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 first installment of a detailed story describing the social and political issues facing Albuquerque’s Main Library. We also have a paper describing GPO review of New Mexico’s Federal Depository Libraries.

McClellan’s ARMY INVADERS

MAIN LIBRARY: A Lurid Saga of Politics, Social Policy, and Journalism
by Joe Sabatini, Head of Main Library, Albuquerque/Bernalillo Co. Library System

(See McClellan’s page 9)

THE LAST GPO ROUNDUP IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

By Maria Teresa Márquez, Government Information Dept., UNM Zimmerman Library

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NMLA deadlines

July 11: NMLA Board Meeting
July 14: Newsletter submissions (e-mail)
"Whose Library?" Quilt Goes to Sid Margolis
by David Giltrow, NMLF Chair.

The winner of the quilt donated to the NM Library Foundation by Betty Reynolds—"Whose Library?"—is Sid Margolis of Santa Fe. Sid is the semi-retired owner of Santa Fe House of Books and a long time supporter of library and book activities, including a charter trustee of the Foundation. He had hoped to take an active role in the NMLA annual meeting in Santa Fe, but his fragile health did not allow him to attend sessions and visit with his exhibitor colleagues.

Sid’s son, Bernie Margolis, has recently moved from directing the Pike’s Peak Library System in Colorado for the past eight years to assume the job of president, Boston Public Library. Sid indicated in a phone conversation that he may hand over the quilt to Bernie for exhibition on his office wall in Boston. But Betty has said that she will assign the Foundation the license to the quilt image and it is likely that the Foundation will create a full color poster of the quilt image in time for next year’s NMLA conference in Albuquerque.

Proceeds from the quilt donation brought in an even $2,000 for the Foundation’s several projects (see below) and permanent fund. Many thanks to Betty, Sid, and all those who contributed to the Foundation through this fund raising effort.

POSTSCRIPT: As many readers know, the Foundation is supporting development of a book commemorating the NMLA 75th anniversary in 1998–tentatively entitled “A History of New Mexico Libraries” which is being edited by Linda G. Harris, Arroyo Press, Las Cruces. Please send your library’s history and other memories and ideas for this history of our libraries to Linda at PO Box 4333, Las Cruces, NM 88003. Her e-mail is lharris@lascruces.com. Phone (505) 522-2348.

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from the president’s pen

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard on making our 1997 conference a success. A special thanks to John Brewster and Susie Sonflieth local arrangements co-chairs. The following people served on the local arrangements committee in many capacities and I appreciate all of their hard work: Bambi Adams, Mark Adams, Val Brooker, Nancy Fischer, Allen Schwartz, Brenda Laurion, Hal Bogart, Peg Johnson and Mary Pat Kraemer.

As you know this is our first year to have Administrative Services in charge of the registration and exhibits. I think things worked extremely well this year and know that they’ll get even better.

The awards banquet is always a highlight of any conference. It is nice to see people in our profession and people who do wonderful things for libraries all across the state receive some well deserved recognition. I would encourage each of you to nominate a co-worker, a trustee, a friend, etc. for an award next year. It is fun to do and does not require a great deal of your time!

In another section of the newsletter you will find NMLA’s action plan for this coming year. I will try to give you updates during the year as we track our progress.

This will be an exciting year and I look forward to working with you to make our association and libraries in New Mexico stronger and better.

Betty Long

NMLA officers & more

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events calendar

Jun. 7-12 SLA Annual Conference, Seattle
Jun. 26 - Jul. 3 ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco
Apr. 23-25, '98 NMLA Annual conference, Albuquerque
NMLA Action Plan

Goal 1. Provide leadership to initiate, maintain and enhance library legislation and act on political issues affecting library interests.

a) Identify key components of legislative network by: * Investigating the possibility of using the NMSL directory as foundation for legislative alert database * Determining logical groupings (geographical, type of library, key players by position, function) * Determining method for maintaining currency of database

b) Design an on-line process for legislative process

Goal 2. Foster an awareness and support the activities of New Mexico Library Foundation.

a) Identify two projects for the Foundation to support

b) Include paragraph about the Foundation on the NMLA Home Page (WWW site)

c) Add educational program on Foundations to NMLA 97 Conference

d) Recognize donors

e) Develop a support program based on the "Ask Us!!" model of United Way

f) Co-sponsor a fund-raiser

Goal 3. Provide and support education opportunities for library personnel.

a) Expand scope of training grants by investigating: * Grants for school librarians to pay subs * Grants to pay trainer's expenses

b) Encourage institutional support of staff training

c) Identify trainers within NMLA

d) Investigate other additional training opportunities, such as: * 2 mini-conferences per year (north/south) * videos

e) Investigate CEU procedures

f) Compile a training resource directory

g) Publicize training opportunities

h) Appoint task force to develop "training manifesto"

Goal 4. Provide and communicate the role and value of librarians and libraries.

a) Appoint sub-committees of PR Committee to: * Create state-wide PR campaign for Spring 1998 * Develop budget for 1998 PR campaign * Plan process for annual campaigns * Solicit PR expertise

b) Review NMLA's PR handbook

c) Design training for 1998 PR campaign (Winter 97)

d) Support "kickoff" of 1998 PR campaign

Goal 5. Plan direct and evaluate the growth and effectiveness of NMLA.

a) Evaluate organizational effectiveness by analyzing role of SIGs, members-at-large and Development committee

b) Implement recommendations of task force

c) Evaluate and adjust duties and salary of contracted personnel

d) Increase membership by 125

Goal 6. Support and assist planning efforts for networking in New Mexico.

a) Appoint a committee to explore options for providing information electronically.
forming (or renewing) an NMLA interest group

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

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

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

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

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

Section 5. Each interest group liaison shall submit a written annual report to be published in the post-conference issue of the Association's official periodical and shall submit this report to the Secretary at the close of the annual conference.

NMLA Interest Group Proposal

Date: __________________________

NMLA Executive Board Liaison
Name: __________________________

Address: __________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________

Telephone: Home __________ Work __________ FAX: __________________________

E-mail: __________________________

Focus of interest: __________________________
(example: library instruction)

Statement of purpose: __________________________

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

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return to: Betty Long, Roswell Public Library, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, NM 88291
Services to Young’ns in Libraries - SYSL
Annual Report; March 1997, Submitted by Patricia Froehlich

This was again a continuing year. Youth services librarians are committed to keeping the group in at least a holding-pattern form. Networking and communication between “those who work with children” in libraries continues and an effort to establish a firm communication network among youth services librarians is important to all of us.

At the NMLA Mini-Conference in Socorro in October 1996, SYSL sponsored “Internet Policies and Possibilities” a panel discussion by Gemma Morris, Hayes Middle School; Joyce Etulain, Georgia O’Keeffe Elementary, Mary Ruddy, Highland High School, all from Albuquerque Public Schools.

Charlene Greenwood and Patricia Froehlich presented a report and discussion on an ALA Intellectual Freedom workshop in Reno, NV September, 1996. From this beginning, a New Mexico regional workshop will be held in Albuquerque, September, 1997. Sponsors will be the New Mexico State Library and the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom committee of NMLA. Judith Krug of ALA-OIF and Gene Lanier of East Carolina University will speak. Specific place and time to be announced.

A meeting of 30 SYSL members voted on the following: Change name of this SIG to “Youth Services” to reflect more accurately our mission. Joyce Etulain stated that the new name is short, sweet and eminently descriptive of all levels of those working with non-adult patrons.

Youth Services will continue to support and encourage workshops, presentations, and discussions at NMLA annual and mini-conferences. Regular offerings at NMLA meetings are very important for youth services librarians of all types. It was agreed that the fall mini-conference is especially a good time for school and public librarians to attend meetings. Therefore a meeting of the members of the Youth Services Special Interest Group is planned for the Mini-Conference (wherever it is held) in October, 1997.

New Mexico Preservation Alliance
Annual Report to the NMLA Executive Board
April 3, 1997, Submitted by Cheryl Wilson

The New Mexico Preservation Alliance works to identify and address library and archives preservation and conservation needs throughout the state of New Mexico. As an interest group of the New Mexico Library Association, the NMPA receives financial support for its publications. Five informational flyers, “Your Handy Guide to Handling Books,” “Your Handy Guide to Preservation Suppliers,” “Your Handy Guide to Emergency Preparedness,” “Your Handy Guide to Disaster Recovery Services” and “Your Handy Guide to Enemies of Paper” were prepared by NMPA members. Copies may be requested from Cheryl Wilson, NMSU Library, Box 30006, Las Cruces, NM 88003 or 505-646-3238 or chwilson@lib.nmsu.edu. The "handy guides" will be placed on the NMLA home page at http://lib.nmsu.edu/nmla/interest.html. A flyer describing the purpose of the NMPA and giving several simple preservation tips was printed for distribution to NMLA members and New Mexico libraries.

NMPA meetings were held on April 17, 1996, in Zimmerman Library at the University of New Mexico in conjunction with the UNM Libraries’ Preservation Awareness Day; July 17, 1996, in the New Mexico Tech Library; October 30, 1996, in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library Special Collections; and March 26, 1997, in the New Mexico Tech Library. During Alliance meetings members share information about preservation activities and publications. Laurel Drew, A/B CPL Special Collections, and Judy Murphy, UNM Center for Southwest Research, talked about recovery methods used when miniature books in the Center for the Book collection were damaged by a roof leak.
Nancy Turner, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, described finding mold in the book collection; contracting with BMS CAT to remove the mold; and coping with the disaster in the Las Cruces library. The next meeting of the Alliance will be on Wednesday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the New Mexico Tech Library in Socorro. The topic to be discussed will be binding and housing special materials.

Fran Wilkinson, UNM Library, gave a presentation on planning a Preservation Awareness Day during the 1996 NMLA Mini Conference. During the 1997 NMLA Annual Conference, NMPA and the AMIGOS Preservation Service will present a program on "Preservation Issues for Paraprofessionals" and "Arrgh! It's a Genealogist! Don't Panic. Here's How to Help."

NMPA members represent various institutions including the New Mexico State Library, New Mexico State Records Center and Archives, UNM Library, New Mexico Tech Library, NMSU Library, Albuquerque Public Library, and OCA Hispanic Culture Division. Ann Massmann (UNM) and Cheryl Wilson (NMSU) serve as co-chairs and Judy Murphy (UNM) serves as secretary. Anyone interested in preservation and conservation issues is invited to attend NMPA meetings.

For more information about the New Mexico Preservation Alliance, contact Ann Massmann, UNM Library Center for Southwest Research, 505-277-8370 or massmann@unm.edu or Cheryl Wilson, NMSU Library, 505-646-3238 or chwilson@lib.nmsu.edu.

Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee

April 8, 1997, by Joe Sabatini, Co Chair and Charlene Greenwood, Co-Chair

The Committee's program for the 1997 Legislature had three parts:

1. Institutionalizing the funding subsidies for rural library internet telecommunications costs with a $200,000 appropriation.
2. Expanding internet utilization with a $180,000 training program and $70,000 for statewide site licensed access to electronic information products.
3. Preserving the Crownpoint Resources Center to assist in development of library services to Native American communities, by a $70,000 appropriation.

These programs were developed at Committee meetings at Belen on April 19th and in Albuquerque on August 7th. Communications were sent to members and library leaders on September 11th, November 6th and March 3rd. These encouraged members to communicate with local legislators, demonstrating existing Internet access capabilities and explaining the need for additional training and delivery capabilities. A letter with press clippings about internet successes was sent to elected legislators following the November election.

We were only successful in obtaining $150,000 to subsidize rural internet costs. Rep. Jose Abeyta from Wagon Mound was able to place this amount in the General Appropriations Act. Members contacted Governor Johnson to request that he sign and not line-item veto this appropriation. H.B. 161 by Albuquerque's Rep. Danice Picraux, $250,000 for training and electronic products, passed the House, 44-15.
An attempt by Sen. Michael Sanchez of Belen to add these programs to the Appropriations Act in the Senate was initially successful, but was dropped from the final version. S.B. 786, the Crowpoint Resources Center bill by Sen. Leonard Tsosie of Crowpoint, was favorably heard by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee, but was not further considered.

In other library legislation, a bill to merge the State Library and State Archives and Records Center administratively was not successful. (S.B. 748, by Sen. Leonard Lee Rawson of Las Cruces.) No bills providing funding for local library construction, automation or resources were funded. There was an appropriation to furnish the new State Library and Archives building.

In other Committee activities:
Sarah Henderson and Karen Watkins attended the ALA Legislative Day in Washington on May 7th, and presented information to all five members of the congressional delegation.
Charlene Greenwood and Patricia Froelich presented "Leading the Way in Intellectual Freedom," at the October 4th Mini-Conference in Socorro. This program was based on a presentation by the Office of Intellectual Freedom of the ALA.

The State Department of Education issued the study prepared by Dr. Kathryn Sherlock on "Alternative Licensure for School Librarians." This was in response to bills sponsored by NMLA in previous years to assemble information about the impact of school libraries on education.

The development of a statewide librarian database continues. The NMLA listserv was utilized several times to communicate legislative developments to subscribers. As the number of libraries with e-mail addresses grows, this will facilitate rapid communication of legislative developments.

We want to thank all members of the library community who participated in supporting these legislative programs. We continue to build a positive base of support among legislators for library development and resource sharing.

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**Count on Reading /ICONnect**
by Kathy Matter, Chair, April 7, 1997

The Count on Reading /ICONnect SIG ended a year of youth activities at the AASL Eleventh National Conference in Portland on April 5 with a Celebration of Reading and a table exhibit. Our delegation of 7 librarians joined in the Roll Call of the States to report that the reading initiative for New Mexico, *Raft the Rio Grande with Reading*, contributed a total of 1,258,564 books read by young people to the national Count on Reading total of 166,446,386. Our goal was to raft our reader down the Rio Grande from the northern to the southern border of the state. Each book read counted as one foot of the river. The final count advanced our rafting reader to about half the distance in less than a year. From cities, as well as remote rural areas, 114 school and public libraries participated by reporting books read by young readers from a variety of site-based reading initiatives. For a copy of the official certificate to honor participants, send a SASE to Kathy Matter, 2 View Drive, Cedar Crest, NM 87008.

We are proud of our state's librarians for collaborating to make this campaign a success for our young citizens. We are grateful to Robert Upton for diligently reporting the progress and highlights of *Raft the Rio Grande with Reading* in the Hitchhiker. The program was funded jointly by NMLA and a grant from AASL. Funds were spent to send two mailings to 835 libraries across the state. Trudy White prepared a map summary of participants who reported counts to her for the NMLA Conference in Santa Fe.

ICONnect offers school library media specialists, teachers, and students the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to navigate on the information superhighway. Details about the ICONnect on-line courses and the KidsConnect on-line research service were published in this newsletter.

Both the Count on Reading and ICONnect programs sponsored by AASL were introduced to NMLA members during the Poster Session at the March 1996 NMLA Conference.
McClellan's (from page 1)

McClellan Park is in a commercial/industrial area on the north end of downtown. It had become notorious as a hangout for vagrants. In the summer of 1996, McClellan Park was fenced-off for construction of a new federal courthouse. The closing of the downtown Walgreen's (with its liquor outlet) caused the vagrants to seek other outlets in Barelas, Old Town and other neighborhoods. The negative impact of these displacements brought demands for relief from downtown business and neighborhood groups. Mayor Martin Chavez appointed a Task Force on the Homeless, which began meeting in October. They were asked to address both immediate and long-term concerns about providing services to homeless people and controlling the anti-social behavior of the downtown vagrants. The Mayor was particularly interested in establishing a new centralized facility to consolidate a variety of homeless services under one roof. Several Task Force members visited San Antonio, Texas and Orlando, Florida to view successful centralized facilities in those cities.

Main Library staff began to notice a serious increase in anti-social behavior in the summer of 1996. They met on September 11, 1996 to discuss possible remedies for the deteriorating security situation. They requested several actions from the Library administration; updating the posted rules of conduct, controlling or closing the 20 individual study rooms, closing one of the two entrances, and improving the effectiveness of security personnel. It had become clear that the contract security could not deal with the breakdown in social discipline in the building. They asked for the replacement of the contractors by professional City security forces, who already staffed the other units of the Cultural and Recreational Services (C&RS) Department; the Museum, the Zoo and the new Biological Park. The Library had been unsuccessfully requesting this change for several years, as City administrations had declined to add new positions to the budget. Ida Mazzoni, the Assistant Head of Main, and I began meeting with Director Alan Clark and Assistant Director Wayne Bower to actively pursue solutions to the deteriorating situation. By mid November, study rooms were either closed or controlled by sign-up, and the west public entrance was closed. A committee was drafting specific new rules for library use. Ida drafted a petition from the women staff members addressed to Kathryn Harris Tijerina; the C&RS Director, explaining concerns about staff and patron safety, deploring inadequate contract security and requesting City security. Ida spoke with Mrs. Tijerina by telephone, and Mrs. Tijerina promised that she would include the request for City security in the Library's 1997-98 budget.

I had learned of the Mayor's Task Force on the Homeless from a planner in the C&RS department, who introduced me to Randy Romero, a Planning Department community planner who provided staff services to the Task Force. On November 4th, I was able to meet Mrs. Hundley and Mr. Romero at a local school event. I described the Main Library as an place under siege. When they visited the following week, I showed them the proble areas of the building, and had them talk to staff, guards and patrons. Mrs. Hundley invited me to attend the Task Force meetings, and to represent the Library's concerns. At the meeting I attended on December 4th, I described our experience with having a set of portable toilets in the alley behind our building. These had been installed at the request of a nearby church to abate nuisances left on their property. Vandals had twice set fire to the plastic portables, destroying them. The plywood portables which replaced the plastic ones are ugly but hard to destroy. I did not get a chance to speak about the general Library situation at this meeting, so I prepared a memo to be distributed at the next meeting, describing our situation and requesting their support for effective Library security. I did not attend the next Task Force meeting on the 19th, but Mr. Romero distributed my memo.

Tania Soussan, a reporter from the Albuquerque Journal, was present and obtained a copy. She used it to close out her...
The story, headlined "Mayor Presses Task Force; Group Divided on Homeless Solutions," focused primarily on the opposition among some Task Force members to the Mayor's proposal to centralize homeless services. The last two paragraphs of the story said: "Also this week, Joe Sabatini, head of the main library Downtown, sent a memo to Hündley supporting the prospect of a centralized facility for homeless services and asking the task force to advocate for upgraded security at the library. 'The library welcomes all people to come in and read, and yet the substantial use and significant misuse of the library by homeless/vagrant individuals is driving away other users,' Sabatini wrote. 'A (centralized) facility could relieve Main Library from being an outpost of last resort for many needy people.' "

This was a positive statement featuring our openness to provide service to everyone. The reporter used one comment I made about the availability of additional day centers for the homeless to demonstrate that the Mayor's position had a range of support, even though this was a minor point in my memo.

Meanwhile, disorderly incidents increased with the advent of cold weather. On Saturday, November 30th, the contract security company posted a newly-hired young woman with virtually no training. Every vagrant drunk in downtown seemed to come to Main Library to get out of a snowstorm. The police were called five times, and fourteen separate people were evicted. Ida Mazzoni was senior manager that Saturday. On Monday, we had an emergency meeting with Assistant Director Wayne Bower. We called the on contract company to supply a second officer to cover an 8-hour shift from midnight until closing. We soon discovered that we had already exhausted their pool of effectives. The turnover was horrible. In five weeks, twenty-three different individuals were posted at Main. No sooner would we complete an orientation when a guard would quit. Several of the guards were residents of the same homeless shelters as the unruly. On December 12th, a twelve-year-old "latchkey" student, unable to get her homework done in the Children's Room patrons they were asked to guard. One young man didn't like taking orders from women managers, and walked out in the middle of a shift. One graveyard shift guard had an unauthorized session on our public Internet terminal; we had to demand that he be fired for inappropriate e-mail to a prominent City official. Another weekend guard was observed repeatedly compromising the building by leaving the back door propped wide open. Despite my request that this individual not be posted at Main again, he had to be turned away when he showed up for duty the following Saturday. As the Christmas/New Year's holidays approached, the contract company was frequently unable even to post a second officer. Groups of vagrants spent increasing amounts of time in the building. Twice in the same week, different individuals were observed urinating in public areas. Calls to the police increased.

On December 18th, Albuquerque Journal reporter Guillermo Contreras did a cold weather story. The story included this about the Library: "Several homeless people sought shelter at Albuquerque's Downtown public library on Wednesday. 'It's either come in and read or freeze to death,' said Brian Bullock, a homeless man from Missouri. 'The warmer indoor weather also attracted Alan Klise and Lonnie Bruce. 'It's one of the few places that won't throw you out Downtown,' Klise said." I was interviewed for background about the situation, and suggested that there was an ongoing story about Main Library's vagrant problem. One important tactic we began at this time was to inform staff, the C&RS Department and the Mayor's Office to anticipate press stories about the Library. The last thing we needed was some reporter putting a microphone in the Mayor's face and asking him what he was going to do about the drunks urinating in the Main Library, and him having to say, "Huh, I'll have to get back to you about that."

Disorderly incidents continued at a high level in January, with increased staff demoralization and critical patron comments. One incident particularly outraged the staff: 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 recriminated about management's failure to make the building secure. (At this point, we were evicting from 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 situation did begin to improve, though not without further incidents. Negotiations with the City continue. Stay tuned for the rest of the story in the August/September issue.]

Zimmerman Library is responsible for conducting the depository program. Regional libraries are full depositories; they receive all materials distributed by the FDLS, regardless of format, and must keep them for all time. Superseded items are discarded. Additional responsibilities are mandated for regional libraries. For example, they must provide reference and technical assistance to selective libraries. The two New Mexico regionals also conduct workshops and training sessions to help with new information sources and technologies. In contrast, selective libraries have the option to select and develop their collections based on community needs and as needs change, the collection can be adjusted to reflect demands. Selectives also can weed their collections every five years; items considered to constitute the depository library core collection, however, must be kept.

Every six to seven years, inspectors conduct on-site visits to ensure depository libraries comply with Title 44 and Instructions to Depositories Libraries. These inspections, started in 1972, are designed to convey an encompassing review of a depository library's entire operation and focus on: collection development, bibliographic control, maintenance, human resources, physical facilities, public service and for Federal regional depository libraries, cooperative efforts. Libraries that fail in any three of the categories are placed on probation for six months after which another visit is conducted.

Late last year as both regionals prepared for the pending inspections, they distributed information to help the selectives with their self-studies; the last inspections were in 1989. According to the new regulation, depository libraries must submit their self-studies several weeks in advance of the on-site visits to assist the inspectors prepare for their investigations.

The investigation starts informally with a meeting between the inspector and the depository librarian, and includes the regional librarian, if she can be present.

GPO (from page 1)

U.S. Congress established the FDLS in the early 1800s, under Title 44 of the U.S. Code, to make sure the public would have free access to government information. Now close to 1400 libraries participate in the program throughout the country. Most states and U.S. Congressional districts have at least one designated Federal depository library.

A sparsely-populated state such as New Mexico, indeed, is fortunate to have eleven federal depository libraries, two regionals and nine selectives, to serve the government information needs of the people. The regionals are the New Mexico State Library and the University of New Mexico Zimmerman Library. The Government Information Department in

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After the informal talk to discuss the depository's functions, an inspection of the work flow follows: the processing area is checked to see how shipments, records, claims, and other functions are handled. The collection is examined for maintenance and preservation. Equipment, indexes, data bases, and other reference sources available are also examined.

The compliance review involves not only the depository librarian but also all staff associated with the depository program. The inspector discusses her evaluation with the librarian and then separately with the library director. A final report is submitted by the inspector six to eight weeks later to the library director, with copies sent to the librarian in charge and the regional librarian. In cases where a library is placed on probation, the regional library is responsible for providing as much assistance to ensure compliance and help the library get off probation.

All staff members, librarians, library directors and other library personnel associated with the FDLS program in New Mexico invested much preparation time and effort to assure the depository libraries were successful in their reviews. Other library priorities were temporarily shelved as librarians and department staffs prepared their self-studies, reviewed their last inspection reports to make sure old problems had been resolved, and consulted with the regional librarians on questions or issues raised. Faxes, e-mail messages, phone calls, and packets of information crossed the State for several months. Inspection dates had to be rescheduled and reconfirmed several times because the Federal government shutdown during the months the inspectors were scheduled to be in New Mexico. The uncertainty caused havoc with sabbatical and staffing schedules and upset appointments made with library directors to meet with the inspectors.

After the last inspection was completed, after the inspectors returned to Washington DC, and the reports came in, everybody involved was relieved at having survived yet another round of government scrutiny.

On-site inspections as presently conducted will definitely change as the Federal government accelerates the transition from print format to compact disk and on-line information. Self-studies are envisioned as the primary tool for ensuring compliance with Instructions to Depository Libraries. Whether self-studies will continue to be in print form is not certain; electronic self-studies could be in the near future. And so this round of on-site inspections of the Federal depository libraries in New Mexico may very well be the last in the Land of Enchantment.

7th Annual Foro Transfronterizo de Bibliotecas
by Gwen Gregory

Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, just across the border from El Paso, was the setting for the seventh FORO, the Transborder Library Forum or Foro Transfronterizo de Bibliotecas, on February 20 - 22, 1997. This year's FORO was hosted by the Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez (UACJ). The FORO included educational programs, formal paper presentations, tours of local libraries, and vendor exhibits. Barbara Ford, president-elect of ALA and a former Peace Corps volunteer in Panama and Nicaragua, gave a keynote speech emphasizing internationalism and cooperation between libraries. Other featured speakers were SLA president Sylvia Piggott and Elsa Ramirez Leyva, president of AMBAC, the Mexican Library Association.

FORO emphasized subject-oriented sessions with short presentations and group discussion. Topics included school libraries, public libraries, user education, authority control, and local archives. Simultaneous translation was provided for non-bilingual participants. During a meeting of public librarians, Mary Kay Hooker, director of the El Paso Public Library, suggested creation of a journal for public libraries on the border. The EPPL will serve as the coordinating institution for this effort.
Bob Seal of Texas Christian University and Daniel Mattes of the Universidad de Anahuac presented a proposal for increased participation in the Mexico-US interlibrary loan project.

Libraries will send article requests through Internet email and use fax or the ARL's Ariel system for delivery. Karen Stabler of NMSU and Amelia Chavez of CICESE offered thoughts and suggestions on international staff exchanges. A web page with US/Mexico staff exchange information will be created. Another idea is to enable librarians to meet and communicate with each other using email.

The vendor exhibits presented some Mexican products which are not commonly found in the US, including many CD-ROMs.

The next FORO promises to be as rewarding as the past seven. The historic Mission Inn in downtown Riverside, California, will be the setting on March 5 - 7, 1998. The University of California - Riverside is the host, with Charlene Baldwin of UCR as conference chair. For more information, email foro@library.ucr.edu or see the FORO VIII web page at http://lib-www.ucr.edu/foro/.

Speaking of conferences ... are you thinking of '98?

Call for Papers

The 75th Annual NMLA Conference is scheduled for April 23-25, 1998 in Albuquerque. If you have an interesting and informative presentation, you may submit an application for consideration to the program chair.

The following programs are of special interest, although other topics are welcome.

* children and youth services
* services to small libraries
* technology and the Internet
* strategic planning or other library management techniques
* predictions on the future of libraries

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COPYRIGHT UPDATE: A.L.A. MIDWINTER MEETING AND BEYOND

by Virginia Seiser

Copyright was a hot topic during 1996, both nationally and internationally, culminating in the debate at the December meeting of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. There was a lot to report at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Washington D.C. in February 1997. There were significant accomplishments in the fight to preserve access to information but librarians were warned that there are more challenges to come in 1997.

The Legislative Update on copyright was presented by Adam Eisgrau, ALA Washington Office Legislative Counsel. He reported on international treaty negotiations, federal legislative proposals, Supreme Court action, and other national initiatives.

On the federal front, several pieces of proposed legislation were introduced in the last Congress that worried those who see a dangerous shift in the direction of treating intellectual property as a commodity. One of these was an attempt to move copyright jurisdiction out of the Library of Congress and into the Department of Commerce as part of an Omnibus Patent Reform Bill. ALA lobbied against that provision and it was not enacted. However, a bill titled the Patent System Improvement Act (H.R. 400) has been introduced in the current Congress that would privatize the Patent Office, creating a government corporate with broadly defined responsibilities that could be inferred to include copyright. ALA is expected to lobby against such wording.

ALA successfully lobbied against the Copyright Term Extension Act of 1995 that would have increased the number of years before a copyright protected work would enter the public domain. The Extension Act of 1995 was defeated but a new copyright extension bill (H.R. 604) has been introduced in 1997. The new bill includes a library exception which is being studied.

Another bill ALA was concerned about in the last congress has resurfaced in the current congress: the Intellectual Property Antitrust Protection Act (H.R. 401). Don't be misled by the title. If enacted, the bill would make it very difficult for consumers or competitors to use anti-trust legislation to challenge copyright holders for monopolizing the market. Large software manufacturers would be among those benefitting most from such protection.

Perhaps the most significant piece of copyright legislation in the last congress was the National Information Infrastructure Copyright Protection Act of 1995, based on the NII White Paper. ALA joined 35 other public and private sector organizations to form the Digital Future Coalition, which lobbied against the bill, preventing it from being put to a vote.

A consensus on appropriate guidelines has failed to emerge. Eisgrau reported ALA "concluded that it is presently premature to adopt formal fair use Guidelines at this time given the degree to which both technology and public policy in this vital area are and will remain in flux." Other library organizations and educational groups represented in the CONFU process have reached similar conclusions. A final CONFU meeting is scheduled for May 1997.

At Midwinter Meeting, the Association of College and Research Libraries Copyright Committee discussed the guidelines and voted not to endorse them. In spite of the lack of consensus, CCUMC delivered a live teleconference by satellite feed to sites all over the country on February 20, 1997, less than a week after ALA Midwinter Meeting. The title of the teleconference, "Fair Use Guidelines for Educational Multimedia: The Final Document and Its Implementation," implied that the debate was over. While the teleconference panelists did acknowledge that some participating organizations have not endorsed these guidelines and panelists did field questions that challenged the guidelines from the television audience, no representatives of ALA or other dissenting groups were included on the twelve person panel.
why didn't I think of that? & other interesting news

Gadsden High School Library Chosen Site for Poetry Workshops
by Jeanne Howard, Gadsden High School Library

Young writers at Gadsden High School recently had a special opportunity to work with the nationally acclaimed writers Pat Mora and Arthur Sze during eight poetry workshops held in the high school library. Students in Gadsden’s advanced placement English IV course and a Creative Communication course were selected to participate in the writing workshop series. The GHS Library was pleased to host these widely published authors in conjunction with the Las Cruces Border Book Festival’s Emerging Voices poetry program.

The Emerging Voices poetry program is in its second year and was made possible by grants from the Witter Bynner Foundation and the PNM Foundation. Besides Gadsden High School, Onate and Las Cruces high schools were other sites selected, as well as participants from the village of Tortugas, the New Mexico Juvenile Probation/Parole Education Center, and the Garfield Youth Group. In all about 100 young teens were involved. The mission of the Emerging Voices program is to give voice to the youth and other community members who might not otherwise have the opportunity to explore their cultures and communities in writing.

The Emerging Voices participants were invited to give readings during the Border Book Festival Contest and have their best work published in an anthology Voices: An Altar of Stories.

The Gadsden High School Library was a great venue for the workshops. Library staff mounted a number of displays, pulling books from the poetry collection and holding an autograph party for visiting poet Pat Mora.

NMLA Awards and Scholarships 1997

The New Mexico Library Association takes great pride in recognizing outstanding contributions to library programs and services in New Mexico. By honoring librarians and friends of libraries whose enthusiasm and activities promote the goals of the association, we renew our commitment to those goals and to serving the citizens of New Mexico.

Progressive Library/Media Award Winner
Winnebago Software Company Award

Jennifer Marquardt

Jennifer, from the Inez Elementary School has submitted a proposal entitled, "Improved Access to Information by Students with Limited Reading Ability."

In order to accomplish this goal, Inez will purchase two touch-screen panels for the students. The touch-screens will assist in improving accessibility to the library collection and enable students to check out their own reading materials.

In addition, the touch-screens will provide the students with an opportunity to independently practice using CD-ROMs (which are not ordinarily available) and to increase and practice their information access skills.

She will be responsible for the administration of the program, which includes introduction to the school population and student training.

"Any increase in their independent practice of accessing information will provide self-empowerment, which will create life-long learners", Jennifer stated in her winning proposal.
College Scholarship Recipient
Sandy Marten

Sandy Marten was awarded the first NMLA Education Committee College Scholarship. Sandy is working concurrently towards a master's degree in Education, with a Library Media Specialist endorsement and an Associates Degree in Library Technology. She is employed at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. In fulfillment of her course work she has had field experience at Zia Middle School. She is currently an active member of NMLA and REFORMA. Her other interests include physical conditioning, research, and traveling.

With the completion of her school degrees she plans to work as a school librarian so that she "may educate students in becoming full participants in our information society, using critical thinking abilities to locate, evaluate and apply information while investing in their soar for excellence."

Marion Dorroh Scholarship Winners

This scholarship is given in memory of Marion Dorroh, librarian at Kirtland AFB, and President of NMLA from 1953-1954. Criteria are: scholarship and potential contributions to the profession, especially in New Mexico. This year the Education Committee has chosen 2 recipients of the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship, Ken Holmes and Deborah McWilliams.

Kenneth Holmes has been a resident of New Mexico since 1989. He is enrolled in the University of Arizona. Graduate School of Library where he has completed 21 of the 36 credit hours needed. He expects to complete his degree during the Fall Session this year and continue working in Zuni, New Mexico promoting literature to ESL students. Kenneth has been working in the education field since 1981 when he was a volunteer with United States Peace Corps. His present position is as a Library Media Specialist. He is currently a member of the District Library Subject Area Committee and has written a proposal to fund a summer reading program keeping the school library open for family book checkout.

Deborah McWilliams has been a resident of New Mexico since 1988. She is enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin, Graduate School of Library and Information Science where she has completed 27 of the 36 credit hours needed. She expects to graduate during the Summer Session this year and continue working in New Mexico as a professional librarian. Deborah has been working with Las Cruces Public Schools since 1989 and began work as School Librarian at Hillrise Elementary in 1994. She is currently a member of the Collection Development Committee for the Camino Real Middle School which is scheduled to open this fall. Deborah is a Friend of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, and she is a board member and volunteer with the American Diabetes Association.

New Mexico Library Amigo

This award is made to an individual (friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel) whose work on behalf of their local library has resulted in significant progress and/or achievement for that library.

Dr. Irving A. Bunkin

Dr. Bunkin is well-known for his successful and innovative fundraising activities in support of library services to the citizens of Santa Fe. His tireless and enthusiastic efforts are well demonstrated by several highly notable projects. He established the Friends Bookstore, where donated books are sold to the public. While serving as Chair of the Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library Board, he established an endowment fund which continues to benefit the Library financially. He has also been successful in assisting in the on-going improvement of the Library.
Such projects include: raising money to purchase computers and furniture, obtaining a grant to provide a full-text periodicals database, and successfully soliciting original Elliott Porter photographs to be displayed in the Library.

"Dr. Irving Bunkin has often said to me that there are two institutions in the community that are vitally important. One is the hospital; the other is the public library. Having spent his career in medicine, he has chosen to devote his retirement to the library." ~ Joanne Werger, Library Division Director, Santa Fe Public Library

Eugenia Lea Pierce

In 1950, Eugenia Lea Pierce worked with the American Association of University Women to establish a public library in Eunice. The ordinance for the public library was finally ordained August 14, 1967; Eugenia has been a member of the Board of Trustees ever since. Through her dedication and commitment, she has worked with the library staff to obtain grants for library expansion. In fact, in the last ten years the library has tripled in size. She is instrumental in seeing that exhibits of local and state artists are displayed in the Art and History Room of the Library, and she actively participates in library policies. Eugenia is a charter member of the New Mexico Library Association Foundation, and she has frequently attended NMLA conferences. Besides her 30 years of service to the library, she is a successful business woman and a homemaker.

"In a modest way, Eugenia is perhaps one of the best friends of all libraries, especially in public relations."

Peggy Suter, Library Director, Eunice Public Library

Pat Wiberg

Pat's project, Books on Wheels, has currently made a difference to 30 Roswell citizens. This program allows library access to those who are physically unable and is provided in a very personal way. Since last Spring, Pat has recruited 14 volunteers, designed a brochure, devised procedures, and developed the publicity to make this program successful.

"Pat's lagniappe is deeply appreciated since existing staff and budgetary constraints prevent the provision of necessary services to the community. Besides the Books on Wheels project, Pat is very active in the Roswell Public Library Friends and chaired the Roswell 90th Anniversary Celebration. Pat is truly an Amigo to library service.

"Pat has extended the library's handshake into the community in many ways." ~ Judy Armstrong, Past President, Friends of Roswell Public; past recipient, NMLA Amigo Award

New Mexico Honorary Life Membership

NMLA's highest award is given to a person who has significantly contributed to NMLA and its activities throughout ones library career. Criteria: Significant contribution to NMLA and its activities throughout ones library career. Scope of activity must be beyond ones own location, achievements and contributions to NMLA's growth are known within the library community, as well as being recognized by other persons or entities in New Mexico.

Cheryl Wilson

Since 1970, Cheryl Wilson has significantly contributed to Librarianship in the state of New Mexico. Her strong leadership and active participation in statewide library organizations is remarkable. She has served on numerous New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) committees and has chaired many. She initiated the concept of the "mini conference" which has allowed for many to participate in NMLA activities. She was president of the Association in 1984-1985. In 1986, she participated in the Library Systems 2000, a series of statewide meetings to develop proposals for improved library service.
The state librarian appointed her to the New Mexico Conference of Libraries and Information Services Planning Conference which was to organize the state's preconference to the 1990 National White House Conference. Cheryl was appointed in 1992 by Governor Gary Carruthers to the New Mexico Advisory Council of Libraries. Other key positions held include serving on the US Newspaper Project for the New Mexico Committee, and the New Mexico Statewide Preservation Force which has presented several workshops and is preparing a publication on preservation in association with AMIGOS. She is an elected Trustee of the New Mexico Library Foundation, Inc.

"I do not know of anyone who has had a more effective or sustained role in influencing statewide library development."

~ Karen J. Watkins, New Mexico State Librarian

Legislator of the Year

This award is 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.

Senator Ann Riley

In 1992, Ann Riley was elected to the New Mexico Senate. In her first year she was successful in moving ten pieces of legislation with appropriations of $1.3 million which included $500,000 for computers for the Albuquerque Public Schools and $150,000 for the local library. In her second and third sessions, she was successful in passing the Technology for Education Act with an annual appropriation of $3,000,000. This Act establishes a structure to provide equal access to technology (computers, software, maintenance, training) to every public school student in New Mexico. Currently Ann is working as a Program Manager - Regional Partnerships at Sandia National Laboratories.

"There is no senator or representative in the legislature who has promoted and passed more legislation in the area of education technology than Senator Riley."

~ Paul E. Broome, Albuquerque, NM

Leadership Is The Topic Of This Summer’s Hispanic Library Education Institute

"Hispanic Leadership in Libraries" will be the focus of the third National Institute for Hispanic Library Education, which will be held this summer on August 8-10 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, N.J.

Scheduled speakers include Luis Herrera, Director of the Pasadena (CA) Public Library, Kathleen de la Pena McCook, Professor and Director of University of South Florida's School of Library and Information Science, Elizabeth Martinez, Executive Director of the American Library Association, Ramiro Salazar, Director of the Dallas (TX) Public Library, Jose Perez Carballo, Professor at the Rutgers School of Communication, Information, and Library Studies, and Tomas Ybarra Frausto, Assoc. Director of Arts & Humanities, Rockefeller Foundation.

The conference is sponsored by the Trejo Foster Foundation for Hispanic Library Education, the American Library Association, REFORMA, Rutgers University’s School of Communication, Information, and Library Studies, and Brooklyn Public Library.

For information about having your organization become a sponsor of this conference, contact Martin Gomez at 718-780-7803.

For information about attending this conference, contact Karen Novick, Rutgers SCILS Professional Development Studies, at 908-932-7169; fax to 908-932-9314; or e-mail to pds@scils.rutgers.edu.

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Change in Newsletter Schedule: Please note that the next newsletter will be published in August instead of July, with all future newsletters published every two months thereafter. This schedule change brings the newsletter deadline in line with the 1997/1998 NMLA Board meeting schedule. Also, please note that the NMLA mailing address has changed. See correct address below.

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 August/September 1997 issue is July 14, 1997, firm. That issue should arrive in your mailboxes by mid-August. Send news submissions to Nora Stoecker at nksinfo@caverns.com; fax 505/234-0061; phone 505/234-0049. Electronic submissions (e-mail or disk) especially appreciated.

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