An Enhanced Vision: The Future is Now!
72nd Annual Conference

This year's conference in Ruidoso will be packed full of continuing education opportunities. A for-credit Internet course is being offered (see page 6) and several sessions known collectively as the “Internet track” are planned (see page 7).

You should have received a registration packet — if you have not, call Judy Radike at 257-4910.

Many of the conference programs are described on pages 6-15. Other conference activities include a pre-conference workshop on Wednesday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., “Library-Based Family Literacy Programs,” presented by ALA officials Carolyn DeBonnell (Literacy Officer) and Mattye L. Nelson (Director, Outreach Services).

The speaker at the Land of Enchantment breakfast on Thursday will be Jan Buchanan, author of Flexible Access Library Media Programs. Those not attending can eat a continental breakfast in the exhibit area. The exhibit will open at 8:00 a.m.

Other scheduled Thursday programs are:
9:00 - 10:50 a.m. StateSchool Library Needs Assessment/Library Competencies, Kathryn Sherlock, Library Consultant, NM Dept. of Education
2:00 - 2:50 p.m. Copyright . . . Or Copy Wrong! Policy Development for Schools, Dinah Jentgen, White Sands School
2:00 - 2:50 p.m. Update on Special Services and ADA, John Brewster, State Library, Bill Davis, New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped, & Carla Fenner, New Mexico School for the Deaf
4:00 - 4:50 p.m. Latest Technology for Preservation, Tom Clareson, Amigos

Other scheduled Friday programs are:
10:00 - 11:55 a.m. General Session, with breakout sessions by type of library
1:30 - 2:20 p.m. Multimedia Presentation by Dennis Miller, WNMU
2:30 - 3:20 p.m. Customer Services, Linda Millerman, Tattered Cover, Denver
3:30 - 4:20 p.m. 26 Things You Can Do to Improve Your Community Relations, Karen McPeters, Farmington Public Library
3:30 - 4:20 p.m. Power Pages Network on CD: Pitfalls to Avoid, Cheryl Ward, WNMU

Popular keynote speakers Will Manley and Lowell Catlett will be sure to liven things up (see page 5), and the banquet also promises to be fun: “Wear your cowboy boots, and plan to dance!” says Kathy Flanary, First Vice President and Conference Chair.
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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).
Keynote Speakers

Will Manley will speak at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27th on “I’m Just Road Kill on the Information Superhighway.” Manley, known best as the humorist columnist who, after 12 years, lost his job at the Wilson Library Bulletin when he ran a survey on “Librarians and Sex,” is now a regular columnist and humorist for American Libraries and Booklist (“not yet canned”). He is also the corresponding secretary of the Foolish Activities Round Table (FART), a group whose motto is “Boolean searching is not the meaning of life,” and the president of the Middle-Aged Men Who Lust After Tonya Harding support group.

Manley is also the author of several books, including The Manley Art of Librarianship, 1993, McFarland (“Outrageous”—The Nation), Uncensored Thoughts, 1994, McFarland (“Brilliant”—Mad Magazine), Unsolicited Advice, 1992, McFarland (“Riotous”—Newsweek), Unprofessional Behavior, 1992, McFarland (“Hilarious”—Time), and For Library Directors Only/For Trustees Only (2 books bound together upside down and backwards).

Those who read Will Manley’s columns know what to expect—an entertaining, irreverent, and unique perspective on contemporary library issues.

Lowell Catlett’s keynote address, “It’s a Knowledge, Knowledge World,” will be presented at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 28th. Those who heard him speak at the mini-conference in Alamogordo will testify that Dr. Catlett is a riveting speaker.

As a professor of Agricultural Economics at NMSU, Catlett has won several teaching awards. He has served as a consultant to several national associations and U.S. government agencies (including the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, Defense and Labor), and has worked with many Fortune 500 Companies doing futuristic planning to prepare them for emerging new markets, structures, and changes.

Catlett is currently working on two books: Green Cows, Quaggas and Mummies, a futuristic look at the 21st century, and How Many Einsteins, a look at individualized education and how to achieve maximum performance from individuals.

Lowell Catlett is a nationally recognized dynamic and inspirational speaker. Hearing him speak will be a memorable event for those who attend.
For-Credit Internet Course at Conference

NMLA has made arrangements with the Eastern New Mexico University Distance Education Program to conduct a class on using the Internet during the conference in Ruidoso. It will be open only to NMLA members or conference participants. ENMU Instructional Center in Ruidoso will host the class.

Class: CIS 493/593 (Computer Information Systems)
Instructor: Peter Kaunitz
Cost: 
- Graduate (1 credit hour) $96.00
- Undergraduate (1 credit hour) $89.50
- Application fee $10.00
- Required text $6.95

* The registration fee is waived for anyone who has ever been admitted to ENMU

The class will be in session for 15 hours:
- Thursday — Conference Internet Sessions
- Friday — 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday — 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
A paper will be required for credit.

Registration will be held at the conference: Wednesday, 2:00-9:00 p.m. and Thursday, 7:30 - 8:50 a.m. For planning purposes, you must indicate on the preregistration form if you will be enrolling.

NMLA members may apply for $50.00 scholarships which are being provided by the Education Committee. The scholarships will be awarded after the class is completed. Application forms are available from

Gary Mayhood
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CEUs
Continuing Education Units
will be awarded by the New Mexico State Library for Internet Sessions and "Internet as a Reference Tool"

You will be responsible for registering at the beginning of each session

Conference Fees:

Conference:
- Members:
  - Prepayment by March 27th $35
  - Payment at Conference $50
- Nonmembers:
  - Prepayment by March 27th $50
  - Payment at Conference $65

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- Members:
  - Prepayment by March 27th $25
  - Payment at Conference $30
- Nonmembers:
  - Prepayment by March 27th $35
  - Payment at Conference $40

Meals and Events
- Land of Enchantment Breakfast $6
- Grand Opening Boxed Lunch $7.50
- Internet as a Reference Tool $15
- Bus to "Dusk at Rinconada" $5
- Bent Tree Award Dinner/Dance $15
- Lunch with Will Manley $10
Conference Programs: Internet Track

The following programs will fulfill some of the requirements of the for-credit internet course; CEUs are also offered:

Thursday:

9:00 - 9:50 a.m. • Introducing the Internet, Barbara Rosen & Kathleen Keating, UNM
9:00 a.m. - 4:50 p.m • Internet, a Reference Tool, Shannon Sanko, Amigos ($15 fee for materials)
10:00 - 10:50 a.m. • Listservs and Discussion Groups, Pam MacKellar, UNM
2:00 - 2:50 p.m. • Bringing Up Gopher, Marlo Brown, Donnelly Curtis & Molly Molloy, NMSU
3:00 - 3:50 p.m. • Connecting BIA Teachers to Internet, Gene Lott & Leona Dvorak, ENAN
4:00 - 4:50 p.m. • Online to SCIMAST Demonstration Center & the Eisenhower Nat. Clearinghouse, Sharon Adams, SW Consortium for the Improvement of Mathematics & Science Teaching

Friday:

1:30 - 2:20 p.m. • Introducing the Internet, Barbara Rosen & Kathleen Keating, UNM
1:30 - 3:20 p.m. • Winning Ways with Web Wizardry: An Introduction to the World Wide Web, Chris Landt & Carol Boyse, NMSU
2:30 - 3:20 p.m. • Career Information Via the Internet, Tim McKimmie, NMSU
3:30 - 4:20 p.m. • The Web-Footed Gopher: Choosing Appropriate Internet Tools, Chris Landt & Carol Boyse, NMSU

1995 NMLA Awards

The Association is very pleased to honor the following people at the Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 27th at 7:45 p.m. in Ruidoso.

Legislator of the Year Award

David Townsend, Professor Emeritus, NMSU Alamogordo Branch and the former State Representative from District 51, Otero, County.

New Mexico Library Amigos Award 1995

Montgomery Phister, Board member of the Friends of the Library and Volunteer, Santa Fe Public Library, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Bill Fulginiti, Executive Director, New Mexico Municipal League, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Ruth Farley, Retired Librarian, Sandia National Labs, and Volunteer Librarian, Taos, New Mexico

Georgia, O'Keeffe Friends of the Library, Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary School, Albuquerque, New Mexico
The Future of Government Information & the NII

by Kathleen S. Le Febre, Government Documents, New Mexico Tech Library

"Government Information and the NII: What does the Future Hold?" is the title of Maggie Parhamovich's presentation planned for the Government Documents Special Interest Group session of the NMLA annual conference in Ruidoso. The presentation will discuss the state of government information today in light of the progress of the National Information Infrastructure. Based upon current developments, Maggie will look at what the future holds for government information and the pros and cons of the delivery of electronic government information.

Maggie Parhamovich is Head of Government Publications at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Believing that electronic technology can improve access to federal information, Maggie has developed a guide on locating federal Internet sites in order to integrate Internet resources with traditional print formats. Much of Maggie's research was conducted when she was an ALA/USIA Fellow at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Canada in 1993. She is an active member of ALA/GODORT and is currently the Chair of GODORT's Ad Hoc Committee on the Internet and a member of the United States Depository Library Council to the Public Printer.

Ask the Tech Services Expert!

by Gwen Gregory
Head, Post-Cataloging Unit, NMSU Library

NMLA's Technical Services Interest Group has compiled the results of our survey of the former Technical Services Round Table. Based on the needs NMLA members identified on this survey, we will present the program "Ask The Expert" from 2:30 to 3:25 p.m. on Friday, April 28th at the annual conference in Ruidoso. Experienced and knowledgeable librarians will be available to discuss authority control, Library of Congress Classification and Subject Headings, Dewey Decimal Classification, Sears Subject Headings, Internet uses for technical services, young adult and children's materials selection and acquisitions, and binding and preservation issues.

This program will not have formal presentations by the experts, but rather will make them all accessible for those interested to bring their questions on various topics. Participants will be free to move between the experts and ask questions on whatever subjects interest them. You can even submit your questions in advance! Just send them to: Gwen Gregory, University Library, New Mexico State University, Box 30006 Dept. 3475, Las Cruces, NM, email ggregory@lib.nmsu.edu.

The Technical Services Interest Group will also have a business meeting from 8:00 - 8:55 a.m. on Thursday, April 27th. Anyone interested in technical services or helping with the TSIG and its programming is urged to attend.
Accountability, students as consumers or products, life long learning, community needs assessment, the accreditation process, federal financial aid. What do you think are the significant issues for higher education in New Mexico? How will these issues impact on your institution and your library?

Join a distinguished panel of educators and librarians and explore “Issues In Higher Education: What's Ahead for Academic Libraries?” in what is certain to be a lively discussion. The panel is sponsored by New Mexico Academic and Research Librarians (NMARL) Thursday, April 27th, 10:00-10:55 a.m. in Ruidoso.

The panelists and moderator bring years of diverse experiences in higher education or in academic and research libraries:

- **Moderator Ruben Aragon** graduated from New Mexico Highlands University, earned his MLS at Catholic University of America in 1980 and began his library career at the National Agricultural Library in Washington D.C. Since 1985 he worked at Donnelly Library, NMHU, and as Library Automation Coordinator implemented a fully automated library environment in 1987. As Director of Library and Information Services, Ruben is responsible for a seven million dollar renovation and expansion of Donnelly Library now underway.

- **Dr. Bruce Hamlett** was appointed Executive Director of the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education in 1993 following eighteen years experience with the California Post Secondary Education Commission. Dr. Hamlett earned a Ph.D. in International Relations and Government from the Claremont Graduate School and was on the faculty of the University of California Santa Clara for seven years. He is a recipient of several national education awards including a Danforth Associate Fellowship, and an Honorary National Woodrow Wilson Fellow.

- **Jeanne Howard**, Head of the Collection Management Department, New Mexico State University Library, obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of New Mexico in 1974, an MLS from the University of Arizona in 1976 and an MA in English from NMSU in 1994. She worked as a reference librarian at Baylor University and the University of Oklahoma, and was Chemistry-Mathematics Librarian at Oklahoma University for 12 years. In 1989 she went to the University of Alabama to head a science and engineering library and in 1991 headed west again to be Head of Collection Management at NMSU. Jeanne has authored or co-authored journal articles on scientific information and collection development issues, and spent a sabbatical year working and researching materials in a library at the University of Adelaide, South Australia.

- **Dr. Laurence H. Lattman** received a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering in 1848 and an MS and Ph.D. in geology in 1951 and 1953. After working for the Gulf Oil Corporation for several years he began a 36-year career in higher education. He became President of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in 1983 and retired from that position in 1993.

  During his academic career Lattman has been involved in many conferences and workshops on educational reform including a National Science Foundation project which developed a science curriculum for grades K through 12. He served on panels which have made proposals for science education “some of which were actually adopted,” he says.

- **Kris Warmoth**, UNM-Valencia Campus Library Director, received a Master of Theological Studies degree in 1974 and an MA in Library Science in 1980. After working for thirteen years at the University of Chicago Library, she joined the staff of the library at the University of Albuquerque until its closing in 1986. She has been library director at the UNM-Valencia Campus since October 1986. After seven years of planning, lobbying, visiting other libraries and more planning, Kris and her staff moved into their new facility in January, 1994. She commented, “You put everything you've ever learned in your career into practice when you plan a new building.”
LUISA—Spanish Language Interest Group Program

“The Good Country They Had in Their Hands”: Will the Future Recognize Its Hispanic Roots?

On Thursday, April 27th at 3 pm, Donald Barclay will read from his 1994 book, *Into the Wilderness Dream: Exploration Narratives of the American West, 1500-1805* (University of Utah Press). Barclay will also speak about the place of Hispanic narrative and history in the development of American mythology.

Donald Barclay joined the faculty of the New Mexico State University library in 1990. In addition to his work as a reference librarian and coordinator of library instruction, he teaches classes in Southwestern Literature and Information Literacy. He has published widely on the topics of bibliographic instruction and western literature in reference books and journals. *Into the Wilderness Dream* is his first book.

For more information about the program, please contact Molly Molloy, LUISA Program Organizer, NMSU Library, 505-646-6931.

Donald Barclay

Poster Sessions

The Education Committee will again sponsor poster sessions at the Annual NMLA Conference. These sessions will be given during the Grand Opening of the Exhibits Area in the Ruidoso Civic Center on Thursday, April 27, from noon until 2:55 p.m. We will offer four poster sessions on topics of current interest to New Mexico’s librarians. There will be sessions on group learning techniques, the cataloger’s workstation, using the Internet, and the work of the New Mexico Library Alliance.

A poster session is a presentation given in visual form using the medium of a poster rather than slides or a lecture to portray an idea. It allows the viewer the opportunity to see the material at his/her own selected viewing rate while giving the presenter time to discuss issues, answer questions, and distribute handouts. The poster session is a valuable way to find out what is going on at other institutions in the state and what is happening in the general library sphere.

The Education Committee encourages each member of NMLA not only to come by the poster sessions booth during the Grand Opening of the Exhibits, but also to think about the prospects of offering a poster session at next year’s annual conference.
NMLA Silent Auction

Plans are well underway for the NMLA Silent Auction to be held during the NMLA Annual Conference in Ruidoso. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this scholarship is to promote librarianship in the state of New Mexico and it has been awarded annually since 1953.

Donations are currently being accepted for the Silent Auction. If you have an item(s) that you would like to donate, such as a book, art work, video, gift certificate, etc., please contact Mary Weaver at the Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Instructional Center Library, 257-2120 or 336-9660. If you prefer, you can mail your item(s) along with your name, organization, address, phone number, what you donated, and its value to: Mary Weaver, ENMU-Ruidoso Library, 1400 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Donation forms are also included in the NMLA pre-registration packets. If you have not received a pre-registration packet and would like one to be mailed to you, contact Judy Radtke at 505-257-4910 or (fax) 505-257-4150.

Books Donated to the Silent Auction


This paperback alphabet book demonstrates the ABCs with words associated with New Mexico; for example, A is for Apache, L is for luminaries, and Y is for yucca. An interesting two or three sentence description follows each term. Reading the descriptions requires a much higher reading level than someone learning the alphabet has. This would suggest that the authors intend for the book to be read by adults with a child or for an older child to pick up the book to read the descriptions of things in New Mexico.

Colored pencil drawings provide soft illustrations for each entry. A map of New Mexico, complete with names of the terms used in the text, is also included.


This book provides a charming twist on the traditional tortoise and hare story: a look at cooperation and consideration instead of competition. Both characters help each other out of dangerous situations that occur along the route of their race. Following the story are nonfiction descriptions of the cast of characters and the plants used in the expressive watercolor illustrations. For example, the coyote's description includes its relationship to the wolf and dog, what it likes to eat, and its parenting and communication techniques. This book is intended for ages 5-10.


The Beauty of Hopi Jewelry includes full descriptions of over 420 pieces from galleries and private collections. The introduction provides a brief history of Hopi jewelry-making.

The Hopi style of jewelry-making is called overlay. This unique style is made by cutting a design out of one piece of silver and soldering it onto a plain sheet of silver. The design is then oxidized with liver of sulfate to produce beautiful shadows and shading. The designs and concepts are taken from the Hopi religion, life, and ceremonies. Many depict water in its various forms, as the Hopis live on arid land where water is a precious commodity for crops and humans.

The book in its 64 full-color pages covers all types of Hopi jewelry, from earrings to concha belts, and should appeal to serious collectors or to those who just like to look at beautiful jewelry.

Reviewed by Bonnie Wetzel, Head, Serials/Special Projects Cataloging Unit, NMSU


Reviewed by Carol Withers, Reference Librarian, NMSU
ALA Advocacy Workshop

by Susie Sonflieth
ALA Councilor

Americans can't wait...Library Advocacy Now! is a workshop which will address ways to communicate the value of libraries. The purpose of this ALA President’s program is to mobilize citizen support and to influence legislators and local leaders who make critical decisions about library funding at all levels—local, state and national. The premise is that libraries provide information that undergirds our democratic society.

Librarians have a leadership role to play in advocating library support. But we cannot do it alone. Our trustees, friends, users—everyone who cares about libraries and the American Public’s right to know—must speak out.

This is a critical time for libraries. Intense competition for public and institutional dollars makes it more crucial than ever that policy and decision makers understand that libraries—public, school, special and academic provide essential services in the Information Age.

The workshop has two goals: 1) To train librarians to be forceful advocates and 2) To train librarians how to train trustees, friends and users to be effective spokespersons on behalf of libraries. Presenters for this program are Dr. Brooke Sheldon, Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Services, UT at Austin and Susie Sonflieth, ALA Councilor and White House Conference Taskforce member. The program is scheduled for Thursday morning between 9 and 11 a.m. Come and take part in a program that is being presented in all U.S. States and Territories.

Two Year College Libraries Program:
Distance Education

by Melinda Dermody, NMSU-Alamogordo

The Two Year College Libraries Special Interest Group will be presenting a program at the NMLA Conference, on Distance Learning and Libraries entitled: “Distance Learning and Libraries: A problem? Articles for New Mexico: One Solution.”

This conference program will discuss some of the problems libraries face in serving their distance learners — one of the main problems being providing students with adequate resources. The conference program will also discuss in detail the possibilities involved in providing these learners with needed articles through Articles For New Mexico. Articles For New Mexico program is being designed to provide periodical articles to libraries in New Mexico through various forms of technology.

The speakers at the conference program will be: Stan Ruckman, Library Director, Townsend Library, New Mexico State University-Alamogordo, and Steve Rollins, Association Dean, General Libraries, University of New Mexico.

Program date and time at the NMLA Conference are Friday, April 28th from 3:30 pm to 4:25 p.m.
Statistics Workshop

On Wednesday, April 26th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the NMLA Conference in Ruidoso, there will be a training workshop presented by Keith Curry Lance, Ph.D., who is the Director of the Library Research Service, a unit of the Colorado State Library and Adult Education Office. He is a regular presenter of sessions on topics relating to library research and statistics.

The goal of this workshop is to motivate library managers and decision-makers to record, report, and use quality data. Keith presented this workshop during the mini-conference in Alamogordo to public and academic librarians and received "rave reviews." The objectives which this program will seek to achieve include: increasing awareness and use of organizations, publications, and other resources available to support use of statistics in the management of New Mexico public libraries; and facilitating the successful practice of data-based decision-making in the management of New Mexico public libraries.

For more information, call Elaine Goodman at the New Mexico State Library, 827-3811.

NMARL Program on Learning Styles

by Kay Krehbiel, New Mexico Tech Library

Learning Styles: Understanding Students and Colleagues
Presenter: Susan Deese-Roberts, Director of Zimmerman Library, UNM

Do you provide library instruction? Are you interested in how people process information? Would you like to communicate better with people you work with and/or supervise? Plan to attend a presentation on learning styles by Susan Deese-Roberts sponsored by New Mexico Academic and Research Librarians (NMARL) Thursday April 27th, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Ruidoso.

Susan became interested in learning styles while she was working on her Ph.D. in Secondary and Adult Education and "was especially intrigued by the differences in the way people learned that were not based upon differences in intelligence levels."

"Through our work and public service experience, we realize that it is easier to communicate with some individuals than it is with others. Generally speaking, those persons with whom it is easy to communicate view the world in a way that is similar to our own view. Conversely, those with whom it is more difficult to communicate often view the world in a way that is different from our own. Learning styles—the way in which we perceive new situations and process that perception—can give us insights into these different 'world' views. A learning style theory developed by Bernice McCarthy, based upon the works of David Kolb and Carl Jung, among others, provides a substantive, yet simple approach to understanding others."

Susan, a certified trainer for McCarthy's program, will focus on application of the theory to workplace and public service situations.

Before she became Director of Zimmerman Library in 1994, Susan headed UNM General Library's Center for Academic Program Support, an undergraduate learning center providing tutorial instruction for students enrolled in any undergraduate course at UNM, from 1980 to 1993.
NM Library Foundation Conference Activities

“Dusk at Rinconada”

The New Mexico Library Foundation invites you to “Dusk at La Rinconada,” which features hors d’oeuvres and a program, Thursday, April 27th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Hurd La Rinconada Gallery is located on Peter Hurd’s Sentinel Ranch. Original works by Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Michael Hurd, Andrew Wyeth and N.C. Wyeth are featured.

A bus will be provided for your convenience (round trip to La Rinconada for $5.00).

Henriette Wyeth Book

To raise funds, the New Mexico Library Foundation is selling copies of *Henriette Wyeth: The Artifice of Blue Light*. The book contains an essay by Paul Horgan, librarian and Pulitzer prize-winning author. This 1994 publication from the Museum of New Mexico Press about well-known artist Henriette Wyeth, long-time New Mexican and wife of Peter Hurd, should be in every New Mexico library.

Purchase your library copy and personal copy through the Library Foundation and help support library services throughout the state. The cost is $35 per copy (no shipping and handling). Make purchase orders or checks payable to the

New Mexico Library Foundation
c/o Drew Harrington
Albuquerque Academy Library
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Albuquerque, NM 87109

Conference Raffle

The New Mexico Library Foundation will also be raffling several desirable items during the conference:

- A set of four Peter Hurd prints:
  - My Daughter Carol
  - My Son, the Fisherman
  - Long Fence
  - Rain Coming

- A numbered, signed, boxed edition of *Henriette Wyeth: The Artifice of Blue Light*

- A surprise

Raffle tickets are $5.00 each or six for $25.00. For more information, contact any of the NMLF Board Members:

Kathy Flanary
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Be Our Guest!

The Education Committee of the New Mexico Library Association is sponsoring a CONTEST for NMLA members who have never been to an NMLA Annual Conference. We would like one lucky first-time attendee to be our guest in Ruidoso for the 1995 Annual Conference, April 27-28. Prize includes: registration fee, ticket to the Banquet as a guest of the Education Committee, and two days' per diem ($140 total) to cover hotel expenses.

Here are the rules:
1. Must be a member of NMLA when you apply
2. Must not have attended an NMLA Annual Conference
3. Must reside more than 30 miles from Ruidoso
4. Submit a statement in 25 words or less telling why you want to attend the conference.

Include your name, address and telephone number, and send it postmarked no later than March 15th to:
Gary Mayhood, Chair,
Education Committee
NMSU Library
Box 30006/Dept. 3475
Las Cruces, NM 88003-0006

See you in Ruidoso!

Public Library Interest Group Program
by Kathy Costa, PLIG Liaison, 1994-95

The Public Library Interest Group will present a program by Linda Niemann on Friday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. Linda will talk about “A Writer’s Palette: Developing a Color Vocabulary.”

If you’ve read Boomer: Railroad Memoirs, you’re aware that Linda is a unique combination of scholar and blue collar worker. After several post-Ph.D. years in academe, she began working on the Southern Pacific Railroad. In 1977, the railroad first hired women railroaders. In 1979, Linda answered an ad which read “Brakemen Wanted” and began her new career. Boomer was written ten years later.

Over those ten years, Linda covered a lot of country, both internal and external. Much of her work on the railroad is in and out of New Mexico, in such urban centers as Tucumcari, Carrizozo, etc. Come to the program and explore with her the development of her “writer’s palette.”

Linda Niemann
Organize at the Conference!

In order for an existing interest group to continue, a form (pg. 17) must be submitted to the Executive Board (any officer listed on pg. 4, or leave it for Kathy Flanary at the conference registration desk) before Friday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.

New groups (and budgets) can be approved at any Board meeting during the year, but it is best to make budget requests at the beginning of the fiscal year, if possible. A group may form to accomplish one finite goal, or it may be ongoing.

Current NMLA Interest Groups

Bibliographic Instruction: Russell Gladstone (224-3286)
Electronic Technology: Harold Bogart (827-3817)/ Jennifer Marquardt (848-9409)
Friends & Trustees: Linda O'Connell (839-7004)
Government Information: Karen George (646-3737)
Library Cats & Other Critters: Betty Reynolds (835-5615)
Local & Regional History: Peter Ives (277-9243)
LUISA: Molly Molloy, 1995-96 (646-6931)
Native American Libraries: Karen George (646-3737)
Public Libraries: Kathy Costa (473-7263)
School Library Standards: Patricia Froehlich (827-3814)
Southern NM Library Cooperative: Kam Hitchcock-Mort (526-1047)
Technical Services: Mary Grathwol, '94-95 (984-6786),
Gwen Gregory, '95-96 (646-7488)
Think Metric: Ed Mayfield (646-6834)
Two Year College Libraries: Melinda Bako Dermody, '95-96 (439-3628)
White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce: Susie Sonfieth (982-3997)

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.

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.
NMLA
Interest Group Proposal

Date: ________________

NMLA Executive Board Liaison

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________________________

Telephone: Home__________Work__________

FAX: __________

E-mail: __________________________

Focus of interest: ____________________________________________
(example: library instruction)

Statement of purpose: ____________________________________________

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Objective(s) as related to Goals of the Association:

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Return to: Kathy Flanary
NMSVH
1900 White Sands Blvd.
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Friends and Trustees Groups Unite

The former Friends and Trustees Round Table and the New Mexico Friends of Libraries have united to form a new interest group. By joining forces they expect to have a much stronger platform for their efforts to support New Mexico libraries by taking advantage of NMLA resources. Their proposal was approved by the NMLA Board during its January 13th meeting.

The main purpose of the group will be to network with national and statewide Friends and Trustees organizations. They can then disseminate information about activities through the NMLA Newsletter and offer programs at the annual Conference. The Group will also be supporting the NMLA legislative agenda with whatever actions are appropriate.

The Group is offering its first program, “School Libraries Need Friends Too!”, at the 1995 conference in Ruidoso. Susan Mariani, President of the Friends of Georgia O’Keeffe School Library will tell the story of how the only school library friends group in New Mexico started. She will also tell about their many supportive activities and give tips on how other groups can be formed.

Margaret Palumbo of the Friends of Martha Liebert Library in Bernalillo will be writing a regular NMLA Newsletter column about Friends and Trustees activities around the state. Contact Margaret if you have any news to report: 13 Camino Cielo, Placitas, NM 87043; 505-867-6614.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends and Trustees Interest Group can contact Linda O’Connell; 3301 R Coors NW #113; Albuquerque, NM 87120; Phone 505-839-7004; Fax 505-839-9195.

New Two-Year College Libraries Interest Group

A new interest group was approved by the Executive Board in January. The Two-Year College Libraries Interest Group will

• provide a forum for addressing issues and problems unique to 2-year college libraries

• encourage programs which will promote interaction among interest group members

• encourage submission of articles and programs for NMLA publications and conferences.

The Public Library Interest Group Needs You!

by Kathy Costa, PLIG Liaison, 1994-95

Remember that if PLIG is to continue, someone will need to agree to serve as liaison for the coming year. The responsibility can be as limited as setting up the program for the annual conference, or as extended as you wish to make it. If you are interested or have questions, call me at 984-6752 at work, or 984-3157 at home.

Technical Services Interest Group News

by Mary Grathwol, Santa Fe Public Library

The listing of consultants for technical services is at the printer, and may even be in your mailbox now. There are nearly 50 people whose specialties may be just what you need in the way of resources. I hope you will find it useful and encourage you to be candid in your recommendations for improvement. I think it is a good beginning.

This year has been a challenge for former round tables to chart a path that continues to serve the needs of interested members. We don’t elect anyone anymore. We don’t have the “work-up” system in which last year’s “apprentice” is this year’s organizer. Patrick Emerson had agreed to serve as round table vice chair, and we had thought to continue the old pattern for this year to buy time to invent a new approach. Patrick found himself unable to serve, making immediate the dilemma of continuity.

The creation of a special interest group for technical services issues was so welcome to me that I was unwilling to let it drift off for lack of organizational structure. Fortunately, Gwen Gregory had contacted me about serving TSIG, and she agreed to organize this year’s program at the conference and to serve as the upcoming liaison for TSIG.

Please mark your conference calendar to attend both Thursday morning’s business meeting (8:00 a.m.) and Friday afternoon’s program, the first ever “Ask the Expert” forum. Help make it a real exchange of ideas. Come to the business meeting—please—if, like me, you want strong programs in support of technical services to continue.
NMLA Annual Business Meeting, 1994, Minutes

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 General meeting, which will be held during the annual conference in Ruidoso.

NMLA General Business Meeting
Albuquerque Convention Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 28, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by President Alison Almquist, who welcomed attendees to the 71st Annual NMLA Conference, and introduced the officers. She announced that the New Mexico Library Foundation was sponsoring a raffle for two airline tickets. Alison spoke about Lowell Duhrsen, who passed away on May 14, 1993. The Associate Dean of the NMSU Library, Dr. Duhrsen had been an active member of NMLA, who served the Association as Treasurer; ALA Councilor; Chair of the College, University, and Special Libraries Division; and on numerous committees. The NMLA Promotional Video produced by the Public Relations Committee has been dedicated to his memory.

Officer, Newsletter Editor and State Librarian Reports

Secretary

Jeanette Smith announced that the minutes of the March 18, 1993, General Business Meeting had been published in the March 1994 Newsletter as required by the Bylaws. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer

Virginia Seiser reported that the 1993/1994 budget was approved by the Board on June 11, 1993. Virginia took office on July 1, 1993, with the start of the new fiscal year. The past Treasurer, David Null, assisted greatly in the transition. The NMLA Board revised the budget in January and again in April to allow for unexpected expenses incurred as a result of the special election for Second Vice President, the Bylaws election, the change from The Lindseys to Copy-Post-Plus for printing and mailing services, and the replacement of the Blue Book to correspond with the new Bylaws. Accountant Catherine Tardy reviewed 1992/1993 NMLA accounts and prepared a financial report. She found the books to be in order. Several action items resulting from her report have been carried out. State and federal taxes have been filed. NMLA owed no taxes. Budget requests for 1994/1995 are due to the Treasurer by May 15. The budget will be acted on at the June Board meeting.

The fiscal year 1993/1994 is 83% complete. NMLA income to date is $58,528, just $823 short of the goal for the entire year. Expenditures for the same period total $37,815, well within the amount budgeted for the year. The biggest income item is 1994 Conference income. The $39,145 reported so far includes $21,787 received from exhibitors and $17,408 in pre-registration. Registration at the Conference has not yet been added in. We have already exceeded our projections for Conference income. The second largest income item is dues. Dues income to date is 78% of the total projected for the year. A motion to revise the dues structure will be presented under New Business. With the Bylaws revision, round table dues will no longer be collected. Advertising income to date is $3,175. This is advertising which is sold and which appears in the Newsletter. It is more than twice the amount that was projected for the year. We have reached the point where ad income comes close to supporting the cost of producing the Newsletter. The mini-conference was a financial success, earning $318.45 after expenses.

The Battle of the Books is a unit within NMLA. Unlike other NMLA units, the Battle of the Books maintains a balance that rolls over from one year to the next. The Battle of the Books fund is commingled with the general fund in the Sunwest checking account. The corrected opening balance for the Battle of the Books for FY 1993/1994 is $1,176.25. At the April meeting, the Board approved a transfer of $1,700 from general funds to the Battle of the Books. The Battle of the Books held its annual event in March.
Expenses totaled $2,891. This includes a $16 refund from a vendor. It received a $138 donation from the New Mexico Library Foundation. A balance of $722 will be carried over into the next year.

The Marion Dorroh Scholarship Fund was established by a bequest some years ago. It is supplemented by donations from individual NMLA members. In recent years the proceeds of the Silent Auction have been transferred to the scholarship fund. Part of the funds have been maintained in a separate checking account and part have been commingled with NMLA reserve funds. Marion Dorroh Scholarship funds reside in a checking account in Hobbs. The opening account balance was $9,348. Thus far in the fiscal year the account has earned $152 in interest and $584 in donations. At the direction of the Education Committee, $1,500 was expended for a scholarship award for Evi Klett, leaving a balance of $8,584. The second part of the scholarship funds are in a $7,000 CD at Sunwest Bank, earning modest interest. $6,763 of the principal in the CD belongs to the scholarship fund and the remaining $237 belongs to the general fund.

NMLA members have the option of including donations to the New Mexico Library Foundation with their dues. Thus far this fiscal year, $428 in donations made in 1993/1994 and $177 in donations made in 1992/1993 have been transferred to the Foundation. The Battle of the Books received a donation of $138 received from the Foundation.

First Vice President/1994 Conference Chair

Alison Almquist led a round of applause for Barbara Billey. Barbara expressed her happiness that the Conference is being well attended, and thanked Robert O. Martinez, Cherrill Whitlow, Betsy Kraus, and the members of the Local Arrangements Committee for doing a very good job. Barbara also thanked the program chairs who submitted names of their speakers. Tomorrow the keynote speaker will be Dr. Charles McClure of Syracuse University. Today the keynote speaker was Dr. Martha Hale of Emporia State University. Because of the large crowd, today’s general session was moved to the Kiva, and tomorrow’s general session will be located there as well. As of April 26, 178 people planned to attend the Awards Banquet, and there were 82 exhibitors, and 411 Conference registrants. Barbara is happy that the Conference is hopefully not operating in the red.

Second Vice President

Kathy Flanary announced that her report for the mini-conference appeared in the Newsletter. She led a round of applause for Ellanie Sampson, to whom she gave credit for her role in organizing the mini-conference. Kathy noted that with the restructuring of NMLA, there may be more than one mini-conference. The mini-conference was very successful. The evaluation forms stated that there was a need for the mini-conference. There were nine more members than non-members in attendance. The mini-conference made over $300.

ALA Councilor

Susie Sontieth reported that the Conference program sponsored by the ALA Councilor, the White House Conference Task Force, and the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee was very good, and was attended by 50 people. There will be an ALA Teleseminar on May 12. Flyers on the teleconference are at the registration desk and the ALA table. Registration forms for the ALA Conference in Miami are also available.

Newsletter Editor

Donnie Curtis reported that the Newsletter underwent some changes this year. With the approval of the Executive Board, she began doing the layout on a trial basis with the September issue, redesigning the format to be more open and readable. The Lindsey Company of Santa Fe, which had previously done the layout, along with maintaining the membership database and NMLA mailings, responded to this change by ending its five year business relationship with NMLA. The Public Relations Committee and Alison Almquist, David Null, and Virginia Seiser found an Albuquerque service, Copy-Post-Plus, that could print the Newsletter, maintain the database, and do the mailings. It has been a transition, but the transition has been pretty much made; there have been a few glitches in the mailings, but they are getting there. Donnie thanked the people named above, as well as Joe Sabatini, who maintained the database and did the mailings.
during the transition period. During the January Executive Board meeting, Donnie was authorized to continue doing the Newsletter layout. Donnie announced that Carol Myers also deserves appreciation for bringing in the ads for the Newsletter. This year there were 58 ads bringing in about $3100. Donnie also thanked those who wrote for the Newsletter, and stated that she looks forward to seeing articles from those who haven’t previously written them. She is always looking for suggestions to make the Newsletter better. The deadline for the next issue is May 6. Alison Almquist led a round of applause for Donnie. Alison stated that people have suggested that we enter the Newsletter in an ALA contest.

State Librarian

John Brewster read Karen Watkin’s report. This is an exciting time at the State Library. There is a lot going on. In the area of legislation, the State Library will be administering three new projects approved by the 1994 Legislature. Electronic journal information will be made available to state government using both full text databases such as UMI and table-of-contents/document delivery services such as Faxon or CARL UnCover. Funding and specialized consulting and technical assistance will be available to strengthen Native American libraries and integrate them into the statewide library network. At least one librarian will be hired by the State Library to specialize in tribal libraries. $500,00 will be allocated to begin establishing library resource centers and other library sites on Navajo, Apache, and Pueblo lands. Technology will be emphasized in project implementation. The first phase of the statewide project will likely be centered in the northwest quadrant of the state, with a centralized resource center at Crownpoint. An advisory group of tribal representatives will be appointed before July 1 to assist in setting up the project. This project is something that Barbara King, others at the State Library, and the Native American Round Table have been working on and encouraging. A statewide physical infrastructure to support library communications and access to the Internet will be installed during 1994-1995. This project is highlighted at the State Library booth. The telecommunications network will allow all libraries to connect with each other and with databases such as the Internet at local or toll-free phone costs. In the second year of the project, librarians will be trained to use the Internet and other network features. By July 1 a network council representing NMLA as well as technical expertise will be appointed to give general direction to the project. The Internet project was one part of NMLA’s “Connections” legislation. Other components of the original legislation (a union catalog of Bibliofile holdings and demonstration projects for document delivery) may be supported at levels lower than requested, if there is funding left after all Internet costs are covered. The Internet project itself will, however, incorporate aspects of both the Bibliofile database and document delivery services.

An architect has been selected for the new library/archives building. It is the Albuquerque firm of De La Torre & Rainhart in association with Dean Krueger & Associates. However, a lawsuit has been filed claiming the architectural selection was not done properly, so there may be some delay while the legal issues are resolved. In the meantime, management staff of the library and the records center and archives have met to make preliminary plans for combining programs and services of the two agencies. Construction funding in the amount of $13 million is secured, with another $2 million contingent upon the sale of state-owned property originally purchased for the archives alone. The site of the combined facility is the corner of Cerrillos Road and Carlos Rey about two miles west of the Santa Fe plaza. The state owns 50 acres that will be developed into a West Capital Complex, with the library/archives being the central building on the site. So far, there has been no executive or legislative consideration about the governance or placement in state government for the new combined agency.

A new bookmobile for the Belen office will be delivered in May. It will be fully equipped with a wheelchair lift, a children’s area platform, electricity, and a nook for a public computer station. The bookmobile serves counties in central and northwestern New Mexico. The State Library OPAC, named SALSA, will be in operation and available to the public in May. The system is Dynix Marquis. Besides library applications, the system combines office automation and a network bulletin board in an integrated
package. Remote dial-in to the catalog will be operational on at least a limited basis sometime during the year. The statewide reading program, Wild About Reading, is underway. Promotional materials and a program manual have been mailed to over 120 public and school libraries, and 30,000 children are expected to participate. New Mexico will start a Group Access Capability (GAC) for interlibrary loan in July. Medium sized libraries without full OCLC access will become selective users of the OCLC system for ILL purposes only. They will be able to search and borrow from other OCLC libraries (both full and selective users) in the six state AMIGOS region. The State Library is paying most costs for the first year, with a gradual increase in local cost-sharing. The State Library has a lot of activities going on. It is a busy and exciting time.

New Mexico Library Foundation

No report. Alison Almquist encouraged stopping by the NMLF Booth to take a chance for $5 on an airline ticket. On Friday afternoon from 4:30-6:30 p.m. the Foundation is sponsoring a Mystery Party.

Division Reports

College, University, and Special Libraries

Larry Compton reported that the division’s program was held this morning. The speakers were Mark Workman of Apple Computers in Phoenix and Larry Compton. Mark’s topic was “Introduction to Document Imaging Technology.” Larry spoke on his experience in his company with a scanning and text conversion project. Larry sought feedback on whether the division wanted to become an interest group by putting up sheets of poster paper for comments near the registration desk and in the exhibits area. He thanked those who had already commented.

Public Libraries

Bambi Adams reported that the goals of the division were only partially accomplished. Goal number one was to sponsor a program to acquaint New Mexico librarians with possibilities in resource sharing. The goal was addressed but not accomplished, and will be included in the coming year’s goals if the division becomes an interest group. Goal number two was to sponsor a program on public relations in libraries aimed at all types of libraries and librarians. This goal was well accomplished by the program held at the mini-conference presented by Cindy Wolf. The division’s conference program will be held tomorrow. Entitled “A Writer’s Vision of New Mexico,” it will be presented by Jim Sagel. They will also discuss becoming an interest group at that time.

Services for Youth and School Libraries

Dinah Lea Jentgen reported that the division met this afternoon and approved two work items, first, to continue working for new state standards for school libraries, and secondly, to research and compile a directory of all schools in New Mexico and give it to the State Library for inclusion in their directory. Copies and master copies of a flyer promoting school libraries are available for all school library staff to take, duplicate, and distribute. Please pick up your copies at this meeting or at the breakfast meeting tomorrow. The guest speaker for tomorrow’s breakfast program is Joann Mazzio. She will autograph copies of her book on Friday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Land of Enchantment Book Award booth. Her program is entitled “Historical Fiction: How Much Fiction? How Much History?”

Round Table Reports

Documents

Kay Krehbiel reported that the round table met most of its goals. This year’s big push was to try to get input from round table members as to what they wanted the round table to do. An interest survey was distributed to round table members, to those who attended the round table’s meeting last year, and to those who had attended the state depository meeting in Santa Fe. Kay hopes that the response will help the group look forward, and hopes that the group will be reorganized as an interest group. The round table’s program tomorrow will be presented by Charles McClure, who will be speaking on the “Future of the Government Printing Office.”
Educational Technology

Jennifer Marquardt reported that even prior to the Association’s reorganization efforts, the Educational Technology and Online round tables considered joining. Since the changeover, discussions are going on concerning combining their efforts to form a very viable interest group. The round table program tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. will be on the Albuquerque Public Library’s book delivery program, part of their Connections 21 program. The program will be presented by representatives from Albuquerque Public Library, Technet, and the Albuquerque Public Schools.

Library Instruction

Russell Gladstone thanked Kris Wycisk for her help during the transition period. The round table had its program this afternoon. Dr. Dian Walster spoke on “Information Literacy.” More than 40 people attended, and it was a successful presentation. The round table decided to form an interest group to pursue goals based on the goals presented to the Development Committee. The emphasis of the goals is on mentoring and supporting the members’ connectivity to the Internet, with the objective of gaining a basic level of facility with elements of the Information Superhighway. Russell will be the liaison to represent the group.

Local & Regional History

Cheryl Wilson reported that the round table will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p.m. They will have an excellent program, “Conflicts and Coopera­tion: A History of Religion in New Mexico,” presented by Dr. Ferenc Szasz of the UNM History Depart­ment. At that time the round table will discuss whether to become an interest group. Peter Ives deserves a word of appreciation for arranging for the program.

LUISA

Claire Odenheim reported that the round table met at 8 a.m. that morning, with about 25-30 people in attendance. It was decided that LUISA will become an interest group, with about the same goals as previously submitted. They are going to do a mail poll of previous members of LUISA to get their opinions on what to do. The incoming Vice Chair will be Molly Molloy, who will assist Adriana Ortega, the incoming liaison. Adriana introduced the LUISA program, which featured a discussion on bilingual education presented by Tina Lopez-Snideman, Georgia Roybal, and Roberto Mondragon. Claire commented that similar to libraries, bilingual programs in schools have large amounts of funding appropriated, but somehow they never see them. At the end of the meeting the national President of REFORMA spoke. The members attending agreed to look into affiliating with REFORMA.

Native American Libraries

Mars Chalan reported that the round table will sponsor two programs on Friday. The morning session is “Cultural Sensitivity in Developing Native American Collections,” presented by Joseph Bruchac, a storyteller and author. The afternoon session will be a panel discussion moderated by Ted Jojolla, with Joseph Bruchac, Joe Sando, Gloria Emerson, and Karen Roberts-Strong. The session is being sponsored by the Native American Libraries Round Table and the UNM Native American Studies Center.

Online

Roger Steeb reported that 46 people attended the round table’s program. Arne Almquist of the University of North Texas spoke on “Local Area Network Planning and Implementation.” The group changed their name to the Electronic Technology Interest Group and invited the Educational Technology Round Table to merge with them. New officers of the interest group will be Harold Bogart and Sandy Spurlock.
Technical Services

Mary Grathwol reported that the round table will continue as an interest group. Their program speaker, Sanford Berman, found his own larger room. An estimated 250 people attended the program.

Trustees and Friends

No report.

Committee Reports

Archivist

No report.

Awards

Linda Avery reported that five awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet. Octavia Fellin will receive the Honorary Life Membership Award, and Shirley Houston will receive the New Mexico Library Leadership Award. There are three recipients of the Community Achievement Award, Jeane Canfield, Jane Kaluta, and Veronica Peynetsa. The Executive Board approved changes in the Community Achievement Award and the Trustee of the Year Award. The focus of the Community Achievement Award will now be to recognize achievement at the local level by certified or degreed professional librarians. The Trustee of the Year Award will be renamed the New Mexico Library Amigo Award, and will recognize significant library contributions at the local level by a library friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel. Linda stated that she thinks that the changes are good ones, and will help the awards nominations process in the future.

Bylaws & Procedures

Alison Almquist stated that a year ago, a retreat was held in May at Glorieta to do long-range planning for the Association. The structure, purpose, and goals of the Association were looked at by the delegates. The unanimous recommendations of the delegates were accepted by the Board and printed in the Newsletter. The changes will allow the Association to be more effective in achieving its goals and mission. Alison led a round of applause for Joe Sabatini, Cheryl Wilson, and Betty Reynolds who organized the Bylaws changes to be presented to the membership.

Cheryl Wilson reported that the Bylaws changes passed with a vote of 182 for and 6 against. The major change is the fact that at the end of this meeting divisions and round tables will no longer exist, and will be replaced by interest groups. Previously, divisions and round tables focused on gaining members to get voting status on the Board. With interest groups, numbers of members are no longer important; it is what they do to meet the goals of the Association. NMLA will become a proactive rather than a reactive organization. The Procedural Handbook, formerly the Blue Book, has become a smaller Gray Book. Hopefully, the Board will be more responsive to the membership. There will be more accountability in fulfilling the goals of the Association, and interest groups will have to apply annually to the Board for recognition.

Cheryl entertained questions about the Bylaws changes. Lois Godfrey commented that the CUS sheet in the exhibits area requesting input was a good idea. The exhibits area would be a good place to post ideas for new interest groups and to gather input. Cheryl will leave blank interest group proposal forms at the registration table. Alison Almquist noted that interest groups can be formed at any time during the year. The proposal needs to be submitted to the Board for approval.

Conference Site

Alison Almquist stated that Stan Ruckman had graciously taken over as chair of the committee after David Null left the state. Stan reported that the site of the 1995 Conference is the Ruidoso Civic Events Center on April 26-29, 1995. The Board approved Santa Fe as the site for the 1996 Conference, for which the dates have not yet been determined. Sites in southern New Mexico such as Las Cruces or Roswell are being considered for the 1997 Conference, unless the committee receives an invitation from some other location. Jenny Minter has approached Stan about holding the mini-conference at NMSU Alamogordo during one of the two middle weekends in October.
Education

Gary Mayhood reported that the committee has had a busy year. The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Evi Klett, a former 4th grade teacher at Los Ninos Elementary School in Las Vegas. Ms. Klett will attend library school beginning this fall at the University of Texas at Austin. She hopes to return to New Mexico as an elementary school librarian. Dr. Martha Hale has graciously returned her speaker’s honorarium to the Board. The Board is using it as a scholarship, at Dr. Hale’s request, for a student in the Emporia program in Albuquerque. This award went to the best student essayist from the Emporia program, Bettina Romero. Five education scholarships were awarded to NMLA members who are attending library school part time: Glenda Armstrong, from Roosevelt Elementary School in Tijeras, attended summer school at the University of Arizona; Tim Blevins, from the NMSU Library, is attending the El Paso Program of the University of Texas at Austin; Carol Frick, from Kirtland Central High School Library, is attending the Emporia Program in Albuquerque; Frances Vitali, from Lake Valley Navajo School Library, is attending the Emporia Program in Albuquerque; and Cindy Watkins, from the NMSU Library, is attending the El Paso Program of the University of Texas at Austin.

Two new activities of the committee this year were demonstration poster sessions and the running of a contest to sponsor attendance of a member at the Annual Conference. The Poster Session Subcommittee, consisting of Jeanette Smith, Karen Stabler, Dora Trudell, and Gary, established guidelines for giving poster sessions at the Conference, and organized a poster session demonstration, which was held during the Grand Opening of the Exhibits. Gary encouraged attendance at the poster sessions, and submitting entries for the poster sessions at next year’s Conference. Joe Sabatini and Karen Stabler kept their poster sessions up overnight. Jeanette Smith wrote an article on poster sessions for the Newsletter. A publicity flyer was designed and included in the registration packets advertising the four poster sessions that were presented.

The committee sponsored a contest to financially assist an NMLA member to go to the Annual Conference who had not attended before. A prize of $200 to cover expenses was offered. Through the generosity of David Keyes of ACT Systems, Santa Fe, the committee was able to offer two prizes. The winners, Joyce Burford from Lovington and Elayne Walstedter from Tohatchi, will be introduced at the Awards Banquet. The committee proposed and got Board approval of some changes to the scholarships and grants: increasing the amount of money which could be awarded for the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship; creating a new college scholarship to support undergraduate work leading toward an associate’s degree in library science or a bachelor’s degree to enable the applicant to eventually pursue a master’s degree in library science; and consolidating the current Education Grants Program and the Job Enrichment Grants Program into a Continuing Education Grants Program. Gary thanked Alison Almquist and the Board for their support, as well as the committee members for their support and hard work. Alison Almquist commented that this was the first year that poster sessions were held at Conference. They were very successful, and she hopes to see more next year.

Legislation & Intellectual Freedom

Alison Almquist commented that this committee, co-chaired by Joe Sabatini and Marilyn Reeves, had an extremely successful year. Joe Sabatini reported that their every wish was granted. There has never been a year like 1994 for libraries in the New Mexico legislature. At the initiative of Karen Watkins a legislative plan was put together, and turned over to the committee, which promoted it, received input from the library community, and encouraged the library community to communicate it to their legislators. In addition to the “Collections & Connections” proposal, many building projects were funded, the Educational Technology Act was passed, and there was cooperation with the Native American Round Table, Senator Tsosie, and the UNM Native American Studies group in helping them to develop Senator Tsosie’s proposal for funding for Native American libraries. Joe expressed appreciation to Tom Horan, NMLA’s lobbyist, who will be recognized at the Awards Banquet for his achievement. About twenty legislators have helped libraries this year, and all were invited to the banquet; eight will be there to be recognized in
person. David Townsend was the prime carrier of “Collections & Connections” on the House side, and Senator Jennings was the prime sponsor on the Senate side. Of the $32 million dollars in identified library projects, $8 million dollars wound up on November ballot in two bond issues. Bond issue “C” is $2.5 million in funding for local public library collections and connections efforts, and bond issue “B” is a catch-all for academic and public school projects, which includes a $3 million segment for academic libraries and a $2.5 million segment for public school libraries. Apolitical action committee is being formed to educate voters and promote passage of these bond issues. It will meet on May 21. NMLA has made allies, and has connected with student government and with the New Mexico Municipal League in legislative efforts. Joe stated that it has been an unbelievable year, and that it has been a pleasure to work with the Association during this time of achievement. Joe received a round of applause.

Library Development

Betty Long reported that the goals for next year were printed in the pre-Conference Newsletter. The only things that will probably look the same when you see them again are the major goals of the Association. Many changes are anticipated because of the interest groups. Many applications are anticipated from interest groups, and the rest of the objectives will be determined when the interest groups are approved. Alison Almquist noted that anyone needing assistance in forming an interest group should contact a member of the Executive Board.

Local Arrangements

Alison Almquist noted that Robert O. Martinez and Cherrill Whitlow and the committee have done an outstanding job. They received a round of applause. Cherrill Whitlow stated that it has been nice to see people returning to the state. The people in charge of registration had to go out to buy more supplies. Many exhibitors have contributed to the Silent Auction, some of them anonymously. Cherrill thanked the Conference attendees.

Membership

Clara Rey reported that as of Tuesday, NMLA membership stands at 656 members. For those interested in interest groups, she reported the membership of the former round tables: Documents 58, Educational Technology 99, Library Instruction 110, Local & Regional History 81, LUISA 71, Native American Libraries 90, Online 90, Technical Services 88, and Trustees and Friends 75.

Nominations & Elections

Alison Almquist reported for Drew Harrington that Jenny Minter had been elected Second Vice President and Marilyn Reeves had been elected Secretary. They received a round of applause.

Public Relations

John Brewster reported that the committee is please to announce the completion of the NMLA Promotional Video. Many people worked on it: Drew Harrington, Daryl Black, Robert Upton, Roberta Innan, Andrea Howe, Elvira Segura-Langton, Donnie Curtis, Marilyn Reeves, and others. Last year in Las Vegas, Arnold Trujillo and Lawrence Martinez videotaped the Conference and supplied the committee with six hours of raw videotape. Over the last several months, Daryl Black, Robert Upton, and John met once a week to gather video and stills, write the script, and edit and produce the final product. Lupe Rael of the State Library staff provided excellent technical help to complete the final product. The video is a five minute promotional piece on NMLA, designed to encourage people to join the Association. It is a light, fast-moving piece which will get our message across. It can be viewed at the State Library Booth, or copies can be borrowed from John at the State Library.

Press releases for the award winners have been prepared for the appropriate news media. John gave a special thank-you to Donnie Curtis, our Newsletter editor. Donnie did an excellent job, and we all appreciate the quality and creativity expressed in the Newsletter. John also expressed appreciation to the committee in reacting to the situation with The Lindseys and helping in the selection of Copy-Post-Plus.
Other Reports

NMLA Representative to the White House Conference Task Force

Cheryl Wilson reported that the delegates to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services for New Mexico, Susie Sonflieth and Betty Long, received funding through the State Library to attend a 1993 meeting in Indianapolis. The program this afternoon was the result of their continuing interest in White House Conference activities. NMCLIS has made available a list of the top 25 resolutions passed during the White House Conference, and their status. If you have questions, ask Betty or Susie.

Liaison to the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy

Susie Sonflieth reported that the Coalition’s office has been designated to house the New Mexico Literacy Resource Center, which provides a connection for New Mexico to the National Literacy Institute. The Coalition is now listed in the State Library’s directory under the Santa Fe libraries. The Coalition has published a directory of literacy programs around the state. This is distributed to some 400 human service and related organizations around the state. The Coalition’s annual meeting will be on July 8 in Socorro at the New Mexico Tech campus. A community computer-based literacy lab has been opened at the South Broadway Library and Cultural Center. Susie invited everybody to stop by and see it. The New Mexico Literacy Theater program will be held on Friday morning.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Virginia Seiser stated that with the reorganization, it is anticipated that dues income is going to decrease because there will be no round table dues. The Association hasn’t revised its dues structure in ten years. It has been proposed that a new dues category be added at the top for salaries $40,000 and above, $50, and that the Sustaining Member dues be raised from $50 to $75. Round table dues would be deleted, and the “Other” category would remain at $10. Virginia read the motion: “Revise the New Mexico Library Association dues structure by increasing the dues for Sustaining Members to $75; changing the category for Library Employees who make “$30,000 and above” to “$30,000 - $39,999”; adding a dues category for Library Employees who make “$40,000 and above” and setting their dues at $50; and deleting Round Table membership dues.

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ANNUAL DUES SCHEDULE

Institutional/Commercial Membership....$50.00
Personal Membership
Sustaining .......................... $75.00
Library Employee:
Non-salaried - $7,499 .......... $10.00
$7,500 - $14,999 .......... $14.00
$15,000 - $22,999 .......... $22.00
$23,000 - $29,999 .......... $30.00
$30,000 - $39,999 .......... $38.00
$40,000 and above .......... $50.00
Related (Trustee/Friend, Student, Retired, Other) .............. $10.00

Betty Long so moved and John Brewster seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

Henry Guenther, a senior cataloger for the New Mexico Newspaper Project, gave an update on the project. It is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. New Mexico is a small part of a much larger national effort going on since the mid 1970s to microfilm America’s newspapers. Between 1992 and the present time, the original funding of $300,000 has been spent, and they are waiting to hear from the NEH about phase two of the grant. They have entered about 700 original records into OCLC and significantly enhanced cataloging for about 300 more. The New Mexico Newspaper Project is taking an exact inventory, not relying on guesswork. A list of OCLC numbers for specific titles was produced and was made available to the audience. Almost one hundred reels of microfilm have been produced to date; by the end of the project they expect to have done over six
hundred reels. So far they have visited over 91 libraries, 11 historical societies, 29 newspaper offices, 25 courthouses, 27 private collections, and 26 museums. Alison Almquist reminded members to thank their legislators at the Awards Banquet, and to ask Henry Guenther if they had any more questions about the New Mexico Newspaper Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Smith
Secretary

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Forgotten Pioneers of SW Children’s Literature: Laura Adams Armer & Florence Crannell Means

by Linnea Hendrickson, UNM

Many New Mexicans are familiar with the work of Ann Nolan Clark, born in Las Vegas, New Mexico in 1896, and winner of the Newbery Medal in 1953 for *Secret of the Andes*. Some of her books, such as *In My Mother's House*, the *Little Herder* books, and *Sun Journey*, that she wrote to help teach her young Native American pupils, have recently been reissued in new editions. Many teachers may also be familiar with Clark’s account of her life as teacher and writer in *Journey to the People*, a wonderful book that belongs in every teacher’s personal library.

Two other less-well-known writers of outstanding Southwestern children’s books were Laura Adams Armer (1874-1963), and Florence Crannell Means (1891-1980). Their books are now mostly out of print, stored in special collections, and sought after by collectors. But copies of their books are probably languishing, forgotten, in many New Mexico libraries. Both of these writers deserve to be better known, and many of their books, with their vividly realized Southwestern settings, would be enjoyed by today’s young people, as well as by their teachers and librarians.

**Laura Adams Armer**

Laura Adams Armer was an artist and photographer before she turned her hand to writing. She operated her own photographic studio in turn-of-the-century San Francisco, photographing many of California’s rich and famous. She was also a professional painter. A turning point in her life came when she made a trip to the Navajo Reservation in 1923, where she fell in love with the landscape and the people, apparently finding something for which she had been searching all her life. She returned many times, often staying for months, sometimes camping out in remote locations. Trader Lorenzo Hubbell helped her make friends, and she was given permission to witness ceremonies and to make watercolor copies of sacred sand paintings. In 1928 she directed a film of the nine-day Mountain Chant, the first film ever made in a Native American language. The film was shown to great acclaim at the Museum of Natural History in New York. A fascinating account, complete with photographs, of her Navajo years can be found in *In Navajoland*, which also appeared as a series of articles in *Desert Magazine* in 1960-61.

In 1932, Armer’s first book, *Waterless Mountain*, won the Newbery Medal. It is the story of a young Navajo boy growing up to be a medicine man. The book is written in beautiful, poetic language that echoes the rhythms and imagery of Navajo speech, and shows a deep appreciation of a way of life and a way of looking at life that Armer had spent years coming to know. A second book, *Dark Circle of Branches*, is a work of historical fiction centering on the life of Na Nai, a famous healer, and his childhood during the period of The Long Walk. As in the first book, bits and pieces of Navajo sacred stories are seamlessly interwoven into the story. These two books are illustrated with lovely aquatints by Laura and her husband Sidney Armer, a commercial artist who created the logos still used for Sun Maid Raisins and Hills Brothers coffee. A third book, *The Trader’s Children*, is illustrated with photographs and depicts the everyday life of the young children of a trader in the 1920’s and 1930’s.

Armer also published a book of essays for adults entitled *The Southwest*, and two other books for children. The first, a 1938 Caldecott Honor book, is *The Forest Pool*. The illustrations are stunning, vibrantly colored paintings in a style reminiscent of Diego Rivera. The story, set in Mexico, is a charming, whimsical tale of a young boy and his parrot, whose only words are, “I have been here before,” and the attempt of the boy and his friend to capture and make a pet of a very large, very old, very wise-looking iguana who guards a pool in the forest.

Armer’s final book for children, *Farthest West* (1939), was greeted with mixed reviews. While some critics praised it, others found it far-fetched and lacking in direction. It centers on a group of children living in the redwoods on the California coast, and their efforts to save the trees from lumbering interests — a story that may have more relevance today than when it was written. Of all of these books, only *Waterless Mountain*
remains in print, and sadly, without the Armer's illustrations.

Florence Crannell Means

Florence Crannell Means, unlike Armer, knew from childhood that she wanted to be a writer; although, interestingly, she too, for a time, studied art. Means was the daughter of a Baptist theologian and scholar who welcomed to the family home people of all races, nationalities, and walks of life.

Thus, from earliest childhood Means was fascinated by people of different backgrounds. Although today we are more interested in reading books written by members of various ethnic groups themselves, Means wrote at a time when there was little interest in multiculturalism, and there were few minority writers. While Ann Nolan Clark wrote about her students for them, and Armer wrote out of a desire to communicate the beauty and insight she found in the Navajo way, Means consciously wrote to promote cross-cultural understanding. Her motivation was a desire to “introduce one group of people to another who otherwise might never know them, and so might regard them with the fear which is bred of lack of knowledge, and which I have seen blazing out in destructive force against all Germans, against all Japanese, against all Negroes.” (Something about the Author, Vol. 1, p. 155.)

Means wrote over forty books for children and young people, but only one is currently in print, and that is her Newbery Honor Book, *The Moved-Outers*, bravely written during World War II about the relocation of Japanese-American citizens. Means was probably most famous for that book and for her books about African Americans. Her *Shuttered Windows* (1938) was a breakthrough book, and is still good reading. But, the greatest number of Means’s books were stories of the Native Americans, Hispanics, and Anglos of Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Three of her earliest books are old-fashioned adventure stories based on her mother’s experiences as a pioneer in nineteenth-century Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Colorado. The first two are *A Candle in the Mist* and *Ranch and Ring*. The third, *A Bowlful of Stars*, is set in the rough mining towns of Central City and Black Hawk, Colorado.

But with *Tangled Waters*, published in 1936, Means found her niche as a writer, with an extremely powerful story that still feels surprisingly modern. Altolie, a young Navajo girl caught in the conflict between old ways and new, faces incredible trials. Means never makes things easy for her protagonists. Neither the Navajo way nor the Anglo way are idealized, although the Navajo landscape, with all its beauty and danger, is powerfully portrayed.

*Our Cup Is Broken*, written thirty-three years later, has a similar theme, and is even starker, more powerful, and more complex in its handling of cross-cultural issues. In this, her next-to-last book, Means displays her full powers as a novelist. She writes the heartbreaking story of Sarah, a young Hopi girl who is orphaned and taken in by white missionaries who take her away from her homeland. Then, when Sarah and the son of the town’s most prominent citizen fall in love, both sets of parents determine to thwart the romance, and Sarah, abandoned, returns to her home on the mesa, where she finds she no longer fits in. There are no simple solutions here, and no group is portrayed as all good or all bad. Although it is hoped that times have changed for the better since the 1960’s, this is still a strong, moving story that dramatizes issues we still face.

Other books set in the Southwest are more historical, and although interesting, oddly seem more dated than the contemporaries. These include *Adella Mary in Old New Mexico* (1939), the story of a young Anglo girl from St. Louis who travels the Santa Fe Trail to settle at Los Ranchos de Taos in the 1850’s; *Shadow over Wide Ruin* (1942), set on the Navajo Reservation but told from the point of view of a young Denver girl who travels by train to Gallup, where she is met by her uncle, a trader to the Navajos whom she has come to help; and *The Silver Fleece: A Story of the Spanish in New Mexico*, a historical novel set in 1695, about a family returning after the Pueblo Revolt in 1680, with Don Diego de Vargas, to the old home north of Santa Fe in 1695. As one would expect from Means, she portrays both the Spanish and the Native Americans with insight and sensitivity.

Another group of books, interesting today partly for their depictions of the recent past, portrays contemporary Hispanics in New Mexico and Colorado. Among these are *Teresita of the Valley* (1943), about a
All three of these writers, born and raised in the West, were women ahead of their time. They wrote multicultural literature before the term multicultural was coined. They were pioneers in children's literature with deep connections to the Southwest, and they should not be forgotten.

In other books Means writes not only of various ethnic groups, but of people with various disabilities, people from all walks of life, and people facing numerous problems not of their own making. All of the books are beautifully written with characters and situations portrayed with insight and sensitivity.

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Genealogy Groups Make Records Available

by Laurel E. Drew
Albuquerque Public Library Special Collections

For both historians and family historians (a.k.a. genealogists), records which give information about individuals are vitally important. In New Mexico, there are now at least two organizations which are publishing extracted records and indexes of interest to such researchers.

New Mexico Genealogical Society

The New Mexico Genealogical Society has been publishing books of interest to librarians and researchers for over twenty years. These range from the Index to the New Jersey Genesis ($4.00) to the mammoth family history book, The Family of Lucero de Godoi, Early Records, which sells for $50.00. This history, by the way, includes information on many important New Mexico families.

The Society’s efforts are directed at publishing early New Mexico records which will help researchers hunting for their forebears. They have published records of marriages, baptisms, censuses, and cemeteries from various parts of the state. They extract information from records of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, local and county records, and from materials at the New Mexico State Record Center and Archives.

As a non-profit organization, most moneys are put back into the funding of additional books which are published as rapidly as they can be accurately produced. The remainder of the profit is used to benefit the Special Collections genealogy library. The Society emphasizes accuracy, and recently has been in litigation with a former member in another state who has published inaccurate records and tried to claim that they are sponsored by the Society. Details on that matter may be obtained from the Society itself.

If you are interested in any of the approximately 20 publications produced by the New Mexico Genealogical Society, you can contact them at the following address: New Mexico Genealogical Society—Publications, P.O. Box 8283, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198-8283. All of their books plus their excellent genealogical quarterly are available for viewing at the Special Collections Branch of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library, 423 Central Ave., NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Genealogy Club of APL

The Genealogy Club of the Albuquerque Public Library is also beginning to publish some unique indexes and records, starting with vital records indexes to various years of
the *Albuquerque Journal*. The Club was organized to support the genealogy collection of the Albuquerque Public Library and profits from the sale of these publications are used both to produce additional books and to purchase books and materials for the Special Collections genealogy collection.

Currently, the Club has indexes to births, deaths, anniversaries, and marriages in the *Albuquerque Journal* for 1942, 1943, and 1944. These also include indexing for soldiers in World War II listed as missing in action. Mr. Howard Henry, the main indexer and compiler of the books, added even more information to the issues for 1888 and 1889 which are available, including such details as town of residence and occupation if it was found. He is currently working on 1890 and 1891 newspapers. All of these indexes have been computerized and are as accurate as is possible. As librarian for the Special Collections Branch, Laurel Drew has coordinated these projects, but the credit must go to Howard Henry, the compiler and actual author, and to Eldon Pierce, the Club’s resident computer expert.

The Club has also produced a book entitled *Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Colfax County, New Mexico, 1887-1918*. This book reproduces the actual history and records of the church and its members which were handwritten by Rev. Alexander McLean and Rev. Thomas Harwood. In addition, there is a full index to the church records and a careful transcription of the history. These records were discovered in a small, private museum in Cimarron, New Mexico, and I do not believe that they have ever been published in full. Mr. Henry is now working on another item from the St. James Hotel. These will be available very shortly. They comprise a surprising insight into the lives of the settlers of this region of New Mexico. To contact them concerning any of these publications, write to the Genealogy Club of the Albuquerque Public Library at 423 Central Ave., NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-3517.

We, at the Special Collections Branch, are delighted that the Genealogy Club of the Albuquerque Public Library has taken over this project long envisioned by us. We have worked with dedicated volunteers for nearly 20 years to produce indexes to the vital records in the *Albuquerque Journal* for the early years of this century. The library has typed manuscripts of these indexes for most years from 1910 to 1940. There are, however, several years which are incomplete. Ms. Drew hopes that the Club will be able to re-edit some of those years and publish them as well. The library also has indexes to obituaries in the *Albuquerque Journal* from 1978 to the present. These are also now being done on computer by a member of the Genealogy Club, Melba Williams, and are updated during the current year, after which the entire year is printed out and bound for use in our library.

**Other Organizations**

There are several other genealogical organizations in New Mexico which publish periodicals containing extracted information. A few are indexing local records and making those available as well. For anyone working on any aspect of New Mexico history, such efforts are very important. These groups consist of enthusiastic volunteers whose interest is simply the preservation and dissemination of historical local records. They can be one of the librarian’s finest sources for both written and unwritten history and of volunteers for historical projects within the library. Not only are their published books of value to our libraries, but so are they.

If you are interested in contacting any of the genealogy organizations located around the state, please contact us at the Special Collections branch of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library. We will be glad to send you addresses and information on contact persons for any of the fifteen general societies or the myriad of lineage societies scattered around New Mexico. The address is 423 Central Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102-3517.
New Crownpoint Library

The New Mexico State Library announces the establishment of a public/branch library in Crownpoint, New Mexico. The library will be located temporarily in Building 3000 of the Crownpoint Community School, adjacent to the school library.

The staff, consisting of the librarian, Roberta Cull, MLS, and her associate librarian, Sonya Cote, began their duties at the library on January 10th. Cull has served as librarian to Navajo schools in Arizona and Cote is a Navajo whose home and work have been located in California.

Plans are in progress to move the library to the library building on the new campus of the Navajo Community College Crownpoint when it is constructed.

Funded by the New Mexico State Legislature under the leadership of Senator Leonard Tsosie as a part of overall provision of library services to Native Americans in New Mexico, Crownpoint will have the first hub library which will connect Navajo Chapters, the Jicarilla Apache library in Dulce, and the Zuni, Santa Clara, and Laguna public libraries in those communities. An advisory group comprised of Native American leaders from Navajo, Pueblo, and Apache communities advises Karen Watkins, the New Mexico State Librarian, on the needs of Indian people for library services.

The first services to be provided will be electronic, consisting of telecommunications lines, computers, online connections, periodical access, Internet access and CD-ROM reference products. The Crownpoint library will also have collections of books, both circulating and reference, newspapers and magazines, video and audio tapes and CD-ROM multimedia products.

A significant portion of the collection will be on Native American subjects and writings of Native American authors. There will be a large collection of materials as well as programs for children of all ages. There will also be a small talking book library and equipment for the visually disabled.

Circulation of materials, the library's catalog, the cataloging function and dial-in access from remote site libraries will be fully automated with toll-free numbers provided to out-of-community callers.

When the six initial Navajo chapters are named as part of the Crownpoint library network, library aides will be trained to provide the library services in those communities.

NM On WHCLIST HotLine

Supporters of library and information services know that the bottom line is legislative action. Whether it's funding from the Town Council, enabling legislation from the State Legislature, or commitments from Congress, there is going to be a vote.

"We want the vote to be positive," said Regional Coordinator Eva Knight as she explained the new WHCLIST (White House Conference on Library and Information Services) Legislative HotLine. "We are making a concentrated effort to be sure that elected officials hear the library and information services story from their constituents."

The HotLine is organized in tree fashion. The Regional Coordinator calls Regional Representatives to action. Betty Long, Director of Roswell Public Library, is the Regional Representative for Region V. When Betty receives a call from the Regional Coordinator, she will alert State Representatives. In New Mexico, Joe Sabitini and Linda O'Connell, co-chairs of the New Mexico Library Association Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee, will be the contact people. They in turn will activate the NMLA Legislative HotLine.

"Everyone is needed," Mrs. Knight stressed. "Too often individuals wonder what one person can do to advance the library or the information highway. One person can write a letter or make a call."

The HotLine will be activated by the HotLine Caucus: the WHCLIST Chair, WHCLIST Legislative Chair, ALA Liaison, and such members as the Chair may appoint. While the HotLine will initially focus on national issues, the organization within states should benefit state and local issues.
ADA and Libraries Workshop

by Kay Krehbie, New Mexico Tech Library

Announcing a workshop on The Americans with Disabilities Act and Libraries: Services and Resources for Students with Disabilities. Wednesday, March 15, 8:30 am - 3:00 p.m. at the Student Union Building, UNM, Albuquerque.

If you have wondered what your library is expected to do under ADA, or how your library can provide better services for students with disabilities, this workshop is for you.

The primary presenter is John Brewster of the New Mexico State Library who has given similar workshops in Las Cruces and El Paso. Other contributors are Melissa Blake, Certified Educational Diagnostician with UNM Learning Support Services and some special guests. In the morning you will have an opportunity to share descriptions of programs offered by your institution, and if your library has prepared information sheets on your services for students with disabilities, please bring along samples.

We will begin with several students giving their personal perspectives on disabilities and continue with an overview of what the Americans Disabilities Act says to academic libraries. The program will introduce assessment of physical access, assessment of student disabilities, including learning disabilities, and selection of services. You will learn about a variety of resources and services available in New Mexico and will receive a resource list.

During morning and afternoon breaks you can see demonstrations of adaptive technology equipment in our meeting room. For the final segment of the program you are invited to meet Bill Zahner, Zimmerman Library Access Services, in the Alice Clark Room in Zimmerman Library, near the SUB, and try out other adaptive technology—VTEK, a text enlarger; synthetic voice output for LIBROS, UNM’s online catalog; a Reading Edge machine, which scans text and can produce a disk file or synthetic voice.

We encourage you to share information about the workshop with your campus counseling service, learning support center staff or student services office. The workshop is sponsored by New Mexico Academic and Research Librarians (NMARL) and UNM General Library. Registration fee is $12 for NMARL members and $15 for non-members with free on-campus parking passes available upon request. Lunch on your own at the SUB or in nearby restaurants. Space limited to 40.

To obtain a program with registration form contact: Shirlene Gordon, NM Junior College phone 392-5473; fax 392-2527 or Kay Krehbie, NM Tech Library email kkrehbie@isd.admin.nmt.edu; phone 835-5766; fax 835-5754

Future Conference Sites

Onate High School in Las Cruces was chosen by the Conference Site Selection Committee for the 1996 NMLA Annual Conference. The dates chosen were March 6th-9th, during the school’s spring break. The Executive Board approved the selection during its meeting in January. Santa Fe was recommended for the site of the 1997 conference, and the Board tentatively approved the selection.

NM Library Foundation Annual Report

The Foundation began 1994 by creating “The Literary Link,” a quarterly newsletter. The “Link” publishes information about the activities of NMLF for the updating of donor members. During 1995 NMLF will consider expanding the mailing list of “The Literary Link.”

At the 1994 NMLA Convention in Albuquerque a donor raffle was conducted by NMLF for tickets secured from Southwest Airlines. NMLF also conducted a Mystery Night with a reception and book signing by authors Jake Page and Judith Van Gieson. Both events were well received by members and friends of NMLA and NMLF.

The Trustees of NMLF are establishing an advisory council to assist the trustees in developing and conducting fund raising activities.

Elections were conducted during the December 1994 trustee meeting and a listing of trustees follows:

One Year Term: Kathy Flanary, Drew Harrington, George Marr
Two Year Term: David Keyes, Carol King
Three Year Term: David Giltrow, Karen Watkins, Thaddeus Bejnar

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Expenses — $1,456.38
12/31/95 Balance — $10,308

New Mexico Library Association Newsletter
Renowned Latino novelists Sandra Cisneros and Rudolfo Anaya are coming to Las Cruces March 24-26 for the Border Book Festival. This three-day cultural event and trade show is expected to draw more than 2,000 publishers, writers, book designers, printers, book promoters, and book lovers to the Downtown Mall. The festival will include performances by diverse writers, including perennial favorites like storyteller Joe Hayes and playwright Mark Medoff as well as rising stars like El Paso poet and novelist Benjamin Alire Saenz. Events at the festival will include workshops, seminars, open-mike readings, music, and the world premiere of a play about the border.

The theme of the Border Book Festival, "Leer Es Vivir—To Read is To Live," reflects the festival’s aim to promote the books, authors, publishers, and the literature of the southern Southwest/northern Mexico region.

The book festival will open Friday night with the world premiere of Debbie LaPorte’s play, *Killing the Coyote*, a gripping account of the life of a "coyote," a smuggler of human beings. Following the play is "Atravesando la Frontera/Across the Border," a special reading by Mexican poets Minerva Margarita Villarreal and Enrique Cortazar, El Paso poet and novelist Benjamin Alire Saenz, author of the forthcoming novel *Carry Me Over Water*, and New Mexico novelist Rudolfo Anaya.

Saturday will be storytellers’ day, featuring Joe Hayes from Santa Fe, Estefanita Martinez/Blue Water, who learned storytelling as a child in San Juan Pueblo, and Mary Lopez Sherman of Las Cruces. Workshops ranging from how to run a small press to a conversation with Sandra Cisneros on the art and craft of her fiction. The Border Book Festival will close with a panel, "Writing the Southwest—What Lies Ahead?,” including novelist Norman Zollinger, historian Leon Metz, and essayist Sharman Apt Russell, followed by a Happy Hour Open-mike Reading and Poetry Slam.

For more information, contact Susan Tweit or Denise Chavez, festival coordinators, at:
Border Book Festival
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**Mary Elizabeth Johnson**
1946 - 1994

The library community was deeply saddened by the loss of Mary Elizabeth Johnson in November after an extended illness. Her courage throughout this ordeal was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Mary Beth had been the Assistant Director of the Parish Business and Economics Library at the University of New Mexico General Library since 1988. She received tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor in July, 1994.

Mary Beth earned her MLS at the University of Oregon. She began her library career as Head Catalog Librarian at the Klamath County Library, Klamath Falls, Oregon, from 1975-1977. She went on to be the Head Librarian of the Forest Historical Society Library and Archives, 1977-1984. She worked at the Rand Corporation Library from 1985-1988.

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