public library services task force seeks funding alternatives

By Joe Sabatini

After four meetings and much study, the Task Force appointed to consider alternative methods of supporting public library service is finishing work on a resolution to be considered during the League's policy development process this summer. Appointed by League President Judy Stubbs, the Task Force is charged with making recommendations for legislation to include multi-jurisdictional support. Existing New Mexico statutes give almost no guidance about local library funding and structure. Public libraries have regularly served customers from outside municipal boundaries, and some counties have provided funding to supplement municipal funding. In recent years, the level of supplemental funding has declined, at the same time that computerization has made library collections more broadly accessible. In response to this changing environment, librarians seek to make possible alternative organizational structures for enhanced service and equitable funding. Members have reviewed models from other states to select features which might be included in enabling legislation to create options for regional library service districts.

New Mexico has several successful examples of multi-jurisdictional library service. Hidalgo County and Lordsburg have a longstanding agreement. Bernalillo County contracts with Albuquerque to provide service, and shares in the bonding for books and computers. Rio Rancho has a consortium arrangement to include its book and customer databases in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County system, broadening access throughout the metropolitan area. County governments are not obliged to provide support for municipal libraries, and factors such as reduced federal funds and the governmental gross receipts tax leave them less able to support discretionary projects.

The Task Force will meet on Friday, June 5th at 11:00 am at the Rio Rancho Library, 950 Pinetree Rd. SE, to finalize its recommendations for the policy process. All interested librarians and municipal officials are invited to attend. Pinetree Rd. is the first traffic signal on Southern Blvd., west of State Highway 528. The Library is north of the Post Office. Please let Toni Beatty know if you plan on attending the meeting. (505-891-7244 or e-mail beatty@albuq.rgv.lib.nm.us).

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The theme of the 24th National Library Legislative day, May 5, 1998 was "tell your library story - make friends for libraries." ALA provides an all-day briefing on key library issues and messages for Congress. Emphasis was on the issues of the literacy/reading programs, copyright/intellectual property, telecommunications discounts, filtering and the E-rate, and public access to government information. As New Mexico's representative I visited each congressional office and met with the staff person responsible for telling the legislators our concerns, and the stories about libraries in New Mexico. When possible I gave anecdotes from their specific districts. The items I emphasized were the number of applications for the E-rate, the number of Internet hook-ups (number of libraries online), and the choosing of a school librarian, Bonnie Hopkins, as teacher of the year. From the itemized sheets prepared by the specialists on the ALA staff, I emphasized funding for LSTA and ESEA Title VI, passage of the children's literacy initiative before July 1, balance in the copyright act between fair use and protection for those who create works, (particularly for digital information), protection of the E-rate, and to respect local decision making concerning filtering.

The preparation of information to inform the legislators is detailed, accurate and vital for bringing our concerns, interests, and requests to their attention. All libraries in New Mexico benefit when our legislators are informed.
from the president’s pen

The 75th anniversary conference really sparkled, thanks to Kathy Matter and her local arrangements committee, to all 408 of you who attended, and to the 74 vendors who participated. The evaluations were, on the whole, quite positive, and will give Charlene Greenwood, our new Vice President, an assist in planning for the 1999 Conference in Carlsbad.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers and board members, and to the new Northern New Mexico Youth Services Special Interest Group, which joins five other SIGs this year. You’ll find the reports from those SIGs in this issue of the newsletter. If you want to join a SIG, let the chair of that SIG know. If you want to create or “jumpstart” a dormant SIG, let me know—I’ll get you the forms.

Speaking of SIGs brings to mind the restructuring of NMLA that occurred in 1994, and the planning and goal-setting that followed in 1996. We are now in year three of the five-year plan and I believe it is time to take a look back at all the changes and make sure the Association is functioning at its best. With this in mind, I welcome your suggestions and comments (email me at torcpl@riolink.com) so the Board can make plans for evaluating our progress.

And finally, many thanks to Betty Long and the officers and board members I’ve had the pleasure of working with during the past year—their support, encouragement, and friendship really kept me going. Looking forward, I think I can safely say, “It’s going to be another exciting year for NMLA”.

Ellanie Sampson
sigs
special interest groups annual reports

New Mexico Preservation Alliance

The New Mexico Preservation Alliance works to identify and address library and archives preservation and conservation needs throughout the state of New Mexico. 1997-1998 NMPA meetings were held on July 17, November 5, January 21, and March 25. Tom Clareson, AMIGOS preservation service manager, attended three of the meetings. During the July meeting Ann Massmann and Cheryl Wilson were elected co-chairs. The next meeting of the Alliance will be on Wednesday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m. in the New Mexico Tech Library in Socorro.

The NMPA session during the 1998 NMLA Conference, titled "Emergency Preparedness: Plan Now or Pay Later" was presented by Ann Massmann, Tom Clareson and Nancy Turner. The session included a short business meeting followed by the emergency preparedness presentations. Ann Massmann distributed the NMPA emergency planning handy guide and other information; Nancy Turner talked about the Branigan Public Library mold outbreak; and Tom Clareson discussed other emergency/disasters in the area, AMIGOS resources, and working with vendors.

NMPA submitted two grant proposals, prepared by Ann Massmann, to the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division requesting funding for a series of "Emergency Preparedness and Recovery" workshops to be held in several locations (Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Farmington, Silver City and Roswell) during September 1998. Ann Massmann and Judy Murphy also prepared a proposal submitted to the New Mexico State Library, the Friends of the UNM Library and the Friends of the Albuquerque Public Library requesting additional funding for the workshops. The NMPA goal is to receive enough funding to keep the cost for the participants to no more than $25.00 for the two-day workshop.

NMPA should receive notification on the funding by mid-May.

During the NMPA meetings various preservation topics were discussed. Tom Clareson reported on AMIGOS involvement in the Colorado State University Library cleanup, AMIGOS outreach sessions for genealogists, AMIGOS site surveys, and tribal archives preservation. Ann Massmann and Sandra Jaramillo presented a series of four workshops in Ruidoso, Alcalde, Gallup and Socorro for the New Mexico Historic Records Advisory Board. Ann's presentation was on emergency preparedness and Sandra gave a preservation overview.

Cheryl Wilson, Co-chair

The Youth Services SIG

The Youth Services SIG met from 1 to 2 p.m. with 45 people present. Liaison Patricia Froehlich made introductions and presented the agenda. We have a web page, <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/youth.html> and have a discussion list (NMLYS) currently hosted by the New Mexico State Library. YS sponsored ten programs at conference, including the Land of Enchantment luncheon and Lois Lowry's moving and thought-provoking speech.

Kitty Sherlock at the State Dept of Education <sppd@nm-us.campus.mci.net> gave a description of what the Standards of
Excellence for Library/Media involves. Library/Media is a required support service and must: 1. Have a written, delivered and assessed program, K-12; 2. Provide licensed staff to develop and supervise the program; 3. Be assessed as part of the EPSS Self Study; and 4. Support the local curriculum and EPSS. It is very important for school librarians to get the library into assessment and the long range plan. Kitty had important information and very little time to address it. Contact her for information on continuing education opportunities, technology money, alternative licensure, and professional development.

A slate of board members was presented: Liaison: Patricia Froehlich; Conferences and programs: Claire Odenheim; Corresponding Secretary: Rogers Bardé; Public Library Rep: Lora Harlan; School Library Rep: Tip Spain-VanderWort and Treasurer is unfilled. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate, motion carried.

Local and Regional History Interest Group

The speaker at the Santa Fe Conference (1997) was Chris Wilson, architectural historian at LJNM, who spoke on *The Myth of Santa Fe*, his new book on the historical link between the tourist trade and the city's adoption of its architectural styles. He's an excellent speaker, and the topic was perfectly suited to the locale. It was very well received, and he did a book signing with LTNM Press later that day. This year's program features Howard Bryan, a long-time former history and travel columnist for the *Albuquerque Tribune* who will speak on "Tales of Old Albuquerque," a series of personality vignettes from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Peter B. Ives, Liaison

Patricia presented the logo for Youth Services designed by Robert Upton. It was moved and seconded to adopt the logo; motion carried.

Areas of concern, goals, ideas and suggestions for the mini conference in October, 1998 and the conference in Carlsbad in 1999 should be sent to Patricia Froehlich <patricia@stlib.state.nm.us> (but don't forget that the State Library e-mail is out of commission until June 8.) or Claire Odenheim <odenheim@lib.nmsu.edu>.

It was pointed out that a school librarian can receive credit for years worked in other libraries as well as school libraries. It is necessary to go to the person who handles personnel matters in your district and ask for the form. Contact Dinah Jentgen at Zia Middle School in Las Cruces <djentgen@lcps.k12.nm.us> or Claire Odenheim at Onate High School in Las Cruces <odenheim@lib.nmsu.edu>.

Patricia Froehlich

The Public Library Special Interest Group

The Public Library Special Interest Group was initiated in 1997 following the conference in Santa Fe. The SIG sponsored several programs at the 1998 NMLA conference. During our annual meeting, 4-98 we voted to continue the SIG for another year. Nancy Osterberg was elected chair for 1998/99. She will appoint people as needed to fill committee slots.

Sandy White, Chair
Local Arrangements Committee: Conference April 22-24, 1998
Kathy Matter, Chair

(excerpt)

Subcommittees

Registration:
1. Preregistration mailing and responses handled by Linda O'Connell. Programs, meals, and lodging information included.
2. Registration packets assembled by committee. 500 canvas tote bags (NM Industries for the Blind). 75th anniversary colors and logo. Cost recovered by advertising of vendors (personally contacted) and/or exhibitors on bag. Exhibitors solicited with second mailing from Linda O'Connell. Four company logos @ $500.00 each. Silver pens and pencils (sharpened) with imprint from Atlas. Folders. Inserts: programs, booksignings, lunchtime eating, commemoratives for sale, etc.
3. Registration desk at the conference staffed by committee. 75 hats for conference staff (Zia Graphics), sell extras. Schedule of committee members for two days.

Job Fair:
1. Information exchange prepared by committee.
2. Program room staffed by committee.

Exhibits:
2. Floor monitors scheduled for set-up and during exhibit hours.
3. Thursday's grand opening box luncheon supervised (no tickets).
4. NMLA tables for sale of merchandise and silent auction (scholarship fund).
5. BIG gallery table.

Past Presidents' Reception:
1. Invitations printed and mailed. (Acknowledge co-sponsors.) Database created.
   Name tag labels printed. RSVP not reliable.
   75 guests.
   Full facility access.
3. Light repast and beverages with in-house catering.
4. Co-sponsorship by EBSCO and UNM for $1250.00 each.
5. Musical interlude with Celtic harp.

Awards Banquet:
1. Reception in honor of Karen Watkins sponsored by UNM.
2. Convention Center room and catering for plated dinner.
3. Sparkling champagne 75th anniversary decoration theme.
   Live band playing music from each of the decades.
4. Program, presentations, and awards managed by Awards Committee.
5. No head table; tables reserved for award recipients in front.
6. Native American ceremony.
7. Photographer (volunteer).
Land of Enchantment Award:
1. Conference Center in-house catering for plated salad luncheon.
2. Speaker, award, and program were responsibility of SIG.
3. Table decorations by school children from John Baker.
4. Autographing by Lois Lowry arranged with Page One (limit to 2 books, signature only).

Book Signings:
1. Master schedule of all book autographing throughout conference prepared for distribution, and posted as a sign daily.
   Page 1: Bound to Be Read; BIG; other booths
2. Book Illustrators Guild table set up in exhibit area.
   Giving two program presentations on Friday, early and late, with signings and demonstrations throughout both days.

Housing and Hospitality:
1. Conference hotel contracted; alternates selected and listed.
   Speaker accommodations arranged through travel agent.
2. Speakers' gifts selected, ordered, addressed, and delivered for presentation.
   Southwestern gift baskets.
   People introducing speakers received instructions for pick-up with registration materials,
3. Transportation offered for speakers to and from the airport.

Committee Members: Kathy Matter, Chair
Glenda Armstrong, Linda Avery
Trina Carter
Nancy Ebeling
Jenifer Fell
Patricia Froehlich
Charlene Greenwood
Marolyn Griffin
Sarah Henderson
Sara Lehman

White House Conference Interest Group

Betty Long, one of New Mexico's two WHCLIST members, was able to represent our state at the 6th Annual Conference of the White House Conference on Library and Information Service Task force. The meeting was held in Little Rock Arkansas during August 1997. The purpose of these annual meetings is to bring state representatives together to track implementation of the White House conference II, held in 1991, recommendations both on state and federal levels, help implementation of those recommendations not having any action taken, and plan the White House Conference III. The Seventh Annual Conference will be held on Phoenix, AR, August Sixth 1998.
"When a person sits in the library, it is usually quiet, it is quiet and they do not move very much but their mind is just hurling with information and ideas. This is why the library is designed in the shape of an eagle in flight because our minds are taking flight in libraries."

David Riley, Laguna Architect

These are the words that the members of Native American Libraries Special Interest Group (NALSIG) heard at the dedication of the new Laguna Library. It was such an exciting moment for the members as they had seen Elizabeth Wacondo, Laguna Librarian, work for a very long time to have her dream of a new library become a reality.

The agenda of the first meeting of NALSIG after the spring conference 1997 was to establish the priorities and meeting and training schedule for the year. We started the meeting with a Talking Circle. In a Talking Circle, each individual is given a chance to speak. The question to be answered was "what is the one area that you complain about daily?" The answers were then prioritized into several areas and based on the prioritization, the training topics were developed: Time management, security, library boards, and funding were the areas that NALSIG members requested for training.

We were able to meet the expressed training needs of the members. We highly encouraged the members to go to the Solo Librarianship training at NMLA for their time management issues. A training session on computers and security was held at the December 4, 1997 meeting. Edward Padilla from UNM Zimmerman Library gave an excellent session on Library Security followed by Andrew Lowry on Security and Computers. Both were applicable to tribal needs. At the February meeting that was held in Zuni, the Zuni Library Board and the state library consultant gave a successful training session on library boards. The areas of funding or establishing endowments need to be on the agenda for the coming year. The handouts are attached. In addition, the State Library developed an excellent handout on security in one person libraries while being the only librarian.

Chamisa funded the most extensive training program and it was held for a week at Santa Fe Indian School. As stated in the grant proposal, The Museums, Libraries and Archives in the city of Santa Fe hold many treasures from the Native American communities around the State of New Mexico reflecting their spiritual, cultural and political traditions. Most Native Americans are not aware of these collections and resources. An efficient way of sharing this information with the Native American communities is through their Tribal Library/Information Centers. This turned out to be an awesome workshop for everyone. Tribal librarians walked away from the workshop saying, Our heritage is in those museums, libraries and archives. We need to bring more Indian people here. The photographs were fantastic. It brought memories of our childhood.

NALSIG held six very productive and energetic meetings this year. There was always good food for lunches during which we discussed and networked. They were as follows:
Santa Fe, NM: Santa Fe Indian School
Laguna, NM: Laguna Tribal Library with dedication
Silver City, NM: NMLA Mini-conference
Albuquerque, NM: Futures for Children
Zuni, NM: Zuni Library
Albuquerque, NM: NMLA Annual Conference
There were ten goals agreed to by the members. The members did their work in committees.

Database Committee: To establish a database for mailing and processing of
materials of NALSIG. Met three times and continues to work with Joe Sabatini on the mailing list.

Technology/Computer Training Committee: To provide technology and computer training for tribal librarians. Librarians reached this goal through the Santa Fe Workshop, which had one day, allocated to working on computers.

Honoring/Recognition Committee: To recognize and honor people instrumental in the history of Native American Libraries at the annual NMLA conference in spring 1998. The committee met twice and decided to do the recognition in 1999 instead of 1998 because the SIG would be 20 years old. Their focus this year was fund raising for the ceremony.

Educational Presentations Committee: To provide educational presentations at meetings on endowment funding, time management, library boards and security systems to assist librarians. This committee met twice and planned the training sessions for the year.

History Committee: To gather and write the history of the American Indian libraries and the Special Interest Group. The committee met once and decided to do research.

Networking Committee: To explore networking between libraries to expand the dollars available to libraries. The committee met once and made some recommendations to NALSIG. This will be expanded for next year.

NMLA Conference Programs Committee: To plan for special presentations at the mini-conference and annual conference of NMLA. The committee planned two excellent presentations for NMLA conferences. Henrietta Stockel, UNM Health Sciences Library, spoke about the Native American Historical Health Database in Silver City for the fall mini-conference. Dr. Louis Owens, author and professor at UNM, spoke at the annual spring conference. His topic was on the history of American Indian fiction writers.

NALSIG also sponsored an Honoring Ceremony at the banquet of the NMLA conference. The ceremony honored Senator Leonard Tsosie who received the Legislator of the Year Award and Karen Watkins who is retiring as the State Librarian.

Advocacy Committee: To communicate and advocate on behalf of the Native American Libraries with the New Mexico State Library. To support the Native American Library Project and the Crownpoint Center.

Mary Alice-Tsosie

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR PROGRAM

1999 CARLSBAD CONFERENCE

The next NMLA Conference will be in beautiful Carlsbad. We are planning some unique features this year. Stay tuned and see what will be coming! We are beginning to plan the programs now.

All program ideas are very welcome. See the form on the following page. We would like programs from all the Special Interest Groups (SIG) and more. Send your ideas to:

Charlene Greenwood
3540 Haines Ave., NE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
505-256-1379, email: Cgreen2224@aol.com
your audience for a quality index

The A to Zia Indexers, the New Mexico group of the American Society of Indexers (ASI), will hold their summer meeting on Saturday, June 20 from 10:00 to 2:30. Guest indexer Anne Leach will conduct a workshop entitled *Considering Your Audience for a Quality Index*, and group members who are attending the ASI Annual Conference in Seattle will report on the workshops, round-tables, and general sessions they participated in Anne's workshop will cover term selection for multiple audiences, and will include hands-on exercises.

Pre-registration is requested; The cost of the workshop is $25, including dessert; lunch is brown-bag; For more information or to receive a registration form, contact (before 5/28) Francine Cronshaw (505-281-8422 during business hours; cronshaw@unm.edu); or (5/28 and after) Caroline Parks (505-286-2738; caroline@rt66.com).

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, APRIL 29-30, 1999

Please submit this application for consideration for interesting and informative programs. Topics of special interest include: children and youth services, school libraries, technology and the Internet, strategic planning, management, future library trends, services to small libraries. All topics are welcome. Please send by July 1, 1998. The sooner the better since we are starting to schedule soon.

Presenter(s) names and titles:

Contact person:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Sponsoring SIG: Program title:

Length of program:

Description of program:

New Mexico Library Association Newsletter
library foundation quilt to los alamos

Mary Pat Kraemer, Mesa Public Library director at Los Alamos, was the winner of the NM Library Foundation's 1998 quilt fund raiser. The winning ticket was drawn by ALA president Barbara Ford on the floor of the exhibits hall at the recent NMLA annual meeting. The quilt, "It's a Small World", was donated by retired librarian, and now full time quilter, Betty Reynolds of Hillsboro. Betty is already working on the 1999 quilt which has a hot air balloon theme. The "We have mounted the quilt on the wall close to the circulation desk so everyone can see it."

Foundation trustees thank the approximately 120 people who purchased tickets for the event which raised nearly $1,800. A portion of those proceeds will likely be used to increase the Foundation's annual contribution to the "Battle of the Books". For those who have noted errors of commission and/or omission in the book, please forward those comments to David Giltrow, NMLF chair, at either <dgiltrow@mciemail.com> or PO Box 389, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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Programs for 1999 Conference

Charlene Greenwood is requesting suggestions for programs for the next nmla annual conference. Please e-mail any suggestions.
**New Mexico Library Amigo Award**

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.

**Elizabeth Goggin**

Much like the little red hen in the familiar fairy tale, Elizabeth Goggin is credited with spearheading every phase of the planting, growth, and flowering of the Friends of the Mesa Public Library Bookstore. Her enormous contributions of time, talent, intelligence, and good humor have nurtured this thriving store into a popular gathering place for members of the community. The bookstore is staffed entirely by volunteers and uses the proceeds from donated books to fund a variety of projects in the library.

Unlike the little red hen, Elizabeth inspires all of those with whom she works. Her energy and enthusiasm have fostered the development of the Friends of the Library organization. She has been an active member of the Board of the Friends of the Library and has participated in the annual fund raiser gala. All of her work has been cheerfully performed for the quiet satisfaction of a job well done. Elizabeth has truly been a good friend to the Mesa Public Library.

**New Mexico Library Community Achievement Award**

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

**Margaret Chan Becker**

“Margaret Chan Becker is unique. She embodies all the characteristics of a totally professional and dedicated librarian. She has always enchanted the people she works with, for, and serves. Children run to her, even the toddlers. She always has time for everyone, and so obviously loves her profession” says Kathleen Fisher Cook of the Library Board of Directors, Marshall Memorial Library, Deming.

Since she became the librarian in 1992, Margaret has fully automated the library, established a supportive friends group, created a brochure, stocked a Spanish book and video collection, redecorated, raised staff morale, encouraged staff certification, and received a Title II LSCA Grant. For these efforts and the love of her community, Margaret Chan Becker is awarded the Community Achievement Award from the New Mexico Library Association.
New Mexico Legislator of the Year Award

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 Leonard Tsosie

Senator Leonard Tsosie has made things happen in his two terms of office in the New Mexico Legislature.

In 1994, he successfully sponsored legislation appropriating half a million dollars to provide computer networking capability, improve library staff skills, and provide programs and staff necessary to integrate Native American Community libraries into the state library network system. The Crownpoint Community Network System has provided centralized training, technical assistance and support to over 30 tribal libraries and communities.

Also in 1994, Senator Tsosie sponsored a bill which brought $100,000 to the University of New Mexico to strengthen its Native American Collections.

In 1995, he spearheaded the Native American Student Records Tracking System, a collaborative project monitoring Native American students mobility between school systems.

In 1997 Senator Tsosie introduced the Native American Educational Technology Act which identifies and assesses current access to technology for Native American communities and schools in New Mexico.

Not only has Senator Tsosie brought these messages to the state legislature, he has actively imparted his time, wisdom, vision, and convictions to the many members of: the New Mexico State Library, the Native American Community Libraries, the State of New Mexico Department of Education, Santa Fe Indian School, the Native American Libraries Special Interest Group, San Juan College, Dine College, the University of New Mexico, and the New Mexico Library Association. For all his work with the library community in New Mexico, Leonard Tsosie is recognized as the Legislator of the Year.

Special Award

Karen Watkins, State Librarian

Karen Watkins was born in Albuquerque and graduated from St. John's College in Santa Fe in 1969. She received her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Denver in 1972 and continued post-graduate work in Library Automation at the University of California at Berkeley. In 1973, she returned to New Mexico as the head of Technical Services at the Santa Fe Public Library. She opened the Alto Street Branch Library and in 1978 joined the New Mexico State Library staff as a Program Manager. She was promoted to Library Administrator and became Acting Director in 1989. She was named State Librarian on March 22, 1990.

Karen has been a member of the New Mexico Library Association since 1973. She was Chair of the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee in 1985 and elected by the membership to be NMLA President in 1988. In 1990 she served on the Special Committee on Automation Planning, producing the "NMLA Long Range Automation Plan, 1989-2000". She was a founding member of the New Mexico Library Foundation and a founding member of the Center for the Book which came into being in 1996.

She has been active in the American Library Association, the American Association of University Women, and a member of the Capitol Club of Toastmasters International.
Progressive Library / Media Award

Winner Winnebago Software Company Award

Marian Eyer

Marian is the librarian/media specialist at Acoma Elementary School in Albuquerque. Her winning proposal is titled "Where's the Roving Roadrunner?" Her goals for the project are to increase student interest and knowledge of U.S. geography, and to familiarize students with electronic methods of information retrieval.

In order to accomplish her goals, Marian will place a large map of the U.S. on the library wall with a large cutout of a roadrunner. Each week clues will be given about the location of the roadrunner leading students to identify the roadrunner's itinerary. To research the clues, students will use CD-ROM encyclopedias and Internet locations. As the roadrunner travels, the map will be marked with information about the states. Small incentive prizes will be given in drawings from correct answers.

The $400.00 Winnebago grant will be used to increase the number of CD-ROMs available to students for searching. Marian looks forward to helping the children become proficient in electronic research methods and to providing them with an opportunity to 'travel' in their learning.

Call for Papers

CHECS
Council for Higher Education Computing/Communications Services
Annual Fall Conference, October 28-30, 1998
Alamagordo

CHECS and the New Mexico Association or Research Libraries will be holding its annual fall conference. You are invited to submit a paper. Conference Theme: Computing & Communications Convergence Towards the YR2000 and Beyond

Please submit an abstract before July 1, 1998 to: escue PHI@merlin.nmu.edu or call: 505/454-3303

New Mexico Children's Book Award Named

The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson is the winner of New Mexico's Land of Enchantment Book Award. This award is New Mexico's book award for youth. Students from communities throughout the state participate in the voting. The award is cosponsored by NMLA and the NM Chapter of the International Reading Association. Libraries not receiving next year's reading list can contact: Joyce Etulain, Publicity Chair Land of Enchantment Award Committee 1707 Stagecoach Rd. SE Albuquerque, NM 87123 email: j-etulain@okeeffe.aps.edu
nmla newsletter contributions sought

The NMLA newsletter seeks news articles, ideas, interest groups, research, updates, etc. The deadline for the August/September 1998 issue is July 17, 1998. That issue should arrive in your mailboxes by mid-August. Send submissions to Jackie Shane (UNM) at jshane@unm.edu; phone 505/277-5327. Electronic submissions (e-mail or disk) in Word or Ascii are preferred. The editor reserves the right to edit contributions.

New Mexico Library Association newsletter

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