SUCCESS! The GO Bond “C” Passed by 60%!

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1. RESULTS BY COUNTY. Thanks to the quick work of Joe Sabatini, we have the county-by-county voting results on Bond C on the Committee’s website. Click on “2002 Voting Results”. It is a PDF file appearing as a spreadsheet. The first page is 2002, the second is for 1994. NOTE: If you are making a print copy, set for “landscape” format.

2. ANALYSIS TO COME. We will be adding comments and drawing attention to remarkable changes from 1994 in this website section. For example, only eight counties were in the “against” column—but the most negative margin was only 733 votes and it ranged down to 45 vote negative margin. We think this demonstrates the hard work and efforts throughout the state by librarians and library supporters of all kinds.

3. BOND FUNDS DISBURSEMENT. We’ve had questions about the logical next step, and the purpose for the bonds: “When do we get the money?” The brief answer is that the bonds will be sold this spring and funds should be available starting in the 2003-4 fiscal year (7/1/03) and can be spent over a two year period. Meanwhile, the State Library will be working on a memorandum of understanding with the State Dept. of Education and the Commission on Higher Education based on guidelines developed by special task forces convened by the State Librarian, which formed the basis for estimated allocations.

4. ENSURING THE FUNDS GO TO THE RIGHT PLACE. We know from our visits and phone calls that many of you are concerned that the bond funds are spent as promised by the legislation backing Bond C. The State Librarian, Ben Wakashige, will be addressing that issue directly in the memorandum of understanding. Ben will keep you informed about the process and procedure as they unfold.

5. APRIL NMLA MEETING. We’ll have post election analyses and a program at the 2003 NMLA annual meeting. The purpose is to strengthen our skills at passing library legislation while making sure that we can do our best at statewide and county bond elections.

6. USE THE DATA FOR YOUR OWN PURPOSES. You should make use of the voting data as much as practical in conversations with city, county and state lawmakers and officials. We know that folks in Bernalillo and Sandoval counties will make good use of local bond results in the months ahead. This was a referendum on libraries; people knew they were adding to their property taxes; and the data demonstrate this positive trend even in counties which may have had a slim “against” count.

This was an important vote at an important time.
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As we approach the holiday season, I find myself reflecting on the various activities that NMLA has been involved in throughout the year. One such activity has been the attitude of constant change and flexibility. In April, we experienced the opportunity of working closely with our general conference exhibitors, giving them a choice to be a special "underwriter" and assist us with a pre-conference reception. We will do this again in April 2003 in Albuquerque. Our conference planning committee experienced a change when it was discovered that we could not have our 2003 conference at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel and had to move to the Convention Center.

We will experience a change in state governmental leadership, financial uncertainties, national initiatives such as "No Child Left Behind" and continuing technology information and equipment challenges. I believe that the future of NMLA will be strong as an organization because of the positive attitude and the flexibility of our members in meeting the challenges associated with evolving changes. I want to personally thank our Association Board of Directors, Committee chairs and all the special people who devote a tremendous amount of time on our behalf.

This year's mini conference in Ruidoso planned and presented by our NMLA Members at Large, Louise Bolton, Kathy Matter, Molly McGetrick and Barbara Rosen, was a great success. The theme "Your Medium, Your Message @ Your Library" gave participants opportunities of attending many good programs.

Our April 2003 general conference in Albuquerque promises to be one of the best under the leadership of our Vice President Eileen Longsworth and her committees. We are looking forward to having our membership attend and participate in the many programs that will be provided.

Congratulations to all of the NMLA members who worked on the various committees in the passing of the Library GO Bond initiative. Many hours were spent towards this effort. There were so many people that were personally involved that it would be hard to mention all their names. However, I do want to thank the leadership of the New Mexico Library Foundation, Charlene Greenwood, NM Task Force for School Libraries, Omar Durant, and the Library Books Bond 2002 Committee Chair, David Cargo for the outstanding efforts made resulting in the passing of this bond. All libraries throughout New Mexico will benefit with money to purchase new materials.

As we approach a new year, it would be my hope that our membership in NMLA will be worthwhile and that we as individual members will encourage our associates to join and participate in the many activities offered throughout the year.

Treat Yourself to an Amigos Fellowship

Since the program's founding in 1990, it has awarded over $88,000 to foster the development of library and information professionals in Amigos member libraries. Awards are based on the significance of a proposed project's contribution to library cooperation and/or technology. To date, 30 funded projects have resulted in one nationally published article, enabled a recipient to complete research on a Ph.D., and been the basis for numerous training courses.

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Applications must be received by March 10, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Visit the Amigos Web site, http://www.amigos.org/fellowship.htm, for complete information on how to apply, including guidelines and PDF application forms, or contact Linda Wimberley at Amigos, 1-800-943-8482 (972-851-8000 in the Dallas area), ext. 122, or wimberley@amigos.org.
MPLA Leadership Institute

Three librarians from New Mexico were recently awarded the opportunity of attending the MPLA Leadership Institute. Held at Ghost Ranch the week of Nov. 10th, there were 30 participants and six mentors. The participants were from the 12 states that the association encompasses. Representing New Mexico were Stephanie Gerding, Continuing Education Director of the NM State Library, Gwen Kalavaza, Manager of the White Rock Branch of the Los Alamos County Library System, and Susan Pinkerton, Coordinator/Instructor, Library and Information Tech. Program at Doña Ana Community College.

This Institute fulfills one of MPLA’s long range goals to provide leadership training. Institute Leader Maureen Sullivan presented a wonderful program. Topics included:

- Situational Leadership Theory
- Effective communication
- Managing Differences
- Risk Taking
- Using Power and Influence
- Working with Others: Creating a Culture of Commitment
- Working with Groups and Teams
- Leading Change
- Personal Planning

Gwen Kalavaza reflected that “the Leadership Institute provided me with a set of leadership tools I can use throughout my career. More importantly, it connected me with a group of librarians in all different stages of their careers.”

Susan Pinkerton also enjoyed the Institute, remarking that “the MPLA Leadership Institute was an amazing experience. Maureen Sullivan was extremely knowledgeable and provided us with a memorable workshop and excellent resources to follow up with. The mentors and other participants were all just wonderful to work with and really added to the learning experience. We left with so many more friends and valuable contacts in several states. I will also always remember the 6 am hike to Chimney Rock, which was breathtaking! For me, it was certainly five days well spent. Special mention and kudos should also go to Linda O’Connell, whom most everyone in NMLA knows, for her excellent job of coordinating everything.”

Stephanie Gerding encourages other librarians to apply for the next two Leadership Institutes in 2003 and 2004, also to be held at Ghost Ranch. It was an amazing experience that has already had a huge impact on my career. See http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership/ for more information. You must have a MLS or equivalent master’s degree relevant to the field and less than 10 years post-master’s work in a library related job.

Left to Right: Gwen Kalavaza, Susan Pinkerton, Stephanie Gerding
Mentors Needed
Samuel R. Brown, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Exchanging Jobs

As of July 1, 2002 Southern Connecticut Library Council became the fiscal sponsor of Exchanging Jobs www.exchangingjobs.org, a free website devoted to job exchanges and job shadowing for librarians. A job exchange lets a participant trade places for a set period of time—typically from one to six months—with someone who has similar responsibilities. Job shadowing, on the other hand, typically lasts between half a day and two days and comes in two varieties: 1) A mentee posts his or her contact information on a list specifying the type of job that would be of interest. A mentor who works in this type of job contacts him or her to arrange a time for the mentee to shadow the mentor; 2) A mentor posts his or her contact information and job responsibilities on a list. A mentee interested in this type of job contacts the mentor to arrange the shadowing—there is a particular need for this variety of job shadowing. To sign-up, go to www.exchangingjobs.org/app_shadowme.html. In both varieties the mentee would accompany the mentor around during the workday.

A route to mentoring that is not connected to Exchanging Jobs is for an individual to enroll in a mentor program offered by their state library association. For example, the Arizona, California, Connecticut and Kentucky Library Associations sponsor formal mentor programs for their members. Another option would be to seek out a formal mentor program from a specialized library organization, such as one sponsored by The American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona, and REFORMA (National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking).

People seek a job exchange or shadowing for a variety of reasons, such as needing a change of scenery, wanting to expand social networks or looking for a broader perspective on the profession. Exchanging Jobs is run by Samuel R. Brown, Ph.D., who pursued his own job exchange in 2001. Contact him at sam@exchangingjobs.org to find out more information or just go to the website to look around.

Note—Exchanging Jobs is an initiative of its fiscal sponsor, Southern Connecticut Library Council, a fully tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

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New Battle of the Books
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The Statewide Battle of the Books is the annual culminating activity of a reading incentive program conducted by NM schools and libraries. The students read titles from either elementary or mid school reading lists. The twenty books are selected with the goal that young readers discover new authors and read in different genres. A wide variety of quality books are selected that expand young people's taste in literature. Students prepare by carefully reading the books and attending practices in schools or public libraries.

At the Statewide Battle, students are combined into teams and compete by answering questions about the books. They gain additional points by providing a correct answer if an opposing team misses a question. After four rounds, the points are tallied and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams receive awards and books. Because the teams are matched randomly, winning involves both skill and luck. The Statewide Battle is an opportunity to display what each child has accomplished, meet students from around the state, work cooperatively with a team, and make new friends. All of the participants are winners.

In 2002, students from 74 elementary and mid schools and public libraries went to Santa Fe for the Statewide Battle of the Books. Over five hundred 4th through 9th grade students participated at DeVargas Middle School. Teams came from as far away as Taos and Las Cruces.

The Battle of the Books is a volunteer organization which has received a small amount of financial support from the NM Library Foundation and the NM State Library. The remainder of the funding comes from team registration fees and donations from the community. This past year Scholastic Book Fairs donated books to winning teams.

Plans are underway for the 2003 Battle of the Books. The competition will be held on April 12, 2003 at Eisenhower Middle School in Albuquerque. All schools and libraries in NM are invited to participate. Students in grades 4-6 will participate in the Elementary Division. Students in grades 6-9 will participate in the Middle School Division. If you have students in the 6th grade, you must decide in which division they will participate.

Schools will be allowed to send two teams if they have students in grades 4-8 or 9. Each team will consist of up to 7 participants. This program is an excellent way to support the literacy effort in our schools and encourage greater library use.

If you are interested in participating in this year's battle, please register at the website: www.nmbattleofthebooks.org. The website will provide you with this year's booklists, t-shirt ordering, battle rules and regulations, site information, and other information. There is a $10 fee per team. A check payable to New Mexico Battle of the Books should be mailed to Lorrie Stepetic, Registration Chair, Double Eagle Elementary School, 8901 Lowell Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122. Unfortunately, we are not able to process purchase orders.

Deadlines:
November 22: Register online
January 15: Practice questions and team registration available online
March 3: City Battle Registration Deadline
March 14: Team member names registered online
April 12: State Battle at Eisenhower Middle School in Albuquerque

If you have questions regarding Battle of the Books or can help in any way, please contact Cindy Huffstodt, State Battle of the Books Chairperson at chuffstodt@comcast.net or 828-1514 after 5 p.m.
Highsmith Library Innovation Award

Anne Marie Gold
Chair of PLA's Highsmith Library Innovation Award

As Chair of PLA's Highsmith Library Innovation Award Jury, I would like to encourage public libraries in your state to apply for the award. The Highsmith Library Innovation Award recognizes a public library's innovative and creative service program to the community.

Any innovative creative program, activity or service that is a benefit to the community will be considered. This program or service must have had measurable impact on library's clientele.

Proposals will be judged on the collaborative efforts of the staff and community in the planning and implementation process, and the measurements of success in the community based on usage, program attendance, or greater community awareness. Applications are due by December 1, 2002. Highsmith, Inc., the award's sponsor, will provide a plaque and a $2,000 honorarium to recognize those proposals selected.

Enclosed is information on the award and an application form. In addition, the application and nomination forms can be found at:
http://www.pla.org/awards/highsmith.html or call 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5026.

Overdue Materials A Problem?
Stephanie Stokes, Publisher/Editor
Library Media & PR

Do you want to welcome your prodigal materials back into the fold?

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Perhaps it's time to forgive but not forget with an Amnesty Program at your library? Take away the fear and loathing of fines and embarrassment from forgetful patrons and welcome a flood of overdue materials back to your shelves. Just assemble the complete build-it-yourself Overdue Materials Amnesty Kit from Library Media & PR. You'll find everything you need for your very own amnesty program including posters, flyers, bookmarks, PSAs, press releases and lots of other stuff. Pay a visit to:
http://www.ssdesign.com/librarypr/ and check it out (you don't need to return it ever).

Elizabeth I Traveling Exhibit Available
ALA Public Programs Office

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office is now accepting grant applications from libraries wishing to host the traveling panel exhibition, Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend. This new exhibit commemorates the 400th anniversary of the death of Queen Elizabeth I of England and will encourage audiences not only to reacquaint themselves with the Queen, but also to become more familiar with the historical and cultural forces that shaped her personality and her time and examine the mixture of history and legend that continues to surround her today. The traveling exhibition is based on a major exhibition of the same title, which will open at the Newberry Library of Chicago on September 30, 2003.

Two copies of the exhibit will each travel to 20 libraries (a total of 40 libraries) around the country between October 2003 and March 2006. Each copy consists of six colorful, freestanding photo panels incorporating representations of artifacts from the Newberry's exhibition and new text written for the exhibition by the curator, Clark Hulse, professor of English and art history at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The sections of the

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traveling exhibition investigate Elizabeth’s life and career as a head of state, reveal the political workings of her court, examine the cultural and diplomatic worlds of England and Europe in the late 16th century, and explore the legacy of Queen Elizabeth from the time of her death to today.

Libraries of all types interested in hosting the exhibition can download the application and guidelines at http://www.ala.org/publicprograms/elizabeth/ or request a copy by sending an e-mail message to publicprograms@ala.org. Applications must be received by December 20, 2002.

Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend is organized by the ALA Public Programs Office and the Newberry Library with major support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information about Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend, please visit www.ala.org/publicprograms/elizabeth.

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Outstanding School Libraries Award
Rogers Barde

Have you been looking for a way to showcase something special about your library? The Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group of NMLA is sponsoring a new award that would do this. We would like to recognize outstanding NM school libraries. This award is open to all schools in NM.

The basis for this award is the Standards for New Mexico School Libraries developed by the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries, January 2001. It may be found at http://www.nmla.org and http://www.stlib.state.nm.us The form is on the NMLA web page. More information may be obtained from Pam Rishel at pam@hotsoff.com

By using this checklist, the positive side of school libraries will be showcased. It is a simple checklist that should not take much time to complete. For more information or clarification, refer to the Standards mentioned above. Please make colleagues aware of this opportunity. The deadline for submission is December 15, 2002 and is to be sent to Pam Rishel, 1500 Rivas Road, Los Lunas, NM 87031. The committee may contact you for clarification.

Awards will be presented at the NMLA annual conference in April.

P.O. Box 30572
Albuquerque, NM 87190-0572

The traveling exhibit, “New Mexico’s Library Legacy,” remains available for your library. Reserve a slot for 2002 or 2003 by contacting Charlene Greenwood at charlenelib@cybermesa.com or 505-256-1379 (Albuquerque).

We’re pleased to announce that that the winners of the Fall, 2002 fundraiser:
• Southwest airline ticket - Alison Almquist, Albuquerque
• Tamaya Resort gift certificate - Joyce Davies, Hobbs
• Navajo Indian pot - Heather Gallegos-Rex, Santa Fe

Your library may be eligible for a mini-grant of up to $1,000. Look on nmla.org for the NMLF mini-grant guidelines. The next deadline is January 31, 2003.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the New Mexico Library Foundation is a tax deductible foundation serving the libraries and library organizations of the state by providing grants and services. Your donations are welcome in your name or to honor another person. Make checks payable to “NMLF” and send to the address above.
National Book Festival
Kathy Barco
New Mexico State Library

What do Death Comes for the Archbishop, ...and now Miguel, Tularosa, Alice Nizzi Nazzy, — the Witch of Santa Fe, and Meet Josefina have in common?

They’re all books with a strong New Mexico connection, and they were just a few of the titles displayed in the New Mexico booth in the Pavilion of States at the 2002 National Book Festival in Washington D.C. on October 12.

New Mexico State Library employees Renee Payne, Director of the Office of Marketing and Communications, and Kathy Barco, Youth Services Coordinator, represented the Land of Enchantment at this exciting event co-sponsored by First Lady Laura Bush and the Library of Congress.

Renee and Kathy’s participation was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies). Estimated attendance was 40,000 in spite of the climate of apprehension generated by the sniper attacks.

The Pavilion of States contained separate tables staffed by representatives from almost every state, plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories. As children entered the pavilion, they were given a brochure designed to help them discover great places through reading. As they visited each state’s table, they could get their map stamped with interesting state symbols. Kathy and Renee kept busy all day stamping youngsters’ maps with a bright red Zia sign. Miniature New Mexico state flags were on display, as were posters for READiculous (2002 Statewide Summer Reading Program), The Sky’s the Limit (this year’s Celebrate New Mexico Libraries poster) and even a poster for the Santa Fe Festival of the Book. Fans imprinted with URLs for various New Mexico literary sources were a popular handout, as were pencils and bookmarks.

Celebrity visitors to the booth included children’s author Pat Mora (who lives in New Mexico for part of the year) and Marie Hillerman (Tony was busy giving a lecture in the morning and signing books in the afternoon).

For more information on the National Book Festival, a huge event, visit the website: http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/index.html

The 3rd annual festival is being planned for October 4, 2003.

PHOTO Caption: Marie (Mrs. Tony) Hillerman visits the New Mexico table in the Pavilion of States.
Mountain Plains Library Association
Charlene Greenwood,
MPLA Representative

I attended another great MPLA conference. It was really “fun in Fargo” but not quite “freezing in Fargo.” It was 48 degrees for the high and it snowed north of the city. This is where the Tri-conference was held with the North Dakota Library Association and the South Dakota Library Association. The theme was “Exploring New Pathways to Information: In the Spirit of Lewis and Clark” celebrating the 200th anniversary of their expedition and was from October 2-5. One of the highlights was an after dinner program that had a cultural presentation by Amy Mossett as Sacagawea giving an historical perspective of the life of a young Shoshoni-speaking woman who lived among the Hidatsa and Mandan and became part of the expedition.

The programs and speakers were informative and impressive. The keynote speaker was Pat Wagner of Pattern Research, Inc., Denver. Other featured speakers included Dr. Mitch Freedman, ALA President; Patrick Jones, noted authority on teen programming; and Ben Mikaelson, author, accepting the North Dakota state book award for Touching Spirit Bear. The sessions that I attended were very full and there were lots of questions. The Fargo Public Library had recently celebrated its 100th anniversary and they had a marvelous reception (lots of chocolate) for the attendees. The attendance was 448.

The next conference will be with the Nevada Library Association on November 5-8, 2003 in Lake Tahoe. I have attended four conferences and they have all been excellent. In April 2007 MPLA will be with NMLA for a joint conference.

The new president is Jean Hatfield, Johnson County Library, Shawnee Mission, KS near Kansas City. The new vice-president is Carol Hammond of Thunderbird: American Graduate School of International Management, Arizona. The association is at this time working on trying to hold virtual meetings and exploring the software available. It is also working on a long range plan and revising its bylaws to better meet the needs of the group.

Currently there are 32 members from NM that belong and 715 from the 12 member states.

Upcoming Gale Database Training
Stephanie Gerding

A Gale trainer will be making several trips to New Mexico to train librarians on the new Gale databases provided by the New Mexico State Library to all public, academic and high school libraries. For more information on the databases, please see:

The following are the dates and times for her first two trips. She will return the last week of January in order to travel to the Southern part of the state and Albuquerque. Many thanks to the institutions providing lab use for these workshops!

You may register free of charge by calling 1-800-340-3890 or online at:
http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/libraryservices/develop/form.html

Each workshop is 3 hours long and will be an overview of all of the databases, with time for hands-on searching practice.

Dec. 6th Santa Fe; New Mexico State Library;
8:00 a.m.-11 or 12-3:30 p.m.
ALL SPACES BOOKED

Dec. 9th Gallup; UNM Gallup, Zollinger Library;
9:00 a.m.-12

Dec. 10th Farmington; San Juan College Library;
8:30-11:30; or 1:00-4

Dec. 11th Los Alamos; Los Alamos High School;
1:30-4:30

Dec. 12th Taos; UNM Taos; 9-12 or 1:30-4:30

Dec. 13th Las Vegas; Highlands University;
9:00-12 or 1:30-4:30

New Mexico Library Association newsletter
Salt of the Earth Conference
David Myers, College of Santa Fe

Fogelson Library at the College of Santa Fe is proud to announce a major conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the filming of that uniquely New Mexican movie, Salt of the Earth. The conference will take place from February 27 to March 1, 2003 on the campus of the College.

The principle themes are workers' rights and freedom of expression. Several other subthemes include ethnicity, women in the labor movement, and the ravages of McCarthyism will also be explored.

Some of the participants will include:
- Strikers and film participants: Virginia Chacon, Lorenzo Torrez and Clinton Jencks and several others.
- Scholars: Ellen Schrecker (author of Many are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America); James Lorence (author of The Suppression of Salt of the Earth); Paul Buhle, (author of Radical Hollywood); Zaragosa Vargas (author of Proletarians of the North) and many others.
- Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers
- Victor Navasky, editor of the Nation and author of Naming Names
- Amy Goodman, anchorperson for Democracy Now
- Norma Barzman, a blacklisted screenwriter
- Michael Apted—director of A Coal Miner’s Daughter
- Peter Coyote, actor and activist
- David Riker who is directing a sequel to Salt.

Concurrent events will include a display of the Academy of Motion Pictures exhibit, The Red and Blacklist which is history of blacklisted screenwriters and the restoration of their credits, and a film festival emphasizing labor and political films.

For complete information and registration materials, please visit our web-page—www.salt.csf.edu

MPLA “Board’s Choice Award”
Submitted by Charlene Greenwood, NMLA Liaison to MPLA

The Mountain Plains Library Association annually presents a “Board’s Choice Award” in each of its 12 member states. This year New Mexico’s award was presented to Leslie Chamberlin at the New Mexico Library Association’s Mini-Conference in Ruidoso November 1, 2002.

Leslie Chamberlin received her MLS from Rutgers University and her BA from San Francisco State University. She has lived more than half her life in California, but she grew up in New Jersey. Leslie has worked in public libraries in both states. When working at Columbia University’s Butler Library, she lived in Manhattan.

She decided that she wanted to become a librarian in the fourth grade. Almost every job she has ever held has been related to libraries in some way. Leslie really believes that the service aspect of librarianship is what makes it so satisfying.

Currently she is the Director of Tireman Library in the College of Education at the University of New Mexico. She comes into contact with many individuals and groups that are working toward improving schools and school libraries. She is inspired by the dedication and interest that adult students demonstrate in pursuing career goals. Many of her students will go on to lead school libraries in the next twenty years or so. So her sphere of influence is vast. She considers it to be a distinct pleasure to help them along the way to create better opportunities for the children and adults in New Mexico. Those who have served on committees with her see how helpful and dedicated she is to the library profession. Leslie will be given a one year membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association.
NM Library Foundation Celebrates 10th Anniversary & Announces Raffle Winners
Submitted by Charlene Greenwood, Chair of Trustees

The Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary with a grand reception at The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs Thursday, October 31 preceding the NMLA Mini-Conference in Ruidoso. It was a magnificent setting and the food was great. A splendid time was had by all who attended—over 75 people. The Mini-Conference luncheon speaker and author, Mark Mathis was also in attendance.

Raffle tickets were offered and the drawing was the next day. The winners were:
Southwest Airline ticket - Alison Almquist, Wherry Elementary School, Albuquerque
Gift certificate worth $125 at Tamaya Resort donated by Kelly Schatz of Perma-Bound - Joyce Davies, Hobbs Public Library
Navajo Indian Pot – Heather Gallegos-Rex; NM State Library

The Foundation thanks all library supporters for their contributions over the years. The money goes to mini-grants awarded to library groups within NM. Information on the mini-grants may be found on www.nmla.org. The next deadline is January 30, 2003. Now it is time to look forward to the next raffle at the annual NMLA Conference in April in Albuquerque. There will be two Southwest Airline tickets as well as other treasures.

World Book Day
Jeff Bantly

Save this date while you are in Albuquerque for the NMLA Conference: April 23rd.

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System and the National Hispanic Cultural Center will celebrate World Book Day, Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at the Center, 1701 4th Street, SW.

World Book Day is a growing international celebration of literature, literacy, community and culture. Commemorating the day of the death in 1616 of Shakespeare, Cervantes and the Peruvian, Garcilaso de la Vega, the festival began in Catalonia in 1930 and has spread throughout the world. Albuquerque became part of this international celebration on April 23, 2001.

Stay tuned for upcoming details of the celebration of World Book Day in Albuquerque and plan to visit the Cultural Center while you are in town.

For more information, please call Jeff Bantly at the Albuquerque Library (505) 768-5115 or email: jban@cabq.gov
The Nov. 1st meeting was held at the Mini-conference and attended by approximately 25 persons. Barbara Von Dongen officiated.

She reported on the Steering Committee work as follows:

Rogers Barde and Barbara Von Dongen are working with Charlene Greenwood on developing awards for the best school library programs again this year (to be announced at conference 2003). They are networking with Stephanie Eagle in regards publicity for Bond C.

Kathy Matter is the NMLA Board member who liaisons with ASL Sig. She has been in close touch with the Steering Committee on issues involving school libraries and other concerns.

Barbara and Kathy said more funds are requested for mailings - Collection Development workshops, and to publish more copies of the ASL brochure.

Barbara talked about the overlapping goals of ASL and the Task Force which recently have revolved around passage of Bond C.

Collection Development workshops given around the state by Rogers and Alana McGrattan have been very successful. Attendance good. More workshops are planned for the north east and the southeast areas of the state.

Standards for NM School Libraries have been sent to every district in the state to superintendents, other administrators and school board members. Principals received the ASL brochure and Bond C information.

ASL booths at other education oriented conferences have been doing well, but staffing is a problem as folks in Albuquerque are more frequently asked to serve. (Ideas are welcome)

Omar Durant talked about Cynthia Nava’s plan to propose a bill in the NM Senate providing for permanent funding of school library materials. Danice Picreau plans to carry the bill in the House. He said that despite indications that it may not pass the first time around, it must be pursued each year until it does pass. In the meantime the Legislative Council will be putting the bill into proper legislative language.

Barbara talked about problems regarding the State Board of Education and the political issues surrounding adoption of Standards for NM School Libraries. With restructuring on the front burner, our strategy must be to back off and concentrate on other issues for the time, i.e. collections.

Stephanie asked for volunteers to continue legislative efforts. Barbara mentioned that we need a connection with the executive branch, i.e. the Governor’s office.

Finally, Kathy asked for ideas to promote “Family Literacy Day” – such as partnering with other groups interested in promoting literacy.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Claire Odenheim, Secretary

NMLA Award Nominations

NOW is the time to get your nominations in for the many awards given out by NMLA at the annual conference. The forms are on the NMLA site (http://www.nmla.org) under membership. The description of each award is also there.

These need to be gotten in ASAP as the deadline has been extended until December 15, 2002.

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Kudos and Cautions
Lori Grumet, Co-Chair Legislative & Intellectual Freedom Committee

Congratulations to all the hard working librarians who got out there and promoted GO Bond C! Overall the vote showed a 6.2% gain in support from the Bond campaign in 1994. This is directly attributable to all of you who spoke to citizen groups, circulated information flyers and talked up the bond at every opportunity. The excitement will really begin to build when it is time to start spending the money and improving our library collections. The latest from David Giltrow to the NMLA board explains that the disbursement of the bond money will follow the sale of the bonds this coming spring. The money should be available by the beginning of the next fiscal year in July 2003.

Libraries will have two years to disburse the funds, so start planning now. This is a good time to meet with your staff and stakeholders to determine the priorities for the money you can expect. There is more information on the amounts projected for each community, the results of the voting and details of activities to come on the bond web site. Check it out at

Now for the cautions... The Supreme Court will soon be hearing arguments on the Children’s Internet Protection Act. This piece of legislation directly impacts all libraries that receive Universal Service Fund money and also libraries that receive other types of federal funding. The Court noted the case for further briefing on November 12, 2002. The government brief is due on December 27, 2002, and the brief of the ALA plaintiffs is due on January 27, 2003. “Last spring a panel of federal judges ruled that the CIPA violates the First Amendment because the mandated filtering programs also block useful educational non-pornographic sites. Earlier this year the judges wrote in their decision “Given the crudeness of filtering technology, any technology protection measure mandated by CIPA will necessarily block access to a substantial amount of speech whose suppression serves no legitimate government interest.” You can follow the Supreme Court activity by visiting

Search for case 02-361, United States v. American Library Association. Our advice in the past from the State Library was to comply as much as possible with the Universal Service Fund (E-Rate)的要求s while keeping service as open as possible. Year four applicants were only required to document that they were “taking actions” to comply. Year five (the current year) applicants must certify on their Form 486 that they are in compliance with the provisions of CIPA in order to receive e-rate funding. Questions about compliance can be answered by Karen Starr, Director of Library Development Services Bureau at the New Mexico State Library a call at (505) 476-9720; e-mail kstarr@stlib.state.nm.us

As for the courts, we all hope, I’m sure, that they will understand the shortcomings of filters as they presently exist and will lift the burdensome restrictions of mandatory filtering from libraries receiving funds. A compromise consisting of local governance with a good dose of common sense should be all that is necessary for librarians to continue to provide comprehensive, professional information service to the public. Until the courts uphold legislation that polices the content at its source, or until filters become sufficiently sophisticated so as to be able to discriminate between pornography and a web site on whales, the ocean or political comment, librarians will have to cope with alternating restrictions and liberality. Either way we can expect someone to be unhappy.

Stay tuned for more....
NMLA Looks to the Future of Libraries
Eileen Longworth
Vice-President, Conference Chair.

Mark your calendars now for April 23-25, 2003. Plan to attend the NMLA Annual Conference in Albuquerque. Next year's conference theme is "The Future is Now." Over 60 programs will address critical library issues that you are dealing with today. Experts in Technical Services, Collection Development, School Libraries, Children's Services and "hands-on" practitioners will be on hand to instruct and challenge you with their innovative programs and services. Workshops on Fundraising, Planned Giving and other budget topics will be featured. Other programs will cover preserving our written heritage as well as providing electronic information. Authors will be featured at several events.

The 2003 Conference will be split between the Convention Center (meetings) and the newly renovated Old Town Sheraton Hotel for hotel rooms. Convention attendance will be enhanced by several special events, including an "Opening" reception on Wednesday night, and the second "Mysterious Southwest" banquet on Friday evening at the Sheraton.
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