table.

(And don't miss Mr. Yeh's program, "The Winged Tiger and Global Literacy," same day, 8:30-10 a.m., sponsored by the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy.)

NOTE: Information for this article comes from *Contemporary Graphic Artist*, vol. 1, Gale, 1986, updated January 1993; and from *Theo the Dinosaur*.

NMARL Speaker to Focus on Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery
by Tim McKimmie

The New Mexico Academic and Research Librarians (NMARL) will host Joan Chambers at the NMLA annual meeting in Las Vegas. Ms. Chambers is Director of Libraries at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and Chair of the 1992 ARL/RLG Interlibrary Loan Cost Study. In addition, she has held positions at UC Riverside, UC San Diego, and the University of Nevada at Reno. The title of her presentation will be "Interlibrary Loan: New Findings and Implications for Document Delivery."

The ARL/RLG Interlibrary Loan Cost Study was recently completed and the results are just now being released. The study examined the total costs of interlibrary loan transactions. Seventy academic libraries were included in the sample. This study is the most far-reaching of its kind and the first to look so intensively at costs. The information derived from the study will help libraries in several ways. We will be
able to compare our costs, many of which may be hidden costs, with those of the study. Consequently, we will be better equipped to evaluate the real costs of ILL borrowing and lending, and to review policies for each. Libraries will also be able to evaluate and compare costs of alternate methods of providing documents to clients. Document delivery is one of the fastest growing library services.

The problem of document procurement and delivery stems from the prolific growth of interlibrary loan. ILL activity nationwide has had nearly a 50% increase over the past five years. Because of this, many institutions are questioning their ability to provide cost free services to other libraries and to library clients. Some libraries have discontinued cooperative sharing and have begun charging hefty fees to other library borrowers. One of the debates is whether to charge clients for procured information. The bottom line is that libraries have been providing clients with improved access to bibliographic citations through CD-ROMs and other indexes while at the same time cutting serials subscriptions. The result is increased ILL activity. Sophisticated clients are expressing dismay at the long turnaround time of traditional ILL, and many are willing to pay for rapid delivery. This presentation will provide the latest findings on these and other aspects of interlibrary loan.

Ms. Chambers will speak on Friday, March 19, 1993, from 3-4:30 p.m.

**LUISA's Program for the Las Vegas Conference:**

**Joseph Somoza's World of Poetry**

*by Claire Odenheim*

LUISA members will enjoy a program of comments and poetry by Joseph Somoza at the annual conference in Las Vegas this year. Mr. Somoza, Associate Professor of English at New Mexico State University, was born in Spain and came to the United States as a child. His writings reflect growing up in New Jersey, Chicago, and Cincinnati, as much as they draw on his Spanish cultural heritage and family. In *Out of This World* (El Paso, Cinco Puntos Press, 1990), Somoza's recent publication, poems are organized by themes - Sea Land, True Confessions, Somewhat Outside, and Behind Me - that mirror place, children, loves, interests, and travels. These poems are full of fun and description, blending serious concerns with the quotidian.

In "Heaven," he ponders small pleasures from baked potatoes to a woman's scent and the joy of "angels...who love you just the way you are." "Red Ristas" are compared to pyracantha and red bird bellies on a rainy day in "this supposed sunbelt town." Old men who set out from their mountain shacks for a whiff of maidens in the plaza" stand for a seeker of love in "Viejo."

We look forward to hearing about Somoza's life and work in his own words in Las Vegas.

**SYSL Conference Activities**

*by Jerry Klopfer*

Some SYSLing highlights of the 1993 Conference are:

**Thursday, March 18**

1:30-3:00 p.m., "Blame It On The Librarian: The Journey of a First Time Author."

**SYSL Conference Activities**

*by Mary Grathwol*

Seven individuals will be honored for their outstanding service to libraries at the NMLA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Nancy Ebeling, Librarian at Dennis Chavez Elementary School in Albuquerque, will receive Honorary Life Membership, the Association's highest award. Selected to receive the New Mexico Library Leadership award for his active support of librarians and libraries throughout the state is Benjamin Wakahige, Director of the Library, Western New Mexico University in Silver City. Howard Maddox, Treasurer of The Friends of the Bosque Farms Library, who has assisted in everything from building the structure to computer troubleshooting, has been selected Trustee of the Year.
Four people will receive the Community Achievement Award for excellence in serving their local libraries: Toni Beatty, Director of Rio Rancho Public Library; Judy Elstner, Librarian for the Town of Estancia Public Library; Barbara K. Garrison, Librarian at La Cueva High School, Albuquerque; and Richard Rumpf for his service in organizing a community library in Edgewood. There is no Legislator of the Year award this year.

These seven exemplary library supporters will receive their awards at the conference Awards Banquet, Thursday evening, March 18, at the Student Center Ballroom of New Mexico Highlands University. The Awards Committee members congratulate the recipients and thank everyone who took the time to support colleagues' nominations. The commitment these individuals have made to support library service benefits us all.

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Swap 'n Share at the Conference

Members of the Public Relations Committee will again show their shining faces during the NMLA Annual Conference in Las Vegas at the Swap and Share table. We're looking for all of your public relations materials, including brochures, bookmarks, and especially library newsletters and Friends of the Library newsletters. Please send or bring at least 50 copies of each item. If you are mailing materials, please ship them to:

Daryl Black or
Elvira Segura-Langton
Oliver LaFarge Library
1730 Llano Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

We need to receive these before March 15, 1993. There are some great promotional materials being developed in New Mexico. Please take this opportunity to share yours!

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Las Vegas History
by Donnelly Curtis

The whole town of Las Vegas has been referred to as an "outdoor living museum of architectural history." At least 900 houses are listed on the Federal Register of Historic Places, and many others are in some state of disrepair or renovation. Being there arouses one's historical curiosity—why is there so much that is old in Las Vegas and so little that is new?

Las Vegas had quite a heyday in the late nineteenth century. Its location on the Santa Fe Trail (and later the railroad) where the great plains met the Sangre de Cristo mountains opened up a wealth of opportunities in commerce for enterprising entrepreneurs. Fortunes were amassed here, especially when the railroad came in 1879, and the town (especially the new Victorian-style town, East Las Vegas) boomed. For a time, Las Vegas was the largest town in New Mexico, and with its luxury hotels was considered a fashionable resort area, frequented by the rich and famous of the times.

Some say that the resulting political corruption, moral decadence and the large number of outlaws led to the rapid decline of Las Vegas. The bust of '93 (coincidentally, the same year that New Mexico Highlands University, then known as the "Normal School," was founded—hence the centennial this year) hit Las Vegas hard, and it never recovered. Albuquerque took its place as the largest city, and through the years Las Vegas has been spared the mixed blessing of modernization and urban renewal. In this town of fading fortunes, people have "made do" with what they had, grand old buildings that were not torn down when they became unfashionable.

There were really two cities of Las Vegas, separated by the river and by culture, language, architecture and other differences. Both cities still retain their own identities and their architectural marvels.

Crime.

Las Vegas had its share and maybe more than its share of infamous residents and visitors, among them Scar-Face Charlie, the Durango Kid, Flapjack Bill, Stuttering Tom, Little Jack the Cutter, and Tommy the Poet. Vincente Silva and his gang of outlaws called La Sociedad de Bandidos de Nuevo Mexico was quite active from 1888 to 1893, terrorizing the populace with murder and assorted banditry.

According to a 1975 article by Doris Meyer in the New Mexico Historical Review, many of the dirty deeds committed in Las Vegas during the boom time were acts of political terrorism—"the result of local opposition to the land-grabbing tactics of wealthy ranchers and speculative land companies." (p. 278)

A vigilante group called Las Gallinas cut fences and burned crops and buildings. With the backing of the local Caballeros de Labor they participated in acts of violence related to labor issues.

Roberts, in her article, reprints the poetry, in English and Spanish, of several of the convicted outlaws. Some of the poetry reflects a political vengeance, while some of it is more personal. Most of it is sad:

"Finally, mother of my heart, Today I find myself sorrowful For not having taken the advice That you gave me long ago."

Poetry has kept some of the Las Vegas crime lore alive. A folk ballad ("indita" in this case) entitled "La Llorona" tells about the crime and punishment of Paula Martinez, the first woman executed in New Mexico. After killing the lover who spurned her, she was sentenced to hang. She was taunted by the sheriff, who kept reminding her how much time she had left. He was so anxious to see her hang that when the time came, he forgot to bind her hands. As she frantically tried to pull herself upward, he grabbed her and tried to pull her downward to her death. That was too much for some of the crowd, who knocked the sheriff down and cut the rope. Some tried to save her by asserting that she had already been hanged, but that argument didn’t fly and she was hanged again, successfully.

Some famous residents and visitors.

The Montezuma Castle (now housing United World College), and the Montezuma Hot Springs were named after the Aztec chief Montezuma II who supposedly visited the hot springs in the early 16th century. Billy the Kid was there, as was Doc Holliday, who for a short time ran a saloon in Las Vegas.

President Theodore Roosevelt visited Las Vegas several times. Jack Johnson, the World Heavyweight Boxing champion, lived in Las Vegas for several years, and set up bleachers near his house where capacity crowds watched his daily workouts.

For more historical information.

Printed walking tour brochures will be available at the conference. These provide general historical information and details about individual buildings on the tours. Group tours are a scheduled conference activity. The Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders Memorial and City Museum on Grand Avenue in downtown Las Vegas has many artifacts of local history and the Spanish-American War of 1898. The Antonio Sanchez Cultural Center also highlights Las Vegas history in its displays. Antiques are available in the area, and some of the junk stores are so full of historical items that they might distract one from conference business!

Sources used:

Walking tour brochures, compiled by the Citizens’ Committee for Historic Preservation


Conference Business

Editor's Note

The NMLA Bylaws require that the minutes from the annual all-association business meeting be published in the preconference newsletter. The approval of these minutes is an agenda item for this year's business meeting, which will be held during the annual conference in Las Vegas on Thursday, March 18th at 3:15.

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

General Business Meeting
Farmington Civic Center Auditorium
April 30, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by President Daryl Black who introduced the officers sitting onstage. She thanked the Local Arrangements Committee for their hard work in planning such an excellent conference.

OFFICER, NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND STATE LIBRARIAN REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Dinah Lea Jentgen reminded the members that the minutes of the April 18, 1991 report had been printed on pages 22-25 of the March 1992 Newsletter as required by Bylaws. She then moved that the minutes be accepted as printed. Betty Long seconded the motion, which passed.

Treasurer's Report: David Null reported that the Association is in good shape financially. $15,000 was invested in two CD's at the direction of the Board. Income included $12,443 in dues, $1185 in advertising for the Newsletter, $10,365.76 profit from the Roswell Conference, and $200 from the Mini-conference. It is too early to tell how the Farmington Conference is faring. David reminded the members that in June the Board approved putting all the proceeds from the silent auction into the Scholarship Fund. Sid Margolis moved and Pat Froelich seconded the acceptance of the report. The motion passed.

First Vice-President/1992 Conference Chair: Drew Harrington reported that 312 people registered for the conference, including 49 exhibitors. She recognized members of the Local Arrangements Committee sitting in the auditorium.

Second Vice President: Alison Almquist reported that the Mini-conference was held at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in October. Sixty-six people attended a total of nine programs. She thanked Betty Reynolds and her staff for their great job of organizing the event.

ALA Councilor: Ben Wakashige reported that in the last year he attended the Atlanta and San Antonio meetings. The Association is concerned about financial problems. Additional topics of discussion included the implications of "Kreimer v. Morristown", several pieces of Federal legislation, the demise of graduate library schools, and the implications of direct election of the Executive Board. He presented $100 to the Freedom to Read Foundation on behalf of NMLA.

Division Reports

College, University, and Special Libraries: Judy Neff reported that Jenny Minter is incoming chair and Carmen Ward vice-chair. Conference speaker will be Dave Brunell speaking on CD-ROM networking.

Public Libraries: Mary Pat Kraemer reported that the division's membership drive has been successful. Goal 1 to assist rural libraries was partly met by participation on the State Library's committee. Goals 2 and 3, to promote training and broaden administration and planning capabilities were met. A draft of the reciprocal borrowing guidelines will be distributed soon. Clara Rey is incoming chair and Bambi Adams will be vice-chair.

School Libraries, Children and Young Adult Services: Randy Gaylor reminded the members that author has solicited eleven new ads in addition to the standing AMIGOS ad. She asked members to submit articles about the conference for publication by May 8.

State Librarian: Karen Watkins reported the addition of a Children's Specialist position this year. A General Obligation Bond Issue of $500,000 for libraries will appear in some form this autumn. A task force to follow up the work of the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services is being formed. Emporia State will offer an MLS instate in cooperation with UNM possibly as early as fall 1992. Allen Schwartz is the contact for more information. The State Library has been revising its rules and regulations for services to public libraries. It is also about to install an automation system which may allow external access. The summer reading "Super Sleuth" program will be carried by 125 libraries statewide. Clavis Public Library will run this year's "Battle of the Books". Several new library's holdings will be added to the CD-ROM database of serial holdings. Finally, Marilyn Miller, next year's ALA president, has expressed interest in attending our conference in Las Vegas.
Gary Paulson will speak at the breakfast meeting. Members will vote on a name change for the division and the nomination of Jerry Klopfer as incoming vice-chair. Serena Douglas will be chair. Also to be discussed are the role of the Division in the Battle of the Books and Free Books for Schools Program, and the role of the State Library in schools. Volunteers are requested for programs at the mini-conference and annual conference, work on the school standards project, and other work items.

ROUND TABLE REPORTS

Documents: Jeanette C. Smith reported that PSA’s have been aired on 14 television stations statewide. Laurie Chaney is incoming chair and Key Krehbiel is vice-chair. Charles Seavey spoke on Thursday.

Education Technology: Kathy Flannery reported for David Libertore that she is incoming chair and Richard Bell is the nominee for vice-chair. The work goals were met at the mini-conference.

Library Instruction: John Brewster reported that Abigail Hubbard spoke Wednesday afternoon. Betsy McGucken is incoming chair and Ellanie Sampson is vice-chair.

Local and Regional History: Cheryl Wilson reported that 52 people attended Thursday afternoon’s program on Chacoan prehistory. Mary Elms is incoming vice-chair and Cheryl is chair.

LUISA: Elvira Segura Langton reported for Rita Pino Vargas that their meeting was quite interesting and interactive. New additions were made to the bilingual dictionary. The round table will cosponsor a program at the mini-conference on the quinquennial. Elvira will be chair and Clair Odenheim vice-chair.

Native American Libraries: Barbara Billey reported for Irving Nelson. Luci Tapahonso will speak on Friday morning. Incoming chair is Jean Gonzales and Teresa Naranjo is nominee for vice-chair. During the year the round table presented a workshop sponsored by the Navajo Nation. Irving Nelson testified before the White House Committee in Washington, DC. Goals 1, 2, 4, and 5 were accomplished.

Online: Valerie Horton reported for Cherrill Whitlow. This year’s work plan will expand ideas on networking and CD-ROM issues. She is incoming chair and Ruth Krug is vice-chair.

Trustees and Friends: Carol King reported that Thaddeus Bejnar will give a program on limitations and liabilities on Friday. Les Lesperance is incoming chair, but a vice-chair has not yet been identified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Nancy Fischer reported receipt of 29 nominations this year. Letters were sent to school administrators and city managers to solicit nominations. The Librarian of the Year Award was changed to New Mexico Library Leadership Award by Board approval.

Bylaws and Procedures: Cheryl Wilson reported that one bylaws change will be voted on by the membership later in the meeting.

Conference Site: Daryl Black reported for Fred Barraza that next year’s conference will be March 17-20 in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Education: Peggy Tooker reported that two grants were awarded during the year. By next year CEU’s may be offered for attendance at workshops and the conference. Three additional grants for library school attendees are being created. Allen Schwartz reported that an advisory committee has been formed for continuing education. Kathryn Lopez is incoming chair.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom: Susan Oberlander reported that eight legislative interviews were conducted and printed in the Newsletter. The Santa Fe Legislative Day brought 40 people to meet their legislators, and several attended ALA’s Legislative Day in Washington, DC. Four workshops were held during the year. The First Amendment essay contest was held. Winner was Chris Little of Tularosa, and second place was Amber Hill of Las Cruces. Laurie Macrae and Ruben Aragon are incoming co-chairs.

Library Development: Marilyn Reeves read the new mission statement as adopted by the Board at the January meeting. She read the goals and work program which will be voted on by the board at Saturday’s meeting, and encouraged members to talk to their chairs if they feel changes are needed.

Local Arrangements: Karen McPheeters reported that unofficial counts show 320-325 attendees, with 56 vendors participating.

Membership: Joe Sabatini reported that this transition year to calendar year memberships went smoothly, with a total of 573 as of April 15. All divisions and round tables achieved voting status. This year the committee plans to rewrite the brochure to include the mission statement. The goal is 600 members by this time next year.

Nominations and Elections: Gloria Trujillo reported that the new slate of officers includes Drew Harrington, President; Alison Almquist, First Vice-President; Barbara Billey, Second Vice-President; David NULL, Treasurer; Jeanette Smith, Secretary; and Ben Wakashige, ALA Councilor. Due to a mix-up, Susie Sonfleith will take office as ALA Councilor in January 1994.

Public Relations: Robert Upton reminded the members of the Swap and Share outside the exhibit hall. The goal of the committee is better communications among committees, round tables, and divisions. New procedures to support that goal will be implemented as recognized. Daryl Black is incoming chair.

Publications: No report.

OTHER REPORTS

Liaison to the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy: Kathy Costa reported to the members that her task is to remind NMCL or NMLA’s programs and abilities, and to remind NMLA of NMCL’s. She asked the members to be aware of local
literacy programs and provide help wherever they can.

Special Committee on Automation and Networking: Allen Schwartz reported that his committee is charged with looking at the current statewide automation plan and updating it as technology and reality permit. A special issue of the Hitchhiker will deal with developments around the state and the committee's work in producing a new edition of the Long Range Automation Plan.

Special Committee on a Permanent Executive Director: John Brewer reported that Drew Harrington, Joe Sabatini, Robert Upton, Randy Gaylor, Marilyn Reeves, and himself were named to the committee. It is charged with exploring the feasibility of creating such a position, and setting the job description and salary scale if the position is approved. So far the committee has reviewed the approaches used by other state library associations and has developed a list of considerations for further study. Most of the smaller states have a half-time executive director, so it is feasible to have a similar position to serve as a permanent contact point; maintain the Association calendar; coordinate among committees, round tables, and divisions; interface with the Lindseys; work with legislation; and organize exhibits for conferences.

Sid Margolis moved and Mary Elms seconded a vote of thanks from the general membership for the hard work of committee chairs and officers during the past year.

Virginia Whiney reminded members of the upcoming AECT conference.

ITEMS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

ALA Councilor job description wording: Cheryl Wilson presented the new wording to reflect the time the ALA Councilor really takes office, the Midwinter meeting as defined by ALA rather than at the NMLA annual conference as currently stated. Cheryl moved and Gloria Trujillo seconded that the new wording be accepted. The motion passed.

Dissolution and merger of Publications Committee into the Public Relations Committee: Cheryl Wilson moved that the Publications Committee be disbanded and its jobs absorbed by the Public Relations Committee. Randy Gaylor seconded the motion, which passed.

New Mexico Library Foundation: George Marr reported that the Foundation was created as a separate organization for long-term funding of NMLA programs. The committee, comprised of Daryl Black, Carol Myers, Sid Margolis, Chuck Baldonado, David Giltrow, and Thaddeus Bejnar, worked to create the Foundation. Final draft was mailed in the March issue of the Newsletter. Cheryl Wilson moved and Randy Gaylor seconded to accept the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the New Mexico Library Foundation. Discussion ensued. Joe Sabatini moved and Ellanie Sampson seconded the change in Article 2 Section 17 and Article 3 Section 8 from the word "directors" to "trustees". The amendment passed. Thaddeus Bejnar moved and Mary Elms seconded to change the word "earned" to "dividend and interest" in Article 8 Sections 3 and 4. That amendment passed. Dinah Jentgen moved and Nancy Fischer seconded to amend the documents throughout, changing the use of "he" and "him" to more inclusive language wherever they occur. That amendment also passed. The original motion to accept the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation was amended to accept the three changes, the motion carried, and the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were accepted. George announced the distribution of pledge cards and envelopes at the banquet to kick off the fundraising. Charter supporters giving $25 or more will receive a certificate of charter.

Technical Services Roundtable: Anne Morgan presented to the members a petition with 60 signatures requesting creation of a Technical Services Roundtable. The Board approved the creation in January. Gary Mayhood has been selected as chair and Barbara Spivey as vice-chair. Anne moved that the roundtable be created. Sarah Henderson seconded, and the motion passed.

Old Business: Drew Harrington read to the membership a list of all committee chairs for the coming year.

New Business: Ellanie Sampson reported that the Bibliophile Users Group, known as BUG, held a successful preconference workshop. This is the first user's group in the nation, and since its inception others have been formed in the country.

Stefanie Wittenbach reminded the members of the May 8, 1992 deadline for the next newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Lea Jentgen,
Secretary

Proposed Bylaws Change

by Cheryl Wilson, Chair
Bylaws and Procedures Committee

The Bylaws and Procedures Committee proposes the following change in the NMLA Bylaws to be voted on by the membership during the business meeting at the annual conference in Las Vegas. The change is needed to reflect the dissolution of the Publications Committee.

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Section 9. Public Relations Committee.

A. The Public Relations Committee shall publicize library activities, especially New Mexico Library Association activities, throughout the state; be responsible for notifying national library publications of meetings and newsworthy activities of the Association; and implement a program publicizing all types of libraries in New Mexico in conjunction with the American Library
Nominees for Vice-Chair, Division and Round Tables

A new Vice-chair/Chair-elect will be elected by each division and round table at their business meeting at the annual conference. Nominating committees have selected a candidate for each position, and nominations can also be made from the floor, with the permission of the nominee. The following have been nominated:

- College, University & Special Libraries Division
  - Larry Compton

- Documents Round Table
  - Karen George

- Educational Technology Round Table
  - To be announced

- Library Instruction Round Table
  - Kris Wycisk

- Local and Regional History Round Table
  - Peter Ives

- LUISA Round Table
  - Adriana Ortega

- Online Round Table
  - Harold Bogart

- Public Libraries Division
  - Lucie Olson

- Services for Youth and School Libraries Division
  - To be announced

- Technical Services Round Table
  - Mary Grathwol

- Trustees and Friends Round Table
  - To be announced

Proposed NMLA Goals and Work Program, 1993-94

Please review the following goals and work program for NMLA as well as for the individual divisions and round tables. Division and round table members will be voting to approve these proposed work programs and goals at their business meetings at the conference. Send any comments or suggestions to Marilyn Reeves, Chair, Library Development Committee, before the annual conference. Her address is:

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(505) 753-5749.

Continuing Goals

1. Promote collaboration and cooperation among all types of libraries in New Mexico.

2. Support the New Mexico State Library’s efforts to increase the per capita funding for State Grants-in-Aid for New Mexico’s public libraries from the present 13 cents to at least 25 cents per capita by the year 2000.

3. Support the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the delegates assembled for the Second New Mexico Conference on Libraries and Information Services.

4. Support the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee and New Mexico State Library’s legislative efforts.

5. Support the development of the New Mexico Library Foundation.

Work Program

1. Have the Public Relations Committee solicit additions to the Program Ideas section of the Public Relations Handbook for New Mexico Librarians from the units of New Mexico Library Association. Distribute results to libraries in New Mexico.

Division and Round Table Work Program 1993-1994

College, University and Special Libraries Division

1. Increase active participation of paraprofessional staff in academic and special libraries in the NMLA/CUS Division by cosponsoring with Technical Services a workshop/special program for this group and by contacting them regarding membership.

2. Promote and support professional activities within the state for academic and special librarians by announcing programs or workshops of interest in the Newsletter.

3. Initiate an "information exchange" among CUS librarians to share innovative or unusual ideas and projects by surveyed members and publishing findings in the NMLA Newsletter.

Public Library Division

1. Sponsor a program to acquaint New Mexico librarians with the various forms and possibilities for resource sharing.

2. Cosponsor with Public Relations Committee a program on public relations in libraries aimed at all types of libraries and librarians.

Services for Youth and School Libraries Division

1. Participate in the mini-conference by sponsoring one or more speakers and/or programs.

2. Continue to work for the establishment of new state standards for school libraries (on-going committee).

3. Continue to support the Land of Enchantment Award.

4. Continue to support the Battle of the Books.
5. Research, compile, and disseminate a directory of all public, private, parochial, Indian, and other K-12 schools in New Mexico to include the following:
   a. school name, address, and telephone number
   b. principal or administrator
   c. librarian, clerk, aide, or person providing library service.

6. Support coordination of services between public and school libraries and work for greater coordination and cooperation with all undergraduate college libraries.

7. Establish committees to assist in accomplishing the work program of the Division.

8. Increase communication and awareness between the Division and that portion of the library community we represent to determine needs and future goals.

Documents Round Table

1. Continue to promote the use of state and federal documents within the library community and to the public by submitting articles of interest to documents librarians to the NMLA Newsletter.

2. Continue to promote membership in the Documents Round Table by:
   a. Submitting newsletter articles on topics of interest to documents librarians and others interested in documents.
   b. Contacting non-members who attend the round table meeting at the annual conference.

3. Solicit suggestions from round table members and others on the work program for the following year by:
   a. Contacting representatives from each depository library in the state.
   b. Contacting representatives from Public Library Division and from Services for Youth and School Libraries Division to discuss use of government documents by school and public library patrons.
   c. Forming a program committee of three or more persons to prepare specific activities or programs which the round table will discuss at the annual conference.

Library Instruction Round Table

1. Sponsor a workshop on techniques for motivating and instructing the learner in library use.

2. Use the NMLA Newsletter as a forum for collecting information and bibliographies on library instruction, and compile such in a notebook or file for distribution to interested persons.

3. Continue to focus on the role of the library in helping others learn to read by cooperating with the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy.

Educational Technology Round Table

1. Promote awareness, appreciation, application and evaluation of new innovations, including hardware and software, that will improve services or provide useful sources of information.

2. Provide programs and workshops that foster professional growth and development of library/media personnel.

3. Provide a forum for the discussion of problems and solutions of current issues.

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2. Encourage special programs emphasizing local history and how it fits in with state history, beginning with the NMLA Annual Conference program.

3. Continue to increase awareness of new materials relating to New Mexico history by submitting book reviews and/or publication announcements to the NMLA Newsletter and/or articles for the New Mexico State Library publication, The Hitchhiker.

LUISA Round Table
1. Present a program that examines the role of language, learning and literacy.

2. Explore through presentations, book reviews, and newsletter articles the recent writings of Hispanic authors.

3. Submit articles to the NMLA Newsletter.

4. Continue to promote membership.

Native American Libraries Round Table
1. Continue to encourage Arizona libraries and librarians to become members of NMLA/NALRT by:

a. Establishing contact with Arizona libraries and librarians via letter and telephone.

b. Sending Arizona libraries and librarians NMLA/NALRT recruitment materials.

2. Continue to encourage New Mexico Indian libraries not listed in the New Mexico Library Directory to submit their names for addition to the directory. The following libraries will be targeted:

a. BIA school libraries

b. Contract school libraries

c. Mission school libraries

d. Rural "unknown" libraries.

3. Plan and sponsor a meeting of past members, past chairmen, past presenters, and current members to discuss library issues and human service issues. This would be a reunion of sorts.

Online Round Table
1. Promote knowledge and understanding of library automation by:

a. Publicizing Online Round Table programs in The Hitchhiker and the NMLA Newsletter.

b. Encouraging informational articles on automation-related topics in NMLA publications.

c. Sponsoring programs which promote knowledge of new technologies and automated services at both the NMLA mini-conference and the annual conference.

2. Investigate the possibility/desirability of merging with the Educational Technology Round Table.

Technical Services Round Table
1. Plan programs and workshops that foster professional growth for all technical services librarians and staff by:

a. Conducting a survey of initial members as to ideas, needs and interests in all areas of technical services.

b. Planning a program for the annual conference and mini-conference.


3. Promote the Round Table throughout the state to increase membership by developing a publicity campaign.

Trustees and Friends Round Table
1. Improve the Trustees and Friends of the Library public relations within the communities in the state.

2. Encourage submission of articles on activities of Friends of the Library to the NMLA Newsletter and The Hitchhiker.

3. In conjunction with the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee, educate Trustees and Friends of the Library members on how best to approach city, county and state officials about library funding.

4. Prepare informational sheet which addresses the duties of the chair and vice-chair and explains the round table’s affiliation with NMLA and how it works.

5. Promote membership in Trustees and Friends Round Table.

Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee
1. Inform and educate legislators and policy makers about issues of intellectual freedom and the importance and needs of libraries.

2. Improve the working of the Legislative Network in cooperation with Friends of New Mexico Libraries and the Trustees and Friends Round Table.

3. Work to amend the New Mexico statute that currently excludes libraries as donative institutions.

4. Work to increase the state grants-in-aid line item of the State Library budget.

Public Relations Committee
1. Solicit additions from the units of NMLA to the Program Ideas section of the Public Relations Handbook for New Mexico Librarians. The results will be distributed to libraries in New Mexico.

2. Work with the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee to improve the working of the Legislative Network.

3. Complete NMLA promotional video.

4. Conduct an Electronic Newsletter Delivery workshop to be held at the 1994 NMLA conference, bringing in a nationally known speaker/leader.

5. Refine Calendar of Activities, adding specific dates and work where possible.

6. Consider revising and reviewing the completed work on the New Mexico Literary Map and its use as a promotional item.

7. Continue to work with and promote the idea of press releases from Divisions, Round Tables, and Committees.
From the President's Pen

It seems impossible that we will be seeing each other at our NMLA Annual Conference in only a month. Even though conference is early this year, I am still amazed at how quickly the time has passed. The conference theme this year, developed by 1st Vice President Alison Almquist, is "Share the Vision: New Mexico Libraries Working Together." We have been working together throughout the year, and the annual conference is our chance to share our visions.

I think we are extremely fortunate to have Marilyn Miller, ALA President, as a keynote speaker sharing her vision of libraries with us. Susan Silk, who will be offering both a pre-conference workshop on speaking out, and a keynote address on empowerment, comes highly recommended as a dynamic speaker who imparts practical information to take back to your libraries. Between our keynote speakers, the packed conference program is filled with a wide variety of offerings from automation to poetry readings. I look forward to our time in Las Vegas and an excellent conference, thanks to the hard work of Alison Almquist, the Local Arrangements Committee, and all of you who planned this year's offering of conference programs.

The NMLA Executive Board met in Socorro on January 8th. Betty Reynolds, Kay Krehbiehl and everyone at the New Mexico Tech Library made us feel welcome. The new library at Tech is lovely, and it is filled with a variety of wonderful art from WPA paintings to modern sculpture. If you are near Socorro, you should really take a detour off the interstate and spend a bit of time touring the library and the serene, tree-filled campus. During the meeting, we covered all of the division, round table, and committee reports, as well as a full agenda of discussion items. There was an interesting, and unanticipated development during the meeting when discussion began to point to the need for reevaluation and long-range planning. NMLA finds itself in the rather unusual situation of being financially solvent, with sufficient funds to look at new possibilities. This is not to say that the association is wealthy, far from it, but we do have a chance to consider a greater variety of possibilities than in the past. So, we will be working on an idea for a long-range planning retreat made up of association delegates representing the many interests of NMLA. We will continue this discussion at the pre-conference Executive Board Meeting. Stay tuned for further developments.

I hope to see you in Las Vegas, March 17-20. Our Annual Conference is your chance to see and spend time with other librarians in the state, and to renew your professional enthusiasm. See you there.

NMLA Soapbox

Editor's Note
Step right up to the NMLA Soapbox. This column will be available in future issues of the Newsletter to air your thoughts, opinions and ideas.

Fear and Loathing in NMLA

by Robert Upton

(This is a parody of Hunter Thompson's Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, written with only the noblest of motives in mind. Any resemblance to characters living or dead is merely coincidental and should not be taken personally. The writer is an admitted and steadfast fool).

We were on the road to Socorro, headed toward another blindingly annoying meeting of the NMLA Executive Board, in Marilyn "Hunter Thompson" Reeves' Great White Caddy, doing Atomic Fire Balls and roaring down the asphalt like a Cannon AFB F-16 on a low-level training flight, when the bats hit. Breaking into my companions' three-part harmony in ecstasy with Julio Inglesias, I tried to point out the swarming, sight-blanking, hope-numbing attack, but they seemed oblivious to what was happening. After all, Carlsbad Caverns was hundreds of miles away, and the bats--fiesty little illegal immigrants that they are--should have been back home for the winter in Mexico, lapping up the warm south-of-the-border weather. I shrugged and gave up. They had a right to enjoy themselves and ignore the bats as long as possible. They'd find out about them soon enough.

The Big Picture.

The bats weren't evident until the next day. NMLA President Drew Harrington was pushing, trying to drive the meeting through the viscous miasma of committee inertia when I caught the ammoniac whiff that foretold the return of the little leather-winged buggers on the move again. Where were they? What were they?

I knew they were there, but they were hiding, waiting to pop out and blind us again, unless we were
already blinded by the weight of the organization's cumulative past, the attitudes and conventions that have grown up its facade like a choking cloak of ivy, dragging us into seeing things the same way we'd looked at them the year before--the decade before--when we, as individuals, hadn't even been there, but our predecessors had, carrying on the same way we were now.

That was it! Pandora, bless her bat-bitten heart, had let the little buggers out of the box in the first generation of human society, and we'd closed them in with us at this meeting, and every other meeting, when we closed the door and called the assembly to order. All the little evils that have blocked human endeavor from the beginning. Ignorance, pride, envy, pig-headedness, ennui, complacency, better-than-thou, lesser-than-thou, etc. Every one of those little buggers bore an a.k.a. with a passion that could infect us each and every one. And once infected, we are the bats!

If you recall, when Pandora opened the box, all those little evils flew out stinging her and absolutely ruining her hair-do. Then they were off, headed out into the general population where they breed--in public, no less!--to this day, leaving Dora smarting, her complexion all mud-died, and her attitude definitely out-of sorts. Then one last little bat, who had characteristically been hanging back wall-flower-like, flew out. This one didn't give off the same unbreathable stench as the others; in fact, this one smelled pretty good, something like those scratch-and-sniff panels that magazine perfume ads like so well. Its aroma even seemed to ease the smart of the welts that the bites of the others had left throbbing on Pandora's delicate hide. This little pastel-colored bat wore a tiny name tag sticky that said "Hope."

The Moral

Pandora let Hope settle into the palm of her hand. Hope explained its purpose in the box of cares, and we got the moral of the story. But I'm not finished yet, so you're not as lucky as Pandora.

Hope looks forward, not back. Hope takes the way things are and puts a positive spin on it. Hope refuses to plod along in the same old rut, just because it's where you find yourself to be. Hope may be a fool, but so what? Fools are fools because they don't understand when to be defeated. They don't know to be depressed when they see a heavy dark cloud sliding over the face of the sun. Instead, fools that they are, they get excited by the rosy glow around the cloud's edges. They don't get any less wet than anybody else in the cloudburst, but they're probably the first to greet the sun when it comes out again because they aren't as intent on how wet they've gotten. They probably even hope that the rain that just drenched them will grow pretty flowers.

Okay already. We all know the moral, but what about the bats? What happened to them? Get back to the NMLA table and get done with it.

Well, those suckers were chewing at the people around the table like a crew of sleeping-sickness-bearing Texas mosquitoes at a Fourth of July picnic. Under conditions like that, people tend to develop fairly short-term goals, like getting through to the end of the meeting. Just lasting through the next couple of hours seemed hopeless. Protocol, obligation, and the load of work that each member at that table had to get done on top of their full-time real jobs, exhausted the precious store of gumption that had been carefully hoarded and brought to this meeting. Good God! Do we need Hope now! Or more fools.

How to See Through the Bats

So finally I'm getting around to the point, but don't rush me. Popping a couple more Atomic Fire Balls, I forged on, the hot hiss of cinnamon galvanizing my groggy brain and giving me a decided advantage over most of the rest of the committee slogging through the meeting mud. I caught the glassy eye of one of my traveling companions from the Great White Caddy, noting the effect of Atomic Ball high as I gave the thumbs up signal in what must have been a thoroughly incomprehensible gesture, considering the circumstances. (Atomic Balls are probably no real protection against the bats, just a delaying action. You probably don't speak any more coherently than you ever do; you just think you sound like you know what you're talking about. After all, the bats had hit me the night before, a full eighteen or so hours ahead of everybody else."

Why were we there? Why bother if the bats are going to get us anyway? The reason these people had come there, interrupting perfectly good drudgery at places of employment to attend the fear and hopelessness of a meeting, was because they are all fools. They hope something can change the rut. Staying at home, nose in the same mud that was there yesterday and will be there tomorrow is not their definition of a good time. They are willing to endure another meeting, hoping that this time things will be different. Fools every one.

But wait! You've read this far, you may as well finish it. Remember, I'd been doing Atomic Fire Balls for eighteen hours and flying with a heavy crowd. I'm sitting there saying, No! It doesn't have to end this way! These people may be fools, but they're good people!

Going from one rut into another doesn't mean much. It's adherence to the way things have always been--and the bats--that keep us nose-to-the-mud. Let's be foolish; let's glance at the rosy glow and risk some things that aren't safe, but have the potential of lifting us out of the rut. (My own particular soapbox is hiring an Executive Director for NMLA, hoping that the additional activity will generate at least enough income to pay the salary, and making
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I have been honored to serve the association as treasurer in the past, and am now vice-chair of the Library Instruction Round Table. In other areas, I have been active with the BiblioFile User Group, and am on the State Library Committee on public library standards and state aid, and am a past-president of the Municipal Librarians Association of the New Mexico Municipal League. At present, I am working at the Truth or Consequences Public Library and have been director there for 13 years. Previous to that, I was the director of a regional public library system in rural northeast Missouri.

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I came to New Mexico in 1985 as the Online Search Service Coordinator at the UNM General Library. I have held several different positions here, the most recent as Associate to the Dean of Library Services. My responsibilities are varied, including special projects and reports, compilation of statistics, and supervision of the Copy Center.

I have been active in professional organizations throughout my career. I served on a variety of committees in ALA and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), but found that I derived the most satisfaction from activities on the state and local level. I had served as President of the Oregon Chapter of ACRL in 1980-81. Learning that New Mexico did not yet have an ACRL chapter, I joined with others to create one. The new chapter took the name New Mexico Academic and Research Librarians (NMARL).

One of the concerns of the founding members of NMARL was that it complement rather than compete with existing organizations within the state. I had the opportunity to further that objective when I was elected in 1986-87 to concurrent terms as Vice Chair of the NMLA College, University, and Special Libraries Division (CUSL) and President of NMARL. I completed my term as NMLA CUSL Chair in 1987-88. I have also served on the NMLA Publications Committee and the NMLA Special Committee on Membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association. I look forward to continuing participation in the New Mexico Library Association.

"Why am I running?"

I read bumper stickers. One of my favorites is "Think globally, act locally." The New Mexico Library Association tackles major national issues—literacy, information accessibility, technological networking, and funding of public services in a time of scarce resources—with a work program broken down into steps that can be implemented here and now. The NMLA leadership has shown vision in choosing its goals. I would like to be part of the team that works to implement them.

Candidate for Treasurer
Katie Kierst

After receiving my BA in History from the University of New Mexico, I received my MA in Library and Informational Science in 1982 from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Relocating to Raton eight years ago, I became active in library issues both locally and on the state level. I served on the Advisory Board of the Arthur Johnson Memorial Library and am president and a founding member of the Friends of AJML. I have also served as chair of the Trustees and Friends Round Table of NMLA and am a founding board member of the New Mexico Friends of Libraries.

I feel that we all have responsibility in participating in our professional organization and I enjoy doing so.

I live in Raton with my husband, Byrch Williams, and our three sons. We are expecting our fourth child in May.

Candidate for Treasurer
Virginia Seiser

I received my library degree from the University of Chicago in 1974 and started my career as a public librarian at the Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR. I worked at Portland State University Library for ten years, first as a reference librarian in the Education and Psychology Section, and then as Head of the Readers' Services Department.

In September, the Executive Board decided to make the Association mailing list available for sale to commercial vendors, in the form of mailing labels. This would provide additional revenues for Association activities. During the extended discussion of this issue, the Board also resolved to enable any member who did not want to receive such mailings to exclude themselves from the listing.

The next time you receive a membership renewal notice, you will have the opportunity to check a box which will delete your name from any set of mailing labels which the Association sells to a commercial vendor. No lists will be sold until 1994.
The Technical Services Round Table
by Gary W. Mayhood

At the last annual conference in Farmington the newest round table of NMLA held its first meeting. With over forty participants present, the Technical Services Round Table came into existence. Gary Mayhood, Assistant Catalog Librarian, New Mexico State University, was elected Chair and Barbara Spivey, Technical Services Librarian, Albuquerque Academy, was elected Vice-Chair. Their immediate tasks were to formulate goals for the year, prepare an operating budget, and propose a set of bylaws which will be voted upon by the membership at the next annual conference meeting to be held in March in Las Vegas.

The Technical Services Round Table is for all library personnel who work in or have an interest in all aspects of technical services. The round table hopes to be a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and experiences for its members, and to be a source for sustaining and enhancing career growth. Networking, special programs, and workshops will be the hallmarks of the round table. An all-day workshop entitled "The Mystique of MARC" presented by Anne Morgan and Hui-Yee Chang from New Mexico State University was sponsored by TSRT at the NMLA mini-conference in Grants this past October. A presentation by Laura Kimberly, AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, on format integration is planned for the annual meeting in Las Vegas. Future suggestions for programs include a repeat of the "Mystique of MARC" workshop, serials control and cataloging, authority control in an automated environment, classification, dealing with New Mexico state documents, and subject cataloging.

The Technical Services Round Table is for you. All library "techies" and all those who have an interest in technical services operations within their library are encouraged to join and participate. Your support is needed. Without you, where would the TSRT be? Come and join us in this new venture in one of the most important aspects of the library field.

Services for Youth and School Libraries (SYSL) News
by Serena Douglas

This is the last column that I will be writing as your division chairman. It has been a fast-paced year. The 1992 work program goals of SYSL have by no means been completed, but progress has been made on them and a commitment has been made by committee members of the Standards Committee to stay with it another year.

Here are some of the other things that have been done by our division during this year:

1. Western Council of State Libraries workshop in Colorado Springs in March. I accompanied Barbara King, NMSL consultant, and the goal of the workshop was to give us training and require us to set up a plan before we left the workshop to provide support and training to librarians and library workers in the multi-type libraries through the state of NM. Much of our state plan had to do with proposing more cooperative ventures between public and school libraries, regional networking for training among our school-public-academic libraries, and sharing of materials.

2. Battle of Books. I served on the committee to select the books for this year's contest, which will be held March 6.

3. A committee was set up to look into the Free Books for Schools Program. No information has been received yet.

4. Standards Committee. A survey of conditions, standards, and needs of school libraries throughout our state was created, disbursed to 650 schools (public, private, parochial, and BIA) and now the survey information is being compiled. The committee has met on five occasions. The committee has come to realize that our libraries are indeed in desperate condition, and that our library personnel is in need of training and support. The committee has proposed that the ultimate goals will be to use the survey results to set legislated standards for school...
libraries, and to establish a Commission for School Libraries to continue improving standards for school libraries and their personnel, as well as to provide some sort of funding formulas. When we get some type of an accurate picture from the survey results, we will get the information out to all of you.

5. The workshop at the NMLA mini-conference in Grants, NM in October 1992 included a panel discussion by the SYSL Division that provided librarians and library workers with an understanding of developing standards, the ins and outs of categorical funding, the need for keeping accurate statistics, and the necessity for school-public-academic library cooperation.

6. Networking Committee. Funding and staffing seem to be the main concerns at both public and school libraries. It is hoped setting up regional workshop/training sessions will give our librarians and library workers support and training and help them to pool resources through school, public, and academic library cooperation and networking. Kathleen Jones and I were the only members of the committee who knew each other and our consensus was that our best course was through PR, encouragement to our library people in the state to get together and have workshops for people in their immediate area, and try to use the small branch college as the home base.

7. This division has been working with the New Mexico State Library on developing an annual survey form (similar to the form that is annually sent to each public library) to give the State Library an ongoing account of the school library situation so that cooperative school-public library programs can continue to develop. After a meeting on December 22, our committee met with Elaine Goodman to share thoughts and information that had come to us through our survey.

8. Use of local news media to emphasize the importance of supporting local school and youth programs at public libraries never got under way. But hopefully, awareness, education, support, and a cooperative spirit among the library workers will be achieved through the networking and Standards Committee’s completed work program.

9. Our division will have some timely sessions on funding, staffing, and selling the library, at the NMLA convention in March in Las Vegas. Our breakfast meeting will have as its speaker Louis Sachar, Land of Enchantment Award Winner. Our annual business meeting will take place after the breakfast. I sure would like to see all of you there!

I am very excited about Jerry Klopfer taking over our division for the next year. He has been very innovative in setting up the programs for the mini-conference and our annual conference. He will take over the reins at the convention in March. I will stay on as committee chairman for the Standards Committee.

A most important thing to keep in mind is, "keep those statistics." I know many of you are discouraged because it seems like our funding and staffing is continually being chipped away in spite of what our situation indicates through our statistics. Our Standards Committee is committed to seeing the job finished, and "we need your statistics;" our State Librarian, Karen Watkins, is working very hard for our school libraries and "she needs your statistics;" some of our legislators are interested in helping our plight and "they need your statistics." I hope Elaine Goodman from the State Library doesn’t mind me stealing her thunder, but the other day at an Albuquerque Public School Librarian meeting she came out with a most effective statement: "Words are wonderful, but numbers tell the story."

Photos Needed for Video

The Public Relations Committee has begun work on a promotional video for NMLA. We need your help in providing photographs or video footage of NMLA events and of New Mexico libraries and librarians. We welcome photographs of your more offbeat off-duty activities as well as your professional activities. We are especially looking for videos of dramatic workshops and library- or NMLA-sponsored programs (literacy activities, Battle of the Books, etc.) and for photographs of librarians in the act of socializing and traveling. We also need photographs of old and new library technology.

Slides and half-inch video are preferred, but send whatever you have to:

Daryl Black or Elvira Segura-Langton
Oliver LaFarge Library
1730 Llano Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

If you would like your photographs or videos returned, include a self-addressed stamped envelope and a note to that effect. It may be
Libraries Change Lives:
National Library Week, April 18-24, 1993

"Libraries Change Lives" is ALA's theme for National Library Week this year. A poster published in the January American Libraries introduces the write-in campaign that will help ALA gather "great library success stories." On the other side of the poster is a tip sheet to help libraries of all kinds and sizes organize effective library week activities.

The heart of this year's campaign is the collection and use of "testimonials" from library users. Librarians are asked to collect from their patrons cards and letters telling in 100 words or less how the library changed/made a difference in their life. Entries should be typed or printed and may be accompanied by drawings, audio- or videotapes if desired. Entries must include the full name of person submitting, age, address, home and daytime telephone number, and the name of the library where submitted. Local libraries are encouraged to make local use of these "success stories," but are asked to forward the statements no later than June 1, 1993 to

American Library Association
50 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611
Attn: Rally for America's Libraries

Every library that submits 25 or more "success stories" will receive a certificate of commemoration, and will be entered in a drawing for up to $500 in ALA graphics materials. Three individuals who submit outstanding stories will be selected to receive a trip for two to the ALA conference in New Orleans.

Suggestions for using this year's theme include:

✓ Creating "Libraries Change Lives" displays and book lists
✓ Starting a "testimonial" book near the circulation desk
✓ Sending letters to community (or faculty) VIPs asking for their comments on how the library has changed their lives, for use in displays, newletters, or annual reports
✓ In schools, asking students to write letters, interview and research famous people (or family members) about how libraries have made a difference in their lives; using quotes as a lobbying or PR tool
✓ Using "success stories" in the local media to spread the word about the value of the library.

"As a young person growing up in Hot Springs, Arkansas, I have many fond memories of the time I spent in the Garland County library . . .

As a student in high school and college, my love for learning was fostered and enhanced by all the resources I made use of in the libraries where I studied . . .

Today as a father, I encourage my daughter to use and enjoy all the treasures that can be found in the library...

The library offers a wonderful world of learning. I hope others will discover the library and let it change their lives."

Sincerely, Bill Clinton

Remembering
Edward Lujan

Edward J. Lujan, an Honorary Life Member of the Association, passed away on December 4, 1992. He was 63. He is fondly remembered by librarians all over New Mexico who looked forward to his visits as the traveling representative of New Mexico Bookbinders during the 1960s and 1970s. The firm was an early and enthusiastic supporter of the Marion Dorroh Scholarship, for which Ed Lujan and company president Bernard Jester were recognized with the Association's highest honor in 1980.
Update On Emporia MLS Program

A whopping enrollement of about 70 students will insure the success of the New Mexico regional MLS program of Emporia State University, Emporia Kansas. The 2-credit first class, Philosophical Foundations of Information Transfer, should be completed by this time, with the second class, Psychology of Information Use (3 credits), scheduled to begin February 19th. Classes meet on weekends. Most of the students are from the Albuquerque area with others from Santa Fe and Los Alamos, and some from as far away as Bloomfield. The 42-credit program will take from two-and-a-half to three years to complete. The program is designed to allow those who are working to keep their jobs while upgrading their educational credentials. More information about the Emporia State University MLS program in Albuquerque is available from Allen Schwartz in the State Library (827-3808) or from Cathy Hoy, Director of Distance and Continuing Education at the School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University (800-552-4770).

Update On UT Austin MLS Program

Students in the El Paso area (which includes Las Cruces) are enrolled in a local program that will lead to an MLS from the University of Texas at Austin. This is the third year that classes have been offered in El Paso. Four New Mexico students are enrolled in the program and are among the 35 students in the course Collection Development this spring semester. Classes meet all day on alternate Saturdays. More information about the UT Austin MLS program in El Paso is available from Lydia Limas in the UTEP Library (915-747-5683) or from Nancy Howard, Graduate Coordinator of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, The University of Texas at Austin (512-471-3821).

AMIGOS Fellowships Available

The AMIGOS Fellowship Program Selection Committee has announced plans for the AMIGOS 1993 Fellowship Program. The third annual program offers fellowships to assist librarians in member libraries with individual educational, demonstration or research projects. Applications are available from the AMIGOS office and will be accepted through March 31st. Fellowship recipients will be announced at the AMIGOS Membership Meeting on May 14th.

The primary criterion for making the awards is the significance of the proposed projects as contributions to library cooperation and/or automation. Members may request funds up to $2,000. Generally, awards will be in the $1,000 range so that two persons may be funded. To request an information packet, contact Catherine C. Wilt, Associate Director, Library and Information Services, at AMIGOS.

Bienvenidos! Third Transborder Library Forum in El Paso, February 26-27

The organizers of the Third Transborder Library Forum (FORO III) invite you to El Paso, February 26-27. FORO III will bring together librarians and educators from throughout the United States and Mexico to learn about new developments in the library field and discuss issues of concern on both sides of the border. The overall theme of the conference is the role of libraries in general and formal education at all levels.

Keynote speakers Mtra. Estela Morales Campos, Directora Centro Universitario de Investigaciones Bibliotecologicas, Mexico City, and Dr. Manuel Pacheco, President of the University of Arizona, will address the role of the library in the educational process. Dr. Donald Michie of the University of Texas at El Paso will speak on the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on libraries. Laura Guiterrez-Witt, Director of the Benson Latin American Collection of the University of Texas at Austin, will speak about the history and research value of this unique resource.

Conferences will have the opportunity to share experiences and information on library technology, resource sharing, collection development, library literacy programs, and other topics. Program highlights will include exhibits of books, periodicals, databases, etc. from companies in
the U.S. and Mexico, and several relaxing social events.

FORO III will be held at the El Paso Airport Hilton. Registration is $75 for U.S. participants and $50 for Mexican participants. For more information, you may contact Molly Molloy at New Mexico State University Library in Las Cruces, 646-6931.

Grants Available Through NMLA

Members of NMLA who are currently employed in a New Mexico library or library-related activity and have at least one year's experience in New Mexico are eligible to apply for grants throughout the year to be used for continuing education or job enrichment.

Education grants of up to $200 will be awarded by the Education Committee for such educational activities as workshops, institutes, seminars, summer school courses, conferences and professional meetings. Those who have not previously received NMLA grants will be given preference, and applications should be submitted four weeks in advance of anticipated use.

The Job Enrichment Grants Program has been established to encourage New Mexico librarians, library staff members and trustees to update their skills and broaden their experience by working in another library-related program. This program is also monitored by the Education Committee. Application is made six weeks before anticipated use, on a form that can be obtained from the chair of the Education Committee (Katherine Lopez before the conference, Gary Mayhood after the conference).

Fellowships at Indiana University

The School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University is seeking applicants for fellowships. Applicants should hold or be completing a Master's Degree in library and information science. The fellowship will support the student by full free remission for the 30 additional credit hours beyond the MLS for the Specialist Degree and will provide a $7400 cash stipend. Those awarded the fellowship support must be enrolled as a full-time student on either the Bloomington, Indianapolis, or South Bend campus.

Individuals who have established a successful record in library services and programming for youth are encouraged to apply and will receive high consideration.

Individuals who feel they can make a commitment to the advocacy of the child's right to read, view, and seek information should apply. The fellowship is intended to support those who can take a future leadership role in library services, restructuring of public schools, and other areas which impact the education of children.

Letters of inquiry should be sent to: Daniel Callison, Assoc. Prof., School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 47405. Successful applicants will be interviewed in April, 1993. Deadline for application is March 15.

New Mexico Church & Synagogue Library Association Conference

The Annual Spring Conference of the New Mexico Church and Synagogue Library Association will be held on Saturday, April 24, 1993 at the Trinity Bible Church in Los Alamos. Several workshops will be featured: Cataloging, Computers in the Church Library, Bulletin Boards, and Attracting Users. The theme of the Conference will be "Church Libraries: Winds of Change."

For registration information and schedule of events, please contact Betty Innerst, President, NMCSLA, at 873-0298 in Albuquerque, or Lora Belle Cole, Program Chairman, at 662-2067 in Los Alamos.
Cooperative Automation Ventures in New Mexico Libraries
A Report From the Online Round Table
by Valerie Horton, Chair Online Round Table

Libraries throughout the state have bought into the concept of linking networks as proposed in NMLA's Long Range Automation Plan (1989-2000): "Project Join is designed to provide funding incentives for smaller libraries to join or share an existing automated library system operated by a large neighboring library or resident system." The reports in this paper detail the work of the leaders in the state who are already implementing linked systems. The University of New Mexico is clearly ahead of the pack with several libraries already sharing their LIBROS system. Several others have funding and are in the implementation stage including Albuquerque Public, New Mexico Highlands University, and Eastern New Mexico University.

Many libraries are also at the planning stage. For instance, New Mexico State University is currently seeking funding to add both the NMSU Branch Campus libraries at Alamagordo, Carlsbad, Dona Ana, and Grants to our VTLS system, as well as looking toward sharing our system with the Thomas Branigan Memorial Public Library in Las Cruces. If this report were to be written a year from now, it would be considerably longer.

LIBROS: A Joint System
by Steve Rollins

Do you know how to add titles to your library's catalog without spending a dime from your acquisitions budget? Do you know how to automate your library's circulation, acquisitions, or public catalog operations without buying your own system? The answer to these questions may be found at the neighboring library.

As library budgets diminish in the face of increasing acquisitions costs, the incentives for library cooperation become more apparent. In 1989, the UNM General Libraries (including Centennial Science and Engineering, Fine Arts, Parish, Tireman, and Zimmerman), the UNM Law Library, the Library at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, and the City of Albuquerque Planning Library started developing a joint online catalog (LIBROS). The development and implementation of the joint system was complicated. Thousands of technical details were reviewed, discussed and evaluated. Hundreds of hours were spent on different aspects of the project such as writing database specifications, testing programs, processing records, converting MARC formats, creating system profiles, selecting and purchasing hardware. Patron records and circulation information had to be transferred from the older UNM system. After many months of planning, talking, compromising, problem solving; after many months of hard work by many people, the joint system became operational in June, 1992.

LIBROS operates on two DEC5500 computers using Ultrix. The application software is Innopac which is licensed by Innovative Interfaces. The City's Planning Library uses LIBROS as an online catalog and dials in to access the database. New Mexico Tech utilizes both the online catalog and the circulation functions and has recently added serial check-in records. New Mexico Tech's dedicated terminals communicate over Technet's leased lines. The UNM Law and General Libraries use the acquisitions, serials check-in, online catalog, and circulation functions. The total system currently supports 170 users. Additional ports and terminals will be added next year. The system has more than 1.2 million titles, 74,000 order records, 20,000 check-in records, 356,000 authority records, 36,000 patron records, and 700 reserve course records. The system is heavily used; during the week of December 7th,
for example, 160,178 searches were conducted. Display commands were used 254,048 times.

So why would any librarian want to be subjected to such a complex and complicated project?? It can be fun -- but more than that, the overall results are well worth the effort. The Number One reason for joint systems is the benefit to the library user. At New Mexico Tech and the Law School, for example, the students and faculty have access to over 1.2 million titles. One search retrieves the holdings of eight libraries within a 75 mile driving radius. Access to materials has been significantly increased. Another very good reason is to share costs. Annual system costs can be distributed fairly among the participating libraries. In the case of LIBROS, no one library has to pay for 100% of the operating costs. The City's Planning Library can store its records and have access to the entire system on a dial up basis for less than $150 per year. Systems administration and management is centralized since only one computer room is needed to support all eight libraries. Costs for training and user manuals can also be shared. Economies of scale are realized since a joint system offers cost savings in terms of hardware purchases and site licenses. Besides costs, libraries are able to share cataloging records. It is possible to add location information to an existing cataloging record. For example, the New Mexico Tech, Law and General libraries are currently planning to share one GPO cataloging record. The City's Planning Library can attach their copy information to a catalog record provided by the UNM General Library.

With a joint database, it is also possible to reduce book expenditures by checking for duplication of materials. For example, it is reasonable to ask if an expensive science book is needed at both New Mexico Tech and the UNM Science and Engineering Library. In the near future we hope to realize additional cost efficiencies by jointly purchasing indexes to mount on the Innopac system. Databases such as ERIC, Academic Index, or ABI/Inform could be useful to all institutions.

With joint online catalogs, it is important to determine how materials will be delivered among the participating libraries. Be prepared to share materials with the patrons of the other libraries. If your library stores its records on a joint system, the patrons at the other libraries will find them and ask for them. A timely delivery service is desirable and alternatives to the U.S. mail service should be examined. In the case of LIBROS, Pony Express is used to move materials between the UNM and New Mexico Tech campuses. The Pony Express service has proven itself by eliminating postal costs and by reducing processing time.

These advantages, of course, come with some trade-offs. A joint database means that more people from different institutions are involved. It is not just one cataloging department or just one acquisitions department, or one circulation desk. It may be necessary to compromise on some long-standing policies or procedures. It may be necessary to accept new standards for cataloging procedures. More coordination and communication is necessary in operating a joint database than a single site system.

These trade-offs, however, should not discourage any library from exploring all possibilities for joint databases. The best approach is to start talking with your colleagues at other New Mexico libraries. Joint databases work best among libraries that are natural allies. It is important to know the costs for starting up the project and ongoing telecommunicationscharges, but it is not necessary to have a formal agreement before launching a joint project. Remember, the U.S. Constitution was written after the American Revolution.

Several public libraries in the Albuquerque metropolitan area are joining forces to form the Rio Grande Valley Library System. Early phases of this effort will emphasize use of automation technology to make book collections more accessible to library users throughout the state.

Participating libraries are the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Library, Corrales Community Library, Martha Liebert Library of Bernalillo, and the Esther Bone Memorial Library of Rio Rancho.

The initial step will be to load Rio Rancho's Bibliofile records on Albuquerque-Bernalillo County's GEAC system. The Rio Rancho book collection can then be barcoded. Rio Rancho will go online with circulation activities (including borrower registration) as well as making the combined online catalog available to their clients. Public Access terminals will be installed at Corrales and Bernalillo to give users access to the Rio Rancho-Albuquerque catalog. Twice-weekly deliveries are already in place between the four libraries.

The terminals, communication equipment, Bibliofile loader software, and additional CPU memory will be purchased with funds from Rio Rancho and an LSCA Title III Grant. All four libraries will be contributing "in kind" costs.

Future plans include centralized cataloging and coordinated book selection. Electronic information services to schools and small community libraries throughout Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties using CD-ROM databases will also be developed.

By Wayne Bower

Rio Grande Valley Library System
The Southwest Media and Library Network (SMALNET) is a projected consortium of small and medium sized libraries in the State of New Mexico. The purpose of this consortium will be to share the multi-institutional library database at New Mexico Highlands University through a telecommunication network.

SMALNET will consist of a distributed database of library records, access software to support information retrieval, terminals and printers to retrieve the information, and a data communication network to transmit the information. The intent is to share Highland's system capacity and expertise with other New Mexico libraries under the umbrella of the Data Research Associates (ORA) license.

The DRA package would allow participating libraries to have their own online public access catalog, along with other participating library catalogs, authority control, Boolean logic and keyword searching, circulation control, acquisition control, cataloging screen transfer from a bibliographic utility, and other subsystems integrated in the software. Office capabilities such as word processing, spreadsheet, electronic mail, database management can be utilized via the computer.

Presently, the Tucumcari Area Vocational School and the Tucumcari Public Library have acquired and installed the necessary hardware. Our major problem for the past two months has been the dedicated line from Las Vegas to Tucumcari. U.S. West Communications is working on the problem.

The day of the mainframe computer is over. Today, the network is the computer. Here at Eastern New Mexico University, we wholeheartedly endorse the SMALNET concept developed by Dr. Herrera, formerly of Highlands, as the most cost effective network for smaller libraries.

The SMALNET concept offers a number of advantages for connecting independent libraries into networks for about one-third the normal start-up costs. Member libraries are not required to develop and maintain their own mainframe computer, and a minimum of staff training is required. A library with MARC records can be operating within 24 hours. Each library controls its own policy (fines, check-out times, etc.). A central database containing a catalog and patron list is shared by member libraries.

The SMALNET proposal will be based on central sites running software by DRA. Each member library will connect to the central site by dedicated phone lines. Users of the system will think they are using a local public access catalog. If the user does not locate what they want, they can go one step further and search all the holdings of member libraries. In addition, the user will be able to send messages to other libraries requesting a loan. Online databases can be shared, and other centralized services will be made available to even the smallest libraries.

The librarians will benefit from automation as much as the users. Member libraries have the choice of running their own acquisitions, serials, and cataloging operations, or developing joint operations that would greatly reduce the amount of time spent purchasing, processing, and cataloging books. Interlibrary loan can be performed online within the system. SMALNET proposes to connect Highlands and ENMU, as well as the Llano Estacado network that will include Texas Tech and up to ten smaller libraries in West Texas and New Mexico. All sites in the Llano Estacado network currently operate with DRA software as remote sites.

Eastern New Mexico University has offered to serve as a central site for Portales Public Schools and the Portales Alternative High School. The ENMU site has limited capacity and the expansion to more sites will eventually require a computer upgrade. Funds are being sought at present.

Editor’s note
This is the conclusion of a series of informative reports, sponsored by the Online Round Table, on New Mexico library technology. Valerie Horton and the contributors have done a fine job of sharing what is going on in various kinds of libraries. In future issues, I hope to bring you more of this kind of information, but I will need your help. Please contribute reports on projects, programs, and services in your library. Think of the newsletter as a way of networking and of sharing your experiences and good ideas.

A magnificent collection of stories evoking the sound, flavor, and smells of Mexican-American south Texas. In "My Lucy Friend Who Smells Like Corn," Cisneros remembers childhood impressions of sight, smell, and daring. Going to the movies, eating churros, tortas or jujubes, and watching Pedro Infante through sleepy children's eyes is remembered in "Mexican Movies."

Growing up the hard way in "One Holy Night," believing the push cart vendor who claims he is a Mayan prince, Chaq Uxmal Paloquín, a dreamy young girl, looses her virginity in a closet with pink plastic curtains, on a dirty cot covered with newspapers. "Remember the Alamo" describes the Chicano bar-club scene with ferocious clarity and great humor.

Finally, Cisneros' stories are feminist in feeling and statement in "Never Marry a Mexican," to "Little Miracles, Kept Secrets" where a supplicant of San Antonio de Padua asks for a man "who isn't a pain in the naígas," won't go to California looking for a job, and can "pronounce his name the way it is supposed to be pronounced." Funny and profound, these are stories you love to share.

A book which is placed solidly in the social and political milieu of Arizona and New Mexico is by Barbara Kingsolver, *Animal Dreams*. New York, HarperCollins, 1990, and covers the issues of Hispanic ethnic background denial and discovery, Native American identity, economic exploitation of the land and people, the war in Nicaragua in the 80s, problems of family communication, and a love story. It is book that takes on too many issues. And while Kingsolver becomes heavy-handed in her dealing of these issues, it remains a good story, basically believable, and very compelling.

Returning to her home town of Grace, AZ in order to attend to her ailing father, Codi (Cosima) Noline agrees to teach biology at the high school. While attending a party she meets her only high school boyfriend, Loyd Peregrina, who had spurned her at a time of great need. Dealing now with her fears for her sister in Nicaragua, her emotionally distant father, and her growing love for Loyd, Codi also becomes involved with a campaign to save the town from the deadly effects of old copper mines. A trip to the Jemez Pueblo with Loyd, whose mother lives there, introduces the reader to the rich traditions of the Pueblo dances, as well as the problems associated with pumice mining in the nearby mountains. *Animal Dreams* evokes a rich sense of place which keeps the story lines connected.

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**Past Conferences**

**1992 NMLA Mini-Conference:**

*"Serving New Mexico's Diverse People"*

by Barbara M. Billey,
2nd Vice-President

The 1992 NMLA Mini-Conference was very successful. The conference was held on October 9 at the New Mexico State University-Grants Campus. Eighty-six individuals from throughout New Mexico attended the conference. The individuals came from all types of libraries including special libraries, school libraries, public libraries, etc. There were seven workshops which were all well attended; for example, the MARC workshop had 35 individuals registered for the day-long session. Some of the sessions were crowded, with
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standing room only. The round tables that sponsored workshops were: Educational Technology, Native American Libraries, Documents, LUISA, Library Instruction, and Technical Services; plus the Public Libraries, and Services for Youth and School Libraries Divisions.

The conference evaluations indicate that all workshops were very beneficial, with strong support to continue having mini-conferences. There were some suggestions that the mini-conference could be held more than once a year, the conference should be two days long, etc.

The NMSU-Grants Campus library staff, under the direction of Fred Wilding-White, was very helpful. The conference could not have been held without their assistance, and they deserve thanks for their help.

New Mexico Librarians in Guadalajara

New Mexico had two representatives at the Sixth International Colloquium of Librarians and Guadalajara International Book Fair in November. Charles Townley, from NMSU, attended on behalf of IFLA, and Barbara King represented the State Library. Here are their reports.

International Colloquium of Librarians/Guadalajara International Book Fair

by Charles T. Townley, Dean
New Mexico State University Library

The Guadalajara International Book Fair is a major exposition in Latin America. Publishers and distributors from all Hispanic countries attend. Concurrently, sessions of the International Colloquium of Librarians draws about 5,000 librarians, media specialists, information specialists, documentalists, editors, publishers and other professionals. The fair itself was open to the general public at certain hours, attracting more than 250,000 people.

I attended the book fair on behalf of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and its Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations. My purpose was to share information about IFLA with library professionals from Mexico and Latin America. I was especially interested in sharing information about the 1993 IFLA General Conference to be held in Barcelona, and the 1994 Conference in Havana, Cuba. Through the kindness of AMBAC, the Mexican Association of Librarians, I was able to show IFLA materials in a shared booth.

In addition, I attended many sessions of the Sixth International Colloquium of Librarians. The topic of this colloquium was "International Cooperation Between Mexico and the United States." One keynoter, Michael Maliconico, gave a presentation on Libraries and Librarians in the 21st century. Having reinvented the library, Maliconico sees librarians now needing to reinvent the profession, taking on the roles of consultant and publisher. Anna Maria Magaloni from the National Council of Culture and Arts in Mexico gave an inspirational presentation on the role of public libraries in a developing society.

In the plenary session, several points of interest to New Mexico librarians were made. Robert Seal, Director at UTEP, described some of the activities of state association committees on U.S./Mexico cooperation. Apparently, New Mexico is the only border state without such a committee. NMLA may want to form one. Bob also described a U.S./Mexico Interlibrary Loan project coordinated by the American Library Association. It currently involves 10 Mexican institutions and 25 in the United States, including both the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University. Helen Ladrón de Guevara described cultural programs available from Mexican Consulates being used by public libraries in different parts of the United States. Peggy Barber of ALA and Surya Peniche of AMBAC described the respective national associations.

One of the most interesting discussions revolved around cooperation among academic libraries. Jose Orozco, director of the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM), presented a critical paper on the status of academic libraries in Mexico and their ability to cooperate. On the good side he feels that Mexican librarians have much to share. He also believes, however, that the libraries most capable of cooperation reside in central Mexico and that the current emphasis on border library relations, while well meaning, cannot be as rewarding as dealing through Mexico City. This met sharp disagreement from librarians representing northern Mexico.

Adolfo Rodriguez, Library Director at UNAM, the autonomous national university, discussed the technological requirements for cooperation. He is very concerned about the Internet and its development in Mexico. Paul Vasallo, now an independent consultant in Washington, believes that the key for a developing country like Mexico is to undertake a simultaneous industrial and information revolution. This session was vigorous, open-ended, and challenging.

Another session of particular interest to academic librarians was a discussion on Mexican bibliography. A representative from the National Library described the sources of information on bibliographic control. Like the United States, Mexico has both current bibliographies and retrospective cumulations to describe the 8,000 titles published in Mexico each year.

From an IFLA standpoint, the conference may have been less than successful since library participation was primarily from Mexico and the U.S. But it was a definite success in addressing issues of cooperation between the U.S. and Mexico. It also provided excellent access to a broad array of publishers, including some that are hard to find in the United States. On the whole, the trip was a great success.
Fil, Un Gran Exitó
by Barbara R. King, Consultant,
New Mexico State Library

It was a great pleasure to attend the Sixth International Colloquium of Librarians and related meetings and social events at the 1992 Guadalajara International Book Fair. Thanks to the State Library for giving me this opportunity to share information with Mexican and U.S. border state librarians. Charles Townley and I attended some of the same functions and I will try to give a view of some events which he did not cover at this enormous and well-organized FERIA.

Following the awarding of the Juan Rulfo Prize for Fiction to Manuel Arreola, the Ballet Folklorico of Mexico danced and mariachi played at the first of numerous cultural entertainments planned for us. At the opening ceremony of the librarians colloquium, we began to learn about the impressive strides made by Mexico in the establishment of public libraries (3500 so far since 1983) and about the possibilities of international cooperation between our two countries, most particularly in the border area. One suggestion made was the sharing of Summer Reading Program themes and materials, a prospect that we would like to follow up.

In the round table concerning public library cooperation, various services in their states were described by Arlene Bansal, Deputy State Librarian of Arizona; Yolanda Cuesta, Deputy State Librarian of California; Edward Seidenberg of the State Library of Texas; and myself. A later session featured librarians from the Mexico border states, notably Alexandra Rangle of Nueva Leon and Nora Granados of Baja, California, who showed slides of the new libraries. The Oaxaca city library is particularly impressive, sited in a large colonial home complete with fountains, gardens and art exhibit.

Our next opportunity to seek cooperation with our Mexican friends and neighbors will be in El Paso at the 3rd Foro Binacional de Bibliotecas in March. I hope there will be a number of New Mexico librarians attending who represent not only academic, but also school and public libraries.

"Problem Patron"
Workshop a Success
by Clara Rey, Chair
Public Library Division

Thanks in a big part to the cooperation of the weather, the "Managing Problem Patrons" workshop, cosponsored by the Public Libraries Division of NMLA and the Municipal Librarians' Association, was a success.

Approximately 50 participants attended the workshop in Albuquerque on January 15th. In the evaluations, they gave the program an overall rating of excellent. The participants felt that the presenter was interesting and effective, and that the information they received was practical and applicable.

Becky Schreiber used lecturing, workshops, and group discussion to help us recreate in our minds some problem situations. We were able to identify our own problem patrons and then were led to ponder, in our own minds, the feelings they arouse in us and to evaluate our behavior toward them. We went on to consider how we could create a climate to encourage good patron behavior.

Some of the suggestions included having clear policies, equal enforcement of rules, and routine evaluation of policies and procedures.

Throughout the day, we received tips on how to practice prevention. Approaching a patron who shows signs of confusion or irritability could prevent a patron from becoming a problem. Knowing our own sensitivities can also help us to act "on" a situation instead of reacting "to" the situation. There was some discussion about knowing the difference between odd behavior and problem behavior and how this analysis could prevent a potential problem.

We also received tips on how to deal diplomatically, how to handle complaints, and on gentle confrontation.

I felt that the workshop was a success and that those of us attending gained a great deal from Becky's presentation.

Public Librarians Have Impact at Municipal League
by Joe Sabatini

Public librarians were an active presence at the annual conference of the New Mexico Municipal League in Santa Fe on September 2nd. Sporting bright yellow and red badges proclaiming "Ask Your Librarian," they publicized the roles that libraries can perform in "developing human infrastructure." League President Peso Chavez, a City Councilor from Santa Fe, promoted this conference.
theme, emphasizing the need for municipal governments to take an active role in working with educational and human services organizations to improve community life. Following a panel discussion on "Education: Are Cities Doing Their Part," a procession of librarians reminded other municipal officials that their libraries are already active in many forms of community education.

Another high point for the librarians was the closing session speech by former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, who is President-Elect Clinton's designee for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Cisneros urged municipal governments to invest creatively in developing human capital. He said, "There's been some excellent work done in California that looks at the role of libraries after the year 2000 in a diverse state... that says: 'Look, libraries have to be a lot more than just a repository for books on shelves...; that they're active places where information can be shared with the public, all kinds of information, put in accessible places.' In some cities, they're putting libraries in shopping malls, you know? You don't have to build a new building to make books accessible; just rent some space in a shopping mall where the people go anyway, and make it accessible to them. Tucson has done that. A city in Washington state has done that. They put a one-stop service center of the city government in the shopping mall...." 

At the Librarians Section meeting, a panel discussion was held on implementing the Americans With Disabilities Act, which was attended by about 40 librarians and other officials. Mary Elms of Carlsbad succeeded Joe Sabatini of Albuquerque as Section President, and Marilyn Reeves of Espanola was elected Vice-President. The Section was also successful in getting the League to include a resolution in support of increased state aid to public libraries adopted as part of the League's legislative priorities.

WHCLIST 1993 Awards for Excellence

The White House Conference on Library and Information Service Taskforce announces the categories for the 1993 awards. Each year, WHCLIST honors those who have made significant contributions toward the enhancement of library and information services. Categories for 1993 are:

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