Editors' note - we welcome contributions by NMLA members describing research, special projects, or other issues affecting libraries. The editors reserve the right to edit contributions due to space limitations. In this issue we will run the second installment of a detailed story describing the social and political issues facing Albuquerque's Main Library.

McCLELLAN'S ARMY INVADES MAIN LIBRARY: Part Two
by Joe Sabatini, Head of Main Library, Albuquerque/Bernalillo Co. Library System

Disorderly incidents continued at a high level in January, with increased staff demoralization and critical patron comments. One incident particularly outraged the staff. On December 12th, a twelve year old "truant" student, unable to get her homework done, ran to the Children's Room because the room was full and noisy, went upstairs to sit at a back corner table. A man, well-known to staff as a regular patron approached her and exposed himself. She came to report it, offended and crying, and was able to identify the perpetrator to several staff members as he left the building. On January 14th, the perpetrator returned to the building and was recognized, but left before we could confront him. I instructed the security guard that if he returned, we should call the police to serve him with a 90-day criminal trespass eviction order. When the perpetrator returned later that afternoon, the guard instead confronted and evicted him, receiving a loud and vile tirade upon his exit. Discouraged staff reprimanded about management's failure to make the building secure. At this point, we were evicting two to five drunks per day. This was the first indecent exposure incident in a long time, but this was the incident that got the most attention.

The Homeless Task Force met again on January 9th and attempted to prioritize a multitude of recommendations to make a coherent proposal. The large number of service providers were asked to meet as a separate group to develop those priorities. I invited them to meet at the library, as we had sufficient room for multiple meetings. I also told Counselor Hundle and Randy Romero about the deteriorating situation. By the time the service providers met at main the next week, Counselor Hundle had informed KOAT-TV political reporter Karen McDaniel that Main Library's vagrant problem was a story needing coverage. Karen visited Main on Thursday, January 16th, spending almost two hours with Ida [Mazzoni] and me, thoroughly reviewing every aspect of our situation. Her story aired on Channel 7 on Sunday, January 19th, midway through the 5:00 p.m. newscast.

NMLA deadlines

- Sept. 12 Newsletter submissions (e-mail)
- October 24 NMLA Board Meeting
- November 17 Awards Nominations
- February 5 Marion Dorroh Scholarship

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from the president's pen

I am sure that you were surprised to learn that both our First Vice President, Valerie Horton and Second Vice President Dave Ivey submitted resignations because they had accepted new positions in Colorado. You will be pleased to know that the system works even though our Bylaws were never developed with the intention of having the First Vice President and Second Vice President resign in the same year, never mind the same month.

The nominating committee Mary Pat Kraemer, Mary Ellen Keeton and Jenny Minter, Chair, did a great job coming up with excellent nominees for the vacant positions. Ellanie Sampson, Director of the Truth Or Consequences Public Library, was nominated for the First Vice President slot and, since Ellanie had been serving as a Member At Carol Brey, Director of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, was nominated for that position. Ellanie and Carol were appointed by me and the Board confirmed the appointments. We are in good hands and I want to thank the nominating committee for their quick action and Ellanie and Carol for their willingness to serve the New Mexico Library Association.

What about the Second Vice President position you ask? At the last conference we voted on several Bylaw changes. One of the changes was the elimination of the Second Vice President position, but since elections had been held prior to the changes and a Second Vice President had been elected that person would serve out their term and we would not elect a Second Vice President in the next election. We are merely complying with the Bylaws change earlier than anticipated.

We also had another change that I do not want to go unnoticed. At our July meeting, Earl Phillips officially became the new Treasurer for NMLA and Nova Duhren completed her two year term as Treasurer. On behalf of the Association, I want to thank Nova for all of her work over the past two years. You did a great job and we appreciate you!

We are celebrating our 75th Anniversary this year and the conference theme is NMLA: 75 Sparkling Years. I have been looking at some historical events that have taken place over the last 75 years and will try to share some with you from time to time. For instance did you know that the dues for NMLA in 1928 were $1.00 and the total membership was 37? The dues were raised to $2.00 in 1951. The first HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP was presented to Anna K. Brown, one of the founders of the Socorro Public Library and its librarian from 1924 to 1963 on April 25, 1957 during the NMLA banquet at the annual conference which was held in Socorro.

Betty Long

events calendar

Aug. & Sept. 1997  State Library Continuous Education Programs
Oct. 22-24, 1997  CHECS Conference, Las Vegas, NM

Nov. 14, 1997   NMLA Mini-Conference, Location TBA
Apr. 23-25, 1998 NMLA 75th Anniversary Conference, Albuquerque
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Marion Dorroh Scholarship
submitted by Shirline Gordon

The Education Committee invites applicants for the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is an annual award given in honor of past NMLA president, Marion Wheeler Dorroh. After receiving her B.A. in library science from Emory University in 1932, Mrs. Dorroh worked as a librarian for the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., Arkansas, Nebraska, and finally, New Mexico. After leaving the USDA, she served as the librarian for Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Mrs. Dorroh began her tenure as NMLA president in 1953—the same year NMLA first awarded the Marion Dorroh Scholarship.

GRANT: $1,500 for study toward an advanced degree at an ALA-accredited school. The grant is awarded each year at the spring NMLA conference.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have resided in New Mexico during the year preceding application and must be accepted or currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited school as a full or part-time student.

CRITERIA: The primary considerations in selecting the scholarship recipient will be scholarship and potential contributions to the professions, particularly in New Mexico.

Preference will be given to applicants who are members of NMLA.

APPLICATIONS: The committee chair must receive the following items: application form, resume, statement of professional goal, double spaced, not to exceed one page, copies of transcripts from all post secondary work, three letters of reference, at least one of which is from a librarian.

DEADLINE: Applications must be complete and on file with the Education Committee chair no later than February 1, 1998. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Submit completed applications to: Nancy Turner, NMLA Education Committee Chair, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88001 telephone: 505 528-4034 e-mail: nturner@lib.nmsu.edu Applications are also available on the NMLA homepage: http://lib.nmsu.edu/nmla
Nominate a Colleague for an Award!

Honorary Life Membership

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

Criteria: Significant contribution to NMLA and its activities throughout the library career; scope of activity beyond own work location; achievements and contributions to NMLA growth are known within the library community; and are recognized by other persons or entities in New Mexico.

New Mexico Library Leadership

Awards made to librarians who have rendered outstanding service beyond the local community.

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

Legislator of the Year

Award given to a New Mexico state legislator who has demonstrated leadership in the advancement of libraries throughout the state.

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

Community Achievement

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

New Mexico Library Amigo

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

Nominations and supporting letters are to be mailed no later than Friday, November 17, 1997, to: Karen Stabler, Awards Committee Chair, P.O. Box 3516, UPB, Las Cruces, NM 88003
Nomination Form

Award Nominated For (please check one):

[ ] Honorary Life Membership    [ ] New Mexico Library Leadership
[ ] Legislator of the Year      [ ] Community Achievement    [ ] New Mexico Library
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Person Making or Supporting Nomination  Relation to Nominee

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The following resolution was adopted by ALA Council at the ALA national conference, July 1997:

Resolution on The Use of Filtering Software in Libraries

WHEREAS, On June 26, 1997, the United States Supreme Court issued a sweeping reaffirmation of core First Amendment principles and held that communications over the Internet deserve the highest level of Constitutional protection; and

WHEREAS, The Court's most fundamental holding is that communications on the Internet deserve the same level of Constitutional protection as books, magazines, newspapers, and speakers on a street corner soapbox. The Court found that the Internet "constitutes a vast platform from which to address and hear from a worldwide audience of millions of readers, viewers, researchers, and buyers," and that "any person with a phone line can become a town crier with a voice that resonates farther than any soapbox;" and

WHEREAS, For libraries, the most critical holding of the Supreme Court is that libraries that make content available on the Internet can continue to do so with the same Constitutional protections that apply to the books on libraries' shelves; and

WHEREAS, The Court's conclusion that "the vast democratic fora of the Internet" merit full

And from New Mexico...

New Mexico takes action on telcom discounts
Submitted by David Giltrow, NMLF, to the NMLA listserv, 7/1/97

The NM State Corporation Commission met Tuesday, July 1st and approved an order which allows New Mexico to participate in the discount program for telecommunication services for libraries and schools. This puts New Mexico in a strong position to apply for the "e-rate" program once the FFC provides necessary forms.

Karen Watkins spoke briefly and forcefully on behalf of libraries following witnesses from US West and others. Her efforts and those of Dept. of Education educational technology staff officer Kurt

constitutional protection will also serve to protect libraries that provide their patrons with access to the Internet; and

WHEREAS, The Court recognized the importance of enabling individuals to receive speech from the entire world and to speak to the entire world. Libraries provide those opportunities to many who would not otherwise have them; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court's decision will protect that access; and

WHEREAS, The use in libraries of software filters which block Constitutionally protected speech is inconsistent with the United States Constitution and federal law and may lead to legal exposure for the library and its governing authorities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association affirms that the use of filtering software by libraries to block access to constitutionally protected speech violates the Library Bill of Rights.

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Steinhaus were singled out for praise by the senior SCC lawyer. They were among several who paved the way for smooth passage of the SCC order, a necessary condition for New Mexico to develop a structure and plan for qualifying for 20-80% discounts on telecommunication rates.

A series of "next steps" still must take place in order for rates to be reduced on library and school connection rates. A conference is in the works for late September to assist schools and libraries with certification.
conferences, conferences ...

Mini-Conference Theme Returns to "People @ Libraries"

The theme of the 1997 Mini-Conference will be "People @ Libraries: Literacy, Learning & Logging On," according to Carol Brey, new Member-At-Large of the NMLA Board and Chair of the newly formed Mini-Conference Committee. Other members of the Committee are Jeanne Howard and Steve Rollins, also Members-At-Large of the NMLA Board.

The Mini-Conference is planned for Friday, November 14, 1997, with the location to be announced (sites under consideration include Farmington and Silver City.) It will feature four concurrent programs dealing with various aspects of librarianship, with potential topics to include: *The Changing Role of the Librarian/Library Technician* *Electronic Journals* *Grant Writing* *Telecommunications Discounts* *The America Reads Challenge*

A luncheon featuring an entertaining yet notable author as speaker is planned for the day as well!

"Over 150 people are expected to attend the 1997 Mini-Conference, and we want the day to be worthwhile for librarians and library employees from all types of libraries," Brey said. "Practical information, opportunities for networking, and inspiring ideas should add up to an exciting day!"

For more information about the Mini-Conference, or to share your ideas, contact:

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NMLA 75th Anniversary conference theme set, approved by Board

The theme for the 1998 NMLA conference is: NMLA 75 Sparkling Years. Vice President Ellie Sampson reported at the NMLA Board meeting, held at the New Mexico Tech Library in Socorro on Friday, July 12, 1997, that she chose this theme to reflect the many facets of the association and to celebrate the association's diamond jubilee. She also thanked President Betty Long for offering her the opportunity to fill in as Vice President following the resignations of both Valerie Horton, 1st Vice President, and David Ivey, 2nd Vice President.

The 1998 conference will be held in Albuquerque, April 22-24, at the Convention Center. Kathy Matter, Local Arrangements Chair, has many exciting things planned, such as tours of school libraries, the Past Presidents Reception, possibly at the Albuquerque Aquarium, and a small but select Silent Auction featuring an anniversary theme. Commemorative items such as Nambe Christmas ornaments and chocolate from the Candy Lady in Old Town are also planned for sale to help celebrate the Association's 75 years and to benefit the Marion Dorroh Scholarship. Karen McSheeters has designed the conference logo, which will be made into a pin to be sold, also to benefit the Marion Dorroh Scholarship. Fred Barraza has created a commemorative bookmark for distribution in the conference packets. Elaine Goodman (505/227-3811, egoodman@stib. state. nm.us) is chairing the Program Committee and is welcoming suggestions for speakers and program ideas.
Award-Winning Authors to Descend Upon New Mexico
submitted by Linnea Hendrickson, UNM

New Mexico librarians and teachers will have a rare opportunity to listen to and mingle with a stellar group of authors and illustrators of children's books this Fall. USBBY, the United States national section of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is sponsoring the second Regional IBBY Conference, "Stories from North to South" to be held in the United States, October 23 through 25 at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel. The goal of both IBBY and USBBY is promoting international understanding through children's and young adult literature.

Speakers will include Newbery Award winners Karen Cushman, Jean Craighead George, Lois Lowry, and Katherine Paterson, as well as Canadian author Jean Little; Newbery honor winner Christopher Paul Curtis, and many authors with close ties to New Mexico and the Southwest, such as George Ancona, Shonto Begay, Katherine Hauth, Joe Hayes, Michael Lacapa, Carolyn Meyer, Pat Mora, Vaunda Nelson, Jeane Whitehouse Peterson, Eleanor Schick, and Marc Talbert.

Storytellers and publishers from Canada and Latin America will also participate.

The conference will be structured to allow all participants to hear all speakers and to participate in conversations about stories, books for young people, and the role of literature in helping to connect people across differences of culture, history, and geography. In addition to the all-conference sessions, there will be two break-out sessions for small group discussions of books and issues based on reading lists that will be sent to all registrants.

On Friday, Jean Craighead George will give the keynote address, and be followed by presentations, panel discussions, and small group discussion sessions (participants will receive reading lists and group assignments upon registration). The day will conclude with Karen Cushman's after-dinner address. Saturday's events include speakers from Latin America, including IBBY President Carmen Diana Dearden, a conversation between Jean Little and Katherine Paterson, and dinner followed by Lois Lowry's closing address.

Saturday evening's after-dinner address by Lois Lowry, two-time winner of the prestigious Newbery Award for Number the Stars in 1990 and The Giver in 1994, will be open to the public on space available basis. Tickets will be $15 for those who have not registered for the conference.

Lodging for the conference will be at the Albuquerque Marriott. Room rates are $77 (one king-size bed) and $89 (two double beds). To make reservations call 800-334-2086. To receive the special conference rate when you call for reservations, you must state that you are attending the Regional IBBY Conference.

Pre-Registration Fees, by 9/23/97

MEMBERS NON-MEMBERS

$170 $195

one-day $125 $150

On-site registration, $20 higher each.

Breakfast and dinner on Friday and Saturday are included in the registration fee. Method of payment: Check or money order to USBBY Conference to:

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If you would like to help out by greeting or assisting visiting speakers please contact the conference planning committee. Librarians who would like to schedule visits by any of the authors while they are in New Mexico should contact the authors' publishers. The conference planning committee has a list. For other information, contact Richard or Linnea Hendrickson at lhendr@unm.edu.
AMBAC, Mexico's ALA, Holds 28th Annual Conference
Submitted by Edward Erazo, NMSU

AMBAC (Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios, Asociación Civil) held their 28th Annual Jornadas Mexicanas de Biblioteconomía from April 30 through May 2. AMBAC is Mexico's oldest library association founded in 1924 and is Mexico's equivalent of ALA. The Jornadas are traditionally held on these dates because of the Cinco de Mayo (May 5), national holiday in Mexico, so that participants can take advantage of the long weekend to explore the sites where conferences are held. Last year the Jornadas were held in Oaxaca; next year's will probably be held in Veracruz.

500 librarians, researchers and authors also came from Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Guatemala, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States attended.

Dr. Jesus Lau from the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez and I presented a session on TQM in Public Services; I concentrated on Reference Services. There was also a panel of 10 speakers from different library associations: Cesar Caballero from the University of Texas at El Paso, represented ALA, Estella Morales represented IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations), Nancy Cunningham represented TLA (Texas Library Association), and I represented REFORMA (the national association to promote library services to the Spanish speaking and an ALA affiliate). Elsa Ramirez, Head of Mexico's Library Science Research Center (known as el CUBIS) at the National University of Mexico (UNAM) and the President of AMBAC, was especially pleased to see ALA, TLA and REFORMA highly interested in collaborating in future projects such as exchanges, conferences and research with AMBAC members. It was quite interesting to see the universality of themes that concern all librarians in 1997: copyright, library technology, user services, constant change, to mention just a few. For librarians from New Mexico, who speak somewhat fluent Spanish and who enjoy meeting with library colleagues from Old Mexico, the AMBAC Jornadas are not to be missed. Maybe next year, NMLA will send an official representative, too.

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Overall Ida and I found the broadcast to be a lurid but accurate description of our situation. The closing statement ("The city is thinking of reopening some libraries on Sunday, but not this one. Having it closed one day a week is one way to keep the drunks on the move to somewhere else.") reflects an offhand comment I made that if we ever opened any Branch on Sunday, it wouldn't be Main. Our system has been trying to figure out a way to open one Branch on Sunday, but Albuquerque hasn't had Sunday library hours since 1953. Ida and I had spent almost an hour talking with Karen McDaniel before we went on camera. We were each interviewed on camera for almost five minutes. KOAT used four short segments from those interviews, inserted to illustrate their story line. They did not use the parts where we were explaining the problem, or any of the parts we expected they would use. We were nevertheless pleased that the story made all the points we wanted to make: i.e., the seriousness of the problem, our openness to provide library service to the homeless, and the need for better security. We were also glad that we had informed the staff, the C&RS Department and the Mayor's Office in advance.

On Tuesday January 21st, we were contacted by Albuquerque Journal reporter Jeff Scott. He interviewed Ida and me for over an hour. His photographer, Rose Palmisano, spent parts of the next two days seeking photos to illustrate the story. Mr. Scott returned with additional questions and we took him around to talk to supervisory staff, customers, and our one effective contract security guard. When the story ran at the top of page A-1 in the Friday, January 24th Journal, it was headlined "Under Siege. Library's Volumes of Woes". A subheading noted that "workers have seen disorderly conduct go from 'seldom to infrequent to frequent to daily'; including drunkenness and urinating in study rooms." The story emphasized the staff's concern about the deteriorating environment. Again, despite the lurid details, we were pleased that the story gave the impression that the library management was dealing with the situation, asking for an appropriate amount of additional help to abate the problem. The only thing omitted from the story was the emphasis on service to any patron who behaved according to the rules.

Being on the front page of the Journal legitimized the fact that there was a crisis at Main Library. The day the Journal story came out was a very busy day for us. Citizens called to express outrage and offer support. Chief Administrative Officer Lawrence Rael visited the library with Mrs. Tijerina, and instructed her to post some of the Museum/Zoo security officers at the library. By noon we had visits from television crews from KOB and from the Spanish language station KLIZ. These stations ran stories on Friday evening. We notified Janet Blair and Raphael Christy, the C&RS public relations person, about the new coverage.

The Journal followed up its news story with a Saturday editorial calling upon the city to take "quick and deliberate steps" to prevent Main Library "from becoming a drunk tank." The editorial noted the steps the Library had taken to protect patrons, but said more help was needed from the police and by budgeting for permanent effective security. By Saturday the C&RS officers were in place. On Monday the downtown police bicycle team was staked out in front of the building. The Head of the C&RS Security Division, Frank Barela, came to Wayne Bower's office to work with us on the details of posting two officers every hour the Library was open. We were impressed with the training, equipment, and presence of these officers. They had an immediate, positive effect on the situation, turning away drunks and discouraging inappropriate behavior.

By Tuesday, the 28th, it was clear that the word had gotten out among the vagrants. We were not seeing people who had been coming in daily for months. Raphael Christy came to Main to review the situation in order to prepare a Press release. I acknowledged the improved situation and said the staff were heartened by the change. As Mr. Christy was leaving, Don Perkins, the Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Police Department Valley Area Command arrived. Mr. Perkins (yes, the former football star) observed the activity on the main floor. He asked about our physical layout, about the types of incidents and our responses, and about how library security was handled in other cities. We concluded that more police visibility would be helpful, and that the enhanced security was already effective. That afternoon Steve Devoti, a downtown Police
bicycle officer, came to tell us that the bicycle squad needed to move its base office, and asked if we would consider having it in one of our main floor study rooms. Even though the police would not be in the building often, just their presence coming and going and their parked police cars would be a deterrent. We responded favorably (YES!) and within two weeks they moved in.

Tuesday afternoon, Raphael Christy called to read me his draft press release. The C&RS Department was declaring a victory over the vagrants, and giving much of the credit to the Police rather than C&RS Security. This seemed premature to Ida and me, so we suggested some changes including the sentence “Library staff hope that these new levels of security will be permanently established, to restore a clean, safe environment in which responsible patrons can receive high quality library service.” This sentence was omitted from the final C&RS press release. The C&RS Security staff were stretched thin trying to cover the Zoo, the Museum, the new Biological Park, and the newly acquired Casa San Ysidro historical house. They were concerned about the staffing and budget impact of the additional security at Main Library.

The press release was issued on the morning of Wednesday, January 29th. Ida handled the next round of press coverage. The Albuquerque Tribune sent reporter Ed Asher, whose story appeared that afternoon on page A-3. The story, “Downtown Library Increases Security to Cope with Vagrants”, focused on the poor quality of the contract security and the difference made by the City C&RS officers. Ida was quoted as saying “People were walking into the library and passing out all over the place and using study rooms as urinals.” Albuquerque Journal reporter Wendy Schwingendorf interviewed Ida for a story which appeared on the bottom of page A-1 on Thursday. Its headline read “Patrols Rein in Library Vagrants; Officers ‘Really Have Presence’.” The inside subhead quoted Ida saying “...The rules need to be followed, and those who don’t need to leave. I don’t think that’s asking too much.” Raphael Christy was also interviewed, and the difference between the Department’s circumspection and the Library staff’s position was apparent. TV station KRQE also sent a cameraman to do a story on the press release.

Of all the coverage, the 45 second TV broadcast was perhaps the least accurate and informative, with none of the Library staff’s concerns presented. The central role of the C&RS security officers in deterring the misbehavior was not mentioned in the interview clips of Mr. Christy. The broadcast concluded with the statement “Library officials say that since the [security] plan has been implemented on Monday there’s been a big difference.”

When Chief Administrative Officer Rael had visited the Library with Mrs. Tijerina on Monday morning, he told her that no new money would be available in the current fiscal year for increased Library security. Rael had told the Albuquerque Journal on January 24th that “…the permanent budget increase requested for the coming fiscal year will be reviewed in the normal process, and that a recommendation should be made to the City Council in April.” Assistant Library Director Wayne Bower had submitted a budget expansion request which doubled the current $75,000 Library security expenditure. Meanwhile, the C&RS Security Officers were putting in large amounts of overtime to keep Main Library secure.

In the third and final episode, the Mayor cleans up the Library, security gets thin, budget promises are not kept, the Library Staff Association goes ballistic and gets political, and a partial resolution is achieved.)
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New Mexico Children’s Book Award Named

_The Giver_ by Lois Lowry is the 1997 winner of New Mexico’s _Land of Enchantment_ Book Award. The book was selected by New Mexico students in grades four through eight. Students read from a list of 25 books nominated by a committee of teachers and librarians, and had to have read at least three of the books to vote.

_The Giver_ is set in a future world where everything is controlled. There is no war, fear, or pain, and there are no choices. Each person is assigned a role in the community at age 12. Jonas becomes the receiver of memories and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. The book previously won the Newbery Award in 1994 for best juvenile fiction in the United States.

_The Land of Enchantment_ Award is New Mexico’s book award for youth. It has been given yearly since 1981. This year 2,422 students from 41 schools and communities across the state participated in the reading and voting. The Land of Enchantment Award is co-sponsored by the New Mexico Library Association and the New Mexico Council of the International Reading Association. Schools and libraries serving students in grades four through eight will be receiving the 1997-98 Information Packet in September. Home schoolers may contact the nearest public library.
New Mexico State Library August & September Continuous Education Programs

On August 1, there will be two repeat workshops on the WWW at the Zimmerman Library on the UNM-Albuquerque campus, 9-12 and 1-4 in Room 254. The last WWW training workshop is scheduled at Highlands University in Las Vegas on August 8 from 9-12 in Shonger Hall, Room 102. Call Cynthia Lerma; (505) 827-3801 to reserve a space for yourself. Preference will be given to public librarians using the Internet.

Friday, August 15 is the "Planning for Automation: Writing Your Technology Plan" workshop, to be held at the UNM-Valencia (Los Lunas) campus Lecture Hall, from 8:30-4:30. Dr. Charles Seavey of the University of Arizona, School of Information Resources and Library Science will speak along with the State Library staff. Call Cynthia Lerma to register. These plans are required to qualify for the Universal Service discounts outlined in FCC Report and Order 97-157.

Friday, September 5, the NM Library Certification Preparation Class will take place at the UNM-Valencia Campus in Los Lunas from 9:30-3:30. Please call Cynthia Lerma at (505) 827-3801 to reserve your space. This class is directed toward people who are planning on taking the October 31st Library Certification Exam. (To prepare for the Certification Exam, call Cynthia to request a Certification Packet which contains a study bibliography)

Friday, September 19, the ALA-Office of Intellectual Freedom Director, Judith Krug will return to New Mexico to present a 9 to 5 Leadership Development Institute for librarians. The institute will be at the Lovelace Auditorium at 5200 Gibson Blvd SE. This ALA Leadership Institute will provide discussion on dealing with censorship aimed at the community library, the impact of the Internet and garnering support for the library. A box lunch will be provided, thus the necessity for making reservations before September 19th. Call Cynthia Lerma at (505) 827-3801.

Public Libraries must have completed their community assessments by June, 1998. The first Community Assessment Workshop will be at the Española Public Library on September 8th from 9 'til 2.' Portales Public Library will host the eastern section of librarians for a Community Assessment Workshop on September 26, 9 'til 2.' Friday, October 10, Los Lunas Public Library will be the site for a Community Assessment Workshop, 9 'til 2 and finally the southern part of the state will have their Community Assessment Workshop at the Thomas Branigan Public Library in Las Cruces November 7, from 9 'til 2. Having a completed Assessment on file at the State Library is necessary to continue receiving state grants-in-aid and also be eligible for government bonds and federal grants. Call Cynthia Lerma to register.

OELT 201: Public Library Technician Class will be taught this fall at Dona Ana Branch Community College (Las Cruces). This class will explore the philosophy and organization of public libraries in the United States. We will examine funding practices, personnel issues, usage and scope, materials, marketing, operations, procedures, policies, standards and technologies used in public libraries.

Prerequisites: OELT 110, OELT 120, and OELT 130, or consent of the instructor.

The class will meet from 6:00 - 8:30 pm on Thursdays beginning August 21st. OELT 201 is taught by Mark Pendleton, Senior Reference Librarian at Branigan Library (the public library in Las Cruces).

The class fulfills part of the coursework towards the two-year paraprofessional associate degree in library technology from Dona Ana Branch Community College.

For more information, contact Mike Elrod at 505/527-7566, Norene Lee at 505/527-7555, or Mark Pendleton at 505/528-4001 (voice) 505/528-4030 (fax) or mpendlet@lib.nmsu.edu. For further information about DABC, please visit the website at: http://dabcc-wwn.rimsu.edu
Greetings from the Rio Grande Chapter, SLA

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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... be creative and don’t be shy. The deadline for the October/November 1997 issue is September 12, 1997. That issue should arrive in your mailboxes by mid-October. Send news submissions to Nora Stoecker at nikinfo@caverns.com; fax 505/234-0061; phone 505/234-0049. Electronic submissions (e-mail or disk) especially appreciated.

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