nmla 75th sparkling anniversary conference

by Ellanie Sampson

The New Mexico Library Association will be celebrating 75 years of librarianship in New Mexico in April of this year. At the annual conference, which will be held in Albuquerque at the Convention Center, April 22-25, can be found a variety of educational and fun opportunities.

Two pre-conferences are being offered this year. The Rio Grande Special Libraries Association presents Solo (one-person) Librarianship in New Mexico with Olga Wise of Tandem Co. in Texas, to be held on Wednesday, April 22, at the Lovelace Medical Center education building, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The workshop costs $40 and includes lunch. Designed for solo librarians from a wide variety of work environments, the program offers concepts that will energize and reconnect librarians to the excitement of their jobs.

The New Mexico Academic and Research Libraries Association presents a pre-conference on Wednesday, April 22, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (cost $25.00). Nancy Dennis of UNM and Tim Martin of CISCO Systems will cover the basics of networking from Internet protocols (TCP/IP) to Local Area Networks (LAN) including the infrastructure (wires, routers, and switches). Designed for the library employee (in any type library) who has little technical background or knowledge, but is familiar with computers and access to OPACs, FirstSearch, and other Internet resources.

The Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Kathy Matter of John Baker Elementary School in Albuquerque, has planned a nice variety of Tours-On-Your-Own for Wednesday, April 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The UNM General Library, as well as the science, business, and fine arts libraries on campus, is on the list. School libraries being considered include Double Eagle and Petroglyph elementary schools, Rio Rancho High School, and Desert Ridge Middle School. Old Main (now the Special Collections Branch) of the Albuquerque Public Library is on the list, featured as the birthplace of NMLA.

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In this issue, you will find information concerning the Annual Conference. This is not just any conference, it is our 75th Anniversary! I hope you will take the time to look at the programs and activities that have been planned and then take advantage of this opportunity to join librarians from all over the state in a celebration of the past, present and future of NMLA and libraries in New Mexico.

Ellanie Sampson, Kathy Matter and many others have worked hard to make this a special conference for all of us. My thanks to everyone for their efforts!

We have had a change in our ALA Councilor. Susie Sonfieth’s term has ended and Drew Harrington has taken office. We wish Drew all of the best as she begins her four year term and we thank Susie for her efforts on behalf of NMLA. I roomed with Susie at some of the conferences and I know how hard she worked!

This conference will be the last one attended by Karen Watkins as our State Librarian. Karen has announced her plans to retire this Spring. Libraries in New Mexico made a great deal of progress during her tenure. Karen is to be commended for her efforts and achievements.

I want to thank each of you for all that you do and for the honor of serving as your President this year.

See you at the conference!

Betty Long

events calendar

March 5-7, 1998 Transborder Library Forum, Riverside, CA
April 23, 1998 Board meeting Albuquerque
April 23-24, 1998 NMLA 75th Anniversary Conference, Albuquerque
April 28-30, 1999 NMLA 1999 Conference Carlsbad

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Thanks to EBSCO and the UNM General Library for co-sponsoring the Past Presidents' Reception, which will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at the Albuquerque Aquarium (by invitation only).

Karen Watkins, State Librarian, has announced her retirement, to be effective in May of this year. To honor her, the UNM General Library is hosting a reception on Thursday evening, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Albuquerque Convention Center. This reception is open to everyone.

The New Mexico Library Foundation reception, "One Book At A Time. Thanks to editorial and financial contributors," is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening at the Main Library of the Albuquerque Public Library, located at 5th and Copper, NW. This reception is open to everyone.

The Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Convention Center. Awards to be presented include NMLA's Community Achievement Award, Legislators of the Year award, and the Library Amigo award, as well as Winnebago's Progressive School Media Award. Dinner music from the 1920's to the 1990's will be provided by the Roland DeRose Orchestra.

Lois Lowry is this year's winner of the Land of Enchantment Book Award — join her for lunch at the Youth Services/Land of Enchantment luncheon on Friday, April 24. Feast on her program while enjoying a variety of salads and goodies.

We are especially pleased that Barbara Ford, President of the American Library Association, will be at this conference and will be presenting the Keynote Address on Friday, April 24. She and Gerald Hodges, Director of the ALA Chapter Relations Office, will be presenting a program called "Stop Talking and Start Doing!" on Thursday, in addition to holding an ALA/NMLA forum on Friday. Ms. Ford will be making a special presentation during the NMLA annual business meeting on Thursday morning; so be sure to attend!

Daryl Black, noted photographer and a former President of NMLA, will be presenting the Keynote Address on Thursday and her topic is NMLA history.
What has the Association done over the past 75 years? How did it get started? How has it changed? Come and find out all of this — and more!

So, what happens between the receptions, the food events, the business meeting, and the keynote addresses? Can we go to the Mall? Heavens, no! There are many, many programs covering a wide variety of topics to pique your interest. Let's have a look — no fewer than 12 programs for the school and youth services librarians, two on library districting and related issues, one on risk-taking, six by or about New Mexico authors, and a wealth of others covering family literacy in libraries, descriptive videos, government information for public libraries, family storytelling traditions, saintliness, the home library, American Indian fiction, cataloging and processing media, Albuquerque history: the Super Computer challenge, emergency preparedness, and stress and burnout.

Does the public library need to go to the public school? Jacqueline Etulain Partch, a former Marion Dorroh scholarship recipient, answers these questions and explains a first-of-its-kind library program in Portland, Oregon, that has a team of five public librarians collaborating directly with the public schools. Catch this one on Friday.

The Native American Libraries: Special Interest Group proudly presents a program by Louis Owens. Currently a professor of English at UNM, Owens is the author of Nightland, The Sharpest Sight, Bone Game, and WolfSong. Hewitt will be speaking on the history of American Indian novelists and their contribution to literature.

Puzzled by media cataloging? Bring your questions to Gwen Gregory and Carolyn O'Brien during their program; Cataloging and Processing Media: A Discussion Group. They will be covering cataloging and processing of all types of media items for all types of libraries, and audience participation is encouraged.

A story told for the last time and then forgotten is lost. Find out how to keep family storytelling traditions alive with Bob Kanegis and Liz Mangualat their program: The Endangered Stories Act, on Friday.

Want to know more about Albuquerque? Come hear Howard Bryan relate stories of lively characters and times in late 19th and early 20th century Albuquerque. Sponsored by the Local and Regional History Special Interest Group, this program is scheduled for Friday morning.

Mary Lee Smith presents "Makeover Magic", a program to unlock the secrets to a whole new "you". Discover ways to accentuate the good points of your library and disguise those less-than-flattering features. The result will amaze your library users!

And what about mold and floods and other hazards to libraries? The New Mexico Preservation Alliance wants you to know about preventive activities and the sources of disaster assistance available to New Mexico libraries. Their program, featuring Ann Massman of UNM and the NMPA, and Tom Clareson, Preservation Service Manager of AMIGOS, will be on Friday afternoon.

Looking for a job? Come to the Job Fair! Details are available from Charlene Greenwood — write to her at 3540 Haines Ave., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, or call her at 505-256-1379.

The Marion Dorroh Scholarship fund will benefit from the proceeds of the sale of the 75th anniversary commemorative items which include hats, pins, chocolate, and Nambe ornaments. Forty-six people have received this scholarship which helped them to achieve their library degrees. You may also make donations to the Marion Dorroh Scholarship when you renew your NMLA membership and when you send in your conference registration. Commemorative items will be on sale throughout the conference, so save up to buy these unique items, and support the scholarship! The conference registration packet will be in your mailbox shortly.

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CALL FOR NMARL PRESENTATIONS

Deadline: June 1, 1998

CHECS (Consortium for Higher Education Computer Services) and the NMARL (New Mexico Academic and Research Librarians, the state chapter of ACRL) co-sponsored an annual conference dedicated to exploring the uses of technology in higher education, public education (K-12), libraries, and distance education. Last year's conference attracted over 100 on-site participants in Las Vegas, NM.

This Fall CHECS and NMARL meeting in Ruidoso, are soliciting proposals for presentations that will address topics such as the following: how technology can be used to deliver education and information, forming partnerships to expand delivery and access capabilities, using new technology in classrooms and teaching, influencing decision-making regarding technology.

From the library perspective, virtually any topic is worth considering. Sessions will be one hour long. In each session, presenters will address their topics. Potential presenters may submit proposals for individual or panel presentations (including two or more people). Presenters are encouraged to use appropriate technologies in their presentations. Presentations will be selected on the basis of appeal to the intended audience, experience and expertise of the presenters, use of technology to solve real-world problems, overall balance of topics for the conference, and general interest within the field of librarianship.

Please include the following in your proposal:

- **Title**: The full title should describe your presentation. The title is used to market your session, so it should generate interest.
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If you have questions, you may contact Randall H. Gaylor, Vice President, NMARL 505-392-7586 rgaylor@nmjc.cc.nm.us

To join NMARL, you may contact Marty Jonas, Secretary, NMARL MJonas@admin.nmt.edu

To know whether your institution is a member of CHECS, contact Pam Mirabal pmirabal@unm.edu

DISCLAIMER: This Call for Presentations comes from NMARL. NM-CHECS has not developed a theme, nor set a date. As soon as the theme and date are provided, we will let you know.

Randall H Gaylor

BYLAWS CHANGE

The NMLA Executive Board has recommended the following addition to the Bylaws. The change will be voted on by all members present at the NMLA's business meeting during the 75th annual conference in Albuquerque.

**Article VII: Relations with the New Mexico Chapter of REFORMA**

Section 1: The New Mexico Chapter of REFORMA shall be an affiliate organization of the New Mexico Library Association.

Section 2: The Association shall cooperate with the New Mexico Chapter of REFORMA in the joint goal of improving library service in New Mexico.

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new mexico state library development services training calendar 1998

Library Development Services is pleased to present the training calendar for the first six months of 1998. One notable item on this calendar is the ongoing regional and site-specific training to be provided by Nancy Jackson, the State Library's automation and technology planning contractor. Ms. Jackson has many years experience in automation planning and teaching for various national organizations and is highly knowledgeable about electronic information access and products. She will be setting up site visits and training sessions beginning in early February. If you have a particular library automation need or interest you would like addressed, or if you would like help writing your library's technology plan (necessary for application to the FCC for discounted telephone rates) please call Elaine Goodman (627-3811) or e-mail egooman@stlib.state.nm.us to schedule time with the contractor. Be sure to attend Anne Caputo's workshop in March on presenting yourself and your ideas successfully, "Maximum Impact Presentations." Whether your audience is a committee of three or an auditorium of 2,000; whether you are speaking to skilled colleagues or complete novices of any subject, Anne Caputo knows the secrets and practical details of presenting with style and effectiveness! People attending the certification examination preparatory day study sessions make significantly better scores on the test. Attendees also get an excellent overview of library operations basics and core competencies. Even if you are not taking the test in May, new library staff will learn a lot and are most welcome in the class. Call Sandy White, 627-3808 or E-mail swhite@stlib.state.nm.us. In the second half of the State Library's training year, we will be offering major programs dealing with the new roles for public libraries, a library leadership forum; and a workshop on forming consortia, cooperatives, and networks; among others. We hope New Mexico libraries will benefit from these events and we will all strengthen the mission to make information available to all New Mexicans when they need it. For more information about these or any training or continuing education opportunities for librarians, please call Elaine Goodman, Training Coordinator.

special libraries program highlight "year of the customer"

The Rio Grande chapter of SLA is offering three programs in April and May that will help all librarians better serve patrons and customers.
April 22 is the RGSLA offering for the NMLA pre-conference—Olga Wise, Tandem Corp. librarian, will present a 9-3 workshop on "solo librarians". Lunch is included. Registration for the program will be available in the NMLA conference packet.
April 24, the RGSLA annual business meeting, will feature Paula Galbraith, library director of Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. as the speaker. It will be a dinner meeting in Santa Fe.
In May David P. Fletcher, quality and customer service expert, will address the RGSLA meeting.

For detailed information and registration for these meetings contact Mary Frances Campana at 281-0689, email mary_f_campana@ccmrr.intel.com or check out the RGSLA webpage at http://lib-www.lanl.gov/sla/sla.htm

NMLA 1998 Award recipients are:

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Margaret Chen Becker, NMLA Community Achievement Award
Senator Leonard Tsosie, Legislator of the Year Award
Marian Eyer, Progressive School Library Media Award

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8th Transborder Library Forum
Submitted by Gwen Gregory NMSU Library

The University of California, Riverside (UCR), will host FORO VIII in 1998. Scheduled to be held at the historic Mission Inn in downtown Riverside, FORO VIII will continue to maintain its tradition of quality programs and presentations. Simultaneous interpretation ensures that every FORO attendee has the opportunity to participate equally across linguistic borders. Keynote speakers will be Dr. Carlos Vélez-Ibáñez, Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at UCR, and Dr. Juan Vicente Palerm, Director of UCMEXUS, both internationally recognized experts about border issues.

The conference is to include hands-on pre-conference workshops, programs, panel discussions, and keynote speakers including Library Association Presidents discussing issues facing our profession today and the role of internationalism and Spanish-language publishers discussing issues related to the dissemination of Spanish-language information to libraries and the public.

There will also be an exhibit hall, contributed papers, and plenty of networking opportunities. Each evening will be filled with opportunities to talk together about the events of the day, including a Vendor Recognition Reception at the Riverside Municipal Museum, a Fiesta Old California on the UC Riverside campus, and the elegant Closing Ceremony and Banquet sponsored again this year by OCLC.

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call for committee members

Anyone wishing to serve on an NMLA committee, please email Ellanie Sampson, NMLA VP, at torcpl@nolink.com for more information on which committees need how many members. This is a choice opportunity to be part of the work the association does throughout the year(s). Committee appointments are for three years. I look forward to hearing from many of you!

Thanks,
Ellanie

New Mexico Library Association Newsletter
forming an nmla interest group

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

Section 1. An interest group may be formed by members whose common interest reflects 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, continue, or recognize 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.

Current NMLA Interest Groups

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NM Library Foundation News

Submitted by David Giltrow, NMLF Chair

Drawing upon the submissions of some 100 librarians and friends together with her own research, Las Cruces author Linda Harris is completing the manuscript of One Book at a Time: A history of the library in New Mexico. It goes off to the printers in time (we hope!) for unveiling at the NMLA 75th meeting in April. The book is the NM Library Foundation's way of commemorating the NMLA Diamond Jubilee. Linda will provide background on the book and its creation with slide illustrations at two program sessions during the annual meeting. One Book at a Time will be available at the Foundation's exhibit booth and then by mail order. It will be about 150 pages, size 8.5/2 x 11 inches with some 100 illustrations. Prices have been set at $75 for the limited edition hard bound (100 copies) and $20 for the soft cover. And to especially recognize the various contributors of text, photos and funds, the Foundation's donors' reception during the NMLA annual meeting will be at the Main Branch of the Albuquerque Public Library (501 Copper NW, two blocks west of the convention center) on Thursday, April 23rd from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, just before the awards banquet. Just as Linda is putting in the final key strokes of the book manuscript, Betty Reynolds—close to retiring as director of the NM Tech Library—is putting the last stitches in her latest gallery quality wall quilt. "It's a Small World," which she is generously donating to the Foundation. You can see it at the Foundation's booth during the April NMLA meeting. This will be our second quilt raffle courtesy of Betty. For a sneak preview, visit Betty's web site: www.nmt.edu/~breynold/quilts/smworld.html

You likely remember last year's "Whose Library?" quilt which was won by Santa Fe book seller Sid Margolis. From humble beginnings in Socorro and Hillsboro, that quilt moved East and now hangs in the office of Sid's son, Bernard Margolis, president of the Boston Public Library (ask to see it when in Boston). Betty's latest effort will be as colorful and intriguing as her first one which had contributions from quilters around the USA and Canada organized through the Internet. Now that the IRS has granted the Foundation its final determination as a 501(c)(3) charitable and educational foundation, the trustees are creating policy guidelines for giving which will be publicized later in the year. These "Giving Guidelines" will provide library groups with specific instructions on how to propose grant projects to the Foundation. But unlike the recently created Gates Library Foundation, don't expect six to eight figure funding opportunities. After all, the NM Library Foundation is only five years old while Bill Gates has been working his way up the cyber ladder for 25 years after his first job in Albuquerque. At least we start from the same city!

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a letter from your editor

In the last issue of the newsletter I took a poll asking if readers would prefer a newsletter in print, via email, or on the Web. Print was the preferred format, and there was not a wide enough interest in electronic format to justify the additional administrative effort it would demand. Thank you to all those who answered me. The newsletter will continue to be printed on paper.

Jackie Shane
nmla newsletter editor
Nominations and Elections Committee Report

The following is the list of candidates for NMLA offices to date. Thanks to my committee members (Mary Pat Kraemer and Mary Ellen Keeton) for their help, and to the above named individuals who are willing to serve in NMLA.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Minter

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Vice President

Randall Gaylor is a native of northern New Mexico, and has spent all of his life here. He has held positions as an assistant archivist with NMSU, worked as a public and private school teacher for Robertson High School (Las Vegas), the Santa Fe Preparatory School, and served as a school librarian in Los Lunas, Belen, Albuquerque, and Tularosa. He is currently the Director of the Pannell Library at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs.

Professionally, Randall has held positions on the Education, Intellectual Freedom, and Legislative Committees for NMLA and served two terms as the chair of the New Mexico Academic and Research Libraries, the liaison between NMLA and the Consortium for Higher Education Computer Services (NMACHES), and is currently the NMLA Vice-President/President Elect. He has also chaired the Collection Development Committee for the New Mexico Consortium for Academic Libraries and was elected to serve as the Vice-President/President Elect for NMCAL when Stan Ruckman resigned for personal reasons. His term as President for NMCAL will end at NMLA in the Spring of 1998. Randall has hosted local workshops for librarians of all types at NMJC and provided training for librarians in a cost effective manner in cooperation with the AMIGOS Bibliographic Council. He has served on long range planning committees with AMIGOS and has made presentations for AMIGOS, NMLA, CHECS, and other professional organizations.

Bond issues, for supporting the creation of consortial groups with common interests, for funding public, school, Native American libraries, for building Internet connections, and for training and workshop opportunities need to continue, and to be expanded.

The lack of Library Standards in under-funded public schools causes children and young adults to seek out public and academic libraries for support. The fact is that public libraries do not necessarily meet the needs of the students.

Collectively and collaboratively we can make a difference. We can develop consortia like NMCAL or the ELIN group in Lea County, organize training opportunities
such as those sponsored by NMARL and NMCHECS.

Charlene Greenwood, over the last 35 years, has been involved in libraries, beginning as a summer clerk for the Washington, D.C. Public Library, up through Albuquerque Public Schools at the primary and secondary levels. Five of those years were as the district’s Professional Librarian, and the last three years as the district’s Directors of Libraries. I supervised 12 departments, worked with 128 schools, opened four new school libraries, and assisted schools with intellectual freedom issues; library exhibits; and workshops.

I have been a member of NMLA, AASL, and ALA for many years, and have served in areas of Youth Services, Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee, Conference Local Arrangements Committee, and have served as Secretary, Vice-president, and President of the Elementary School Librarians of Albuquerque. NMLA has promoted libraries through education, legislation, and communication. I welcome the opportunity to work with the many wonderful librarians in this tradition.

Edward Erazo has been Outreach/Education Librarian and Assistant Professor at New Mexico State University (NMSU) in Las Cruces, New Mexico since 1993. Previously, Ed worked at both the El Paso Public Library as Head, Mexican American Services, and the University of Texas at El Paso as Reference Librarian as well as Acting Head, Access Services and Library Assistant II. In 1992, Ed worked at Saint Thomas University in Miami, Florida as Reference and Technical Services Librarian, and is currently a doctoral student in Educational Management and Development at New Mexico State University.

An active member of the American Library Association (ALA), Ed has served on committees for both the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) and the Reference User Services Association (RUSA). He was the editor of the RUSA Update from 1995-97. Ed also served as chair of the ALA/OLOS Director Search Committee in 1997 and has been asked to serve on both ALA and LAMA Nominating Committees for the 1998 elections. He is an official candidate for ALA Councilor at Large for the 1998 elections. Ed is also active in the Texas Library Association (TLA), having served on its Publication Committee (1993-96) and participated in its Tall Texans Leadership Institute, class of 1995, and is of course, a member of the New Mexico Library Association. Additionally, Ed is the immediate past president of National REFORMA, the national association to promote library services to the Spanish speaking, and currently serves as chair of both the National REFORMA Finance and Strategic Planning Committees. He served as editor of the REFORMA Newsletter in 1993-95. Finally, Ed is active professionally at the local level, as past president of the Border Regional Library Association, and was named the 1995 BRLA Librarian of the Year.

The birth of a virtual library community, has made collaboration possible not only all around the state, but all around the country as well. I believe NMLA has done a fine job of exploiting the technology (evidence our listserver and Web page) and also meeting some of the new challenges that the new technology has brought with it. I would like to see NMLA continue to move along these in future in order to continue to be as responsive as possible to the changing needs of the members. One way would be to have NMLA reach out to other neighboring library associations by offering more co-operative and co-sponsored professional development opportunities, more opportunities to interact with these associations, such as AzLA, BRLA; TLA REFORMA (the national association to promote library services to the Spanish speaking) and FORO (the Binational Library Forum between U.S. and Mexico). In doing so, NMLA would draw interest and members from outside the state from these neighboring areas. This is a real opportunity to provide more activities that would interest a larger circle of library personnel from outside the state. For some neighboring communities just outside the NM state line,
such as El Paso, NMLA conferences and events are potentially very attractive since the alternative is to travel at great expense to Austin, Dallas or San Antonio. These collaborative initiatives would be easy to develop since they are already happening with some NMLA members, who are active in these neighboring organizations and could serve as perfect liaisons between NMLA and these associations. I believe by networking with our neighboring library associations we can form mutually beneficial relationships that will enhance the strength and reputation of the New Mexico Library Association.

Secretary

Kris Warmoth spent 14 years at the University of Chicago’s Regenstein Library, 1 1/2 years at the UNM Health Sciences Library, 2 years at the University of Albuquerque Library, and 11 years as the Library Director of the UNM-Valencia Community Library. Within those various work environments, I have spent an equal amount of time doing public and technical services work. During my 15 years here in New Mexico, I have served on the following library committees: NMCAL (Secretary/Treasurer, Resource Sharing and Collection Development Committees), NMRL (Advisory Board), NMLA (Education Committee), Bibliofile User’s Group (co-chair); and the State Library’s Legislative Planning Committee and Internet Advisory Board.

I am especially interested in seeing the State Library and NMLA continue their close cooperation in helping librarians deal with the exciting and somewhat overwhelming flood of information related to technological innovation. In addition, continuing efforts to make more library collections publicly accessible is something I believe NMLA should promote. Sponsoring legislation and offering mini-conferences and annual conference workshops on topics related to consortial, resource sharing efforts (like the OCLC GAC or web-based regional consortia like the Rio Abajo Electronic Library) would alert us to the possibilities inherent in such shared activity.

Rogers Bardé has been a school librarian for seven years, five years at Mesa Alta Junior High in Bloomfield and the last two years at Bloomfield High School. The seven years before that I taught reading and study skills, and U.S. History at Mesa Alta Junior High School. As a member of NMLA, I was on the Standards Committee of the former Services for Youth and Children’s Libraries Division, and was a delegate to the Glorieta Retreat in May of 1993 for developing a long-range plan for NMLA. I am on the recently formed Competency Revision Committee for Library Media endorsement for New Mexico Teacher Licensure.

I believe that librarians and library supporters must work together to keep New Mexico libraries funded and up to date as technology puts pressure on staff and budgets. In order to work together we must be informed about issues as well as what is happening in the state. NMLA is the logical organization to provide the information we need, the forum to discuss the issues, and the support we all need to accomplish our goals. I would like to help NMLA as it works to support libraries and librarians.

Members at Large

Russell Gladstone is a Reference Librarian at Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute (TVI) Community College, Main Campus Library. He worked as the circulation and reserves supervisor at the Centennial Science and Engineering Library at the University of New Mexico. He is co-chair of the TVI Carl D. Perkins Internal Advisory Committee (which allocates over $7 million to more than 200 projects supporting innovation to faculty and student initiatives) and is a member of the TVI Distance Learning Task Team working to create a supportive environment in which distance education can be incorporated into TVI’s learning opportunities. He is taking a Hypertext class to learning more about creating Web Pages and Rolodexing to help reduce the impact of all the holiday cookies. Work Ethic: To provide extraordinary customer service to library users, and full support to all the members of the Library Team working to get the patrons what they need.
Sandra Scribner is a Library / Media Specialist at Los Alamos Middle School. I was born in New Mexico. I've worked in business libraries in San Francisco, and at two different public libraries in New Jersey as a young adult and reference librarian. However, for the last twelve years I have been a secondary school librarian. I believe that my experience in business, public and now school libraries gives me a broad perspective on libraries and librarianship as a profession. The NMLA Board needs a representative that understands the needs of many different types of libraries and someone who can speak for the needs of today's school libraries.

Dinah Lea Jentgen is currently the Librarian/Media Specialist at Zia Middle School, Las Cruces Public Schools. She has worked at White Sands School, Las Cruces Public Schools; Mesa Vista School District, Ojo Caliente, Annunciation Catholic School, Albuquerque; Central Consolidated Schools, Shiprock. Other library positions consisted of NM Highway & Transportation Department, and Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Special Projects: 1997 Carl T. Perkins Grant for Career Exploration Center 1995 NM State Library Grant to connect White Sands School to Internet 1994 NM State Library Grant to automate White Sands School Library 1990 Presented paper at SLA conference in Pittsburgh NMLA History: 1996 Conference Committee, Las Cruces 1994-95 Member-At-Large for School Libraries 1994 Presentation on copyright, NMLA conference 1993-present Battle of the Books team coach 1991-93 Secretary

1991 Presentation on preservation measures, NMLA conference 1989 Conference Committee, Santa Fe 1979 Conference Committee, Farmington During my twenty-year membership in NMLA, I have learned the truth to the statement, "You get out of an organization what you put into it."

Betsy J. Kraus was a reference librarian at NMSU, Public Services Librarian at NM Tech and is currently the librarian for the Environmental Evaluation Group, a research division of Tech. I have been a member and actively involved in NMLA since graduating with my MS in Library Science from North Texas State University in 1984. I have served on both the Education and Conference Site Selection Committees besides serving on two different conference local arrangement committees. I believe NMLA's role is to keep libraries growing and progressing in every area and to provide continuing education to all library staffs in public, school, academic, and special libraries. NMLA is also a forum for librarians and their staff to share with each other about situations both good and bad in the work place.

Peter Ives is the business Librarian and Head of Reference at Parish Memorial Library, UNM. I've worked at Parish since 1984 doing mostly reference and collection development. During that time, I have been active in NMLA serving on various committees including the Conference Site Committee, Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee, and the Publications Committee (edited the Newsletter for a couple of years). I am also involved in ALA-RUSA's Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS), having served on two of their committees.
One of the items on the agenda at the general membership meeting during the annual conference this year will be a resolution approving an affiliation between the New Mexico Library Association and the New Mexico chapter of REFORMA. For more than twenty-five years, REFORMA has been the national organization devoted to the promotion of library services to Spanish speakers. One of the ways it has pursued this goal has been through affiliation with the American Library Association. Both organizations maintain their separate identity, and membership in one is not necessary for membership in the other. REFORMA meetings and sponsored programs are held at the ALA annual and midwinter conferences, though.

When the New Mexico chapter of REFORMA was formed recently, a similar relationship with NMLA seemed to hold much promise for both organizations. New Mexico has been greatly enriched by numerous persons of Hispanic origin in the past, and continues to be today. Spanish is spoken widely in our state. An affiliation between NMLA and the NM chapter of REFORMA seems an ideal way for both to cooperate in our mutual goal of improving library services to all New Mexicans. As with the ALA-national REFORMA affiliation, both organizations will retain their separate identity, and matters such as dues, joint meetings, etc., will be worked out by discussions between the officers and approval by the members of each. At the October NMLA board meeting, the board approved such an affiliation subject to the approval of the membership. We ask for your support. Thank you.

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