Alan Clark Retires After Twenty-nine Years With Albuquerque Public Library

By Joe Sabatini

An era will end in December when Alan B. Clark retires as Director of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System. A native of Brooklyn, New York, and a graduate of the Library School of Pratt Institute, he first came to New Mexico as a soldier posted at White Sands Missile Range. He became Assistant Director of the Albuquerque Public Library in 1969, following positions at the Brooklyn Public Library and the Greenwich, Connecticut, Public Library. He became Director in 1971 on the untimely death of Don Reighrman. Twice during his tenure, as a result of city government reorganizations, he was department director of the group of cultural units including the Zoo, Museum, Aquatics, Team Sports and the Albuquerque Sports Stadium.

During Alan Clark’s tenure, Albuquerque’s library grew from a modestly supported middle sized city library to a metropolitan system receiving substantial funding from annual bond issues. Voters have strongly supported twenty consecutive library bond issues since 1970 with the last three winning by the highest margin of any proposal on the ballot. Growth was managed through the adoption and implementation of three decade-long comprehensive plans, setting a standard for branch location and size. A new Main Library, eight new branches and three expanded/renovated branches were added countywide. He worked with County Librarian Ruth Simms to get the Bernalillo County government to approve a joint powers agreement with the City in 1986, resulting in a metropolitan library system that is a model for harmonious intergovernmental cooperation. County bonding for books was enabled through an amendment to the State Constitution in 1988. A joint powers consortium agreement with the City of Rio Rancho in 1992 combined the catalog and borrower registration files of both libraries, enhancing access to materials for all borrowers. He instituted a policy of allowing any New Mexico resident to have an Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System card.

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Welcome to this issue of the NMLA Newsletter! It's nearly fall, it's almost time for Daylight Savings Time to go away, and school is well started, with term paper season coming up.

Amid the tragedy of airplane crashes and the political scandals, library work goes on. There are a few bright rays in each day when someone says "thanks" for an interlibrary loan or the answer to a reference question, or a child suddenly comprehends the mysterious inner workings of a card catalog and is able to find a book on his or her own. And sometimes even the complaints are humorous--recently a patron complained to me that one of my staff was "too tall!"

Cooperation and collaboration between libraries continues to grow, and there are several consortia that have formed in various areas of the state. There is the Tres Rios group in the Farmington area, there is ELIN (Estacado Library Information Network) in the Lovington area, and there is RALC (Rio Abajo Library Cooperative) in the middle Rio Grande corridor. RALLY, the Rio Abajo "Lectronic LibrarY, is accessible via the Internet: http://rally.library.net and is doing a fair interlibrary loan business among its members, which include public and school libraries and one academic library.

Although the Municipal Librarians Association (a sub-section of the New Mexico Municipal League) had both success and failure with resolutions at the recent NMML conference (and indeed throughout the entire League policy committee process during the summer), one good outcome was that municipal officials actually spent several hours talking about libraries! The other good result was the passage of a League resolution to support the State Library's request for a substantial increase in State Aid, when the legislature meets again in January.

Recently, among the usual batch of interesting reference questions at my library (Truth or Consequences Public Library), which often are along the lines of "I want a map to all the lost gold mines in New Mexico," was this shining jewel: "I just built a homemade ore retriever-- can you find me an owner's manual for it on the Internet?" It's never dull in library-land!

Ellanie
Clark worked to increase access to library resources throughout New Mexico. He was a key member of a 1978 Task Force that promoted and obtained OCLC connections for the larger New Mexico public libraries. Concerned with decreasing support for school libraries, he established the Connections 21 program to provide public library books to schools through a computer connection and delivery service. He worked with Albuquerque’s Friends for the Library group to channel book and magazine donations to needy schools, libraries and community centers. He played an active role in the founding of the Librarians Section of the New Mexico Municipal League, and was the New Mexico Chapter Delegate to the American Library Association Council in 1971-74. When the old Main Library was renovated, he brought together the collections of several genealogy clubs, forming the nucleus of a nationally recognized resource in genealogy and local history. Clark’s approach to library management combined scientific analysis of the actual work with a focus on ease of use for the customer. This vision brought forth several notable innovations. He pioneered the use of self-charge checkout, and Albuquerque has by far in the highest percentage of borrowers using it. This was achieved by the elimination of daily cumulative overdue fines and their enormous overhead costs, without losing any effectiveness in delinquent book retrievals. Albuquerque was also the North American test site for an experimental model of a self check-in terminal. The handling of lost and delinquent materials, renewals and customer accounts in a centralized Customer Services Office removed these time-consuming functions from Circulation desks. Self-service hold pickup removed another function from Circulation Desks. Even though the level of library funding in Albuquerque remains modest, these efficiencies enable the system to devote a higher percentage of the budget to books and resources, producing a higher level of customer satisfaction. As the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System approaches the centennial of municipal library service in 2001, his colleagues can celebrate Alan Clark’s outstanding vision, dedication and leadership on behalf of all New Mexico libraries.
The Board Members at Large have this tentative schedule for the Mini-Conference in Taos.

Please look for an NMLA mailing with "Official Information" soon.

THURSDAY, Oct. 29

This is a date I thought we could reserve for things of interest only to people in one of the states, either Colorado or New Mexico.

2-3pm State funding - N. Bolt
3-5pm TAC committee -- JMG
5-6:30 Happy hour
6:30 Dinner

FRIDAY, Oct. 30

8:30-10:00 Keynote, "Community" - Pat Wagner
10:00-10:30 Break
10:30-12 Medical Info I - Lynn Fox
          Readers Advisory - Di Herald
          Scoop on the e-rate - Phyllis Albritton
12-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Are You a Player? - Jamie LaRue
          Communicating with School Administrators - Tim Snyder
          Karen McPheeters presents.....
3:00-3:30 Break
3:30-5:00 Y2K - Jeff Bobicki
          Reference on the Internet - Judith Griffiths
          Building Stories - Paul Palodino
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Mask Making -- Susan McCool

Saturday, October 31

8:30-10:00 Information Rights of Children - Jamie LaRue
          Medical Info Two - Lynn Fox
10:30-12 Trustees - Katherine Brown or J. Ulrich
          Information Power Standards - Gene Hainer
          Legal resources on the Net - Mark Allen
12-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3 PLA Planning Process - Nancy Bolt and Jane Ulrich/K. Brown
          LibBrowse - Jeff Bobicki
3-3:30 Break
3:30 - 5 Personal vs. Personnel - Pat Wagner
6:00 - 7:30 Dinner
7:30 - Trick or Treating from room to room (will explain later)

Sunday, Nov. 1

8:30-10:00 Digitizing - Steve Gilheany (goes till 12:30)
          Trends in Genres - Di Herald
10-10:30 Break
10:30-12:30 Community Storytelling - Morris and Herrera
12:30-2:00 Lunch - Steve Gilheany - "the Future of the future"
2:00 Pack up and go home

Submitted by Russ Gladstone for the Board Members at Large
Slate of Candidates for NMLA Offices, 1999
By Mary Pat Kraemer, Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

The Committee, comprised of Betty Long, Dinah Jentgen, Marilyn Reeves, and Mary Pat Kraemer, has prepared a slate of candidates for the offices of Treasurer, Vice-President, and Member at Large. Those who have agreed to run are:

**Vice President/President-Elect:** Susan Deese-Roberts  
Director, Educational Programs/Services  
UNM General Library

Laurie Macrae  
Director, Taos Public Library

**Treasurer:**  
Carol Brey  
Director, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library  
Las Cruces

Jerry Klopfer  
Asst. Director, Paul Horgan Library  
New Mexico Military Institute

**Member at Large:**  
Toni Beatty  
Director, Rio Rancho Public Library

Nancy Dennis,  
Director, Library Technical Development  
UNM General Library

Valeria Gregory-Allen  
Librarian, Capshaw Middle School, Santa Fe

Nancy Osterberg  
Director, Ruidoso Public Library

Isabel Rodarte  
Library Director  
Northern New Mexico Community College

Sandra Scribner  
Librarian, Los Alamos Middle School

According to NMLA Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, "Nominations may also be made by the membership, provided the candidate has agreed and one or more petitions for that candidate signed by a total of at least 20 current members of the Association have been submitted. Such petitions must be received by the Chair postmarked no later than January 1." The petition form follows in this issue.
We, the Undersigned Members of the New Mexico Library Association, do hereby petition the Nominations and Elections Committee to place in nomination the name of:

Name: ___________________________ Library: ___________________________

For the Office of: ___________________________

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The following is a list of candidate biographies

Sandra Scribner is a Library/Media Specialist at Los Alamos Middle School. She was born in New Mexico. Sandra has 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, she has been a secondary school librarian. She believes that her experience in business, public and now school libraries gives her 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.

Jerry Klopfer is the Director of the Paul Horgan Library at New Mexico Military Institute. He assumed these duties on July 1, 1998, after a number of years as Assistant Director, Systems Librarian, and Library Media Specialist. Previously, he was Library Department Chair at East Kentwood High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and at the Escanaba Area High School in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. He held positions in community college and high school libraries from student assistant to director totaling 29 years.

Professional memberships and participation are: American Association of School Librarians; American Library Association; Association for Educational Communication and Technology; Association of College and Research Libraries; New Mexico Library Association; New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries; New Mexico LRC Council; and College and Junior College Library Section (ACRL).

Awards: Burton Chair for Toles Learning Center, 1997-98; Community College Association for Instruction and Technology.

Toni Beatty is the director of Rio Rancho Public Library and Information Services and has been a library director for over 12 years. It is one of her great pleasures of her professional life to be a
part of the wonderfully supportive library community in New Mexico. Rather than competing with one another, librarians share common goals which are achieved best through cooperation and the free sharing of information. This support network has helped Toni and the RRPL grow. As an NMLA Board Member at Large, she hopes to continue to foster and support a strong network that includes all the libraries in our state. Building trust between libraries is essential and there is much to learn from one another that will enrich our libraries.

She has worked at the Los Angeles Public Library, public libraries in San Jose and Santa Cruz, California, and as school librarian for the American School Foundation in Mexico City. Her other, non-library professional experience includes nine years as a fine art and commercial photographer, a stint as director of clinical photography for a Mexico City hospital which specialized in reconstructive plastic surgery, and writing of numerous magazine articles on Mexican history and culture.

**Laurie Macrae** grew up in Albuquerque where she first fell in love with libraries at the old Main Branch at Edith and Central. Laurie worked at the Santa Fe Public Library for eleven years where she worked as a reference and outreach librarian. She is grateful for the support she received from her colleagues there who motivated her to pursue her MLS and gave her a sense of how rewarding library work could be. She went on to become the Director of the Bernalillo Library for five years. During that time she served, with Reuben Aragon, as co-chair of the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee of NMLA. She also served on the White House Committee on the Future of Libraries in 1990 at which time she had the pleasure of working with our new State Librarian, Ben Wadashige. Currently, she is the Director of the beautiful new Taos Public Library, working with a great new crew.

Laurie served on the first Board of Directors of Santa Fe Literacy Volunteers. She has remained a literacy tutor and activist in every community in which she has lived and worked. In her spare time, she has written and published book and music reviews for numerous publications, and her poems have been anthologized. She is currently on the Board of the Taos Poetry Circus.

**Valeria Gregory-Allen** has been a librarian since 1965. She started her career in Redwood City, California, working three years as a reference librarian. After moving to New Mexico she worked as a school librarian in Jemez Springs Schools and at Santa Fe Public Library as a young adult librarian. Valeria took eight years off to be a mother and resumed her career working in the Santa Fe Public Schools in 1979. She worked as a librarian at E. J. Martinez Elementary School for four years, at Santa Fe High School for twelve years, and is currently starting her fourth year at Capshaw Middle School.

At Capshaw, where she is also the computer site representative, the library has fourteen Internet connections for students and staff. In conjunction with a SFPL librarian, Mary Grathwol, she wrote a grant, which enables the SFPL online catalog to be viewed on the Internet. As part of that grant, called *Book-It-Santa Fe*, there is a courier service that allows Capshaw Middle School students to look at the SFPL collection, choose the book that they need, and receive that book from the SFPL within 24 hours.

She has done several workshops for teachers and other librarians on how to use the online catalog, what software is available at CMS, and the advantages of using the Internet in teaching.

**Nancy K. Dennis** has worked for over 20 years in academic, public and special libraries. She has held a variety of positions from student assistant to ILL Clerk at Texas Tech University, Reference and Collection Development Librarian at Los Angeles Public Library, Technical Services Manager at Long Beach Public Library, to her current position of Director of the Library Technology Development (LTD) department for the University of New Mexico General Library. LTD hosts the LIBROS consortium catalog for UNM General Library, UNM Law Library, UNM Los Alamos, New Mexico Tech, Santa Fe Institute and the Albuquerque Planning Library. A community college and another special library will be joining the consortium this year.

Nancy serves the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL) as Chair of the Automation Committee on the Advisory Board to the New Mexico Academic and Research Librarians (NMARL). For the last three years, Nancy has been involved with the NMARL-sponsored project of providing library support to
high school students participating in the New Mexico Supercomputing Challenge. Applying technology for the benefit of library employees and patrons in meaningful and necessary projects and then sharing the lessons learned along the way remain a high priority for Nancy.

Carol Brey is currently serving as Director of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, the public library of Las Cruces, New Mexico. She has worked in public libraries for over twenty years, and previously served as Director of the Oak Park (IL) Public Library, Assistant Director of the Decatur (IL) Public Library, and Director of the Muskogee (OK) Public Library. Ms Brey has been a Ph.D. student at the University of Texas at Austin and plans to continue her studies in the near future. She also has her own consulting firm, VISIONS, which specializes in strategic planning, market research and continuing education for libraries and non-profit organizations.

Her New Mexico Library Association activities include member-At-Large and Mini-Conference Chair, 1997-98; Co-Chair of the Committee on Legislation and Intellectual Freedom of the New Mexico Library Association, 1998-99; Chair of the SIG Committee, 1997-99. Carol believes that the New Mexico Library Association is one of the most important library organizations in existence, because it served the librarians and libraries of our state. To that end, she is willing to do whatever is needed to enhance the work of the organization, and would be honored to serve as NMLA Treasurer.

Susan Deese-Roberts' active participation in professional associations has been one of the most rewarding aspects of her library career. Professional associations provide opportunities to learn and to serve. As a member of NMLA, she has benefited from learning opportunities through conferences, listserv discussion / messages, and a variety of publications including the NMLA Newsletter. She currently serves the Association as Conference Site Chairperson and is a non-voting member of the Board. She sees the commitment that officers, committee chairpersons, conference committee members, and numerous others have in serving and developing NMLA. If elected Vice-President, she would strive in all areas of responsibility to demonstrate the highest levels of leadership.

Through service in other professional associations, she chaired local arrangements committees and served as program chairperson for national and state conferences. Through that experience, she learned that involvement from the largest number of members possible is an important part of a good conference. She would strive to develop a conference program that would fulfill the needs and interests of library professionals from all areas of librarianship throughout New Mexico. As a Board member, she would support the current efforts to bring greater focus and support to Special Interest Groups, strive to increase membership by identifying and meeting the needs of all New Mexico library constituencies, and explore issues unique to New Mexico while participating in discussion of issues impacting libraries throughout the nation.

Isabel Rodarte has been in the library field for nineteen years. She began her career in this field as a school librarian when she served as District Librarian for Mesa Vista Consolidated Schools. Four years later, she became the Cataloger / Technical Services Librarian at Northern New Mexico Community College (Northern) and served in this capacity for nine years. In 1992, she became the Director of Library Services for Northern and continues to direct these services as well as coordinate the Library Technology Associates Degree and Certificate Programs which includes being an advisor to those students enrolled in the program.

She has served as Secretary/Treasurer for the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL); has assisted with NMLA or NMCAL sponsored mini-conferences or workshops held at Northern and other locations. She is serving on the Competency Revision Committee for Library Media endorsement for New Mexico Teacher Licensure as well as serving on many in-house committees at Northern. She would like to see NMLA continue its work in promoting training of all types for library staff members; in promoting the profession; and in promoting the perception of librarians by others outside the field. I believe there are several issues that libraries/librarians in this state need to deal with as one unit rather than as individual libraries/librarians.
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thanks!

This fall, I was awarded a Donald C. Rider scholarship by the New Mexico Municipal League. This scholarship fund was established to promote professionalism in the public administration field. I am currently enrolled in the Master of Public Administration program at New Mexico State University, and plan to graduate in December. I would like to thank the librarians who participate in the NMML for their support of this scholarship. I really appreciate it! The funds are helping to pay for one of my classes this semester. My courses in public administration have definitely helped me to be a better library manager.

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document delivery workshop

New Mexico Academic and Research Librarians (NMARL) are sponsoring a workshop on interlibrary loan and document delivery services on Friday, November 6, 1998 at New Mexico Tech Library, Socorro. Interlibrary loan staff are invited to meet colleagues, to share ideas and to discuss managing services when you face increasing requests for materials and rising customer expectations. Our presenters will focus on using the OCLC ILL message file, sending journal articles over the Internet with Ariel software, tracking requests, and looking ahead to future developments. The workshop is from 1:00 to 4:30 in New Mexico Tech Library with a registration fee of $5.00 to cover refreshments and photocopying. Contact Kay Krehbiel at 835-5615 or kkrehbie@admin.nmt.edu to register. If you'd like to arrive in Socorro early, by 11:30, in time for lunch with colleagues, Kay will make a reservation at a local restaurant.

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program proposals


We are still looking for programs in the area of special libraries. If you have suggestions, please let Charlene Greenwood know: cgreen2224@aol.com or 505-256-1379 or 3540 Haines Ave., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

new mexico REFORMA seeks new members

The 1990 census showed that about 28% of New Mexicans spoke Spanish at home. Over 344,000 people were in households where no one spoke English. Many of those households, of course, are Spanish monolingual. Do you wish you were able to give better service to your Spanish-speaking patrons? The New Mexico chapter of REFORMA is seeking library workers from around the state to join us in that goal. REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library Services to the Spanish-Speaking, was established in 1971. REFORMA membership will give library employees ideas and resources for how best to serve those patrons. One of the principal benefits of membership is in the quarterly newsletter. A recent article reviewed popular Spanish-language magazines and gave subscription information for them. Others in the past have covered practical topics like Spanish-language search engines for the Internet. The New Mexico chapter will also present a program at next spring's NMLA conference which will teach library employees basic Spanish for communication with patrons. If you already speak Spanish and think you could be of help to your library colleagues from around the state, this might be another way for you to get involved. While REFORMA is affiliated with ALA, it has separate (and much less expensive!) membership dues. Maximum dues are $20 per year. Librarians earning less than $25,000/yr., library support staff and library science students may join for $15, $10 and $5 per year respectively. The new member designates chapter affiliation when joining, but there is no extra charge.

For more information on REFORMA or for a copy of the membership application, contact Norice Lee at (505) 527-7556, nlee@lib.nmsu.edu, 1945 Gladys Dr., Las Cruces, NM, 88001.
"10 Best Reasons to Visit the Annual Conference in Carlsbad"

Did you know these interesting tidbits about Carlsbad?

1. Carlsbad Caverns - considered by some as the eighth wonder of the world
2. Lake Carlsbad and Brantley Lake State Park - boating, camping, fishing, wind surfing, swimming, and the Riverwalk
3. Recreation year-round - golf, tennis, racquet ball, handball, shooting range, archery, hiking
4. Bat flights at dawn and dusk - 300,000 take 20 minutes to two hours to exit the cave (spring through fall)
5. Sitting Bull Fall and Last Chance Canyon
6. Waste Isolation Pilot Plant - WIPP
7. Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park - one of a kind zoo and botanical garden
8. River that crosses itself - The Pecos was in Ripley's Believe it or not
9. Museums of history and art - Carlsbad museum, Heritage Park, Frijole Ranch
10. Guadalupe Mountains National Park

As you can see Carlsbad has something for everyone. The conference site is a beautiful and pleasant setting that you will enjoy immensely. To see the exhibits, you take a pleasant stroll along the beautiful Riverwalk. Plan to join fellow librarians in the relaxing setting.

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new mexico library association NMLA legislative agenda for 1999

The Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee met twice, in Ruidoso and in Taos, to gather input for the legislative agenda for 1999. Here are the priorities identified by the Committee. Additional details will be publicized, but these are talking points to raise with legislative candidates.

1. Increasing state aid to public libraries from $250,000 to $750,000. The current state aid program ranks 42nd out of 45 states which have such programs, at 13 cents per capita. At the current level, state aid has a significant impact only for the smallest community and public libraries. At increased levels, it would be more useful to middle sized towns and cities. Some funding could also be directed to support cooperative networks.
2. Full funding of the electronic data products proposal, which would support statewide library access to general, scholarly and professional periodicals and databases. Our preliminary estimate is that $2,500,000 would be needed to support this program. We should also attempt to include some funding for courier services in this proposal.
3. Endorsement of NMCAL's proposal to revise the academic library funding formula.
4. Support for legislation to revise and update the basic statutes on municipal and county public libraries. These laws, passed in 1965, do not reflect the current and emerging intergovernmental cooperative agreements being used to provide public library service in New Mexico. Such agreements would be governed by state law covering joint powers contracts among participants. The proposal to develop library service districts with independent taxing authority was defeated by the Resolutions Committee of the New Mexico Municipal League. The proposed changes in existing legislation would allow public libraries to better formalize their cooperative arrangements.

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