Editors' note - we welcome contributions by NMLA members describing research and other special projects. Here Jeanette, an OCLC 25th Anniversary Essay Contest winner, describes the research project that prompted her to enter the contest. Due to space restrictions we may have to edit submissions.

Library research in Germany
By Jeanette C. Smith, NMSU Library

Katharina von Bora Luther (1499-1552), a partner in one of history's most controversial marriages, is to historians one of the most well-known and interesting women of the sixteenth century. Katharina, like her famous husband, Martin Luther, was satirized, vilified, sentimentalized, and idealized by her contemporaries and later commentators. Each century has seen Katharina through the filter of its own values, right up to modern feminists, who took her for their own.

My original Sabbatical project, a biographical article and annotated scholarly bibliography of sources on Katharina, quickly changed in scope to an historiography. This project has resulted in a monograph-length manuscript which I have been invited to submit for publication to the Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation Reformation Research Library monograph series.

Research for the project took me through many formats of information dating from the twentieth to the sixteenth century, from electronic data files to microfilms to printed books from many eras. It also took me from the US to the area of former East Germany.

Once my electronic sources of information, particularly the OCLC FirstSearch databases, which yielded about one hundred international citations, were exhausted, I visited a variety of libraries in Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis, Berlin, Lutherstadt Wittenberg (where the Luthers lived in the sixteenth century), and Leipzig, to use their catalogs and collections.

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1997
January 1 Nomination Petitions
January 15 Marion Dorrhill Memorial Scholarship Applications

events calendar
Feb. 20-22, 1997 Annual Transborder Library Forum (FORO), Ciudad Juarez, Mexico
Apr. 9-12 NMLA Annual Conference, Santa Fe
Jun. 26 - Jul. 3 ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco

new mexico library association newsletter
from the president's pen

Hello again!

It was great to see all of you who attended the Mini-Conference in Socorro. Kudos to Valerie Horton (2nd VP) and Betty Reynolds, Kay Krehbiel and the fine people for a job well done! The programs were interesting, the site excellent and the food and hospitality dynamite.

The Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee, chaired by Charlene Greenwood and Joe Sabatini, have been working hard to put together a slate of projects to be presented to the 1997 Legislature. They are: Internet Training, the New Mexico Electronic Library, continuation of staffing of the Native American Libraries Project, Internet connection subsidies, retention of the state aid to public libraries program, full funding of the CHE's formula and support for NMCAL initiatives, and encouraging the utilization of certified school librarians.

Joe and Charlene are asking for our help in advocating these programs to our legislators. For more information on these projects or how you can help with the legislative effort, contact Joe (768-5174) or Charlene (764-9581). Thanks!

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why didn't I think of that? & other interesting news

Editors' note - Submit your good ideas and other member news. No offense if we have to edit!

"Bette and Bill's Books" by Betty Long, Roswell Public Library

Bette and Bill's Books is a project of the Friends of the Roswell Public Library that utilizes Readers' Digest Condensed Books. Bette and Bill Slade came up with the idea ["borrowed", from a town they visited while traveling] and have taken the project on, hence the name. Originally advertisements solicited donation. As received, each book was labeled. The Friends of the Roswell Public Library have furnished this book for your reading pleasure. If you find you can't put it down and want to take it with you, please do so and enjoy!! We will replace it.

The books were then taken to all of the motels in town and placed in the rooms, beginning a year and a half ago. They were also taken to the waiting room of Eastern New Mexico Medical Center. Bette and Bill are already on their third or fourth time at replenishing all of the sites.

The motel managers and hospital administrators and very enthusiastic about the program, we have found a way to utilize books that do not sell in the Friends/Altrusa Annual Book Sale and we hope the project has brought a little joy to people who are on the road or in the hospital. The Friends occasionally receive a note of thanks and small contributions from people who have taken one of the books.

NMSU gov docs web page online by Jeanette C. Smith, NMSU Library

The WWW home page for the NMSU Library's US government documents unit is now online. Find it at http://lib.nmsu.edu. Click on The NMSU Library - Services - Library Collections - US Government Documents.

Now users can ask a documents reference question via e-mail, schedule an individual or group tour, connect to US government information, or read some of our helpful guides and brochures online.

One very unique guide included is a list of current US government publications in Spanish.

Mayfield Retires submitted by Jeanette Smith

R.E. "Ed" Mayfield, the Coordinator of the Southwest Center for Codes and Standards, retired from the NMSU Library on October 4, 1996. Ed is the first and only Coordinator of the Southwest Center for Codes and Standards in its five-year history. The Center (http://lib.nmsu.edu/swccs/) was established as a regional, national, and international source for industrial standards, military specifications and standards, and New Mexico state, county, and local codes, all provided to clients on a cost-recovery basis.

An active member of the American Library Association's Fee-Based Information Service Centers in Academic Libraries (FISCAL) group and the perennial chair of the Think Metric special interest group of the New Mexico Library Association, Ed has been a visible and personable representative of the library. We wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement!

[see News page 9]
1997 slate of candidates

The Nominations and Elections Committee, comprised of Kathy Flanary, Peggy Giltrow, and Betty Reynolds, presents the following slate of candidates for the 1997 NMLA election:

Second Vice-President/Presidential Progression
- David Ivy, Farmington Public Library
- Steven Pla, TVI, Albuquerque

Treasurer
- Paul Miller, Alamogordo Public Library
- Earl Phillips, Educational Services Center, Las Cruces

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- Jean Howard, Gadsden High School, Las Cruces
- Nancy Osterberg, Ruidoso Public Library
- Steve Rollins, UNM, Albuquerque
- Ellanie Sampson, T. or C. Public Library

ALA Councilor
- Drew Harrington, Albuquerque Academy
- Barbara Rosen, UNM, Albuquerque

According to NMLA Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, “Nominations may also be made by the membership, provided the candidate has agreed and one or more petitions for that candidate signed by a total of at least 20 current members of the Association have been submitted. Such petitions must be received by the Chair (Kathy Flanary, 1900 North White Sands, Alamogordo, NM 88310; snkflana@arriba.nm.org; 505-439-4429) and postmarked no later than January 1.”

Further information on each candidate will appear in the pre-conference newsletter and election ballots will be mailed on February 1, 1997.
To: Nominations and Elections Committee, NMLA

We, the undersigned Members of the New Mexico Library Association, do hereby petition the Nominations and Elections Committee to place in nomination the name of:

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NMLA awards

Progressive School Media Award

The Progressive School Media Award, Winnebago Software Company and the New Mexico Library Association are sponsoring a $400 cash award to purchase technology tools to enhance student access to information using an online public access catalog, CD-ROMs, or other technology.

Called the Progressive School Media Award, the award will be based on the implementation of innovative ideas by a librarian/media specialist to enhance the lifelong learning skills of students.

It will be issued to the winner selected from New Mexico school applicants by the NMLA Awards Committee during the NMLA Annual Conference in April 1997. The recipient will be selected by the type and vendor for the technology application most beneficial to the library environment.

The recipient will be asked to write a follow-up letter to the Winnebago Software Company indicating how the cash award was used and how it benefited the students.

Winnebago Software Company will write a follow-up article featuring the winner, to be published in the NMLA Newsletter as well as in Winnebago newsletters. The entry form is due by December 30.

For questions and entry forms, contact Kathy Matter at (505) 281-1277 (home) or FAX (505) 299-1495; e-mail her at ybf40@prodigy.com. Send entry forms to Karen Stabler, NMLA Awards Committee, PO Box 3516 UPB, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship and Education Fund

NMLA scholarships support undergraduate and graduate study and attendance at workshops and conferences. Applicants who are NMLA members will be given preference.

The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship for $1,500 supports study in advanced degree programs at ALA-accredited library schools. Proof of acceptance is one of the scholarship requirements. For the 1997 award the deadline is Jan. 15, 1997.

The Continuing Education Fund supports requests to attend workshops, conferences and other related activities. Applications may be made initially by phone and must be complete before the particular event.

For application forms and guidelines contact Kay Krehbiel, Education Committee chair, New Mexico Tech Library, Campus St. Socorro, 87801; 505-835-5766; kkrehbie@admin.nmt.edu.

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Principal: ____________________

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2. Program Narrative (describe how the project corresponds to the objective; to implement the goals what actions are required?)

3. When will the actions take place? (timeline)

4. Who will be responsible for these actions? (qualifications of personnel)

5. How will these actions enhance the lifelong learning skills of students?

6. How will these actions increase student access to information?

7. What are the indicators for success?

Signatures

Library/Media Specialist: ____________________________________ Date: ____________

Principal: __________________________________ Date: ____________
Research (from page 1)

I [also] conducted an extensive correspondence with many librarians and scholars in Germany and elsewhere, many of whom kindly sent me books and photocopies of bibliographies or catalog entries. I also began to try to track down manuscripts of seven of Kathe’s letters which had been reprinted in some of the sources. I located three manuscripts of her letters in Denmark, one handwritten dedication in a book in Poland, and one letter in Germany.

Because so many German books were carried off by the Americans, British, or Russians, or were destroyed in WWII, historical German library research is very difficult to conduct. Also the surviving collections were dispersed (and) materials listed in bibliographies published in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries during the golden age of Katharina scholarship, may not survive anywhere.

Fortunately, Wittenberg was not destroyed during WWII, and both the seminary and Lutherhalle had wonderful collections of sixteenth-century materials preserved with ideal temperature and humidity conditions.

In today’s former East Germany there is cautious optimism for the future under reunification. It is wonderful that transatlantic Luther scholarship, stifled during the Communist regime in East Germany by censored correspondence and travel restrictions, has resumed.

News (from page 4)

"LOEX of the West: A Conference Report"
by Susan Deese-Roberts, UNM General Library

The second "LOEX" (Library Orientation Instruction Exchange) of the West conference was held in Seattle, Washington in June 1996. Over 180 participants met on the University of Washington campus to participate in sessions designed around the theme “Collaboration and Instructional Design in a Virtual Environment.” The keynote address [was] “Campus Partnerships: Collaborating for the 21st Century.” The session provided an overview of the Faculty Development Partnership at the University of Arizona which is a joint program involving the campus computer center, the library, the teaching center, the New Media program within the fine arts center, and Video Services. Of particular interest to conference participants was the role of the library in the Partnership: training for faculty in information literacy, library and Internet resources, and creation of Web pages; consultations to integrate information literacy skills into courses and assignments; and facilities and equipment for developing multi-media and Internet resources.

A second session for all participants was an active learning session titled “Collaborative Leadership for Learning.” Participants assessed their own leadership styles, discussed differences between leading and managing, and applied leadership behaviors to collaboration within libraries and between libraries and other organizations. [The session leader] noted that library leaders must provide vision, communication, trust and self-confidence and that more leaders than managers are needed in the virtual environment.

The concurrent sessions of the conference focused on form and structure of library instruction programs in the virtual environment. The use of technology in providing new form to instruction was one of several program themes. Other themes included distance education, partnerships among campuses, and collaboration between computer centers and libraries. The University of Washington’s collaborative project, UWired; was also highlighted during the conference. Partners in the UWired project are the University of Washington Libraries, Undergraduate Education, and Computing and Communications.

"LOEX" of the West is a spin-off of the annual "LOEX" conference traditionally sponsored by Eastern Michigan University and usually held in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The next "LOEX" of the West conference will take place in 1998. Boulder, Colorado, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Albuquerque are possible host cities. Based upon the high quality of presentations at the 1996 conference, "LOEX" of the West in 1998 will be a conference worth attending.
announcements & updates

17th Annual Transborder Library Forum
“Building Information Bridges”

This forum has been the meeting place of librarians from the United States, Mexico and Canada for sharing ideas and efforts to develop cooperation schemes along national borders. It meets next on February 20, 21 and 22, 1997, in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

OBJECTIVES:

- To strengthen library links among librarians interested in “building information bridges” among the NAFTA nations.
- To discuss cooperation schemes beyond library borders.
- To become a forum where library resources are shared.
- To understand the friendly way of living on the border.

For additional information please contact (in the US):

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ALA receives grant for “Following the Back Road Home: A Radio Series”

The American Library Association (ALA) has received a $390,000 grant and a $10,000 offered match from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for a radio series: “Following the Back Road Home: Looking for American Identity through Regional Writing.”

The project, to be administered by the ALA Public Programs Office, is a regional literature discussion project that will focus on two regions of the US — the Southwest (Arizona, New Mexico, southern Utah, southern Colorado and west Texas) and the Northwest (western Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington).

Each region will broadcast a series of library-sponsored call-in radio programs featuring scholar-led discussions of regional literature. A total of 13 programs will be broadcast by the public radio partner in each region and by other radio stations via satellite from the main station.

Listeners will explore how regional identity helps to shape a national American identity. The series will explore the validity of myths and stereotypes that exist about the region and how regional values contribute to regional identity. Programs will air in the fall of 1997. Contact Susan Brandehoff or Pamela Goodes, ALA; Public Programs Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Phone: 800-545-2433, ext. 5054/5.
special interest groups

Count on Reading/ICONnect
by Kathy Matter, Chair

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) has challenged the nation’s young people to read a billion books by April, 1997, in a reading initiative called “Count on Reading.” In New Mexico we have created the state-wide campaign “Raft the Rio Grande with Reading” to help promote the count. NMLA funded a publicity mailing to 837 school and public libraries throughout New Mexico to invite participation.

The Rio Grande River is approximately 470 miles from New Mexico’s northern border to its southern border. If young New Mexicans are to read one book for every foot of the river, they will need to read 2,481,600 books by April, 1997. Please help us “float” the distance by encouraging reading and keeping a count. Participants may use the “Raft the Rio Grande with Reading” theme, or count the books read using other initiatives, such as Land of Enchantment, summer reading programs, Newbery/Caldecott clubs, student logs, etc. At the end of June the national total was 20,745,984. At the end of August New Mexico’s count was 58,821.

AASL has awarded our SIG a state start-up grant of $250 to continue the promotion. Join the challenge! Make reading count.

Please send tallies of books read to Trudy White, E.G. Ross Elementary School, 6700 Palomas Ave., N.E., Albuquerque, 87109 or WHITE_T@APSICC.APS.EDU.

AskKC@iconnect.syr.edu Use AASL’s KidsConnect, a free internet question-answering service for kids, underwritten by Microsoft Corporation.

The goal of KidsConnect is to help kids access and use the information available on the internet effectively and efficiently. Library media specialists from throughout the country are collaborating on KidsConnect to provide direct assistance to any student who needs help. A specialist will respond to a student’s question within 48 hours.

For more information contact AASL at 800-545-2433 ext. 4389 or ICONnect@ala.org. Or contact Kathy Matter, 505-281-1277 (H) or vtbk40c@prodigy.com.

NMLA newsletter contributions sought

Co-editors Jackie Shane, UNM and Nora Stoecker, Sandia Labs, want to hear from you! Please send in news of interest to NMLA.

Good ideas, interest groups, research, updates... see this issue for ideas. The deadline for the January/February 1997 issue is December 12, 1996. That issue should arrive in your mailboxes by mid-January.

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