The Internet Comes to New Mexico: On-Ramps and Driver's Ed

More and more New Mexico librarians are venturing out onto the information superhighway, but there is still a great deal of work to be done in acquiring training and building on-ramps. The Annual Conference in Ruidoso, with its "internet track" was a turning point for many New Mexico Librarians. The for-credit class provided an intense, guided, hands-on experience, and the all-day "Internet as a Reference Tool" workshop gave those with connections something immediately usable. Other shorter sessions introduced participants to various aspects of the internet as an information and communication resource.

Construction of different kinds of on-ramps has just begun. The $825,000 that was appropriated by the State Legislature in 1994 to connect libraries to the internet has begun to be allocated by the State Library in the form of grants to individual libraries. The first round of awards has been made (see page 19) and equipment has been ordered for those libraries. The State Library is currently negotiating with an internet provider. Applications for the second round will be processed this fall. Call Chris Baca at the State Library (827-3607) in August to receive an application.

Three levels of grants will help with connectivity. Level One is for equipment — standardized workstations and software and training to use them. Level Two grants allow libraries to connect to a local internet provider. Level Three grants allow libraries that already have their own local area networks to connect the networks to the internet.

During the next few months the State Library will be awarding the second and third round of grants, signing a contract with an internet provider, purchasing, configuring and distributing equipment, and initiating a training program. The State Library's Internet Project Team consists of Tim Merigan of LANL, Steve Rollins of UNM, Terry Leach of the Office of Communications, and Harold Bogart, Scott Sheldon, and Peggy Medina Giltrow, all of the State Library.

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The New Mexico Library Association Newsletter (ISSN 0893-2956) is published quarterly based on NMLA Executive Board meetings and Annual Conference dates (approximately March, June, September, and December).

Gwen Gregory of the NMSU Library will be the guest editor for the September 1995 issue of the NMLA Newsletter. The issue will focus on International Librarianship. Articles or other information on libraries throughout the world are sought for this special issue. If you have ideas, please contact Gwen at (505)646-7488 or email her at ggregory@lib.nmsu.edu. The deadline for the September issue is August 1st.
"Good morning, this is Kathy."
"Good morning Kathy, this is Mary Pat. Do you have a few minutes or shall I call later?"
"I'm sitting in front of my computer, looking into infinite blue computer space, and searching for inspiration."
"It's hard to find. Last week after a trying day at work, I still had to stop by the supermarket on the way home. I recognized a local physician as he rolled his cart past me. I asked if he knew where the aisle for 'inspiration' was located. You know, he couldn't find it either!"

To expand the supermarket analogy, this year will probably be viewed as a "meat and potatoes" kind of year:
- The Association's reorganization to continue under the guidance of NMLA's executive board.
- Commitment to provide training opportunities and networking.
- Groundwork laid for NMLA's 75th anniversary.

Hopefully, while providing "meat and potatoes", scenarios for 'inspiration' will also be created. Look at it this way ... at the very least, you've got a full plate. As for 'inspiration' ... maybe, just maybe, all you have to do is answer your phone!

Conference attendance, including exhibitors, speakers and guests, was approximately 600. Thanks for all your compliments. I appreciate each of you ... you worked hard, had fun and learned lots! I'm looking forward to a wonderful year.

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"Thanks very much for the wonderful hospitality that you provided for me at the conference last week. The New Mexico audiences were the best that I've ever had. It was a great experience for me." --Will Manley

"We enjoyed playing for you librarians, more than any other group. You were fun and had such a good time. Most folks have to be real drunk to cut loose like ya'll did...and 'Mam, you were just fun!" --Bent Tree Regulators

"I really enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people at the conference...Everyone was warm and gracious and went out of their way to make me welcomed in New Mexico." --Maggie Parhamovich

Melissa Haraughty Wins the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship

by Gary Mayhood

At the conference banquet, the NMLA Education Committee awarded Melissa Haraughty this year's Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship of $1,500.00. Melissa received her bachelor's degree in Education in 1988 from Eastern New Mexico University and is currently enrolled as a student in the master of library science program at the University of North Texas. Melissa is also the Instructional Resource Center Librarian in training until she receives her degree at Eastern New Mexico University. There she is responsible for the daily operation of the IRC. From her statement of professional goals:

"Upon completion I plan to continue my employment with ENMU as New Mexico is my home. I would like to be involved in the education of students and have aspirations of teaching courses on how to use the library to students at ENMU as well as to surrounding public schools. I would also like to develop educational programs for the children of the area to include storytime, reading, discovery, and research. I believe in education for all and have the support of the library administration to pursue the development of these programs which will assist the future generations of New Mexicans to compete in an ever-changing world."

On behalf of the entire membership of NMLA, the Education Committee would like to wish Melissa the best in her library career in New Mexico! ☀

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Amigo and Legislator of the Year Awards
Presented by NMLA

by Karen Stabler and Sylvia Ortiz,
NMSU Library

The New Mexico Library Association awards the Amigo Award to a friend, group, volunteer, or board member who has significantly contributed to a library at the local level. The presentations for this prestigious awards were made at the Annual Awards Banquet April 27 in Ruidoso. The recipients, who receive a membership to NMLA for one year and an engraved piece of Nambe, were:

The Georgia O’Keeffe Friends of the Library Organization

This Friends Organization for the Georgia O’Keeffe elementary school in Albuquerque supports three goals: 1) literacy promotion, 2) fund raising, and 3) library/librarian advocacy. Some of the following creative activities well demonstrate their commitment. In order to promote literacy promotion, the Friends organization has sponsored a “Night of a Thousand Stars” during National Library Week in 1994 and 1995. Local celebrities and authors were invited to read their favorite stories to children. An estimated crowd of 1,000 people attended each year. For National Children’s Book Week, “Read Across America” was the theme. Two hundred books with a regional flavor were selected. After the elementary students read the books, a member of the Friends organization quizzed the student. Prizes were provided and awarded by the Friends. Besides encouraging literacy, the Friends have been successful in fund raising. They have held two book fairs and have produced and sold a cookbook entitled Storybook Cookbook. Through these efforts the Friends raised $5,600. The Friends are active in advocating for a professional librarian in each school. They have had a letter writing campaign, made presentations to groups, and distributed printed information on behalf of the school librarians.

Ruth Farley

Ruth Farley has been a volunteer for several libraries in the Taos area for the past eight years. Libraries that benefit from her work are: The Harwood/Taos Public Library, the Taos Pueblo Day School Library, Embudo Valley’s new library, the Millicent Rogers Museum library, and many other regional libraries — Angel Fire, Eagle Nest, and Truchas. Ruth is a very energetic person.
Some of her activities include cataloging materials, providing systems assistance, and clipping newspaper items for interested persons. Before retiring to Taos, she worked 25 years at the Sandia National Labs. Ruth states that it is still fun to go to work and catalog books!

Bill Fulginiti

Bill Fulginiti is the Executive Director of the New Mexico Municipal League. As part of the League’s lobbying efforts in 1994, Mr. Fulginiti attended all library-related committee hearings during the state legislature, and his advocacy was instrumental in obtaining legislative support, in excess of $12 million dollars, for library issues. His testimony on behalf of “Collections and Connections” legislation at the State Senate hearing was “ cogent and persuasive,” according to Joe Sabatini, and was an important factor in the passage of library-related bills. Mr. Fulginiti is also active in providing instructional workshops to League members on the ins and outs of legislative activity, and how to be an effective lobbyist. He has been a good friend to New Mexico libraries for many years and his work is deeply appreciated.

Monty Phister

Monty Phister was unable to attend the conference in Ruidoso, and received his Amigo Award at a special ceremony in Santa Fe. A volunteer at LaFarge Branch of the Santa Fe Public Library, Mr. Phister developed the “Math with Monty” program for school children in the 1980s. His interest and experience with computers of all types enabled him to develop a spreadsheet to analyze library vendors for the library; and in 1990 he worked with Patsy Barry to modify existing acquisitions software to create a database of outstanding current orders. Use of this database eliminated many staff hours of manual searching and filing of order cards and now allows all library patrons and staff to know what is currently on order and which branches have ordered specific titles. More recently, Mr. Phister has offered workshops in dBase to interested staff members. His quiet, sustaining contributions have benefitted the library and the public it serves in an outstanding way.

Legislator of the Year

This year the Legislator of the Year Award went to David Townsend of Alamogordo for the second time. Dr. Townsend was the prime sponsor and one of the strongest advocates for the “Collections and Connections” legislative proposal in the 1994 legislature. He sponsored several bills in the House of Representatives which provided additional funding to academic, public school, and public libraries and his influence played a key role in getting these funds included in HB 680, which became Bond Issues B and C. In addition, he introduced bills to provide funding for the Palace of the Governors’ Library and the Rio Grande Historical Collections at NMSU. Dr. Townsend retired as a professor of History from NMSU, Alamogordo campus. His contributions to that institution were recognized when they named the library the David H. Townsend Library. Representative Townsend completed two terms in the New Mexico House of Representatives representing Otero County, and equally as important, all the libraries of New Mexico. His legislative contributions have made him invaluable to New Mexico libraries. He also won this award in 1992.

David Townsend accepts his award from Charles Townley, Dean of the NMSU Library. Linda Avery, Awards Committee Chair, is on the right.
LUISA Program: American Mythology Needs Hispanic Stories and Heroes

by Molly Molloy

No one disputes the fact that tales of the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving and the "romance" between Pocahontas and Capt. John Smith are part of American mythology. This summer a Walt Disney animated film will re-tell the story of Pocahontas. But as New Mexicans know, years before John Smith came to Virginia and Pilgrims celebrated the "first" Thanksgiving, Spanish immigrants explored, traded and sometimes fought with Native people, farmed, and worshipped in their city of Santa Fe, Nuevo Mexico. So why haven't the chronicles of Spanish explorers, priests and citizens also entered into the American mythology?

Donald Barclay, author and librarian, addressed this question in the LUISA program "The Good Country They Had in Their Hands: Will the Future Recognize Its Hispanic Roots?" Barclay read from Into the Wilderness Dream: Exploration Narratives of the American West, 1500-1805 (co-edited by Barclay, James Maguire and Peter Wild, University of Utah Press, 1994). Through the words of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, Hernando de Soto, Pedro de Castaneda, and Heman Gallegos, the audience came to a new understanding of the narrative riches in the stories of these Spanish explorers.

Barclay, a scholar of Western literature, tracked down the best stories from the period of Spanish exploration and settlement and edited them for inclusion in Into the Wilderness Dream. In the process, he realized that these early accounts (most from the 16th century) were just as good (and often better) than the stories from Anglo-America that have become our national myths.

De Soto's chronicle of first encounters between the Spanish expedition and the Native peoples of what is now Texas, Heman ("Rey of the Wild Frontier") Gallegos' cunning misadventures with horse thieves, and Castaneda's wistful memoria of the failed Coronado expedition all contain the essential elements of great stories—description, plot, irony, creative language. And these early Hispanic writers also used their literary skill to tell and preserve history as material for myth-making.

If these stories are so good, why haven't they entered our national mythology? According to Barclay, the stories that have become American myths have had great literary and/or cinematic promoters. Longfellow told the Pilgrims' story in poetry. Disney films immortalized the tale of Davey Crockett and Pocahontas.

Although we can study history to learn about our Hispanic (or Native American or African-American) past, mythology may have more of an impact on the way we live our lives and the way we believe the world should be. "We can study the history of Cesar Chavez...and still be no better people for it. It is feeling the mythology of Cesar Chavez that makes us look at a wrong and say, 'No mas'".

We need writers and filmmakers to bring Hispanic stories to life for today's multi-cultural American audience. "We must make sure that every race, every raza, that has contributed to our nation in historic fact has its contributions recognized as well in the national mythology." Into the Wilderness Dream is good literature, and perhaps an essential tool for building a more inclusive national mythology.
The initial meeting of the Bibliographic Instruction Interest Group, during the 1994 NMLA Conference in Albuquerque, held great potential for a productive and interesting year. This interest group was an outgrowth of the former Bibliographic Instruction Round Table. The members were enthusiastic about network electronic technology and the role the Internet could play in bibliographic instruction. We collectively realized that sources available on the Internet were valuable. The members stated the need to include information about these sources to our patrons. The members also stated that the “haves” and “have nots”, in terms of connectivity to the Internet, created a dynamic that was problematic for everyone in the interest group. Some members were connected, and were already accessing information. These folks, in some cases, were including Internet instruction for their patrons. Others, who were not connected, were in need of fundamental support to begin to take the initial steps to get their libraries connected. The diversity of need and interest was, and still is, profound.

Concurrent with the start of this interest group, my role at my library was accelerated due to the departure of my director. My role at my library continued to require an extraordinary amount of time, which kept me from providing the requisite leadership for the interest group. The result was that the interest group did not meet again after the initial meeting.

I believe that the members have a great amount of energy to contribute to the activities which comprise bibliographic instruction. Clearly the direction of this year’s NMLA Conference confirms the wider membership’s interest in the Internet as a legitimate tool to be understood, used, and taught to patrons. It is my hope that the members of this interest group will reconstitute in order to promote the activities that are intrinsic to the use of the Internet in bibliographic instruction.

Due to unexpected additional job responsibilities there was no activity from this group at the conference. One of the goals of this group is to provide a point of contact for members seeking information on issues raised by the application of electronic technology in libraries. Members should send e-mail, write a note, or call Jennifer Marquardt at home if they have questions or suggestions for Newsletter articles or conference presentations.

The newly formed Friends and Trustees Interest Group presented a well-attended program at the Ruidoso Conference. Our featured speaker was Susan Mariani, President, Friends of the Georgia O’Keeffe Elementary School Library. This group, formed only about a year and a half ago, focuses actively on two purposes — literacy and advocacy. To raise funds for their various projects they prepared and sold a cookbook, realizing $5,600 from the sale of 1,000 books.

To promote literacy they have sponsored such events as Peter Rabbit’s 100th birthday, Read Across America, and two Nights of a Thousand Stars. Advocating school libraries, they launched the “Save Our Library” campaign when Albuquerque Public Schools discussed eliminating librarians. They contacted school board members, school administrators, and legislators, and did save their librarian.
When APS planned to divert legis­
lated library funds the Friends again
lobbied successfully to keep the funds in
libraries. A subcommittee met with the
principal of a new elementary school to
share their concerns about the effective­
ness of libraries and what the community
expected from their school library.
Anyone interested in setting up a
school library friends group is welcome to
contact Susan Mariani, at 505-856-6635.
Anyone interested in joining or assisting
the Friends and Trustees Interest Group
can contact Linda O’Connell, 505-899­
7676 or 505-899-7600 (fax).

Government Information
by Karen George

The formation of the Government
Information Special Interest Group took
place with a show of support from the
members at the 1994 New Mexico Library
Association Annual Conference, Docu­
ments Round Table meeting. The purpose
and objectives of the new interest group
were adopted and have for the most part
been accomplished this year.

The major highlight of activities by
the Group was at the Mini Conference
held in Alamogordo, NM on October 14,
1994. Clark McLean presented an enlight­
ening Internet Skills Session which was
attended by over 75 NMLA members. The
session was very successful.

Kathleen Le Febre from New Mexico
Tech will be the liaison for the group for
1995-96 and she will be submitting her
purpose and objectives on April 28, 1995.
Further, Gary Mayhood, from New
Mexico State has agreed to serve as the
liaison for 1996-97 and will be planning
the speaker for next year’s conference.
The leadership of the group will thereby
be represented by a member of the federal
documents community, Kathleen, and a
member of the state of New Mexico
documents community, Gary. Thus, the
future looks bright.

Library Cats and Other Critters
by Betty Reynolds

During the year 1994/95 Ellanie
Sampson and Betty Reynolds conducted
several literature searches to determine the
extent of published materials on cats and
other critters employed by libraries. We
found very little on this subject but did find
some material on the use of dogs and cats
in therapy settings such as in nursing
homes or homecare. In the literature this is
called “Pet Therapy.”

We believe that a survey of NMLA
members (via the Newsletter) would be the
next step in determining the usefulness of a
resource group and further publications
within the state. Due to lack of time we
were unable to conduct the survey this year
and doubt that we will find the time during
the coming year. Therefore we recommend
that this interest group go inactive and we
will not be reapplying for active interest
group status.

Local & Regional History
by Peter Ives

The interest group has worked up a list
of possible speakers for future meetings
and conferences. The speaker for the 1994
Conference, Prof. Ferenc Szasz, was quite
successful. He spoke on the topic “Conflict
and Cooperation: the History of Religion in
New Mexico.” There is no speaker ar­
ranged for 1995, but several good possibili­
ties for 1996.

LUISA
by Adriana Ortega

Unfortunately I ended up with so much
responsibility to my school work that I was
unable to get a mid-year program done in
October. About January I felt that I was not
doing what I had promised to do, and asked
Molly Molloy to take over as liaison. She
very graciously agreed to do this. [see
Molly’s report on the LUISA program, pg.
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Native American Libraries
No report.

Public Libraries
by Kathy Costa

The Public Library Interest Group has
survived this year of transition and will
continue for the next year. Jae Luree King

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has agreed to serve as liaison for the coming year. Activities during this year were minimal. I presented a program at the mini conference in October.

I scheduled Linda Niemann, author of *Boomer: A Railroad Memoir*, to present a program at the annual conference. Unfortunately, Linda is undergoing chemotherapy which left her unable to travel. However, she prepared the paper on her subject, “A Writer’s Palette, developing a color vocabulary.” I read it at the scheduled time. Attendance: 30

In March, I sent a press release to the *Newsletter*, describing Linda’s program. I also asked for a volunteer to take on the position of liaison for the Public Library Interest Group. I sent a mailing to the entire membership with the same request. Fortunately, Jae Lurie King has agreed to take the responsibility for the next year.

School Library Standards
No report.

Southern New Mexico Libraries
*by Kam Hitchcock-Mort*

The Southern New Mexico Libraries Interest Group formed at the NMLA Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, April 1994. Our initial goal was to contact all of the librarians and library workers in the three county area of Luna, Dona Ana and Otero Counties. We assumed with the money available from the State Library to hook up the smaller libraries to the Internet that there would be interest in networking and perhaps some informal sharing of information about the “Information Highway.”

NMSU graciously offered to field tutors and TBML offered space for seminars of any size. The TBML staff went through the American Library Directory and made a list of all libraries listed for the three counties. We also agreed to add the School Library and Media staffs to our lists although we did not have ready access to their names and addresses.

As our first official function, Donnie Curtis and Laural Adams presented a workshop on using the Internet for reference at the Alamogordo NMLA mini-conference in October 1994. We sent a flyer to everyone on our three county list and asked them to let us know if they would like to get together or suggest any other subjects for future seminars. Although there was a large turnout for the seminar at the Alamogordo meeting, we did not receive any follow up requests or specific contacts from the smaller libraries in our three counties. We feel sure that as the installation of PC’s and connections continues apace, that we will have increased interest in the networking aspect of our interest group.

Mark Pendleton, Reference Department, TBML will be the liaison for the Southern New Mexico Libraries Interest Group for the new year, 1995-1996.

Technical Services
*by Mary Grathwol*

The TSIG mission of supporting technical services throughout the state was addressed in year-long projects. Each NMLA Newsletter carried a TSIG update, including information about available training or workshops around the state. In the summer Mary Grathwol (Santa Fe Public Library) and Patrick Emerson (St. John’s College Library) designed and distributed a questionnaire to assess skills and needs in technical services areas. Throughout the fall staff at the Santa Fe Public Library studied dBase in a class generously taught by a library volunteer and created a “technical services skills” database currently being prepared for printing and distribution.

Fifty people attended the TSIG program on Outsourcing at the Mini Conference in Alamogordo in October. Panelists Margo Sasse (Modesto Junior College), Jeff Downing (AMIGOS), and Phyllis Baker (Baker and Taylor) covered topics from vendor-assisted collection development to the Electronic Scriptorium, monks who can meet all your cataloging needs.

Winter brought a volunteer to be liaison for TSIG for the 1995-96 year. Gwen Gregory (New Mexico State University) took on planning the 1995 conference program and seeing TSIG through a new year of activities.

A dozen people joined in a business meeting at the April 1995 conference to plan for the coming year. Mary Grathwol, Katherine Higgins (New Mexico State Library), and Gary Mayhood (New Mexico
State University) formed a working group to address TSIG bylaws, an issue bearing on the group’s continued affiliation with ALA/ALCTS (American Library Association, Association for Library Collections & Technical Services).

Think Metric
by Ed Mayfield

The Think Metric Interest Group had a goal of informing librarians of the conversion of the New Mexico highways to metric measurements. By federal mandate all of the states have to have their highways in metric units by Sept. 30, 1996. Libraries will have inquiries for metric conversion information.

To accomplish this goal, a presentation was made on the topic at the annual NMLA conference in Ruidoso, NM on April 27th by Ed Mayfield, Coordinator for the Southwest Center for Codes and Standards at New Mexico State University.

Two Year College Libraries
by Melinda Bako Dermody

The Two Year College Libraries Interest Group was newly formed in January of 1995, with Melinda Bako Dermody as liaison. The special interest group was established to address interests, issues and problems unique to the two year college library/learning resource center.

A program was presented by the group at NMLA in Ruidoso. The program was entitled “Distance learning and libraries: A problem? Articles for New Mexico: One solution!” Stan Ruckman, New Mexico State University at Alamogordo, and Steve Rollins, University of New Mexico were the presenters. Articles for New Mexico is a program being designed to provide magazine and serial articles to libraries in New Mexico through various forms of technology.

Due to the late start of the Two Year College Libraries Interest Group, no other activities were organized for this past year. An NMLA Interest Group Proposal for the Two Year College Libraries Interest Group has been filed for the upcoming year.

White House Conference
by Susie Sonflieth

The purpose of this group is to keep track of and disseminate information on activities which affect libraries and librarians in New Mexico with relation to results of the 1990 White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services and the planning of the year 2000 White House Conference.

There were two national meetings during this NMLA fiscal year. In August 1994 Betty Long and I attended the 1994 Annual WHCLIST meeting in Santa Clara, CA. Betty has served on the steering committee in two capacities this year. She is the professional representative for Region V and she also served as co-chair of the Awards Committee for the 1995 annual meeting. The second meeting was the 1995 annual meeting in Washington D.C. in April 1995. Ms. Long attended this second meeting and was on hand when Representative David H. Townsend from New Mexico received the State Elected Official Award from WHCLIST. Betty’s reports from both meetings were sent to the State Library (which helped underwrite travel expenses) and to the NMLA Newsletter. NMLA helped underwrite travel expenses to Santa Clara.

As part of our annual work plan the White House Conference interest group along with our ALA Councilor presented the ALA Library Advocacy Now! training at this year’s NMLA Annual Conference.

The next national WHCLIST meeting will be in Greenville, SC in August 1996.
Reward Excellence and Nominate a Colleague for an Award!!

Honorary Life Membership. NMLA’s highest award given to individuals for outstanding contributions to the purposes of NMLA, for constructive accomplishment rather than longevity, not limited to librarians, may be given to anyone for helping NMLA and/or libraries in New Mexico.

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

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Criteria: notable legislative contribution to library funding, the issues of intellectual freedom, and/or access to library services.

Community Achievement. Award for librarians (those certified or with a degree) for outstanding library service or achievement at the local level. Also may be given as NMLA’s recognition of an award from another source that has enhanced the library, and to the entire library community; thus to a local, school, or academic librarian who has received a community, regional, or national honor.

New Mexico Library Amigo. Award made to an individual (friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel) whose work on behalf of the local library has resulted in significant progress and/or achievement for that library; or, in recognition of work in the promotion of library service within the state.

Nominations and supporting letters are to be mailed no later than Wednesday, November 1, 1995, to:

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New Mexico Library Association Award Nomination Form

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- [ ] Legislator of the Year

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P.O. Box 3516, UPB

Las Cruces, NM 88003

Call (505) 646-6172 if you have questions.

Mail completed forms no later than Wednesday, November 1, 1994
1995-96 NMLA Interest Groups

Government Information
Liaison: Kathleen S. Le Febre, NM Tech Library, Socorro
ph: 835-5740 email: klefebre@nmt.edu
Purpose: To promote awareness of government information and political issues affecting dissemination of government information
Objectives: Provide current information on government information sources and formats to all interested members
Keep abreast of political issues affecting dissemination of government information

Local & Regional History
Liaison: Peter B. Ives, UNM, Parish Library, Albuquerque
ph: 277-9243 email: pives@unm.edu
Purpose: To get interesting speakers on a variety of topics that have not been well-covered
Objectives: To bring to NMLA members historical topics that can further their interests in the collections of their libraries

LUISA - Spanish Language Services
Liaison: Molly Molloy, NMSU Library, Las Cruces
ph: 646-6931 email: mmolloy@lib.nmsu.edu
Purpose: LUISA promotes library services and works to expand access to resources of interest to Spanish-speaking communities in New Mexico
Objectives: Promote communication among librarians and library workers serving Spanish-speaking communities in New Mexico
Plan program for the annual conference in March 1996
Write articles of interest to NMLA members who serve Spanish-speaking communities for the NMLA Newsletter

Native American Libraries
Liaison: Teresa M. Naranjo
ph: 753-7326
Purpose: To promote library services to Native Americans in the state of New Mexico
Objectives: Hold periodic meetings to promote informal and formal networking
Cooperate with Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee efforts to begin to plan and implement lobbying efforts

New Mexico Preservation Alliance
Liaison: Cheryl Wilson, NMSU Library, Las Cruces
ph: 646-3238 email: chwilson@lib.nmsu.edu
Purpose: Promote preservation and conservation of library materials, archives, and public records
Objectives: Disseminate information relating to the preservation of library materials, archives, and public records

Forming an NMLA Interest Group

The procedures for establishing interest groups are defined in Article XIV of the NMLA Bylaws:

Section 1. An interest group may be formed by members whose common interests reflect the Goals of the Association. Members wanting to form an interest group submit a proposal to the Executive Board for recognition. The proposal will include the name of the member who will serve as Executive Board liaison, a statement of purpose, and objectives related to the Goals of the Association.

Section 2. Once formed, an interest group will annually submit a proposal for recognition. The Executive Board shall authorize continued recognition of existing interest groups at the first Executive Board meeting following the close of the annual conference.

Section 3. Each interest group will select an Executive Board liaison who shall represent the group and submit the group’s objectives, proposed activities, and budget requests to the Executive Board.

Section 4. Interest groups may request a program or meeting time during the Association’s annual conference or other general meetings.

Section 5. Each interest group liaison shall submit a written annual report to be published in the post-conference issue of the Association’s official periodical and shall submit this report to the Secretary at the close of the annual conference.
Public Libraries
Liaison: Jae Luree King, Grants Public Library
   ph: 287-4793
Purpose: Support public libraries and librarians in the areas of development, improvement, education and extension of public library services in New Mexico
Objectives: Provide leadership to initiate, maintain, and enhance library legislation and act on political issues affecting library interests
   Foster an awareness of and support the activities of the New Mexico Library Foundation
   Provide and support educational opportunities for library personnel
   Possibly sponsor a program or workshop coordinating with another interest group exploring innovative methods of resource sharing
   Provide a program at the annual conference
   Promote and communicate the role and value of libraries and librarians
   Encourage members to work with the New Mexico Municipal League Librarians subsection, jointly promoting library objectives to city and state officials
   Support and assist planning efforts for networking in New Mexico
   Work towards coordinating technology in public, school, academic, and special libraries

Services to Young'uns
Liaison: Patricia Froehlich, NM State Library, Santa Fe
   ph: 827-3814 email: patricia@unm.edu or patricia@stlib.nm.us
Purpose: Improve library services to children and youth
Objectives: Survey current services
   Develop competencies in children & youth in accessing, evaluating and using information
   Develop behaviors in children and youth that lead to life-long learning

Southern New Mexico Libraries
Liaison: Mark Pendleton, Branigan Library, Las Cruces
   ph: 526-1048 email: mpendlet@lib.nmsu.edu
Purpose: Provide support network for all librarians in Dona Ana, Otero and Luna Counties
Objectives: Provide both formal and informal support and training
   Begin a program of needs assessment for Southern New Mexico libraries prior to resource sharing

Technical Services
Liaison: Gwen Gregory, NMSU Library, Las Cruces
   ph: 646-7488 email: ggregory@lib.nmsu.edu
Purpose: Provide programs, documents, and services relating to technical services in libraries
Objectives: Sponsor and organize programs at annual meeting and mini-conference
   Provide technical services information to librarians in New Mexico
   Work with other interest groups to integrate technical services themes into activities

Current NMLA Goals
- Provide leadership to initiate, maintain, and enhance library legislation and act on political issues affecting library interests.
- Foster an awareness of and support the activities of the New Mexico Library Foundation.
- Provide and support educational opportunities for library personnel.
- Promote and communicate the role and value of libraries and librarians.
- Plan, direct, and evaluate the growth and effectiveness of the organization.
- Support and assist planning efforts for networking in New Mexico.
Two Year College Libraries

**Liaison:** Melinda Bako Dermody, NMSU Alamogordo  
ph: 439-3628 email:mdermody@lib.nmsu.edu

**Purpose:** Focus on the interests of two year college libraries

**Objectives:** Provide a forum for addressing issues and problems unique to the two-year college library  
Encourage programs which will promote interaction among interest group members  
Encourage submission of articles and programs relating to two year college libraries for NMLA publications and conferences

White House Conference

**Liaison:** Susie Sonfleth, New Mexico Coalition for Literacy  
ph: 982-3997 email:ssnmcl

**Purpose:** Keep up with national and state events, trends, and legislation which affect libraries and librarians in New Mexico with relationship to tracking results and planning activities of WHCLIS

**Objectives:** Track and disseminate information about the 1991 White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services and to participate in the planning process for the 2000 WHCLIS Conference

New Mexico Preservation Alliance

*by Cheryl Wilson, NMSU Library*

The New Mexico Preservation Alliance was organized in 1991 as the New Mexico Task Force on Preservation and Conservation. The name was changed to the New Mexico Preservation Alliance in 1994 to better reflect the cooperative nature and continuing activities of the group. During the 1995 post-conference Executive Board meeting the New Mexico Preservation Alliance was recognized as an NMLA interest group.

The NMPA works to identify and address library and archives preservation and conservation needs throughout the state of New Mexico. The goals of the NMPA are to identify the preservation needs of repositories, libraries, and county and municipal archives throughout the state; and to offer education and training to begin to meet those needs. The NMPA is working to become a statewide resource for preservation and conservation issues by establishing a support system for librarians, archivists, curators, and records managers on preservation matters pertaining to books, paper documents, photographs, maps, audio and video tapes, and electronic records.

The NMPA is working with the AMIGOS Preservation Service and the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board to offer workshops and training opportunities in the basic principles of preservation management for books, records and archives. Training is designed to be applicable to local museums, public libraries, and county and municipal government agencies. The NMPA is also producing a series of informational flyers on specific book and paper preservation topics, including the care and handling of books, photographs and flat documents.

Currently, a group of 14 people representing various institutions and businesses from around New Mexico make up the NMPA. In order to facilitate regional input and dissemination of information, the NMPA is seeking members from geographic areas of the state not yet represented, particularly southeastern and southwestern New Mexico. The next meeting of the NMPA will be on Wednesday, August 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the New Mexico Tech Library in Socorro.

For more information on the New Mexico Preservation Alliance, contact Cheryl Wilson, New Mexico State University Library, 646-3238 or chwilson@lib.nmsu.edu.
The 14th Annual WHCLIST Annual Meeting was held April 8-10 in Washington, D.C. I am the Professional Delegate from New Mexico and was fortunate to be able to attend the conference. Susie Sonfieth, the Lay Delegate from New Mexico, was not able to attend. What follows is an account of the conference.

Saturday, April 8

My day started with a steering committee meeting of WHCLIST. I served on the steering committee in two capacities this year. I am the professional representative for Region V and I also served as Co-chair of the Awards Committee. The steering committee was immediately followed by a Regional Representatives meeting.

The speakers at the luncheon that day were Eva Knight, lay delegate from Wyoming, who serves as the Regional Coordinator for the Regional Reps., and Joan Ress Reeves, lay delegate from Rhode Island. They talked about how they became involved in WHCLIST and what people needed to do to get the most out of the conference.

At the opening session we were welcomed by a multitude of people, including the President (by letter), the Vice President (by letter), and the Librarian of Congress (in person).

The Keynote speaker was Lawrence Irving, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. He made four points in his talk. They were:

1) Libraries are on-ramps to the Internet. 60% of new jobs by the year 2000 will require skills only 15% of the people will have. All Americans have to have access to advanced information and Libraries are the natural place for this to happen.

2) Libraries and Librarians need to serve as Navigators to the Information on the Superhighway. We are awash in a sea of information — the trash and the treasure.

3) Librarians need to be the Coordinators and Leaders in Technology — have the vision. He talked a little bit about Charlotte’s Web in North Carolina and how that innovative idea will impact the communities involved.

4) Libraries and Librarians need to make a concerted public outreach effort. The Information Superhighway remains the road to nowhere to most people in the U.S. We must advertise and promote access to the Superhighway.

After his speech we broke out into our regional meetings. We had representatives from Arizona, Hawaii, Washington and New Mexico in attendance. The main topic of this meeting was the HotLine and how it was going to work and the problems we were encountering in finding people to contact in each state to activate the HotLine.

We were on our own for the evening and I made a dash to see the cherry blossoms before it got dark. WOW!

Sunday, April 9

Sunday morning started with a continental breakfast and a presentation from Lynn Martin Erickson from BiFokal and from Jean Tevits from Topeka, Kansas, talking about their Red Carpet Service.

BiFokal encompasses sight, touch, taste and sound. They have developed multimedia kits based on broad topics. They sometimes include, media presentations, booklets with songs, poetry, etc., cassettes, skit scripts, timeline sheets, odor stickers, paraphernalia and instructions on how to use the kits.

Ms. Tevits in her talk about the Red Carpet Program in the library in Topeka made the point that while we are struggling to maintain existing services we are ignoring a rapidly developing portion of the population: Older Adults. She said that by the year 2011—baby boomers will be 65. Most libraries lack staff trained in the needs of older adults.

Aspects of the Red Carpet Program includes:

1) Outreach Service Van delivers books to retirements complexes and nursing homes, shut-ins, congregate meal sites, etc.

2) Department within the library that has magnifiers and reading aids that are checked out to the public.

3) Collection for caregivers that include programming materials, games that are therapeutic and fun, scrabble in large
print, balloon volleyball, BiFokal kits. Helps agencies deal with the frail elderly. They provide a central resource that helps everyone and makes the library a focus for help.

She suggested that in order to start up a program such as the one in Topeka that a library would need to have staff trained in this area, a budget, and space.

After this presentation we went into a business meeting where the rules for the conference were adopted, a resolution committee appointed and other matters of business were taken care of.

I then took some time to meet with the other Co-chair of the awards committee, Doria Grimes, Federal Libraries representative, to make sure that all the arrangements we had made over the telephone had actually been carried out and that we were ready for the awards banquet that evening.

The session that afternoon was called "Grassroots Enthusiasm" and four State Librarians shared with us how their states had continued to use the support of the White House Conference delegates and the delegates to their state conference prior to the White House Conference.

After this, while everyone else had some time to relax, Doria and I were finalizing plans for the banquet.

The award banquet went well. Three of the recipients were able to attend. John Jakes who received the Citizen and Celebrity Awards, Nann Blaine Hilyard, Vice Chair of WHCLIST who was receiving a Special Award for all of her work for WHCLIST and Representative David H. Townsend from New Mexico who was receiving the State Elected Official Award.

Monday, April 10

We started the morning off bright and early with committee meetings, which were followed by Regional Meetings. At our regional meeting we had the same states represented at the previous meeting and added California.

We then went to a general meeting where a report on the breakout sessions was given by Christie Vernon, moderator. Unfortunately, she spoke faster than I could write. Fortunately, they told us that all of her remarks would be in the proceedings, which will be published at a later date.

A business meeting was then conducted where several resolutions were passed, including resolutions to:
- urge Congress that in any future merge of offices Libraries should have a separate function and appropriate leadership.
- support a TDI grant for services to Deaf.
- urge Congress to support American libraries and funding for technology.
- support National Preservation of non-print material and provide funds for preservation.

The full text will be published in the proceedings.

At this meeting Stan Gardner from Missouri was elected Vice Chair.

Betty Turock, President-Elect of the American Library Association was the speaker at lunch. She talked about "Inequities on the Superhighway" which will be a focus of her presidency. She said we must turn the highway into destination and turn the destinations into outcomes.

One final meeting of the Steering Committee was held where new chairs of committees were recognized, reports were given and the work for the next year started.

The next annual meeting will be in Greenville, SC in August, 1996.
Internet Grants: Round 1

The following libraries received a Type 1 equipment grant:

- Alamogordo Public Library
- Valley Community Library
- Aztec Public Library
- Bayard Public Library
- Belen Public Library
- Bloomfield Community Library
- Bosque Farms Public Library
- Eleanor Daggett Memorial Library
- Clovis Carver Public Library
- Cuba Community Library
- Deming Public Library
- Embudo Valley Library
- Edgewood Community Library
- Espanola Public Library
- Fort Sumner Public Library
- Glenwood Community Library
- Hobbs Public Library
- El Rito Public Library
- Jemez Pueblo Community Library
- Magdalena Public Library
- David Cargo Public Library
- Pecos High School Library
- Pine Hill School Library
- Portales Public Library
- Raton High School Library
- Village of Reserve Public Library
- Institute of American Indian Arts Library
- New Mexico Coalition for Literacy Resource Center
- Moise Memorial Library
- Fred Macaron Public Library
- Truth or Consequences Public Library

The following libraries were awarded Type 2 grants: (Money not to exceed $5,000)

- Edmund G. Ross Elementary School Library
- Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

The following libraries were awarded Type 3 grants: (Money not to exceed $10,000)

- Inez Elementary School Media Center
- Valley High School Library
- Los Alamos High School Library
- Albuquerque Public Schools
- Roswell Public Library
- Octavia Fellin Public Library

Before Applying for a State Internet Grant...

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Who in your community would use the Internet and Internet information? What kinds of information do they need?
- Which institutions in your community are already connected to the Internet and could they help you to get connected? (Examples: schools, colleges, governmental agencies, private enterprises)
- What Internet access resources are available locally? (Example: La Plaza in Taos)
- What equipment do you have now?
- Do you have a local area network?
- Which level of funding grant should you apply for?

The State Library can help:

- Books about the Internet available through Interlibrary Reference (1-800-876-2203) or Interlibrary Loan (1-800-477-4401)
- Suggested automation requirement list
- Technical assistance in your Internet needs assessment and the application of that information to your grant proposal (505-827-3811).

NMLA Internet Listserv

by Gwen Gregory

Yes, the New Mexico Library Association now has its own Internet listserv! It is a place to post and receive news about NMLA and libraries in New Mexico, including meeting and workshop information, job openings, legislative news, and anything else that New Mexico librarians are interested in. NMLA members and others are welcome to subscribe.

To subscribe, send a message to: listserv@nmsu.edu with a blank subject line and the text SUB NMLA <your first name> <your last name>. For more information about the NMLA listserv, please contact Gwen Gregory at the NMSU Library, email address ggregory@lib.nmsu.edu or phone (505) 646-7488.
The Poor Will Always Be With Us...

by Karen Schneider

Editor's note: This message was posted to an internet list March 30, 1994.

I am a librarian in a “poor but proud” city—Newark, New Jersey. Every day we see poor people in this library. Some people are obviously poor—their personal appearance speaks for their situations. But many, many more people are impoverished in ways at once only subtly apparent yet highly pernicious: they are poorly educated, poorly skilled and poorly prepared for the massive changes in information-sharing behavior our world is now experiencing.

These poor are the children growing up without exposure to computers—not at school, not at home, not even, for the most part, in our libraries. These poor are the adults with such weak educations and limited information-seeking skills that they passively accept the quality and media of information we provide them, regardless of how limited or antiquated our services.

These poor are the people who have never heard of the “information superhighway,” who will not purchase computers with modems, who have never touched keyboards, who do not know what the Internet is. Those of you who believe that “everyone” is aware of the upcoming information revolution do not work with the reality of poor inner-city lives.

The Voiceless Information-Poor

One of the quandaries of the information revolution is that those who are information-poor are unaware of it, so they are unable to participate in it. So far, the information revolution has been largely waged by highly educated and informed advocates, people who often have tremendous resources at their disposal. These advocates have spoken quite well on behalf of their own needs; some have attempted to speak to the needs of the information-poor (as, in essence, I am doing here). But the information-rich, however well-meaning, have largely determined and prioritized the issues of the information revolution according to their own visions and realities.

So across our nation and the world, we hear of multimedia cable extended to private homes, but not to housing projects; we read about public kiosks in wealthy communities, but city schools lack computers; in academic communities, nearly everyone seems to have an Internet account, but in the middle of a poor city, there is not so much as a public-use computer available in the main library.

Information access as a basic public service is broached only tentatively at the national level. There is much discussion of commercializing resources but little discussion about ensuring access for everyone, even with respect to basic community information. Communities with freenets can be lauded for their efforts in public computing, but the implementation of these projects invariably assumes an information-rich public proactively seeking and demanding such services.

Who, then, will speak for the poor? The problem is (at minimum) two-fold. The information have-nots need advocates, guides, leaders and visionaries to help them understand what it is they are missing out on, and why it is important. We who wish to provide such advocacy, on the other hand, need information from our disenfranchised communities so we can better understand what we are missing out on, and why it is important—in other words, to understand what goods and services we need to provide; to tailor and temper our advocacy with a real-world understanding of what people need for survival and growth in tomorrow’s culture.

Grass-Roots Advocacy

Here in Newark, we have several groups attempting to do just that: to reach out to the disenfranchised, draw them in, and empower them to shape tomorrow’s information revolution. There are grass-roots community organizers speaking to small groups around the city, and Newark Public Library is beginning to reach out to both city leaders and community organizers to develop a coalition of information advocates for Newark. We dream of a network that will ensure that every Newark resident will have access to information—and by access we mean not only physical availability but awareness of resources and resource relevance—two stipulations which make our paradigm of
access unusual and, in some ways, extremely progressive. We can only hope that other communities join us in repaving the information highway to meet the needs of not just its present but also its potential travelers.

Funding Inequities

Our efforts demonstrate that unless things change, the information revolution will only aggravate the inequities underlying current policies for providing basic services in our country. Out of necessity, many of us now assume that the funds essential to maintaining this network will come from local (city and county) resources. (We are hopeful that we are eligible for a special infusion of funds to help us initiate this project, but experience teaches city workers that we cannot rely on federal resources for program maintenance). This is not new for libraries; in our country, the vast majority of funds for public libraries are provided at the city or county level. If it is the de facto funding standard for the new information resources, however, it bodes poorly for our country’s future with respect to equity in information access. Jonathan Kozol, in Savage Inequalities, spoke to the inherent unfairness of using local funds to pay for education; just as we will perpetuate information poverty if we do not provide people relevant information in ways they can access it, so too will we perpetuate poverty in all its forms if we persist in funding national policies with local taxes. We must not codify inequality for the next generation.

The poor will always be with us—and, as working with the poor has taught me, they ARE us. The most elaborate networking scheme, the fastest computers, the most dazzling graphics are all for naught if they are really a private service for a specially-privileged population. It is incumbent on those in public service, particularly the public information services, and especially librarians, that we become aggressive participants in the information revolution—lobbying, writing, organizing, or whatever else it takes to become equal participants in the design of the information superhighway and all it represents—or we, and those we represent, will be left behind as forgotten casualties of a silent battle.

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One of the places Karen Schneider has lived is in Clovis, as an Air Force Officer. After she wrote this posting, she formed her own Internet training company. She is returning to school at the University of Wisconsin this fall for a Ph.D., and has a new column, “The Internet Librarian” in American Libraries. Visit her home page, Karen’s Kitchen: http://www.intac.com/~kgs/

Webliography of Library-Oriented Web Pages:

Innovative Internet Applications in Libraries — http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/libweb/innovate.html
Serials in Cyberspace — http://www.uvm.edu/~bmaclenn

Other Web Sites to Explore

Thomas (U.S. Govt. Info) — http://thomas.loc.gov
University of CA, Berkeley — http://www.berkeley.edu
EXPO: The WWW Exhibit Organization — http://sunsite.unc.edu/expo/expo/overview.html
Netscape Home Page — http://home.netscape.com
Smut Patrol on the Information Highway

There has been a discussion taking place among subscribers to the Web4Lib internet list in response to a new software product being advertised that purportedly blocks access to pornographic sites on the internet. Most librarians on the list feel that installing such software in a library is akin to censorship, but others are nervous about providing access in the children's room to some of the internet resources they've seen or heard about. Some alternatives have been suggested:

From Byron C. Mayes, U. of Delaware:

"Don't put a graphical browser in the children's room or, if you do, make sure that an in-house developed web page is in place that specifically points to resources hand-picked by the children's librarian. One will find that most pages out there specifically geared towards kids are quite inoffensive. Put the workstation in public view so that no mischievous youths will be able to easily get away with pointing to "Barney's Bestial Barn" or the like and leaving it up...

...I think that when an individual library decides to specifically block or specifically point to ANY resource out there on the internet, that it simply MUST be in keeping with an established policy and practice at that individual library (or library system)."

From Donald Barclay, NMSU Library:

"...libraries can take an active role in pointing kids and parents to appropriate internet sites. Public librarians and educators should be publishing (in print and online form) webliographies to help kids and parents find good web sites that meet their interests. Librarians should counter all the negative hype about the nastiness on the net with positive information about all the good stuff out there.

Pointing people to particular sites is a kind of censorship, I guess, but it's no worse than producing a recommended reading list. And it's a lot better than letting a corporation or government decide for you."

Karen Schneider Comments...

[in response to a suggestion about putting internet terminals in prominent view]:
"Hmmm. I've heard about this 'solution.' But how do you reconcile that with the person's right to privacy?"

Pointers to Children-Oriented Web Pages

Some suggested children's sites for public libraries:

Internet Public Library — http://ipl.sils.umich.edu/youth/
Berkeley Public Library — http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/bpl/bkmk/kids.html
Children's Library Internet Gateway — http://volvo.gslis.utexas.edu/~CLIG/gateway.html
Berit's Best Sites for Children — http://www.cochran.com/theosite/KSites.html
Free (Almost) Traveling Exhibits from Rio Grande Historical Collections

by Patricia McCann, NMSU Library

The Rio Grande Historical Collections at the New Mexico State University Library has two new traveling exhibits. "The Rittenhouse Photographic Survey of New Mexico" takes its name from a project planned by the late Jack Rittenhouse, a prominent Western American bookman and editor, while he was the president of the Historical Society of New Mexico. Rittenhouse was concerned that no readily available photographs exist for many significant sites and structures in the state, some of which disappear each year for one reason or another. He and his wife, Charlotte, identified more than 1000 locations which might be candidates for documentation, and Rittenhouse made black and white photographs of many but not all of them. The locations include ghost towns, mining camps, forts, Indian ruins, and every place that ever had a post office. Over 300 of Rittenhouse's negatives are now a part of the Rio Grande Historical Collections' Rittenhouse Collection. The exhibit compares Rittenhouse's photographs from the 1950's to earlier photographs in order to demonstrate the changing appearance of New Mexico's settlements over time. It contains 52 black and white matted photographs size 14"x17" and 16"x20". A smaller version of the exhibit containing 30 photographs is also available.

"From the Land: Farming and Ranching in New Mexico" is an exhibit of black and white photographs from the Rio Grande Historical Collections which shows how agriculture has influenced the history of New Mexico. It covers a time period of approximately 70 years, from 1888 to 1958. Included are photographs of sheep, goat and cattle ranching, dairy farming, and pecan, cotton, chile, and alfalfa production. The exhibit contains 38 photographs matted to size 14"x17" and 16"x20".

There is no rental fee charged for either of these exhibits, but the exhibitor must pay a handling fee of $25 in addition to the shipping costs. For further information, please call the Rio Grande Historical Collections at (505) 646-4746.
Carolyn Marshall
1903 - 1995

Carolyn Caldwell Marshall, a former president of NMLA, died April 10 at the age of 92. As the librarian of the Deming Public Library, from 1958 until her retirement in 1972, she was instrumental in achieving the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award for one of the top ten small libraries in the United States. During her tenure as librarian the library was expanded, improved, and became an integral part of the Deming Public Schools as well as serving the public. Carolyn was also a member of the State Library Commission. After her retirement, she traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, South America, Mexico, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. She was an accomplished artist and her paintings were displayed in local art shows. She was preceded in death by her husband, Judge A.W. Marshall, and her daughter. She is survived by her son, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Contributions can be made to the Deming Public Library, 301 S. Tin, in Carolyn’s name.

Free Apple Users Group Newsletter

The Apple Library Users Group (ALUG) Newsletter is published four times a year and is available free of charge for people interested in using Apple computers in their libraries. It is published by Apple Corp. and edited by their librarian, Monica Ertel, and so it is not surprising that one topic it covers is Apple product news. In addition it includes a question and answer column, bibliographies, and reviews and short articles by ALUG members. A sample of information included in a current issue is: tips for importing OCLC records into CASPR’s LibraryWorks program, how to transfer files from an Apple II to a PC, web projects of interest to librarians, and a book review of CompuServe Companion: Finding Newspapers and Magazines Online. The newsletter is also available on the internet. The ALUG folder is in the Apple Higher Education Gopher. Its address is info.hed.apple.com.

Albuquerque Library Receives Grant

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library is one of the first eight libraries selected to participate in MCI LibraryLINK, a national community service initiative. The libraries were chosen by ALA and MCI to receive grants of $20,000 each. In Albuquerque, the grant will provide dedicated phone lines, which are currently beyond budgetary means, to 15 to 20 schools in the South Valley area. The grant will bring these schools the Connections 21 program, which provides user access to the online catalog, library card registration and book delivery.

As part of the program, MCI and ALA will provide ongoing consultation, support and assistance to the LibraryLINK libraries. The support may include technological training for library personnel, fundraising, or community outreach for each library.
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