New Mexico Library Association

New Mexico Newspaper Project: Final Report
By Marilyn P. Fletcher, UNM General Library

Editors’ note – we welcome contributions by NMLA members describing research and other special projects. The New Mexico Newspaper Project is New Mexico’s contribution to the United States Newspaper Program, a national effort to locate, catalog, preserve on microfilm, and make available to researchers newspapers published in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present. Here are excerpts from Marilyn’s report of the project’s history & accomplishments. Email Marilyn at mflitch@unm.edu for the full report.

The history of the New Mexico Newspaper Project began in 1985 with a planning grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. However it was not until 1991 after Marilyn P. Fletcher, then Head of the Serials Department, requested that the University of New Mexico General Library authorize her attendance at the 1991 annual meeting of the United States Newspaper Program, where she was able to make contacts with Jeff Field at the NEH and Bob Harriman at LC as well as get ideas from other state projects already in existence, that funding was granted. The implementation proposal for Phase 1 (cataloging) was submitted in June of 1991 and approved for funding by NEH for the period from January 1992 through March 1994. The Phase 2 proposal (continuing cataloging and preservation microfilming) was submitted in October 1993 and the proposal was approved from July 1994 through June 1996. A no-cost extension through September 30, 1996 was approved in February 1996.

In January 1992, the permanent staff member on this project was Marilyn P. Fletcher who remained the Project Coordinator for the length of project. [The full team consisted of Marilyn, Henry Guenther, Anne D.] McGoey, Dave Rixse, as well as Southwest Micropublishing of El Paso.] In addition to the staff, many students worked on the project over the years. The students were invaluable in their participation and contributions. Without hesitation, they took on whatever was assigned—from ironing and taping, to preparing labels, to entering LDRs on OCLC, to taking on independent special projects—and did not complain about the dust and sometimes the mouse droppings found on the old newspapers.

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NMLA Deadlines

January 15 Marion Dorrah Memorial
February 3 Poster Proposals
February 10 Newsletter Submissions (e-mail)
March 10 Pre-Conference Registration

Graphic taken from A Handbook of Edible and Ornamental Plants of New Mexico, UNM Press, Albuquerque-1984,
Youth Services Special Interest Group

For the Annual Conference in Santa Fe, April 9-10, the Youth Services Special Interest Group (formerly SYSL or Services to Young'uns) is presenting Will Hobbs, author of Beardance and Downriver. He will share stories and slides about the writing of his popular outdoor adventure books. His two newest novels, Kokopelli's Flute and Far North will be featured, as well as his brand new picture book, Beadream. Come and meet this Colorado author!

Land of Enchantment Book Award

Librarians across the state are urged to involve their elementary and middle school constituents in the selection of the annual winner of New Mexico's Land of Enchantment Book Award. The choice of a juvenile title is announced each May. This year's ballot must be mailed by April 19, 1997. Information was mailed to school and public librarians throughout the state. This year's winners of book sets were the libraries at Zuni and Eubank Elementaries in Albuquerque, Edgewood Elementary in Moriarty, and Tohaali Community School in Newcomb. The award is sponsored by the New Mexico Library Association and the New Mexico Council of the International Reading Association. If you have not received the mailing contact:

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Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee

The Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee of N.M.L.A. will once again request funding from state government to increase the availability of books and electronic information for people in New Mexico for statewide sharing of library resources. The 1996 Legislature authorized the expenditure of funds appropriated in 1994, but not yet expended, for the library telecommunications and Native American Libraries projects. Other library initiatives were not passed. The Committee and the N.M.L.A. Board believe that it is essential that we continue to advocate the development of effective systems to locate and deliver resources among libraries in New Mexico. Projects to pursue in 1997 include Internet training and a New Mexico electronic library program.
from the president’s pen

Happy New Year!
I hope that 1997 is a great year for all of us, professionally and personally.
The conference in April and Santa Fe is shaping up nicely - lots of great programs. Watch for the pre-conference mailer!
The Legislation and Intellectual Freedom committee encourages us to invite our local legislators to our libraries and do a “show and tell” on the Internet. Let’s wow ‘em everyone! Make sure they know what Internet access at our libraries has meant to our communities!

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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
nmla officer nominees - in their own words

Second Vice-President/Presidential Progression

Dave Ivey, Farmington Public Library

Over the past 7 years I have been fortunate to have acquired a very diverse exposure to the world of library employment. I obtained my MLS from Indiana University in 1990 while concurrently working at the University Library of the Indiana/Purdue campus in Indianapolis. My public library experience includes working in a large 14 branch county system and a smaller, 2 branch municipal system. In my current position with the Farmington Public Library, I am the senior member of the library's professional management team. This team works closely with the library administrator and other city offices in all aspects of library system management.

At FPL, I have been involved with the coordination of the library's electronic resources, site evaluation and general planning for an additional branch, and committee membership duties, involving the planning and implementation of a system-wide long range plan. I also assist with the library's outreach and public relations responsibilities via adult programming, acting as a liaison between the library and business organizations, and by assisting with the library's newsletters and other publications.

I have been an active member of both the New Mexico Library Association and the Indiana Library Federation. Some of the responsibilities include tenure as the Division III (NE Indiana) Outreach Services Representative for the ILF, being a speaker or panelist at both ILF and NMLA annual meetings and acting as the Reference Director for a 9 county library consortium.

If elected for this position I would do my best to represent New Mexico's Libraries and librarians in the best possible light and to ensure continued excellence in NMLA sponsored functions.

Steven Pla, TVI, Albuquerque

Steven Pla was born and raised in Ybor City, the Latin barrio of Tampa, Florida, world famous for fine handmade cigars. He is of Spanish and Cuban ancestry. From an early age he realized that the library was the best place to get an education. He attended Florida State University from 1956-69, earning a BA in History. Subsequently he served as a tank platoon leader in the US Army.

After military service he returned to Florida State for graduate studies, earning an MA in East Asian Studies in 1973 and an MLS in 1974.

He worked at New Mexico State University from 1974-80, as an Assistant Serials Librarian and as an Assistant Reference Librarian. Later he served as Librarian of the American Philatelic Research Library in State College, Pennsylvania. In 1984 he returned to New Mexico as Librarian in Manzano Day School in Albuquerque, where he first became a professional storyteller. From 1987-1995 he was Librarian at Dowa Yalane and A-Shiwi Elementary Schools on the Zuni Pueblo. In 1994 he was awarded a storytelling contract from the New Mexico State Library and performed in over 40 libraries across the state. Returning to Albuquerque in 1996 to serve as Associate Director, Montoya Campus Library of Albuquerque TVI, he became Director of Libraries in October.

He believes strongly in the role of the library as the cornerstone of democracy, the place where all people, regardless of background or means can come to get the information they need to grow spiritually and prosper. He is proud to be a librarian.

Treasurer

Paul Miller, Alamogordo Public Library

I got my start in libraries as a library assistant in a military community library in Germany, went to Rutgers University for the MLS (Beta Phi Mu), and since then have had a diverse
career in public, military, and corporate libraries. In public libraries I've served as Head of Outreach, as Reference Librarian, and as Directeur (NJ, DE, and NM). In the military I've been Public Services Librarian and Director (Germany). I've also run libraries for an international peacekeeping organization in the Sinai. And in the corporate world (Encyclopaedia Britannica) I've been both Bibliography Editor and Manager of Traveling Exhibits (marketing dept.). When serving as a public librarian I have been active in local library association activities.

My diverse background, both occupationally and geographically speaking, has allowed me to see "how it is done" by various libraries, associations, and other organizations. The frequent moves have kept my thinking relatively fresh and objective. As Treasurer, I will perform all duties accurately and in a timely manner.

Earl Phillips, Educational Services Center, Las Cruces

Earl Phillips is currently the Director of Educational Services Center at the Las Cruces Public Schools. He has held the position of Director of Technology for five of his eight years in the ESC position. Earl serves on numerous committees both with the district and state and national organizations. He has served as one of the original members and committee chairs on the New Mexico Council on Technology in Education and the Association for Communications and Technology. In prior years he has been an active member of NMLA and held several leadership positions.

Dr. Phillips has an EdD from the University of Northern Colorado and has been active in the education field for the past 27 years. He has also been President and General Manager of two wholesale electronic distribution companies in Colorado. Currently he serves as a chairman of the Las Cruces Rotary Club and is on the Board of the local Cancer Support Group. He has a love of children and books and enjoys most aspects of education.

He believes that his experience as a business manager, his experiences handling school finances and his current responsibility for a budget of over $1.5 million will enable him serve NMLA as an experienced Treasurer.

Members At Large

Randall Gaylor, New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs

Born, Tierra Amarilla, NM, 1950. Attended catholic school there and public schools in Albuquerque, graduated, Manzano HS, 1968. Attended NMSU from 68 - 1976... took 6.5 years to get a Bachelors degree (guess I am a slow learner, though I did amass over 200 credit hours) in Individualized Studies in the Fall of 1974. Stuck around and earned an MA in History in 1976.

Got married and moved to Tucson where I attended U of AZ and received an MLS in the Fall of 1977. I went to Lib School on the Marion Dorroh memorial scholarship from NMLA. Worked for A. Hover at NMSU for a year then taught in Las Vegas NM for a while and have 'librarianed' at the following places: Menaul School, Los Lunas High School, Belen Jr High, Adams Mid School (that is in Albuquerque), and Tularosa High School. Currently the Director of the Pannell Library at NMJC in Hobbs.

I served on the NMLA Education Committee, on the Intellectual Freedom and Legislative Committee and did a hitch as chairperson of what is now SYSL ... then we called it School Libraries, Childrens and Young Adult Services Division of NMLA.

Somewhere along the line I have been involved in GALA (Greater Albq. Library Assoc.), Church and Synagogue Lib Assoc., NM Academic and Research Lib., NM Consortium for Academic Libraries., AMIGOS and a few other things ... I chair the collection development
committees of NMCAL... and have served as liaison between NMARL and CHECs (Consortium for Higher Education Computer Services) in planning and implementing an annual conference (1994, 1995, 1996).

Philosophically I believe that there are no classes of librarians... though some librarians think their brand of what we do is the core of the profession (whether they are school, academic, public or special types). My motivation for being on the NMLA board is to do the best that I can do to move librarianship forward in state. My primary interests have to do with creating stronger relationships between all of the library groups in the state to meet the agenda we all claim to have: provide the best darned library service we possibly can... even if that means we have to bludgeon the state legislature, the CHE and the State Dept. of Ed. into recognizing that libraries are not cute when they are under funded.

Jeanne Howard, Gadsen High School, Anthony

Jeanne G. Howard took a Bachelor of University Studies from UNM '74, a MLS from the University of Arizona '76 and a M.A. (English) from NMSU '95. Since 1976 she worked in academic libraries, special libraries, and is currently a librarian for the Gadsen Independent School District in Anthony New Mexico, managing a county high school library in a multicultural environment. In 1985 she spent a year in Australia in the Barr Smith Library at the University of Adelaide in South Australia.

Throughout her career she has published articles in librarianship and contributed papers to library societies and professional societies in the sciences and engineering. When she moved to New Mexico she became interested in children's literature, and recently presented a paper on historical series books at the Popular Culture Association national meeting.

Statement: It is a pleasure to run for the NMLA Board Member-At-Large position. Library associations are essential organizations for librarians and library paraprofessionals, enabling us to communicate with colleagues, participate in training and staff development, as well as acquire new learning. NMLA touches all of us in our daily working lives by offering workshops, mini-conferences and support on a myriad of topics. I believe in NMLA's mission and I believe that I can help steer the NMLA to promote libraries across the state and beyond. I take great pride in libraries, pride in what the profession has offered me over the past twenty years, and pride in what I have contributed to the profession. I believe that I can bring quality experience and ideas to the NMLA Board as a Member-At-Large representative.

Nancy Osterberg, Ruidoso Public Library

Nancy Osterberg is currently the Director of the Ruidoso Public Library. She previously held the position of Media Specialist at an elementary school in Wisconsin for 21 years. Nancy earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Dominican college and studied Library Science, at the University of Wisconsin. As a member of the Wisconsin Library Association, she served on the legislative committee for three years. She was employed at Ruidoso as catalog librarian in 1991 and was hired as library director in 1993.

Born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Nancy lived there until she moved with her husband and two sons to Ruidoso six years ago. She immediately became a member of NMLA, served on the local arrangements committee when the annual conference was in Ruidoso, and is currently a member of the awards committee.

"I believe in libraries and librarians—all types of libraries and all librarians. Libraries should be highly visible in this twenty-first century. We must move forward with all the modern technology and new ways of accessing information but we must also always remain a library—a place where people of all ages and beliefs and backgrounds come to find information in whatever form is most comfortable for them. I am particularly
interested in Public/School Library interaction and cooperation. I feel the distance isolation we sometimes experience here in New Mexico can be bridged by keeping all libraries and librarians in touch with one another in each community. The NMLA can be very effective in bringing this about."

*Steve Rollins, UNM, Albuquerque*

In 1996, I received the Library Leadership Award from the New Mexico Library Association. This award recognizes my work over the last 15 years on behalf of New Mexico libraries. I have been involved with resource sharing programs and with establishing the first NM electronic library gateways offering Uncover, online catalogs, and document delivery options. I was a member of two AMIGOS committees that wrote and updated the ILL Guidelines that are still used by most of the AMIGOS membership in New Mexico. I have been responsible for developing a multi-institutional online catalog system. The UNM General Library operates the system for several institutions including the New Mexico Institute for Mining and Technology, the UNM Law Library, UNM Los Alamos, the Santa Fe Institute; the Kit Carson Museum and the Planning Library for the City of Albuquerque. I also negotiated the first contract for an intrastate courier service to move library materials around the state. I helped write the first New Mexico Passport agreement that allows reciprocal borrowing among academic libraries. In 1993, The Chronicle of Higher Education referred to me as an "entrepreneurial academic" because of my work in New Mexico. My current project, for the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, is working with OCLC to provide a state wide subscription to FirstSearch. 21 New Mexico libraries participate in the FirstSearch consortium.

I was asked by Karen Watkins to serve on the NM Internet Task Force. The Task Force offered equipment and networking grants and provided affordable Internet access to New Mexico’s libraries. I also worked on two committees advocating the passage of Bond Issues B and C as part of the “Collections and Connections” campaign. The two bond issues allocated millions of dollars to the libraries in the state. The Bond Issues and the NM Internet Task Force demonstrate how successful New Mexico libraries and the New Mexico Library Association can be in obtaining support from the state and from the community.

I was hired in 1979 by the UNM General Library as the Head of the Circulation Department. I received tenure in 1985 and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1990. I have had five different administrative positions at the General Library. After a national search, UNM offered me my current position as Associate Dean of Library Services in 1990. I am the author of more than 20 publications on document delivery and library networking. My interest in promoting library services in the state of New Mexico remains intense.

*Ellanie Sampson, T or C Public Library*

Ellanie Sampson has been Library Director at the Truth or Consequences Public Library since October of 1979. During these 17 years the library has expanded in many ways—moving into a new building in 1988, more than doubling its collection; starting new collections of audio-visual material, a toy lending library, and providing internet access. Two branch libraries are currently under renovation and should be re-opened next year. Library staff has also grown over the years—from two full-time people in 1979 to six full-time with the promise of an additional full-time clerk in December.

Ellanie has been active over the years in the New Mexico Library Association, the Municipal Library association of the New Mexico Municipal League, the Bibliofile User Group, and lots of committees both in the library world and in the city of Truth or.
Consequences:

As a member-at-large, Ellanie pledges to be available, open and receptive to member requests, needs, and concerns. She also promises to be at all the board meetings, no matter where they are. She also thanks you deeply for your vote.

**ALA Councilor**

*Drew Harrington, Albuquerque Academy*

I have 20 years of New Mexico library experience, in both public and school libraries, and the one constant in those years has been change. The demands and the pace of change can be overwhelming, but it all becomes more manageable with the help and support of our professional organizations and through collaboration with other librarians.

I have needed and enjoyed my experiences in both NMLA and in ALA, and I’ve been a (usually) willing participant in those organizations. I have been a member of ALA for 11 years, and am currently serving on the Building/Equipment Committee of the LAMA Division. I’ve been with NMLA for about 20 years, serving on various committees, and holding the offices of Secretary, 2nd vice-president, 1st vice-president and President. The opportunity to serve as ALA Councilor would be a welcome chance for me to be a bridge between the two organizations. I would love to take on the task and I am pleased to be asked to run for this position. Should I be elected I will certainly give my best as liaison between the New Mexico Library Association and the American Library Association. Like most people, I am busy, and I have to choose my commitments well—ALA Councilor is a commitment I would like to make.

**Barbara Rosen, UNM, Albuquerque**

Barbara Rosen received her BA from Skidmore College, her MA in Education/Philosophy from the University of New Mexico, and her MLS from the University of Arizona. She has worked at the UNM General Library in the Reference Department of Zimmerman Library, serving as Coordinator of the Online Search Service for the past ten years. Currently, as Electronic Information Services Librarian, she develops electronic service policies and procedures, and trains staff and library users on various electronic databases and systems. Focusing on the Internet, she uses the latest technological advances to make resources readily available to library and community users. She has been active in statewide training workshops and presentations to New Mexico librarians and students. She developed and presented training sessions through the New Mexico Association of Research Libraries for members of the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries. She was instrumental in organizing and offering workshops to the high school students at the Glorieta Kick-Off for the SuperComputing Challenge.

Barbara is a member of ALA and NMLA. She served as Co-Chair of the NMLA Annual Conference Exhibits Committee 1993/94. She was recently appointed to the OCLC Reference Advisory Committee for a three-year term (1996 through 1999).

Through these organizations and activities, she stays aware of the issues of federal support, intellectual freedom, censorship, electronic publishing, copyright and fair use, communication laws, and equal access.

She applauds lobbying efforts to clarify and support national library issues resulting from the technological advances of our profession. “We have many challenges as we move through this electronic and digitized information era. It is important for librarians to continue to take an active role in issues that directly affect libraries and our users.”
why didn’t I think of that? & other interesting news

Editors’ note - OOPS! No libraries with interesting ideas to share with the rest of us? Nothing to report about yourselves? We think you’re just being shy! Let’s hear from you next time.

1997 legislative session

The New Mexico Legislature will convene on January 21st for its 60-day session. According to the Albuquerque Journal key issues will include Indian gambling, Medicaid and welfare reform, juvenile crime, the budget, and taxes. Library issues may also be on the agenda.

Municipal League Librarians Meet At Ruidoso

The Librarians Section of the New Mexico Municipal League met during the League’s annual conference in Ruidoso on August 28th, conducting business, discussing legislative priorities and enjoying a program on small group dynamics presented by Sue Bränksieck.

President Sandy White of Clovis noted that the Section has a membership of 34 public library directors; and a balance of $3,339 in its funds. Mary Pat Kraemer of Los Alamos is the incoming President, and Tracy McCallum of Taos was selected as the new Vice-president. Member reviewed the newly revised Municipal League resolution in support of libraries, which changes the emphasis of League lobbying activities concerning libraries from state aid to internet connections. The League’s membership has adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. 1996-50
Concerning State Financial Assistance to Libraries for Internet Access

Whereas, New Mexico public libraries provide all citizens with access to books and information services enhancing the cultural and economic life of their communities; and

Whereas, local budget resources are increasingly less able to satisfy increased demands for library services and information; and

Whereas, the New Mexico State Library administers a library grant program which assists libraries in the State to acquire and utilize the appropriate computer technology, to upgrade their productivity and access outside network resources; and

Whereas, with internet capabilities, any library in the State is able to access the resources of other libraries and the internet itself, thereby increasing the effectiveness of all libraries through the equitable sharing of resources and avoidance of unnecessary purchases, and

Whereas, access to other libraries requires telecommunication costs beyond the reach of many libraries, especially those in rural areas, and

Whereas, State subsidized telecommunications costs promote equitable access to electronic information resources for all New Mexicans.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the New Mexico Municipal League supports continued State financial assistance for technology and toll-free access to the internet for libraries in the state.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 29th day of August, 1996 at the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

New Mexico Newspaper Project

A grant proposal was submitted to the New Mexico Legislature to film newspapers from Sandia National Laboratories, Kirtland Air Force Base, and Cannon Air Force Base.
Newspaper (from page 1)

We had a scare about mouse droppings causing the hanta virus in New Mexico. The virus is extremely virulent and often fatal within forty-eight hours. The University's risk management division assured us that the virus usually was found in country mice. Nevertheless, we were more careful about wearing gloves and cloth masks when any mice signs were found-country or city mice not withstanding.

The New Mexico Newspaper Project relied heavily upon Pearce S. Groves book, New Mexico Newspapers, published in 1975 by the University of New Mexico Press. The bibliography was used to identify locations and holdings along with the survey responses received in the planning phase.

Another informative source was Porter A. Stratton's The Territorial Press of New Mexico.

We knew that the majority of New Mexico's newspapers were located in three major collections-The University of New Mexico General Library, the New Mexico State Library, and the New Mexico State University Library. These three repositories were our major source of cataloging and microfilming.

[In addition,] each of New Mexico's 33 county courthouses were visited and their newspaper collections inventoried. Since there is a New Mexico statute requiring the County Clerk to preserve the county's newspapers, these sites often produced valuable inventories and information.

We also discovered a wide variety of preservation procedures. Many had the newspapers bound; others had loose issues. Some were stacked in gloomy basements, others were in attics, one collection was in an old jail cell. Some newspapers were in very good condition, while others were in disarray and in various stages of deterioration. Some had only originals, others had originals and microfilm. In addition to courthouses, we also visited public and academic libraries, museums, newspaper offices, and private collections.

We attempted to leave no stone unturned as we considered our objectives to be part treasure hunter and part detective work.

Our first trip was inspirational because of the location of the Kit Carson collection.

The newspapers were housed in an old Penitente morada, a small chapel for the brothers of the Penitente order nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. The morada was not open to the public because of its fragility. The old adobe walls were surrounded by chamisa (desert wildflowers with bright yellow blossoms), blue sky, and old white wooden crosses leading toward the mountains. The curator who stayed with us while we were in the morada told us that he would only go there in the daylight and always with other people, implying that some of the Penitente brothers still roam the old chapel.

Our visit was a step back in time and inspired us with a sense of history and the importance of the project.

... In 1992, 234 new records were created on OCLC, 109 records were enhanced or modified, and 223 local data records were entered. Emergency microfilming concentrated on primarily territorial newspapers dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Included were such titles as The Arrow-Pioneer (Wagon Mound, 1888), La Bandera Americana (1901-1905), The Deming Headlight (1890-1901), Fort Sumner Index (1909-1911), La Hormiga de Oro (1903-1904), and The Golden Retort (1883-1884).

... Year 2 (1993) continued with more cataloging and inventory and more travel around the state. As more newspapers were found to be in need of emergency microfilming, we became aware of the labor intensive duties involved in preparation. With help from UNM General Library's conservation lab and by utilizing students, the arduous task of ironing, taping, and collating very fragile newspapers began.

The collection at NMSU was the best-housed and best-inventoried. All newspapers were in archive boxes and issue-specific inventories were available and that made our work much easier. Most of the NMSU collection had already been filmed.

... [one] of the more interesting titles filmed in 1993 [was] the Santa Lulu Independent (mentioned in Grove, but with no known issues). A notable gift came from a couple in California who had read of the Project... The couple sent four years of the Hot Springs Health City Sun (1939-1943), a newspaper not identified by Grove.
By the end of 1993, 667 titles were cataloged, 296 records replaced, and 1,547 LDRs created. Ninety reels of microfilm comprising 58,785 pages had been produced.

The end of Phase 1 occurred on March 31, 1994. [Phase 2 began in July, with UNM funding personnel for the interim period]. ... In the fall of 1994 the staff visited the Texas Newspaper Project at UT-Austin to observe procedures for preparation of originals for filming, estimating number of pages per reel, collation; contents, and targets on microfilm reels. ... [Site visits continued; in addition] Henry Guenther began the laborious work of preparing issues of The Black Range (Chloride) for filming. At times, he was bent over the table putting together what could be perceived as a jigsaw puzzle. We found it easier to place the pieces together on mylar. There was just enough static electricity to hold the pieces where they were placed. ... By year end, 898 new OCLC records had been produced, 481 replaced, and 2,835 LDRs created. At this point, 70,825 pages had been microfilmed.

All of 1995 was consumed with more newspaper preparation and microfilming, as less cataloging was necessary. ... Anne sent out a survey form to all Native American tribal governors. ... Other than the Navajo Times and the Jicarilla Chieftain, most of the other tribes have newsletters, but not newspapers. One newspaper which we filmed, the Rio Grande Gazette, is published in Anthony, Texas—2 blocks from the Texas/New Mexico border. It deserved preservation as it covered both states and the southern Rio Grande valley.

July 1995 began the final year for the New Mexico Newspaper Project. ... Interesting titles filmed this year included Knowles News (burned around the edges, but the text was still intact). ... At the end of 1995, staff had created 936 original OCLC records, enhanced 605 records, and entered data for 3,809 local data records (LDRs). Four hundred reels had been produced containing 284,298 pages of newsprint.

As we began 1996, our only thoughts and objectives were the completion of microfilming, knowing that the end was near. As funds diminished, $4,000 was authorized from the library materials budget to cover microfilming expenditures. Linda Lewis, Collection Development Officer, expended $3,000 from Materials Contingency funds and Louis Hieb, Director of the Center for Southwest Research, expended $1,000 from funds for New Mexican materials. Knowing that the library materials budget has been tight for the past few years, having these funds was most gratifying.

The actual number of titles cataloged was 1,599 (Grove estimated 1,566). A total of 591 reels of film were produced—we had estimated a total of 600. Almost 500,000 pages of newsprint were captured on microfilm. The project met its goals, even though there is still more to do. Copies of the OCLC off-line product have been distributed to academic and public libraries around the state and an introductory section was included on how to interpret the records. The local data records are being downloaded to the bibliographic information in Alpha5 and eventually will be available though the UNM General Library web site. Lists have been prepared showing newspapers in Spanish and newspapers with both Spanish and English. There were only a few Native American newspapers located and cataloged. A grant proposal was submitted to the New Mexico legislature to film newspapers from Sandia Laboratories, Kirtland Air Force Base, and Cannon Air Force Base. The legislature meets in Spring 1997 to decide on legislative action. ... [And another grant proposal might be submitted to the NEH.] Regardless of the grant money ending, there are those in the UNM General Library and around the state who are committed to continuing with the preservation of and access to New Mexico's history through its newspapers.

[Meanwhile, Marilyn] will be on sabbatical leave from January through June 1997. Plans are to produce a book based on the OCLC off-line product with enhancements, several articles about the New Mexico Newspaper Project, and a test to digitally scan and index one of the newspapers that was filmed.

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NMLA activities

Call for Posters

The NMLA Annual Conference is months away, but now is the time to think about submitting a poster. If you have launched an innovative program or completed a research project you'd like to share with fellow librarians, consider preparing a poster for the NMLA Annual Conference in Santa Fe, April 9-10, 1997.

To learn more about poster sessions or plan to submit an abstract, contact:
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Presenting Poster Sessions by Cheryl Watkins

Poster sessions provide conference attendees an alternative method of learning about new ideas, projects, and research. Through a poster session, information is presented concisely and succinctly in an exhibit consisting of one or more posters. The poster presentation is designed to answer viewer questions and can be adapted to distribute handouts, brochures, or business cards.

Conference participants often feel pressured for time with so many sessions being given simultaneously. It becomes challenging to attend all the presentations of interest. An advantage of poster sessions is that many related poster papers can be displayed and seen at a single session.

Another advantage of poster sessions is that the audience determines the speed at which the material is viewed. Participants have time to study the information presented at their own pace. Because poster sessions are informal, there is usually an opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas and information between the viewers and authors. Appearance and design are key elements for these presentations to capture the participants' attention.

A well thought out design can maximize these advantages. This means developing an organized, concise, focused and visually appealing presentation. Organization of the poster could follow the guidelines of a formal written paper so that the ideas will develop and flow with continuity. The following points should be included in the poster:

- Title
- Authors
- Professional affiliation
- Hypothesis and purpose
- Methods of research
- Results and conclusions
- Recommendations

Do you have an idea, project in progress, or research that you would like to share with your colleagues? Then please consider preparing a poster for the NMLA Conference in Santa Fe, April 9-10, 1997. The poster session is scheduled from 1-2 p.m., Thursday, April 10. There will be space in the exhibit area for six posters. Each of the six posters will have a table and a bulletin board to exhibit ideas.

In order to have a poster sessions considered for the Annual Conference, an abstract of your poster must be submitted to the NMLA Education Committee before the deadline of Monday February 3, 1997. The selected poster presenters will be notified March 3, 1997, or earlier.

To Pique Your Conference Appetite

Public librarians attending the NMLA Conference in Santa Fe are invited on Thursday, April 10, 1997, 8 am to 9:30 am, to "people@libraries". This program will feature five public librarians who will be sharing their successful programs. Come and participate in small breakaway groups following their brief panel presentations. The presenters are: Clara Rey from the Tucumcari Public Library sharing her Viburnum Grant project of programs for bilingual parents and children, Denise Burnett of the Portales Public Library sharing their Homeschool Enrichment Program, Rhenn...
Busch, a Rio Rancho youth services librarian who works with Homeschool parents and teachers on a Homeschool Bibliography, Mary Lee Smith the Director of the Lovington Public Library describing the ‘Seniors Remembering Program’, and finally Kerry Shepherd the Director of the Red River Library who will describe how their ‘Senior’s Oral History Program is progressing. The participants are willing to share what has worked and not worked.

There will be hand-outs and time to personally speak to each of the presenters. We are looking forward to a practical and user-friendly experience. Call Elaine Goodman at the State Library, 827-3811 or e-mail egoodman@stlib.state.nm.us any questions about this presentation.

NMLA Wants You...

...If you want to be involved in NMLA, Betty Long, First Vice-president of NMLA, is looking for people who would like to serve on committees.

These committees work all year to ensure that the work of the association is carried out. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact her at 505/622-3400, e-mail betty@roslib.state.nm.us or at Roswell Public Library, 301 N. Pennsylvania, Roswell, NM 88201.

The standing committees are: Awards, Bylaws, Conference Site, Education, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom, Membership, and Public Relations.

NMLA Education Committee announcements

Applying to a graduate library school? Need financial support for professional development?

Learn more about scholarships and grants offered by New Mexico Library Association.

The Marion Dorroh Scholarship amounting to $1500 is awarded annually to one recipient for full-time or part-time study in an ALA-accredited graduate library science program. Deadline for the 1997 award is Jan. 15, 1997.

College Scholarships are awarded to support either undergraduate study toward an associate’s degree in Library Science or for undergraduate or graduate study toward school librarian endorsement. Jan. 15, 1997 is the deadline for spring or fall semester 1997 grants.

Continuing Education Grants, maximum amount $200, enable recipients to attend workshops, conferences and related activities. Preference is given to New Mexico Library Association members.

For scholarship and grant guidelines, deadlines and application forms contact:

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announcements & updates

7th Transborder Library Forum

The 7th Transborder Library Forum (FORO VII) will be held in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, just across the border from El Paso, on February 20 - 22, 1997. A variety of interesting programs are being planned. Simultaneous translation will be available for many of the programs. Registration fees have now been set, as follows:

- Pre-Conference Registration Fee: US$ 70.00
- On-Site Registration Fee: US$ 80.00
- Single Day Registration Fee: US$ 45.00
- Border Authors’ Workshop: US$ 20.00

A tentative program and lots of other information are available from the FORO website at http://lib.nmsu.edu/foro/. For more information or to receive registration forms, please email your name and address to: biblio@dirinfo.uacj.mx

Raft the Rio Grande with Reading
from The Hitchhiker, December 9

Thanks to all of you who reported the number of books read, the Rio Rafter for Count on Reading is moving, but he’s still got a long way to go in the five months remaining for the trip! In case you’ve missed it, Count on Reading is a national effort for young people to read a billion books by April. New Mexico’s portion of this is 2,481,600 books, or one book for every foot of the 470 mile length of the Rio Grande’s course through the state. The Rio Rafter riding his book down the Rio shows us just how far we’ve read.

The count for November was 76,201 books, bringing New Mexico’s total to 170,173. Trudy White, who is keeping the count, reports that she heard from librarians in Fairview, Deming, Bloomfield, Cloudcroft, Espanola, Kirtland, and Albuquerque. But so far, only one high school sent in a count. Since Count on Reading does not rely on books read specifically for the Count on Reading effort, but includes books read for any reason, whatsoever, ANY book read by ANY young person can help the Rio Rafter on his way. It makes no difference if the book was read at home, or in school, as part of an in-class assignment or checked out from the public library. For a class of twenty-five students, reading Moby Dick, that could send our RioRaft Rider, 25 feet down the river. If high school librarians (and middle- and elementary school librarians, too) would ask English teachers to count the number of books read through assigned reading and book reports, and report those numbers to Trudy, those numbers would give New Mexico a boost.

Here are a few national statistics provided by Suzanne Hawley, the Count on Reading Publicity Chair. As of October 14, 32 million books had been read and reported to the count coordinators. By using the 1990 populations of states and the numbers of books read, several comparisons can be made:

* every single person in the Virgin Islands has read at least two and a half books during the initiative;
* every single person in Colorado and New Hampshire has read at least one book during the initiative;
* every single person in Kansas has read at least half a book;
* every single person in Connecticut, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Carolina has read a third of a book;
* every single person in Texas has read a quarter of a book;
* every single person in Alaska and Indiana has read at least one fifth of a book since the initiative began.

New Mexico can get there, too! The books are being read, just not reported. Send your information to Trudy White at E.G. Ross Elementary School, 6700 Palomas Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 or e-mail WHITE_T@APSICC.APS.EDU.

Final book totals must be reported by March 28, 1997.
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 March/April 1997 issue is February 10, 1997 firm. That issue should arrive in your mailboxes by mid-March. Send news submissions to Nora Stoecker at nksinfo@caverns.com; fax 505/885-2199; phone 505/234-0049. Electronic submissions (e-mail or disk) especially appreciated.

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