Santa Fe Festival of the Book

The second annual Santa Fe Festival of the Book is coming September 28-October 2, 1999. Expanded from three days to five days for 1999, the festival will feature authors, poets, Chautauqua programs, entertainment, a book trade fair, and activities for all ages. Presented by the Santa Fe Public Library, the festival's purpose is the promotion of books and reading in the community.

The kick-off will take place on Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Auditorium with a lecture and autograph session by Pam Houston. A resident of Creede, Colorado, Pam is the author of the best-seller, *Cowboys Are Not Weak*.

On Wednesday evening the Lannan Foundation will present poet Adrienne Rich as part of their Readings and Conversations Series at SITE Santa Fe.

On Thursday, school students from upper elementary and junior high grades will hear Richard Peck, author of over twenty young adult books. Presentations are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Sweeney Convention Center. The public is invited, but advance registration is requested. Also on Thursday the festival keynote speaker, Edward Ball, will lecture and autograph at Sweeney at 7:00 p.m. His book, *Slaves in the Family*, is the winner of the 1998 National Book Award for non-fiction.

The Book Trade Fair will open on Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Sweeney exhibit hall. Over forty publishers, booksellers, and book organizations are expected this year. Southwestern and Western publishers are prominent features with representatives from New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and Washington. A reception will celebrate the opening of the exhibits at 5:00 p.m.

Also at Sweeney, on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., poet John Yau will read from his work. Selected as the festival participant in the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund program, Yau, along with Arthur Sze will also conduct poetry writing workshops on Saturday afternoon. All day on Saturday the book trade fair will continue with programs, workshops, and entertainment throughout Sweeney Convention Center.

Planning for the festival is still in development. All events in the Sweeney Convention Center are free admission and open to the public. For further information call the La Farge Library at 505-473-7262. News of the festival also can be found on the festival webpage at [http://www.ci.santa-fe.nm.us/sfpl/festival.html](http://www.ci.santa-fe.nm.us/sfpl/festival.html).

NMLA events/deadlines

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>June 13 MPLA Conference, Big Sky, MT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 24 ALA Conference, New Orleans</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 9 Board Reports Due</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 23 2nd Board Meeting, Taos</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 14 Newsletter Deadline</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
NMLA officers & more

President: Charlene Greenwood  
3540 Haines Ave NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106  
Phone: 256-1379  
Cgreen2224@aol.com

Vice President: Laurie Macrae  
6363 NDCBU  
Taos, NM 88130  
Phone: 737-5287 Fax: 737-5286  
laurimac@laplaza.org

Secretary: Kris Warmoth  
University of New Mexico  
Phone: 925-8991 Fax: 925-8501  
krisw@unm.edu

Treasurer: Earl Phillips  
Las Cruces School District  
Phone: 527-6065 Fax: 526-1941  
ephillip@lcps.k12.nm.us

ALA Councilor: Drew Harrington  
Albuquerque Academy  
6400 Wyoming NE  
Albuquerque, 87109  
Phone: 828-3111 Fax: 828-3119  
harrington@aa.edu

Member at Large: Isabelle Rodarte  
921 Paseo de Onate  
Espanola 87532  
Phone: 747-2241 Fax: 747-2245  
irodarte@nmsu.edu

Administrative Svc.: Linda O’Connell,  
P.O. Box 26074  
Albuquerque 87125  
Phone: 800/898-6652 or 505/899-3516  
Fax: 505/ 899-7600  
nmla@rt66.com

NMLA homepage: http://lib.nmsu.edu/nmla  
NMLA listserv: nmla@nmsu.edu  
To subscribe, send a message to  
listproc@nmsu.edu with SUB nmla firstname  
lastname in the body of the message.

To send something to everyone who  
subscribes, email it to nmla@nmsu.edu.

If you need any help with the listserv or have  
questions about it, please email Gwen  
Gregory (ggregory@lib.nmsu.edu) or call  
er her at (505) 646-7488.

📚 BOOKBINDERS OF NEW MEXICO

- Periodicals
- Rebinds
- Custom Binding

Certified Library Binder

881-1178  
2521 Comanche NE  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87107
from the president's pen

The Carlsbad Conference was a great success thanks to Ellen Harbaugh, Local Arrangements Committee, the people of Carlsbad, 53 vendors, and the 311 attendees. The evaluations have been great and they will be beneficial to the new Vice President, Laurie Macrae, and her Local Arrangements Committee. By the way, if you attended and did not send in an evaluation, you may still do so. There was a perforated evaluation form with the address on the back or you may e-mail me at cgreen2224@aol.com. These are used to help plan the next year’s conference. It has been great this past year to make new friends while working on the Carlsbad Conference. Carlsbad welcomed us with open arms and helped in numerous ways. Thanks to all who were involved in this conference.

I look forward to this year and working with the newly elected officers, committee chairs and Special Interest Groups (SIG) chairs. NMLA is always open to having new SIGs, so let us know if you want to start one. If you are interested in being more involved, contact me concerning opportunities.

We will be working this year on new goals. Currently, Carol Brey is heading up this effort. This will be an exciting year. We would love to have suggestions or comments on this. Follow the Newsletter for developments in this area.

I would especially like to thank Ellanie Sampson for all the support she gave me last year. She did a great job as President and Vice President. She will continue serving NMLA by being the chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Then maybe NMLA will let her have more time for her husband and her cats.

Charlene Greenwood
The Carlsbad Conference Wrap-Up

The conference in Carlsbad is over! The Local Arrangements Committee is relieved and grateful for everyone who drove to our corner of the state for this year's New Mexico Library Association Conference. If you missed it, you missed a treat!

The final numbers looked something like this: 311 people attended for the conference; 170 people attended the banquet on Thursday evening; and approximately 110 people attended the Youth Services Luncheon.

The conference was held on the beautiful Pecos River in the Pecos River Village Conference Center. The exhibitors were located just a short walk down the river at the Riverwalk Recreation Center. We had 53 exhibitors come show their wares, which we were able to view during the breakfasts and lunches held at the Exhibit Hall.

The classes were stimulating and refreshing, with teachers from all walks of the library world -- and a few outside the library world!

- The classes ranged from "Financial Planning for Your Future" to "UMI ProQuest: Direct" to "Playing Chess in a Checker's World." They were very well attended and we saw networking take place among the attendees during the breaks between the sessions.

Thank you to the City of Carlsbad for all they did to help the conference be such huge a success. In a small city, it's amazing what can be done and needs to be done to host a conference this size. The City of Carlsbad added phone lines and electricity to the Recreation Center and allowed us to use the Center free of charge. We also want to thank everyone on the Local Arrangements Committee for all their hard work. After the conference, many of them when asked "when will the next conference be in Carlsbad?" responded with, "Not in my lifetime!" That was definitely exhaustion speaking, because we were thrilled to have the opportunity to show off our beautiful city.

As one conference attendee said so eloquently in his evaluation, "I'll always remember Carlsbad as Carlsgood after this conference!" If you haven't done so, please send your evaluation to Charlene Greenwood to help the planners at the next conference -- 2000 in Taos! You can e-mail her at Cgreen2224@aol.com with your responses. We want to hear your opinion and critique!

Lorie Mitchell

ALA Library Legislative Day - Washington, D.C. - May 3, 1999

This year ALA was celebrating the 25th Anniversary of National Library Legislative Day. On May 3 there was an all day briefing on the "Key Issues and Messages for Congress." These included the Library Services and Technology Act / Library Services through Education and Literacy Programs / Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization (ESEA) / Database Protection Legislation / Copyright and Distance Education / Public Access to Government Information / Universal Service; Discounted Telecommunications Rates (E-Rate) / Filtering Requirements / and the Higher Education Act, Next Generation Internet, Digital Libraries.

Ben Wakashige and I visited the offices of New Mexico's representatives and senators. As we visited, we were able to describe how some of these programs directly affect our state. This is an important part of helping all libraries including the ones in New Mexico. It is also an education for those of us who attended. We would have to say that we felt that visiting our
congressmen's offices really does make a difference. They are receptive to the local state information as it relates to what they are doing at the national level.

Charlene Greenwood

new mexico library foundation news

Balloon Quilt to Albuquerque
The third— and final—fund raising quilt donated to the Foundation by Betty Reynolds, The First Ever Black Range International Balloon Festival, was won by Joe Sabatini, Head of the Main and Special Collections Branches of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System. Appropriately, Joe is also a veteran hot air balloon chase crew member since 1975. Joe’s winning ticket was drawn by Barbara Robinson, keynote speaker at the NMLA’s Youth Services Luncheon at the annual meeting in Carlsbad. Previous winners were Sidney Margolis (Santa Fe) and Mary Pat Kraemer (Los Alamos).

The trustees thank all of those who contributed to the Foundation through this raffle and also welcome suggestions for future fund-raisers. This one has raised about $2,000 annually for the NMEH Funds Travelling Exhibit/Program on NM Library History. Just before the Carlsbad meeting, the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities announced that the partnership of the Foundation, NMLA, and the NM State Library had been awarded $8,960 toward creating and circulating a travelling exhibit and public program on the history of New Mexico’s libraries.

The source book for the exhibit is “One Book at a Time” by Linda G. Harris of Las Cruces. This book won a BRLA 1998 Southwest Book Award. Ms. Harris will assist in developing the content and be available for public programs hosted by participating libraries. While the NMEH grant is for 18 months, the exhibit is expected to travel throughout the state for four to five years. The exhibit will include space for local library history. A manual will be created to assist librarians in best using the exhibit/program as a community event. NMLA will assume responsibility for the logistics of moving the exhibit throughout the state.

The NMEH grant is approximately half of that required to ensure the project’s success. Fund raising to match the NMEH grant is underway. More news will be provided as plans are completed. Thanks to librarians who wrote letters of support for this project; they were very valuable.

NMLF 1998 Annual Report includes mini-grant program. A summary report of the Foundation’s 1998 Annual Report written by Foundation secretary Cheryl Wilson was distributed at the Carlsbad meeting during the NMLF reception.

Noted in the report and of special interest to NMLA members from all types of libraries is the modest grant program (up to $1,000) begun last year. Guidelines and copies of the NMLF 1998 annual report summary can be obtained by phoning David Giltrow in Santa Fe at (505) 986-4751 or e-mail dgiltrow@mcimail.com. Note that there are two deadlines; June 30 and December 31. We strongly suggest discussion prior to submitting a proposal.

David Giltrow

new mexico library association newsletter
Genealogy Searches Go Electronic at Albuquerque's Special Collections Library

by Joe Sabatini and Raphael Cristy

A recent cover story in TIME Magazine (April 19, 1999) reflects the growing interest in genealogy as more and more people seek to trace their ancestors. The Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Library System offers outstanding local and national genealogical research resources at the Special Collections Library at Edith and Central NE. Recently, these resources were reorganized to provide better service to a growing number of local residents and out-of-town researchers. Library holdings include an 18,000 book reference collection, research files, periodicals, and an extensive collection nineteenth century Census and other microfilm records.

The 10-page TIME article calls genealogical research “cyber-rooting” because people are increasingly using computers and the Internet to uncover their family histories. At the Special Collections Library, the genealogy computers are so popular that visitors must often make advance reservations to use them. Special Collections has a growing number of research tools in large capacity CD-ROM disk format. These disks are now much more accessible due to recent computer equipment donations from three genealogical groups that support Library activities. These groups have committed to a “public-private partnership” with the City through an ongoing program of support and periodic upgrades for new technologies.

The Library’s involvement in genealogy began in 1973 when several genealogical and patriotic societies established a combined book collection housed at the Erna Fergusson Branch. This collection was moved to the old Main Library when it was renovated in 1978, and the New Mexico Genealogical Society and the Genealogy Club of Albuquerque donated their collections to the City. Over the years, other large donations were received from individuals and groups. Under the leadership of Laurel Drew, who served as branch manager from 1978 until the end of 1997, the genealogy collection expanded to become the most comprehensive in the state and highly regarded among libraries in the region. Just prior to her retirement, Ms. Drew obtained permission to secure microfilm records of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, an invaluable group of records for New Mexico research.

The Library enjoys a special relationship with three large clubs that actively promote genealogical research. These groups have monthly meetings and lectures at the Library. They provide Library volunteers who assist beginners in starting their family trees. Their magazines and publications feature New Mexico family history research. They often donate proceeds from their book sales to the Library to purchase additional resources. Individual club members often donate books and Census microfilms after they have finished using them. Each club has a website with information and links to other resources. These can be reached through the Special Collections page on the Library’s website, http://www.cabq.gov/rgvls.

There are even genealogical computer program user groups to help beginners.

Each club has Library research projects that welcome individual volunteer participation. The New Mexico Genealogical Society (founded in 1960) prepares name indexes to New Mexico censuses by county, and publishes church records. The Genealogy Club of Albuquerque (founded in 1972) is indexing Albuquerque vital records from newspapers, and has a card index of Bernalillo County cemetery records. These indexes have recently been scanned into a dedicated computer, so that searching for an Albuquerque ancestor is made much easier. The Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico (1993) is beginning a project with the Diocese of Gallup to index and microfilm previously unavailable church records for northwest New Mexico and northeast Arizona. They also have posted a
surname index of Hispanic New Mexicans on their web site.

The Special Collections Library is located at 423 Central NE (at Edith) and is open Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The telephone is 848-1376. The Library is wheelchair accessible. In addition to genealogical materials, Special Collections houses a collection of New Mexico research resources and the Center for the Book, a hands-on education center where children from fourth and fifth grade classes learn about the history of books, writing and printing. For additional information about the Center for the Book, call Jeff Bantly at 768-5115.

*(Raphael Cristy is the Public Information Officer of the Cultural & Recreational Services Department of the City of Albuquerque. I am Head of Main Library, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System. If you want to download a picture of the building, there is one on the A/BCLS website.)*

**Mountain Plains Library Association**

NMLA joined the MPLA this year and I have been appointed as the NMLA representative to the MPLA. I will be attending my first meeting in Big Sky, Montana June 13 - 16. If there is any information you would like me to relay to them concerning libraries in NM, please let me know (cgreen2224@aol.com). I will be attending meetings quarterly and writing articles for their newsletter, so let me know anytime there is something of interest for publication. I will be including in the our newsletter information from their organization.

I am looking forward to our association with MPLA. I believe that it will benefit our state and our organization.

Charlene Greenwood

**University of Arizona**

Despite rumors to the contrary, the University of Arizona’s School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS) is currently ALA accredited. Last fall the ALA’s on-site accreditation team visited the campus and issued a report stating that the SIRLS program met all six ALA standards for reaccredidation. However, in February 1999 the ALA’s Committee on Accreditation (COA) unexpectedly voted to deny reaccredidation to SIRLS.

SIRLS has made an appeal of this decision with the complete support of the University and will retain accreditation during this time. University President Peter Likins and the University Attorney’s Office are involved with the appeal.

In the event that the appeal is not successful, the Master of Arts program will remain accredited for eighteen months following the decision. For more information about the appeals process, visit ALA’s Office of Accreditation’s guidelines page at http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oa/appeal.html

The School has set up a web site to track the process. It can be found at http://www.sir.arizona.edu/school/alaacoa.html. Should you need additional information, please contact SIRLS at (520) 621-3565 or e-mail us at sirls@u.arizona.edu.

Judith Becker, Acting Director SIRLS
Transborder Library Forum Meets in Mexicali

FORO IX, the 9th Transborder Library Forum, was held March 4 - 6 in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. The conference sessions were held at the Centro de Ensenanza Tecnica y Superior (CETYS) Mexicali Campus, and participants stayed at the Araiza Inn Mexicali and several other hotels nearby. As always, FORO participants enjoyed the chance to meet their colleagues from across the border, renewing old friendships and starting new ones. Over 100 librarians from Mexico, Canada, the U.S., Spain, and Nicaragua were in attendance, including at least eight people from New Mexico.

Making personal contacts is an important part of this conference. First time attendee Julie Schneider of the Interhemispheric Resource Center (Silver City, N.M.) commented that "it's always nice to know that our colleagues are facing the same problems, and to better define our unique border information needs." The first day's keynote speakers included Elizabeth Martinez of the University of California - Los Angeles and Estela Morales of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM). Both discussed how librarians can lead the way to the borderless future of information. The second day's keynote was a wonderful presentation by local writer David Martin del Campo, who discussed many types of borders that we all face and how we handle them.

Librarians from Mexico, the United States, and Canada also conducted a wide variety of individual programs. Generally, librarians from each country were matched up to deliver presentations together. For example, Judith Krug of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom presented a session about the U.S. Communications Decency Act and other recent attempts to legislate content on the Internet, followed by Elda Guerrero of the Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas discussing international implications of copyright for electronic information. In another session, Ramon Moncada Romero of the Instituto Nacional de Estadistica, Geografia e Informatica (INEGI) discussed the statistics collected and distributed by his agency, while Lynne Reasoner of the University of California-Riverside presented information on finding U.S. and California government information using that university's InfoMine web index. Other programs included a panel of library educators from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico discussing trends in library education. Individual programs targeted interests as diverse as prison libraries, storytelling for children, and benchmarking in libraries. Two New Mexicans served as presenters. Verla Peterson of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces presented an evaluation of the continuing ILL program developed by FORO attendees, and Julie Schneider of Silver City's Interhemispheric Resource Center discussed networking between non-governmental organizations and libraries. Simultaneous translation to English or Spanish was provided for all programs.

Since the first FORO in 1989, this conference has been held in the U.S. and Mexico in alternating years. In 2000, the FORO will be held in New Mexico for the first time, with Albuquerque serving as the conference site. CETYS Mexicali Campus hosted FORO IX, with assistance from San Diego State University (SDSU). Cecilia Aviles of CETYS was conference chair, with Cecilia Puerto of SDSU serving as U.S. coordinator. A lively planning session for FORO X took place at the end of FORO IX, where chairs of past FOROs passed on their valuable advice to next year's planning committee. The next FORO will take place March 23 - 25, 2000, and will be hosted by the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Conference chairs are Elizabeth Steinhagen and Jan Dodson Barnhart of the UNM Library. For more information; see http://www.unm.edu/~foro/.

Gwen Gregory
NMSU
Post Conference Special Interest Group Reports

**Youth Services SIG**
Rogers Barde

Youth Services SIG met with 29 present, Patricia Froehlich presiding. The agenda was presented and the meeting began with greetings from Ben Wakashige, State Librarian. He described several State Library initiatives of great interest to those who provide library services to youth.

1. The UMI Proquest database, the beginning of a variety of databases statewide.
2. NM Task Force on School libraries, newly constituted, to begin its work with a needs assessment and which should have a long-range effect on school libraries.
3. Increase in the budget of the Roadrunner reading program by $5000.
4. NM Task Force on electronic resources will look at long range planning in relation to electronic resources, and discuss what should we add and who will be responsible.
5. The State Library will be involved in long range planning of all kinds of libraries.

A. CHANGES IN YOUTH SERVICES SIG GOALS:

1. Advocate, encourage, and support children’s services around the state, regardless of library format.
2. Continue communication among all those who work with children.
3. Support and encourage workshops, presentations, and discussions at NMLA and other conferences.
4. Promote continuing education opportunities.

B. INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE TO BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PROGRAM AND LAND OF ENCHANTMENT BOOK AWARD IN THE YOUTH SERVICES SIG.

Charlotte Dombrowski reported on the Battle of the Books, and made a case for its need of an umbrella organization. Presently the program is funded by donations and sponsored by NMLA and the NM Library Foundation. Tip Spain-Vandewart agreed that Land of Enchantment Book Award would benefit from being under the Youth Services SIG as well. It is sponsored by NMLA and the New Mexico International Reading Association.

C. The following officers agreed to serve: Treasurer, Judy Hulsey; Conference Site and Luncheon Chair (2000), Sandra Gonzales; Recorder/Reporter, Rogers Barde; Membership coordinator, Judy Hulsey and Rogers Barde; AASL and School Library Rep, Tip Spain-Vandewart; Public Library Rep, Lora Harlan; Advocacy for Libraries Rep, Claire Odenheim and Rogers Barde; Coordinator/Liaison, Patricia Froehlich assisted by Kathleen Jones; NMLYS Discussion List Coordinator, Patricia Froehlich. We still need someone to be Battle of the Books Rep and Land of Enchantment Award Rep. Several names were proposed for consideration.

REPORTS:

1. Dr. Kitty Sherlock from the NM State Department of Education presented the list of members of the new task force on School Libraries, and spoke about the need for better training and professional development for school librarians. A needs assessment is being sent to all schools in September with phone calls (funded by the State Library) to follow up. The draft of the assessment will be coming out in June. She reported that the State Board of Education was meeting on April 30th to act on the proposed competencies for certification of school librarians based on AASL competencies. These proposed competencies will become the licensure base. Kitty also presented a list of what is looked at in libraries when the State
makes its accreditation visits. The list also included Kitty and Patricia’s recommended best practices that librarians can use with teachers and administrators. We also received the NM State Department of Education Summer Institute schedule and list of workshops. This summer the Institute will be held at San Juan College in Farmington August 2-6.

2. Claire Odenheim and Rogers Barde reported on recent progress in having library programs presented at other professional conferences in New Mexico. Dotty Pfeiffer presented at the NM Middle School Association April 29-30 and Claire Odenheim is on the program for the NM Coalition of School Administrators Conference in the summer. Claire and Rogers are seeking presenters and ideas for many conferences including NM Council for the Social Studies, NM Council for the Teachers of English, NM Association of Elementary School Principals, and NM School Boards Assoc. The budget includes $350 to reimburse three presenters at conferences to help with their expenses.

3. The budget proposal for next year includes the following:

- Battle of the Books: $250.00
- Land of Enchantment Book Award: $250.00
- Library Advocacy Program: $350.00

The meeting was adjourned.

Northern New Mexico Youth Services Round Table (NNMYSRT)

Lori Snyder and Vaunda Nelson, liaisons to the NMLA Board

The purpose of this group is to meet three times a year to share information and ideas in the field of Youth Services.

The spring meeting was held in May 1998 at the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos. Liz Laemmle and the children’s staff of Mesa Public Library hosted the event. The topics discussed were library policies regarding unattended children in the library, Internet policies for children use, and youth volunteers in the library. Attendees shared their library’s policies, if they had one. There were many different perspectives shared as the group represents very small to very large library systems.

The fall meeting was held at the new state library facility on September 18, 1998. Patricia Froehlich hosted the meeting. Virginia Matthews, coordinator of the Viburnum Family Literacy Project, a program of the Library of Congress Center for the Book, was the guest speaker. Ms. Matthews discussed library advocacy and family literacy programs in public libraries (forming partnerships, getting started, etc.). Attendees were taken on an extensive tour of the new state library facility.

The winter meeting was held at the Cherry Hills branch in Albuquerque on January 22, 1999. Marge Pool, children’s librarian, hosted the group. The topic was summer reading and library programs: purposes and benefits. Ways of measuring success and visibility of these programs were discussed. The concept of the "Roadrunner Reading Club" was introduced. The group broke into smaller groups to create a program idea for "Creature Feature". Ideas were collected for inclusion in the summer reading program manual. Three performers, Markie Scholz, Sarah Malone, and Leticia Pizzino, available for summer reading programs, presented their storytelling techniques. The Albuquerque BioPark sent a guest speaker to let the group know what programs they had available for summer reading programs.
Local & Regional History SIG
Peter B. Ives, liaison to the NMLA Board

The speaker at the 1998 Annual Conference in Albuquerque was Howard Bryan, a popular historian and former newspaperman. His talk was entitled "Tales of Old Albuquerque," which was a series of stories about various memorable personalities from the turn-of-the-century. It was well-attended and favorably received. There was a serendipitous tie-in with his new book, *Incredible El Tego Baca: Good Man, Bad Man of the Old West*, which he signed at the Clear Light Press booth later in the day.

At the 1999 Annual Conference in Carlsbad, the Local & Regional History SIG had a panel presentation on "Documenting Southeastern New Mexico History: New Approaches". Featured speakers were Austin Hoover, NMSU Archivist, Ann Massmann, UNM SW Studies Librarian, and Frank Sanchez, Roswell community organizer. Again, the program was very well attended and favorably received.

Public Libraries SIG
Nancy Osterberg, liaison to the NMLA Board

The Public Libraries SIG presented a program at the NMLA/SWRLLS October 1998 conference in Taos entitled "Storytelling, A Different Approach". At the 1999 annual conference in Carlsbad, the Public Libraries SIG sponsored a panel discussion on Regional Libraries, and participated in a discussion on House Bill 15 with the Municipal Librarians Association, a section of the New Mexico Municipal League.

Members present voted to request approval from the NMLA Board to continue the Public Libraries SIG into the upcoming year. Nancy Osterberg will continue as chair. Plans for the upcoming year include:
- Presentation of a program at the mini-conference
- Requesting information from New Mexico public libraries on program suggestions, questions, and comments
- Presenting a luncheon program at the 2000 NMLA annual conference in Taos, and inviting participation from the Municipal Librarians Association.

White House Conference SIG
Betty Long and Susie Sonflieth, liaisons to the NMLA Board

Betty Long attended the 1998 White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce annual meeting in Phoenix in August 1998. At that meeting the Taskforce did decide to continue work toward another national forum for libraries, and members of the Taskforce have been attending meetings and communicating with groups such as NCLIS, ALA, and COSLA concerning this. There should be an update on the progress soon, since the 1999 Taskforce meeting, attended by Betty Long, took place April 30 - May 2, 1999 in Washington D.C.

There were other reports distributed to Taskforce members at the 1998 Annual Meeting, including:
- Update on Congressional Actions (which affect libraries) as of the end of July 1998
- Timeline of planning actions for the two preceding White House Conferences
- Seventh Annual Report from the States (New Mexico is in Region V)
If any NMLA members are interested in any of these reports, they may contact either of the New Mexico Taskforce delegates, Susie Sonflieth (Santa Fe Public Library) or Betty Long (Roswell Public Library) for a copy.

WHCLIST now has a website to keep people updated on the planning process, annual meetings, and the latest resolutions. It is: www.whclist.sailorsite.net

The 2000 WHCLIST annual meeting will be in Omaha, NE, at the Ramada Inn, October 25-28.

Nominations and Elections Committee
Ellanie Sampson, Chair

The Nominations and Elections Committee (Ellanie Sampson, Mary Pat Kraemer, and Marilyn Reeves) is looking for a few good people who would be willing to serve NMLA in the following capacities:

Vice President (would move up automatically to President)
Secretary (2-year term)
Member at Large (3 Members at Large, 1-year terms at present)

If you are interested, or believe a colleague might be interested, please call, write or e-mail one of the committee. The NMLA Directory has all pertinent contact information except for e-mail:

Ellanie torcpl@riolink.com
Mary Pat kraemer@lac.losalamos.nm.us
Marilyn mreeves@nmm.cc.nm.us

Becoming an officer of NMLA is an exciting experience and really gets you involved in the real inner working of the organization. You travel to many places in New Mexico to attend board meetings; you assist your fellow board members in planning NMLA activities, conferences, and board retreats; you meet lots of interesting and active people, and you make a lot of friends. Get involved! Run for an office! E-mail the NomCom members today!

New Mexico Preservation Alliance SIG
Cheryl Wilson, Co-chair

The New Mexico Preservation Alliance works to identify and address library and archives preservation and conservation needs throughout the state of New Mexico. 1998-1999 NMPA meetings were held August 5 and February 3. Tom Clareson, AMIGOS preservation service manager, attended the August meeting. Ann Massmann and Cheryl Wilson continued as co-chairs. The next meeting of the NMPA will be on Wednesday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. in Socorro.

Ann Massmann prepared and submitted a proposal to the New Mexico State Library and the State Records Center and Archives requesting funding for an "Emergency Preparedness and Recovery" workshop. Both agencies provided $500 for the workshop held in Santa Fe October 8 and 9, 1998, with twenty-five participants representing libraries and archives from throughout the state. The registration fee for the workshop was $25.00, a substantial reduction from the usual $180.00 for an AMIGOS two-day, hands-on workshop. Tom Clareson, AMIGOS Preservation Service, was the presenter. Ann Massmann prepared a proposal submitted to the New Mexico Historic Records Advisory Board in February 1999 requesting funding for "Holdings Maintenance" workshops to train staff to better care for a wide range of materials in their collections. The
NMHRAB funded the proposal and workshops will be held in Silver City, Roswell, Santa Fe, and Farmington from mid-September through mid-October 1999. The AMIGOS Preservation staff will teach one-day workshops. The registration fee for the workshops will be $20.00. The NMHRAB also funded three "Basic of Preservation" workshops for organizations receiving NHPRC funding. The workshop presenters, Judy Murphy and Kathlene Ferris, are NMPA members. Sandra Jaramillo is coordinating the workshops to be held in Albuquerque on May 13-14, Las Cruces in late September, and in Las Vegas later in the year.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
NMLA Annual Conference
Taos, NM April 26-29, 2000

Send thoughts, ideas, suggestions, (even actual proposals!) to:

Patricia Froehlich
New Mexico State Library
1209 Camino Carlos Rey,
Santa Fe, NM 87505
patricia@stlib.state.nm.us
(505)476-9723 fax
(505)476-9721

OR

Laurie Macrae
Taos Public Library
402 Camino de la Placita
Taos, NM 87571
laurimac@laplaza.org

Celebrating the Coyote
a memoir by
BARBARA WATERS
0-9659521-5-0 • $20.00 • Cloth
0-9659521-4-2 • $16.00 • Paper

"... eloquent and moving... rich with southwestern lore, imbued with a deep appreciation of art and literature, and full of spiritual wisdom." —Booklist

"... [a] moving memoir... Barbara Waters shares insights that will go straight to the heart of any reader." —Bookman News

A moving saga of a woman’s lifting herself step by step from the canyon of her grief following the death of her gifted and spiritually powerful husband, the writer Frank Waters.
The New Mexico Library Association invites all school librarians to become members of the Association. Many school librarians are active members and participate in annual meetings, mini-conferences, the nmla listserv, and receive the bimonthly newsletter. Membership offers you the opportunity to network with other school librarians around the state. You can represent school library interests on NMLA committees working on awards, scholarships, continuing education programs, membership, and public relations.

NMLA has several interest groups which provide programs and information valuable to school librarians. The Northern New Mexico Youth Services Round Table and the Youth Services Interest Group address K-12 topics, including books, maximizing diversity, and services to students. At the 1999 NMLA conference in Carlsbad, Barbara Robinson (Land of Enchantment Book Award winner) was the luncheon speaker. Other programs of interest to school librarians were:

- "I am Phoenix: The Children’s Literature Association Phoenix Award"
- "Libros para Ninos"
- "Using the New Mexico Media Literacy Project’s New CD-ROM Resource"
- "Bias and its Effect on Humans"
- "Spanish in Libraries"
- "The New Information Power for School Librarians."

Learn more about new electronic resources by visiting the vendor exhibits at NMLA. At the 1999 conference over fifty vendors displayed new technologies and new books. Information was available on UMI’s Proquest, AMIGOS First Search, and EBSCOhost. These systems (and many similar ones) are being used in school, public, and academic libraries.

Find out more about government documents, Native American libraries, preservation of library materials, and local and regional histories. Each of these areas has a “Special Interest Group” offering programs and news throughout the year. Contacts, camaraderie, and cooperation are three of the “C”s offered by NMLA. Libraries are the heart of the school, the university, and the community. Fill out the application form available on the NMLA website.

Visit the NMLA website at http://lib.nmsu.edu/nmla/  Join the listserv: nmla@nmsu.edu
nmla newsletter contributions sought

The NMLA newsletter seeks news articles, ideas, interest groups, research, updates, etc. The deadline for the June/July 1999 issue is July 14, 1999. That issue should arrive in your mailboxes by mid-June. 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.

Future newsletter deadlines are:

- July 14
- November 10
- March 8
- September 15
- January 26, 2000
- May 10

New Mexico Library Association Newsletter

The New Mexico Library Association Newsletter (ISSN 0893-2956) is published six times a year (February, April, June, August, October, and December). Submissions can be sent via e-mail (preferred), on disk, or printed (double spaced). Electronic format is highly preferred.

Send Newsletter submissions to:

Jackie Shane, Newsletter Editor
Centennial Science and Engineering Library
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131-1466
e-mail: jshane@unm.edu
fax: 505/277-0702
phone: 505/277-5327

Send address changes, back issue requests and other requests to:

Linda O’Connell, Administrative Services Contractor
c/o NMLA, PO Box 26074
Albuquerque, NM 87125
e-mail: nmla@rt66.com
fax: 505/899-7600
phone: 505/899-3516 or 800/898-6652
New Mexico Library Association
PO Box 26074
Albuquerque, NM 87125

Address Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL