Taos 2000 Conference a Success

The Taos NMLA 2000 Conference was a smashing success, thanks to all the volunteers, Taos Library Staff, and NMLA Board members who contributed countless hours of planning and execution to the event. We had 433 registrants, 62 exhibitors, and more than 40 program presenters. This is the largest attendance we have ever had for a conference outside Albuquerque, according to our conference historian, Joe Sabatini. I heard nothing but glowing reports from attendees on the programs, the theme, and the environment. John Nichols' banquet address stirred up controversy (as we hoped it would) and brought requests for the text of his address; hence, we have made it available on this website.

The Town of Taos Convention Center staff worked like demons to provide all the necessary Internet connections, equipment and room changes; the room hosts and speaker introducers performed their duties graciously, and the staff of the Taos Library kept the library running like a clock in the midst of all the futur. I am extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful crew to work with.

I don't yet have attendance numbers for all the programs, but it appears that several programs brought out astonishing numbers. The Local and Regional History program given by Skip Miller of the Kit Carson Museum saw a packed room of more than 50 attendees. Aurelia Gomez from the Museum of International Folk Art, who presented a workshop on pop-up book-making using themes of transformation, attracted 75! The Enchanted Book Talks presentation also drew very large numbers.

Other programs by museum staff brought to our attention the national focus on museum-library collaboration that is being fueled by federal dollars. I hope that in the year to come libraries throughout the state will take advantage of the information we gained from these presentations to develop more library-museum cooperation.

The Youth Services luncheon brought us an inspirational address from children's author Avi. Many librarians commented that his words moved them to renew their commitment to children's services. The real star of the conference was the beautiful and historic town of Taos which as a community gave us support and inspiration.

I hope that you will all return to Taos again and enjoy our hospitality. Thank you all for attending and for giving us the opportunity to introduce you to our friends and neighbors here in Taos. May the year ahead be as successful for all of us as this auspicious beginning. Thank you all for attending.

NMLA Calendar

| July  | 6       | ALA, Chicago                      |
| July  | 21      | 2nd Board Meeting, Albuquerque    |
| July  | 28      | NMLA Newsletter Deadline          |
| August| 3       | REFORMA, Tucson                   |
| August| 13      | IFLA, Jerusalem                   |

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from the president’s pen

(Edior’s note: Though Laurie had originally written her column about the conference, I’ve taken the liberty to post her message to the NMLA board in her column space. I believe that her words stand for all of us in New Mexico. Laurie’s original submission can be found on page one. —Jackie)

On behalf of all of us and the membership of our organization, I would like to express our profound sympathy for our friends and colleagues in Los Alamos who have suffered over the last week due to the fire in Los Alamos. We in the library community wish to offer our assistance in whatever way we can. If anyone has heard from our colleagues as to what damage has occurred and what we may do to be of assistance, please contact us.

Laurie

Announcements

The Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library has received the 1999 Federal Library/Information Center of the Year Award. The award is presented by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) who foster excellence in federal library and information services through interagency cooperation, and the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK). These two agencies are headquartered at the Library of Congress and cooperate in organizing the annual competition. The Los Alamos Research Library was chosen from over 1200 eligible federal installations.

The purpose of the award is to recognize and commend outstanding, innovative, and sustained achievements during Fiscal Year 1999. The Research Library was recognized for its “single vision linked to sound quality business processes which brought about new levels of customer service, technology innovation and leadership and collaboration within the information community.” Rick Luce, Research Library Director, commented: “This is tremendous external recognition of the outstanding progress and impact the Research Library and Library Without Walls has achieved during the past few years.”

The award is currently on display at the new Customer Service Desk and Library staff encourage everyone to visit and share in our excitement and enthusiasm.

Donna Berg, Lou Pray
Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library

The Nominations and Elections Committee seeks names for the 2001 ballot for the following positions: Treasurer, four Members at Large, and Vice-President/President Elect. If you are interested in running for office or you wish to nominate someone, please let Charlene Greenwood <cgreen2224@aol.com>, Marilyn Reeves <mreeves@nmcc.nm.us>, or Linda Lewis <llewis@unm.edu> know.

Carol Brey was elected ALA Councilor-at-Large for 2000-2004. Congratulations Carol!

Jackie Shane is stepping down as NMLA newsletter editor. Lorie Mitchell assumes the new position with the upcoming issue.

New Mexico Library Association Newsletter
Awards

Representative Abeyta wins the New Mexico Legislator of the Year Award

Representative Jose R. Abeyta, a member of the New Mexico Legislature since 1993, represents District 88, including Colfax, Mora and Guadalupe Counties and part of San Miguel County. Rep. Abeyta sponsored House Bill 15, affecting public library service. His bill recognizes the importance of multiple funding and cooperation, in providing library services to the entire state. He also co-sponsored House Bill 155 to provide electronic periodical databases statewide. In 1994 he supported the "bonds for Books" proposal which benefited so many New Mexico libraries.

He and his wife Margaret retired from running a pharmacy in Albuquerque's North Valley to a ranch near Wagon Mound. In Albuquerque he served on the City Council from 1974 to 1978.

"As a Representative from one of the most rural districts in the state, Jose Abeyta understands the importance of cooperation, resource sharing, and networking among libraries to achieve information equity in rural areas."

—Joseph D. Sabatini, Chair Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee

Hal Bogart wins the New Mexico Library Leadership Award

Over a span of two decades, Hal Bogart's name has become synonymous with State Library automation, computers, and helping other librarians. In the 1980's Bogie led the state OCLC project to bring automation to 14 public libraries statewide. By 1985 he had linked New Mexico libraries through an online bulletin board, available to everyone, with a computer and modem. From 1990 to 1994 Bogie developed and administered the Bill Locator System until the Legislative Council took it over in 1995. In 1994 Bogie led both the Internet Project and the Native American Internet Project, providing equipment, services, and training statewide. Again in 1998 he led the project to bring statewide access to an electronic periodical database. Also in 1998 he served as Acting State Librarian.

"A list of his job responsibilities reads like a history of automation in New Mexico libraries."

—Karen Watkins, former New Mexico State Librarian

Ingrid Vollnhofer wins the New Mexico Library Leadership Award

After 25 years as reference librarian at the State Library, Ingrid Vollnhofer has left her mark on most librarians. In her quest to provide better service, Ingrid pushed for and installed the toll-free 800 number for statewide access to InterLibrary Reference. She set standards of timeliness and accuracy in answering reference questions that are still the standard. She was transferred to the State Library's Southwest Room, where she immediately set to work to make that collection more accessible. She enlarged the newspaper collection and gladly supported the statewide microfilming project which provides interlibrary access to old newspapers statewide. She built an electronic index to the vertical file, a rich resource for New Mexicans. She was also one of the first to take advantage of the State Library Website to provide links to valuable information.

"In all these years...I have found Ingrid to be unfailingly generous of her time. She is patient, considerate and deeply insightful. By helping me with the research for magazine articles, books, and photographs...she has rendered outstanding service, not just to me, but to that vast extended-community, the reading public, regional, national and international."

—Susan Hazen-Hammond, author
Jennifer Marquardt wins the Progressive School Library Award

The students at Monté Vista Elementary School in Albuquerque are fortunate indeed to have the opportunity to learn internet usage skills through the school's intranet. Students, with the help of librarian, Jennifer Marquardt, and their teachers, will be scanning student-created artwork, maps with geographical features, book characters, and other graphic displays into their intranet.

All students will have access to this database. They will have the ability to exchange written and graphic information on a variety of topics from the intranet home page which will include links to web pages for each classroom, email, school activities, quiz games, library reading activities, and other school information.

Joe Sabatini wins the Honorary Life Membership Award

Joe Sabatini has been actively involved with New Mexico's libraries as well as with the New Mexico Library Association from his start as a VISTA Volunteer in the mid-1960's to his current position as Main Library Director for the Rio Grande Valley Library System. He has been involved with the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee, both as a member as early as the 1970's and as current co-chair during the 2000 Legislative Session. Additionally, he has chaired or served on Membership, Bylaws and Procedures, and Library Development Committees. He served as NMLA President in 1980-81 and received the Librarian of the Year Award in 1990.

"During the years Joe has been in New Mexico he has been there for his library colleagues. He shares his knowledge and expertise or gives moral support whenever asked. Many of NMLA's past presidents would say that Joe Sabatini was their sounding board and strongest supporter."

--Cheryl Wilson, Special Collections Librarian, New Mexico State University

Maxine Schrup wins the New Mexico Library Amigo Award

Maxine Schrup was one of the founding members of the Capitan Public Library. An old, cold, leaky building with poor plumbing lay the foundation for today's Capitan Public Library. With a big heart and a huge abundance of energy Maxine spearheaded drives to build shelves, make repairs, and find donations to pay the utility bills. She asked friends, family, and community members to contribute baked goods, crafts, and garage sale items for money raising projects. She convinced the management of a local Wal-Mart to become a matching donor! She also took classes to become a certified librarian, and trained an army of volunteers as the president of the library board.

Three years later, with small allocations from the Village of Capitan and Lincoln County, the Capitan Public Library proudly serves over 800 users.

"Maxine's vision of a public library in a small town in a rural area has been fulfilled. She is a giver who always leaves a place better than she found it. [M]axine Schrup...at 74 continues to enrich the world around her."

--Board, Capitan Public Library

Raymond Schrup wins the New Mexico Library Amigo Award

A library volunteer who designs and prints flyers, posters, forms and advertisements is a gift; one who builds, paints and installs shelves is a treasure; but a volunteer who donates $100 every month to meet the monthly gas and electric bills is a miracle! Raymond Schrup is such a gift, treasure, and miracle. Raymond Schrup was involved in the founding of the Capitan Public Library from the early stages. In
addition to using his computer skills to create a variety of advertising media, building and installing shelving, and paying the utility bills, he hauled garage sale items, lent a friendly face and supportive arm whenever possible, and never complained.

"He has always been supportive and a stable figure in the background, never drawing attention to himself, but always there when we need him."

Pamela McNeer, Capitán Public Library Volunteer

Robert Upton wins the Community Achievement Award

As the Public Information Officer for the New Mexico State Library, Robert Upton has served as the editor of the Hitchhiker for over ten years. He has kept us informed on library issues, the activities of the New Mexico Library Association, job openings, giveaways, and more recently, software and website reviews, in addition to the events and concerns of the State Library. Most issues include an insightful lead article on a topic of interest to librarians in New Mexico. Robert Upton has provided outstanding library service to his local community - the State of New Mexico.

"He has provided...dedicated and consistently high quality work as the editor of the Hitchhiker."

--Beni Wakashige, State Librarian

Submitted by Karen Stabler, Awards Committee

Mountain Plains Library Association Has Drawings for New Members

In January 1999, NMLA voted to join the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA). Since that point in time New Mexico's membership has been increasing. To contribute to future growth, MPLA authorized 10 free memberships at this conference to those who were not currently members.


They will be members till April 2001, receive the MPLA newsletter that gives regional news and grant information and continuing education, be added to the e-list that shares information on job openings and issues of interest, be eligible for grants for course work, institutes and workshops, be able to take continuing educational opportunities, receive reduced rates for excellent joint conferences in member states, receive a directory, be part of a great network and contribute to the profession.

Congratulations to all. Watch for this great offer again next April at NMLA's conference.

Charlene Greenwood
New Mexico Library Association Executive Board Meeting
April 29, 2000

Call to Order: President Laurie Macrae called the meeting to order at 9AM at the Fechin Inn in Taos. The new officers introduced themselves and said a few words about their vision for NMLA. Then all of the other board members introduced themselves. Laurie then told everyone that Ben Wakahige would not be able to be at the meeting, but that he and Laurie would get together and send a letter of appreciation to the media. Laurie said that the Board meetings for this next year would take place at:

Las Cruces, May 26-budget meeting at the New Library
10AM
Albuquerque, July 21 East Mountain Branch Library, 10AM
Soconro, Oct 13 New Mexico Tech Library, 1PM
Espanola, Jan 26, 2001, NNMCC Library, 1 PM

Roll Call: Those in attendance were: Kris Warmoth, Claire Odemhen, Lorie Mitchell, Marilyn Fletcher, Cindy Watkins, Thaddeus Bejnar, Charlene Greenwood, David GilTrow, Alison Almquist, Olivia Newfield, Joe Sabatini, Carol Merrill, Thaddeus Bejnar, Laurie Macrae, Kay Krehbiel, Linda O'Connell, Carol Brey, and Norice Lee.

Gray Book etiquette: Alison Almquist introduced the Gray Book concept to the new officers.

Minutes: Kris Warmoth asked if there were corrections to the minutes of 4/26/00. Several corrections were given and some clarifications were made. NMCAL did not give money for the FORO conference this year. Regarding the use of the membership list for job openings by the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, Kris noticed that this e-mail action had been moved and seconded but a vote had not actually taken place. Charlene Greenwood will check on the status of the action. Also, Kris asked about minutes for the February 3, 2000 Board meeting in Santa Fe which she did not attend. It was suggested that those minutes, taken by Patricia Froehlich, would be e-mailed to those people who attended the meeting and the approval will come via e-mail also. Thaddeus suggested that the minutes be reviewed and approved via e-mail. It was noted that the draft minutes are posted to the Board e-list for corrections so that most of the time the minutes are approved quite rapidly at the next Board meeting. Char Carol Brey moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Claire Odemhen seconded; motion passed. Charlene suggested that all reports be attached to the minutes rather than trying to summarize the reports. It was noted also that Carol Boyse needs the e-mail addresses of the new officers so that the e-list can be updated.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Brey discussed the $300.00 budgeted as a transfer item to the Land of Enchantment Book Award. She said that a "request for reimbursement" form is usually submitted both for payments and for reimbursements. Land of Enchantment only asked for $250.00 and she moved that we give them the grant. Norice Lee seconded the motion. Thaddeus Bejnar suggested that a form be devised that the Land of Enchantment people could fill out each year so the Board doesn't need to approve the request in this fashion each year. Carol noted that the "request for reimbursement" form is the only form available right now, but that it needed to be revised to provide for payment requests as well. She reminded us that next year the request will come via the Youth Services budget proposal. The question was called. Six voted in favor of the motion. One abstained.

Responding to a question from Carol Merrill, Carol Brey explained that receipts for money spent are attached to the "request for reimbursement" form. Carol Brey will speak with the auditors about the best way to handle this. Carol also reminded everyone of the May 12 deadline for budget proposals.

Conference Report: Linda O'Connell reported that this was a very successful conference! There were 433 registrants (45 on site), 275 banquet tickets were sold, and 147 luncheon tickets were sold. Also, this year, the merchandise on sale to raise money for the Marion Doehn scholarship actually made a profit of about $700.00 (that merchandise had lost money for the past three years). Linda also explained that the Taos volunteers were really wonderful this year-very well organized and hard working. She thought the real heroes of the conference were Kathy Albrecht and Ruben Martinez and wondered if some sort of small award/certificate might be made to them. Thaddeus Bejnar moved that the secretary of NMLA create certificates of appreciation for Kathy and Ruben. Carol Brey seconded. Following further discussion, Thaddeus withdrew his motion. Laurie explained that there were really many people who need to be acknowledged and that she has arranged for a dinner to honor them on Monday night. She had an alternative suggestion, that certificates be made and that a small Taos memento be given to the 40 volunteers. Olivia Newfield suggested a book called "The cultures of Taos. David GilTrow said that he had a couple of copies of the library legacy book that we could all sign and give to Kathy and Ruben. Other suggestions were made. Finally, Laurie Macrae suggested that the FORO conference spend $150.00 from the PR Committee's budget to recognize local arrangements committee members and that Laurie be allowed to pick out the mementos. Olivia Newfield moved that Laurie's suggestion be carried out. Carol Merrill seconded. Motion passed.

Conference Program Committee: Laurie Macrae suggested that a committee be pulled together to devise a new evaluation form for the conference. She appointed Toni Beatty, Carol Merrill, and Kay Krehbiel to the "Evaluation and Expectations of the Conference" Committee.

Committee Reports: Bylaws: Alison Almquist has made up two new gray books for the Program Committee and the Local Arrangement Committee.
Legislation and Intellectual Freedom: Joe Sabatini said that state aid to public libraries would be the Committee's number one priority for the 2001 legislation. Pursuing a "collections and connections" bond issue for academic, school, and public libraries would be the focus for 2002. Norice Lee noted that David Myers would no longer be at NMSU so he is not...
the co-chair of the committee any longer. NM CAL will determine its legislative agenda at a later date. MPLA: Charlene Greenwood drew names for free MPLA memberships. The ten who won are: Joyce Komraus, Susan Deese-Roberts, Dora Trudell, Alison Almquist, Ruth Krug, Barbara Van Dongen, Nancy Oosterberg, Sasa Vigil, Nancy Douglas-Payne; and Richard Polese. 
-Nominations and Elections: Charlene Greenwood, as the new chair, reminded us that we also need to select two delegates for AASL. Program Committee: Patricia Froehlich said that the two most attended sessions were the Erichan ted booktalks (112 attendees) and Curioser and Curioser (75 attendees). A preliminary look at the evaluations shows that some good suggestions have been made. Public Relations: Lorie Mitchell said that no one showed up for the PR Committee meeting on Friday. They will continue to be a "virtual" committee. Plans for the future include new links for the website, a job listing page, an awards and scholarship recipients page, and perhaps the text of John Nicholas speech. She also suggested that a "From the President's Pen" monthly article might be a good way to keep people checking back to the website. 

Old Business: New Mexico Library Foundation drawings. David Gilmore announced that the airline tickets were won by Patty Bowers. The Columbine Inn vacation was won by Lorena Blanca. The bookends were not part of the raffle after they cracked during the drive to Taos. David said that about $2750.00 was raised by the raffle. The next deadline is June 30. Carol Brey moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55AM. Thaddeus Bejar seconded. Motion passed. 

Respectfully submitted, 
Kris Warmoth, Outgoing Secretary

SIG Reports

Native American Librarians SIG Annual Report

Native American Librarians Special Interest Group of the New Mexico Library Association was very active this past year. The group had five meetings.

In summary, Native American Librarians Special Interest Group (NALSIG) had a very successful year:
- Five meetings were held.
- Dr. Gregory Cajete, Santa Clara Pueblo, professor at UNM, was the speaker for the NMLA mini-conference in Rio Rancho.
- Luci Tapahonso, Navajo) has agreed to speak at the annual conference of NMLA in Taos in April 2000.
- Worked on possible legislation bill with Representative Raymond Begay.
- Worked with Senator Leonard Topsy to pass a bill on the Tribal Libraries Endowment Fund, which was vetoed by the governor.
- Planning for national tribal librarians meeting with NALSIG as the host.
- Planning for strategies for affecting funding for tribal libraries on federal level.
- Active working relationship with the State Library.
- Several distribution of new books for tribal librarians.
- Mary Alice Tsoosie went to Arizona Library Association with Dr. Alison Freese, Tribal Libraries Consultant, to attend the state meeting to assist them with their organization since New Mexico is very successful.
- Elizabeth Wacondo, Laguna Library librarian, represented her tribe, New Mexico Tribal librarians and NALSIG at the International Indigenous Librarians Conference in New Zealand.
- Dr. Alison Freese and Jean Whitehorse, librarian from Crownpoint, participated in training in Seattle for Gates.
- Dr. Alison Freese and Jean Whitehorse gave a presentation on tribal libraries at the ALA Conference in New Orleans. 

Mary Alice Tsoosie
Youth Services SIG Annual Report

The Youth Services SIG met at NMLA conference on Friday April 28, 2000; Patricia Froehlich, Board Liaison, presided. There were 42 members present.

Patricia reminded us of our goals which are: to advocate and support children's services around the state, regardless of library format; continue communication among all those who work with children; support and encourage workshops, presentations, and discussions at NMLA and other conferences; promote continuing education opportunities.

Officers were discussed and the following officers were proposed: Chair: Leo McCormick, Newcomb High School Conference Site and Luncheon Chair: Stephanie Eagle, Belen Middle School Treasurer: Judy Hulsey, St. Francis School, Santa Fe Recorder/Reporter: Rogers Bardé; Bloomfield High School Membership: Rogers Bardé AASL School Library Rep: Pat Martin, Tularosa Mid School with help from Claire Odenheim Public Library Rep: Lorá Harlan, Clovis Carver Public Library Advocacy for Libraries Rep: Clare Odenheim, Onate High School, Las Cruces and Rogers Bardé Youth Services SIG coordinator: Patricia Froehlich NMLYS Coordinator: Judy Hulsey and Rogers Bardé Battle of the Books Rep: Charlotte Dombrowski, Eisenhower Middle School, Albuquerque and Debbie DePreece, site coordinator at Las Cruces where the next Battle will take place. Land of Enchantment Rep: Linda Barnett, Artesia Intermediate School

Kitty Sherlock presided after Patricia had to leave. A motion was made to accept the officers, it was seconded and the motion passed.

Kitty Sherlock offered to send a directory of conferences to anyone who is interested. Everyone was encouraged to present at conferences and to submit articles to journals. It is important to get the library message out to as many people and organizations as possible.

Several topics for future programs were suggested including professional development, grants and funding, ideas for running small libraries, and lobbying techniques. It was suggested that a program for the mini-conference might be an explanation of the Dream Fund Grants (sponsored by Eastern and administered by Dr. Elwyn Hulet) and how to apply for them. Kitty announced that a post conference for school libraries would take place after the NMLA conference in 2001 and the Program Committee welcomes ideas for programs and presenters.

There was discussion about a proposed new Special Interest Group that would support the Task Force for School Libraries and advocate for school libraries. About half of those present supported the idea, and two people were opposed to it. The name "Advocacy for School Libraries" was proposed. It is the hope of everyone that this new interest group would not diminish Youth Services which performs an invaluable service in programs, but would add to NMLA the component of advocacy and support for the new Task Force.

Rogers Bardé, Recording Secretary
Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee Annual Report

The Committee met on September 2nd to set its legislative agenda. Several committee members met with Rep. Danice Picraux in November to identify priorities. Rep. Picraux also made a presentation to the Task Force on School Libraries on December 10th. Library legislative developments were communicated to the membership and the library community through a series of e-mail legislative alerts. Despite active participation by many librarians in the legislative process, the 2000 New Mexico Legislature was a disappointing session for libraries.

1. Electronic Databases. Rep. Danice Picraux sponsored House Bill 185, which appropriated $360,000 to the State Library for purchase of a statewide site license for library access to periodicals, business and consumer health databases. The bill received a favorable hearing in the House Education Committee, which gave it a do-pass recommendation. HB 185 was then heard in the House Taxation & Revenue Committee, but was not included in the final capital outlay bill. The State Library is presently providing a periodicals database using federal LSTA funding, and contracts with the UNM Medical-Health Center Library to provide a consumer health database.

2. State Aid to Public Libraries. Rep. J. Paul Taylor sponsored House Bill 125, which tripled the appropriation for state grants in aid to public libraries, from $350,000 to $850,000. This bill was also heard in the House Taxation & Revenue Committee, but was not included in the capital outlay bill.

3. Collections & Connections. Rep. Taylor also introduced House Capital Outlay Request 747, which would have included an $8,000,000 public library bond issue on the November ballot as a state General Obligation Bond Issue. HC 747 would have provided $6,000,000 directly to public libraries, and $2,000,000 for electronic databases. The request was heard in the Capital Outlay Subcommittee, but was not included in the final bond package.

4. Academic Library Funding. The New Mexico Consortium for Academic Libraries advocated a $2,500,000 appropriation to provide science and technology information resources, in conjunction with the information resources available at federal laboratories in New Mexico. SB 210 by Senator Arthur Rodarte was heard by the Senate Finance Committee, but no further action was taken. David Myers mobilized committee testimony in support of this bill on short notice.

5. Native American Libraries Endowment. Sen. Leonard Tsosie introduced SB 434, which established an endowment fund for tribal libraries to be administered by the State Library. This bill unanimously passed both houses of the legislature. Although there was no money appropriated to this fund, the bill was vetoed by Governor Johnson. This proposal was developed by NMLA's Native American Libraries Special Interest Group, which organized legislative efforts on the bill's behalf.

6. School Library Study. Rep. Picraux introduced House Joint Memorial 19, which expressed concerns about the status of school libraries, and requested the State Library to conduct a study of their status. This memorial received good support from the library community in a hearing before the House Education Committee, and it passed the House unanimously. The memorial was on the calendar for final passage in the Senate when the regular session ended. At NMLA's request, Rep. Picraux reintroduced it as HJM 5 in the special session, and it passed both houses unanimously. Memorials do not require the Governor's signature.
7. State Budget. The State Library was one of a number of agencies whose budget was caught in a dispute between the Legislature and the Administration about the status of cash balances in agency budgets. A potentially debilitating 8% reduction in the State Library budget was avoided, but the final budget still contained a reduction in the line item for books and media.

8. Local Projects. A number of local school, public and academic library projects were funded in the special session HB 16 capital outlay bill. Two major academic library projects are included in HB 15, the general obligation bond issue to be considered on the November state election ballot. These are building projects for San Juan College and Clovis Community College. In other committee activities: Pat Froehlich, Charlene Greenwood, Ben Wakashige, Sarah Henderson and Joe Sabatini were active in the work of the New Mexico Task Force on School Libraries in developing legislative strategy for HJM 19/5.

Sarah Henderson will attend the A.L.A. Legislative Day in Washington on May 1st &2nd along with Ben Wakashige, to meet with the New Mexico congressional delegation.

The lawsuit, A.C.L.U. vs Johnson, concerning New Mexico's 1998 internet censorship legislation, concluded in February, 2000, with Judge C. Leroy Hansen's granting a permanent injunction against enforcement of this legislation. N.M.L.A. was one of a number of co-plaintiffs in this litigation. In November, '99, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Judge Hansen's granting a temporary injunction, and the New Mexico Attorney General's office chose not to appeal.

The American Library Association notified N.M.L.A. to watch for state legislation to implement the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act. A.L.A.'s position is that this act could undermine fair use copyright practices and free access to computerized databases.

The Committee co-sponsored Library Legislative Day on February 3rd, in cooperation with the New Mexico Consortium for Academic Libraries. Over 40 librarians and library supporters met with legislators following a briefing at the State Library. Special thanks go to Carol Brey and Norice Lee for organizing this very successful event.

Committee members met during the NMLA Conference in Taos to discuss legislative priorities for 2001 and 2002. The emphasis in 2001 will be on increased state aid to public libraries. Another comprehensive "Collections and Collections" bond issue for school, public and academic libraries will be needed on the 2002 election. Public libraries will need to be upgrading current Gates computer equipment, and the School Libraries Task Force will have completed its recommendations on school library needs.

Joe Sabatini & David Myers
Co-Chairs NMLA Legislation &Intellectual Freedom Committee

Treasurer's Report

BUDGET & GENERAL FUND

The NMLA Executive Board approved a budget totaling $84,789 for FY 1999-2000. The Association is operating well within its approved budget, with 82.5% of the year's income already received at the end of the third quarter and just 57.5% of the budget expended. Some of the income received during this fiscal year was transferred from reserve funds.

RESERVE ACCOUNTS. NMLA has maintained three reserve accounts, including two Bank of America CD's and one Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Account. To meet its FY 1999-2000
budget, the NMLA Board approved the transfer of reserve funds from two of these accounts. One of the Bank of America CD's (5.20% annual yield) matured on September 9, 1999, and total funds from this CD in the amount of $11,678.88 were transferred to the NMLA Checking Account.

In addition, $5,000 was transferred from the Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Account to the NMLA Checking Account on July 12, 1999. A balance of $6,957.21 remains in this account, which is an interest-bearing account paying 7.84% per year. At the end of FY 1999-2000, the NMLA Executive Board is expected to replace reserve funds that were withdrawn from the Merrill Lynch Ready Assets Trust Account.

The second Bank of America CD actually benefits the Marion Dorroh Scholarship Fund. This is a 24-month CD that yields an annual rate of 5.55%, and the current balance is $24,141.52. This CD matured on October 1, 1999 and was allowed to renew automatically with no funds withdrawn. The new maturity date for this CD will be October 1, 2001. All interest income currently remains with the CD, because scholarship donations have been sufficient to date to cover scholarship expenses.

CHECKING ACCOUNT
The Bank of America checking account balance as of March 31, 2000 was $26,738.45.

MARION DORROH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Savings Account
Scholarship contributions from NMLA members are currently maintained in a savings account at the recently renamed Wells Fargo Bank in Los Alamos. This account had a balance of $994.66 as of March 31, 2000. This balance does not reflect $1,016.00 that has been collected in scholarship donations since July 1, 1999.

NMLA AUDIT PROCESS
Accounts of the New Mexico Library Association are audited by Tardy & Co. P.C. of Albuquerque. The 1998-99 audit is currently underway, and a report is expected by the end of May 2000.

BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FY 2000-01

The Officers of the NMLA Executive Board will meet on May 26, 2000 to discuss the proposed budget for FY 2000-01. Budget proposals from Board members, Committee chairs and SIG Coordinators are due to the NMLA Treasurer on May 12, 2000.

TREASURER'S COMMENTS

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as the New Mexico Library Association Treasurer for the past year. I welcome your comments and questions regarding this report, and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brey, NMLA Treasurer
Since NMLA's joining the regional Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) in January 1999, New Mexico's membership numbers have been increasing. There was a membership drive in October 1999 and MPLA authorized ten free membership drawings at our state conference for this year (Taos) and next year (Albuquerque). See related article for winner names and more information.

We will be coordinating a joint conference in 2007. This will be an effort that produces even more great programming and increased attendance from the 12 states involved. Another suggestion is to have as many of our state library associations as possible join with us for that year.

The next MPLA joint conference is in Omaha, Nebraska on October 25 - 28, 2000. The theme is "Beyond the Horizon...Charting Our Course to the Future" and more information is available at http://reinert.creighton.edu/triconf.

Charlene Greenwood attended two business meetings this year in Denver as NMLA's representative to the MPLA Board. She also attended the joint conference in Big Sky, Montana in June 1999.

Charlene Greenwood

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