New NMLA Officers Announced

The NMLA Nominations and Elections Committee would like to announce the following new members of the NMLA Executive Board for 2001-02. Their terms will start at the conference in April.

Vice-President / President-elect
Earl Phillips of Las Cruces

Treasurer - two year term
Carol Frick of Gallup

Member at Large - 1 year term
Norice Lee of Las Cruces
Olivia Newfield of Los Alamos

Member at Large - 2 year term
Kathy Matter of Albuquerque
Barbara Rosen

They will join Kay Krehbiel, President; Clair Odenheim, Secretary; Thaddeus Bejnar, ALA Councilor for the upcoming year.

The Nominating and Elections Committee Members are: Charlene Greenwood, Chair; Linda Lewis; and Marilyn Reeves.

Thanks to all who ran for office this year and to each of you who voted.

By Hook and despite Crooks Socorro builds a Library
by Beverly McFarland

It took a determined Library Board, thirteen years, four Library Directors, four general contractors, and nearly $1,000,000 but the citizens of Socorro persevered and built a unique and beautiful library. The final piece fell into place last month when the hand crafted circulation desk was installed.

The Socorro Public Library is an historic adobe building, located in an historic district. In 1986 Library Director Pat Laughlin developed the idea for building onto the Library. Director Lucie Olson brought the project closer to reality by pulling together the funding package. She obtained City financial support, organized fundraisers with the Library Board, and received $300,000 through three LSCA grants.

An early challenge of the project was to design a library addition for the 2,400 square foot, inaccessible back lot. With less than full support of the neighboring property owners, the City secured temporary easements to the property.

Gamelsky-Benton Architects, a firm that received the 1996 Best Building Award for the East Mountain Branch Library, were chosen to design the project. Isaac Benton’s final design maximized the small lot and aesthetically nested a 3-story structure into the historic neighborhood.

Upon the architect’s recommendation, the City let the bid to the lowest bidder Blackstone Construction. Site work began, the foundation was poured, the flagstone floor was replaced, and half of the steel for the 3-story frame was delivered. The architect checked on the project and signed off that one third of the work was done. The City then paid Blackstone Construction $90,000.

We learned something was amiss when shortly thereafter I received a lien on the Library from a payroll company in Oregon. Also, the Mayor began getting calls from local subcontractors who had not been paid. The City Treasurer became suspicious when Blackstone asked for a City purchase order to buy the steel. Fortunately this request was denied.

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From the President's Desk

National Library Week is April 1 - 7. The following is excerpted from a posting by Gerald Hodges, ALA Chapter Relations, March 1, 2001 and statement by Nancy Kranich, ALA president:

"This year's National Library Week promises to be one of the most exciting ever thanks to the public launch of The Campaign for America's Libraries. Libraries of all types are invited to participate in National Library Week (April 1-7). The campaign is ALA's new, five-year public education effort to educate people about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century."

The theme for National Library Week 2001 is "your library." (See the web site http://cs.ala.org/@yourlibrary)

"National Library Week is a perfect time to launch The Campaign for America's Libraries to the public," said Nancy Kranich, ALA president. "National Library Week is our national holiday, a time to open our doors to the public and remind everyone about our various programs, services and technologies. It's also a time to say 'Come see what's new @ your library.'"

"A key message of the campaign is that libraries are places of opportunity, which speaks to how libraries are an indelible part of the American Dream." Kranich writes, "Democracies need libraries. An informed public constitutes the very foundation of a democracy; after all, democracies are about discourse - discourse among the people. If a free society is to survive, it must ensure the preservation of its records and provide free and open access to this information to all its citizens. It must ensure that citizens have the resources to develop the information literacy skills necessary to participate in the democratic process. It must allow unfettered dialogue and guarantee freedom of expression. All of this is done in our libraries, the cornerstone of democracy in our communities."

Come to the annual conference and hear Nancy Kranich, ALA president, in person. She will speak on "Libraries: Ensuring the Public's Right to Know in the Information Age" Thurs., April 19 at 8:30 am. As you all know, on many fronts we librarians face threats and restrictions on maintaining access to information for all citizens.

See you at the conference in Albuquerque, April 19 - 20.

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Gala Banquet to Honor
Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

The Friends for the Public Library and the New Mexico Library Association are co-sponsoring a gala banquet to honor 100 years of outstanding service to the greater Albuquerque community by the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System.

Entitled "The Mysterious Southwest: A Book and Author Dinner", the event will be held on Friday, April 20, 2001 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Alvarado Ballroom of the Sheraton Old Town Hotel, 800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104.

The dinner will feature three prominent writers who have chosen the Southwest as the settings for their mysteries. J.A. Jance is the author of Kiss of the Bees. Released in January 2000, the book traces a psychopath's revenge in Tucson. Reviewers have been struck by her skillful ability to tie the mystery to the Southeastern Arizona landscape. In Fred Harris' newest novel Easy Pickin's, he tells an emotionally rich and involving tale; this is his second mystery set in Oklahoma during the Depression. Michael McGarrity, in his fifth volume in the well received series featuring Kevin Kearney, solves a complex series of murders at various campgrounds in New Mexico. Collectively, these three acclaimed writers offer the reader engaging perspectives into the customs and cultures of our region.

The three authors will discuss their writing after the dinner. Copies of their books will be available for sale at the end of the event and the authors will be present to autograph them. Additionally, the New Mexico Library Association will honor Tony Hillerman, dean of Southwestern mystery writers, with an award for his major contributions to the genre.

Tickets for the evening are available at each of the library branches and are priced at $50.00 per person and $85.00 per couple. Discounts apply for members of the Friends and of the NMLA. For more information, please call (505) 768-5115.
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After an investigation by the Chief of Police, we found that Blackstone's performance bond had been forged, the Corporate Headquarters were a mail drop, and the principals, operating under a number of different company names, had perpetuated this fraud in New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. Thirteen governmental bodies in Long Island, including the New York Port Authority had experienced a similar fraud. If New York had been duped what possible chance did Socorro have? The Mayor fired Blackstone and the Sheriff of Mojave County Arizona arrested the offenders.

Library staff and I were left with an angry public and a facility that was now very vulnerable to weather damage. Two canales had been removed, natural drainage had been disturbed, and the rear foundation of the old adobe building was exposed. The City hired Gore construction to close down the building project. Gore further fueled my suspicions of the construction industry by failing to address any of the drainage issues. Their interpretation of closing the project was to board up the windows of the Library! A dark Library became darker.

Six months passed while we coped with complaints and law suits from subcontractors and suppliers. Local businessmen had offered credit to Blackstone because it was for the "Library" and now they would not be paid. It was a difficult thing for a small town and took away some of the joy when the Library was finally completed.

Existing working conditions for the staff were appalling. With no private work area, every conversation, disciplinary or personal, was held within earshot of the public. The Director, Children's Librarian, and Adult Services Librarian shared one computer, one filing cabinet, and worked behind an old circulation desk, an area of about 80 sq. feet that also served as the staff's break room. The real circulation desk, an area of about 70 sq. ft., had three people working on the rough flagstone floor, including technical services.

With start up costs wasted on the crooked contractors, the architect was forced to scale back the project. Now after all of the work by the library staff to push the project forward, the revised project did not improve staff working conditions. Chins up we began to refer to this project as Phase I and started looking for money for Phase II.

The City entered into negotiations with the second lowest bidder, Longhorn Construction, a company who restored our faith in the building trades. When I explained the serious drainage issues to Bill Lewis, President of Longhorn Construction, he had his crews address them even before the City awarded them the bid. Phase I was finished in February of 1998, almost two years after our groundbreaking and six years after the original LSCA grant was awarded.

The main entrance, first floor children's Library, and exterior of the three-story Library addition/renovation project were finished. The Library Board, civic groups, and our Friends furnished the Children's Library. The 2nd and 3rd floors were roughed-in but unfinished. The Mayor responded to my plea for an additional $50,000 so that the elevator could be installed. Now we could at least use those upper floors for storage.

A request to the NM Legislature from the City of Socorro for funding to complete the project yielded $100,000 and Phase II was born. It would complete the 2nd floor public meeting room, ADA public rest rooms, and an office for the Library Director.

Procurement code required the City bid out the project again. Although Longhorn bid on the project, the City again accepted the lowest bid, which was from Janstar Construction. Work on this Phase was uneven but was essentially completed by June of 1999.

Another presentation before the NM Legislative Finance Committee provided $25,000. The City budgeted $50,000 to give us $75,000 for Phase III. Paula Mertz, Interim Director saw this project through. The evaporative coolers that had been insisted upon by the architect were replaced with refrigerated air, the original building was restuccoed to match the new addition, and the 3rd floor was essentially completed.

The new library addition offers: radiant floor heating, extensive use of day lighting, interior light shelves that reflect natural light, integrated computer and telecommunications systems, and an automatic sprinkler system. The project adds 1,000 linear feet of shelf space, a new Children's Library, public meeting room, and 1,200 square feet for technical services and storage. It doubles the amount of available seating and user space, creates a special room for a valuable Southwest collection, provides workspace for staff away from the public areas, and makes the building accessible for the disabled.

Socorro Public Library staff should be applauded and commended for their hard work during a very difficult and lengthy building project. The circulation area alone was moved four times during the course of construction. Working amid the noise of cranes, jackhammers, and arc welders while enduring power outages, buckets of dust, and numerous disruptions staff worked very hard to minimize the impact to the public. In fact, the library was closed for less than two weeks during the entire construction project.
Today the charm of the original adobe building remains much the same, with vigas, latillas, and fireplace. Displayed along the walls in the Southwest room are rows of fired clay tiles decorated with petroglyph images found near Socorro. The Memorial Doors carved by Santa Fe artist Knee became part of the hand crafted 255 square foot circulation desk. The flagstone that was removed to comply with ADA has been lovingly reused in the outdoor patio.

The people of Socorro believe their library is a significant architectural landmark, a temple for self-education, and a lasting testimonial to what can be achieved with citizen support and community involvement. Pictures of the Socorro Public Library Construction Project can be found on the Internet at http://www.sdc.org/~library/building.html.

Alamogordo Public Loses Dear Friend and Former Co-Worker

If space permits, please acknowledge the death of Josephine "Jo" Anderson who passed away suddenly in her home on February 28, 2001. She retired in 1990 after 20 years as the children's librarian and the assistant director of the Alamogordo Public Library. Jo was also a lifetime member of the Alamogordo Friends of the Library. An avid genealogist and local history buff, Jo was known to come to the APL on a minute's notice after she retired to talk to patrons, especially children, and share her extensive knowledge of the history of our area. Jo will be greatly missed.

New Mexico Library Association 2001 Awards to be Presented April 19

New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries will be honored with the Library Leadership Award for their groundbreaking work in bringing awareness of the serious plight of NM school libraries to the attention of state legislators, school boards, administrators and librarians of every kind, and for their hard work to draft standards for school libraries that will guide schools with regards to these vital institutions.

Mary Alice Tsosie will receive a Library Leadership Award for her strong leadership and advocacy for all Native American libraries in New Mexico through the Native American Libraries SIG, where she has displayed enthusiasm, dedication, and the unusual ability to bring diverse people together to work with unity on a number of projects.

Representative Edward C. Sandoval is the association's Legislator of the Year for consistently supporting library legislation and programs since he joined the Legislature in 1983 and during his tenure in the State Senate in 1980 to 1982. Rep. Sandoval was a foremost advocate of the 1994 Connections and Collections legislation package and was the prime sponsor of HB803, the Public Library Bond Issue. He has introduced NMLA-supported public library appropriations bills and bond issues in 1996, 1998, and 2000 and has worked for passage of appropriations for individual community libraries in New Mexico.

Patricia Froehlich will be honored with the Community Achievement Award for her leadership and hard work with the statewide Battle of the Books and statewide Summer Reading programs and the Land of Enchantment Awards. Furthermore, Patricia's work with the Roadrunner Reading Program, the NM Task Force for School Libraries, her leadership on the NMLA Conference Program Committee and in bringing home information and ideas gleaned at MPLA, Patricia has consistently shown leadership and enthusiasm which has enriched library services to children over the years.

Make Your Voice Heard!

The Public Relations Committee and Membership Committee recently mailed out to all current NMLA members a Needs Assessment Survey. Please take the time to fill this out and mail it back, as we will be using it to develop new programs and tailor current programs for you. If you did not receive your survey, please contact Lorie Mitchell at mwds@pcenm.com.

Have you sent in your Conference Registration yet?!

The earlier you are, the less you pay!

Print out your registration form at http://www.nmla.org
Countdown to launch of Campaign for America's Libraries

Libraries are of all types are urged to participate in the launch of The Campaign For America's Libraries, also known as the @ your library campaign, which will take place during National Library Week (April 1-7).

Libraries are being asked to name a local "celebrity" campaign chairperson and honor that chair at a kickoff event on Tuesday, April 3. That day, the American Library Association will unveil the campaign to the public at a national event featuring a high-profile figure in Washington, D.C.

The kickoff should feature the presentation of an @ your library card that recognizes the chair for embodying the principles of today's libraries. Artwork for this card, as well as other tools to help promote the campaign kickoff, are available on the campaign Web site at http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary under National Library Week.

Suggestions for a campaign chair include a local sports figure, college or university administrator, school principal, parent, student, corporate executive, public official or anyone who has a compelling story to tell about how the library has made a difference in his or her life.

As a backdrop to the launch event, libraries are also encouraged to develop displays and programs coinciding with the ALA's key action areas: 21st Century Literacy, Diversity, Education and Continuous Learning, Equity of Access and Intellectual Freedom. Libraries are asked to consider dedicating one full day of programming to each. Ideas for key action area programming can be found on the National Library Week section of the campaign Web site.

Libraries that have not yet officially joined the @ your library campaign are also invited to register at http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/register.cfm. After registering, libraries will be able to post stories about their local @ your library campaigns and National Library Week in real time and read what others around the country are doing.

Interesting and innovative campaign kickoff activities are being considered for national press coverage. To submit a story about what your library is doing for the campaign kickoff during National Library Week, please send a brief description of your plans with contact information to: atyourlibrary@ala.org. Or call the campaign's new toll-free number at 1-866-4LIBRARY.
The New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department Celebrates Second Anniversary

The New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD) Library recently celebrated its second year anniversary, marking the Library's reopening in the Department's Research Bureau. The Library, located on the University of New Mexico's (UNM) South Campus since October 1, 1998, is operated by the Alliance for Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) through a cooperative agreement with the NMSHTD.

The NMSHTD Library materials are a special collection within the UNM General Library Consortium. As a constituent of the Consortium, the Library shares its collection with other member libraries. This cooperative exchange provides access to over two million documents to patrons of the Library. UNM Library consortium members and state employees are eligible for use and access of all services offered by the NMSHTD Library.

Resources from the Local Technical Assistance Program are also a unique addition to the NMSHTD Library special collection. The Library works in cooperation with the LTAP by taking requests for information and furnishing materials such as training videos and free publications. The LTAP mission is to provide information and training on transportation technology to the NMSHTD and all local government agencies in New Mexico. The program helps promote efficient use of local transportation agency's scarce resources.

The NMSHTD Library is equipped to meet special research requests. This service is provided at no charge and a prompt response can be expected. Whether there is a special article that cannot be located, a statistic, or photos of historic roads that is needed, we are always eager to investigate and produce results.

For more information on the NMSHTD Library and a free packet with more information please call 1 800 523 3028, or email us at dleute@unm.edu. Better yet come by and see the facility at 1001 University Boulevard SE, Suite 103. We are here to serve.

Applications for the REFORMA Estela and Raúl Mora Award Being Accepted

REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, is calling for applications for the Estela and Raúl Mora Award 2001. The award is donated by writer Pat Mora and her siblings in honor of their parents and was created to promote participation in the celebration of El Día de Los Niños / Día de Los Libros. The winner will receive $500 plus a plaque to be donated by the Mora grandchildren and will be awarded annually to the school or library that sponsored an exemplary program celebrating El Día de Los Niños / Día de Los Libros. April 30 is when El Día de Los Niños / Día de Los Libros is celebrated. This special day promotes literacy, reading and books for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. The guidelines for applying may be obtained at www.reforma.org or www.patmora.com. The deadline is June 30, 2001. The winning program will be announced in early September. For more information contact Miguel A. García-Colón, Chicago Public Library, Brighton Park Branch, 4314 South Archer Ave. Chicago, IL 60632, email garciaco@chipublib.org, phone # 312.747-0666, or fax 312.747-0665.

NMLA Conference 2002 Set!

To all who have been anxiously waiting for confirmation of the dates for the Las Cruces conference: April 17-20, 2002

This would include pre-conference and a Board meeting on Wednesday and the possibility of a post conference on Saturday.

The conference will be at the Corbett Center at NMSU. The Hilton will be the conference hotel.

New Features Added to NMLA Website

The NMLA website at http://www.nmla.org has added a search engine to the site! You can use this search engine to find things specifically on the NMLA website much faster. Check it out today!
Welcome New NMLA Members!

Flora Graham, NM School for the Visually Handicapped
Joseph Lane, University of New Mexico
Steven Roehling, ABQ/Bernalillo Co. Lib. System
Gail Schuler, Santa Fe Public Library
Linda Barnett, Artesia Intermediate School
Leslie Monsalve-Jones, NM State Library
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Elizabeth A. Titus, PhD, Dean of the Library, NMSU

NMSU Library Reception Honors Gift of Tombaugh Papers

The family of the late astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh recently donated Dr. Tombaugh's papers to the Rio Grande Historical Collections of the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Library. The Tombaugh family will be honored at a reception on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the fourth floor east of NMSU's Branson Library. The public is invited. The date of the reception reflects the date, March 13, 1930, when the official announcement of Dr. Tombaugh's discovery of the planet Pluto was made.

Patricia Tombaugh, Dr. Tombaugh's widow, and their children Annette and Alden Tombaugh, endorsed the gift. Mrs. Tombaugh stated that she and Dr. Tombaugh’s family are "pleased to have the papers with the Rio Grande Historical Collections. We feel that this is the appropriate place for Clyde's papers. He had a very close association with NMSU lasting over forty years."

The gift ensures that Tombaugh's papers will be preserved and made available for research use. Former NMSU astronomer Herb Beebe has recognized for many years the importance of Tombaugh's papers, and he played a vital role in facilitating the donation. Said Dr. Beebe, "It is of profound importance that these documents join those of other scientists available in other repositories throughout the country."

Clyde Tombaugh's lengthy and distinguished career included research on natural earth satellites and on Mars, as well as his discovery of Pluto. Included among his papers are materials concerning Tombaugh's early career at Lowell Observatory and White Sands Missile Range. The papers are significant not only for their documentation of Tombaugh himself, but also for evidence of the history of astronomy, physics and related sciences. Of special interest is Tombaugh's correspondence with prominent astronomers and space scientists, including Wernher von Braun and Carl Sagan, and with the directors of observatories, including Lick and Lowell.

For more information, please contact Molly Molloy at 505-646-6931.

Library Support Staff: Still Moving in the Right Direction

The Council on Library/Media Technicians, an ALA affiliate, invites you to attend the Annual COLT Conference, "Library Support Staff: Still Moving in the Right Direction" in San Francisco, California, June 13-16, 2001 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco/Embarcadero. The conference programs are designed to help library staff explore the roles that library support staff play in contemporary libraries.

Please visit the COLT home page for continually updated information about the conference: http://library.ucr.edu/COLT/2001conference.html

Links will lead you to program information, a schedule of events, and a registration form.

Join COLT and save on the conference registration. A COLT Membership Form is available at: http://library.ucr.edu/COLT/application.html

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New Mexico Library Association Newsletter
IT'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND....Walking Tour - SF Style

Join ALA/SORT (Staff Organizations Round Table) members, colleagues, spouses, families, and friends for the "Literacy & Historic Walking Tour" featuring only those things that makes SF unique...art, sculpture, hotels, sites related to Sam Shepard and Isadora Shepard, etc....

DATES: Friday, June 15th, 2001 and Monday, June 18th, 2001
TIME: 8:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.
     8:00a.m. - Check-in/Registration
     8:30am. - Walk
PLACE: Union Square
PRICE:
   $5.00 SORT Members
   $8.00 - Non-SORT Members
   $10.00 - Onsite rate for all participants
The price includes membership to SORT (Staff Organizations Round Table).

SPECIAL NOTES:
1. NO REFUNDS DUE TO WEATHER
2. Tickets can ONLY be purchased through ALA's conference registration website (www.ala.org - click "Events & Conference" then "Annual Registration") or mail in registration ALA, Dept. #77-6565, Chicago, IL 60678-6565.

If you have further questions, please contact Miriam L. Hilton (Publicity Chair -SORT) at ads_miriam@dayton.lib.oh.us or 937-227-9531 x.315.

A 'Moroccan Affair" only in Downtown SF!!!!

Looking to experience something "different" while attending the ALA conference this summer in San Francisco? Join library colleagues, spouses, family, and friends SORT's (Staff Organizations Round Table - serving library staff organizations for 64 years) annual "Night Out" at The Marrakech (Moroccan cuisine) includes a performance by a belly dancer.

DATE: Sunday, June 17th, 2001
TIME: 7:00p.m. - ?
PLACE: The Marrakech - 419 O' Farrell St
PRICE: $30.00 per person - includes gratuity
SPECIAL NOTE: Tickets can ONLY be purchased through ALA's conference registration website (www.ala.org - click "Events & Conference" then "Annual Registration") or mail in registration ALA, Dept. #77-6565, Chicago, IL 60678-6565

WE LEARN Launches Research Study on Women-Centered / Women-Positive Basic Literacy Materials

WE LEARN (Women Expanding Literacy Education Action Resource Network) values and promotes literacy and literature for all women, especially those with lower-level English reading and writing skills. In an effort to cultivate meaningful literacy resources and curriculum, WE LEARN has launched a participatory research project involving adult women learners, as well as educators and librarians who have connections to literacy efforts. In addition to learning what materials are currently being used to meet the needs of adult women learners, this study will also explore what resources could be developed that don't already exist (including what topics, genres, formats, etc.). The primary goal of this project will be to initiate collaborative strategies to develop and create women-centered basic English literacy materials.

Though this research project will work closely with adult women learners and literacy educators, librarians who work in collections development or who maintain a selection of literacy materials in their libraries are invited to participate. Libraries that support literacy programs in their building are also encouraged to respond. Initial participation involves responding to a questionnaire seeking information about what women-centered literacy materials exist in library collections; how they were found and what was the selection criterion; if adult learner patrons request or use women-centered literacy materials; and what literacy resources and materials are still needed in this area. The questionnaire for librarians can be found at www.litwomen.org/libq.html. Hard copies will be mailed upon request. The deadline for participation is July 1, 2001.

A final report will be provided in print format to the respondents, to the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS), and posted on www.litwomen.org/WIndex.html, the WE LEARN website. Possibilities also exist for librarians to participate in the long-term efforts and projects of WE LEARN.

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Women and girls need and deserve access to a variety of creative educational opportunities, programs, resources, and materials at all levels of readability. WE LEARN has been established to maintain a resource list of women-centered / women-positive adult basic English literacy materials that help women understand their situations as women; to create a resource center / clearinghouse dedicated to the publishing, review, networking, and distribution of women-centered literacy resources and materials; and to develop a network of learners, literacy workers, librarians, educators, and writers committed to and involved in the process of creating and distributing women-centered or feminist adult basic literacy materials.

To obtain more information about this project, to get a copy of the questionnaire, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Merv Miller at 1483 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-6737, (phone) 651-646-0097, (fax) 651-646-1153, (email) merv@litwomen.org. Additional information can be found on the WE LEARN website at www.litwomen.org/WLindex.html.

NMLA Legislation Update

The Association's two priority items, increasing state aid to public libraries and funding provision of a magazine database for elementary and middle schools, were included in the final version of House Bill 2; the State Budget: There was $500,000 in new money for state aid, and $200,000 for the magazine database.

Although the Governor's Executive Message has not yet been posted, the probability is very high that the Governor deleted both these appropriations through line-item vetoes.

Thanks to all of you who communicated with your legislators and with the Governor on these issues.

Joe Sabbatini, Chair
NMLA Legislation Committee

NMIRA Conference Call for Presenters

Please consider submitting a call for proposal for the New Mexico International Reading Association state conference which is to be held in Grants, NM Nov 1-3, 2001. This could be a wonderful opportunity to present information about your library program to some very sympathetic reading and elementary school teachers. Friday will be a regular conference day, but Saturday will be a storytelling day, if that is your interest. If you would like to receive a Call for Proposal, please e-mail Rogers Barde at rbarde@sisna.com and she will send you one. It is important to get our library message to people other than librarians.

Thank you for considering presenting.
Rogers Barde

NVR/ALA/NEH Pilot Site Opportunity

Would your library like to be a pilot site for the newest National Video Resources/ALA/National Endowment for the Humanities viewing and discussion series, "Presidents, Politics and Power: American Presidents Who Shaped the 20th Century"? Because of a change in funding cycles the deadline to apply has been extended until April 13.

This is a 6-week series of scholar-led sessions, each featuring a filmed presidential biography (largely David Grubin productions), and including written materials by noted presidential scholars. Each of the 20 selected pilot sites will receive all of the videos for the series, as well as support materials. The sites will also receive a grant to pay a scholar honorarium and support toward attendance by a librarian and a local scholar at a national training seminar in Chicago in October 2001. All types of libraries are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in becoming a pilot site you can get further information and an application form from the NVR web site http://www.nvr.org, or the ALA Public Programs Office site, http://www.ala.org/publicprograms. Or you may e-mail Sally Mason-Robinson, Director of Library Projects, NVR sallymaro@aol.com.

Conference Registration Packet Corrections

Please note these clarifications for the Conference 2000 in Albuquerque to be held April 18-20.

Albuquerque Conference will be at the Convention Center. The banquet to be held on Thursday evening is a sit-down dinner, not a buffet.
Would you like to become an NMLA member?

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REFORMA of New Mexico Awards Grant

The New Mexico chapter of REFORMA: The Association to Promote Library Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking has awarded a $75 grant to Hipolito N. Melendez, librarian at the David Cargo Public Library in Mora, New Mexico. This library serves a population of 2,500 residents, 85% of whom are Hispanic. This grant will help Hipolito attend the New Mexico Library Association Annual Conference in Albuquerque on April 18-20, 2001. Hipolito is attending the NMLA conference to meet librarians and learn more about other libraries in the state. He is especially interested in learning more about family literacy, bilingual library programs, tutoring assistance, weeding, and library technology. He feels that attending the NMLA conference will refresh him intellectually as well.

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