Have We Got a Deal for You . . .
Charlene Greenwood

Is your library planning an event that could use an extra boost? The Library Foundation has the New Mexico Library Legacy Exhibit (LLE) that can be a special exhibit all by itself or in conjunction with another event you have planned. It is a beautiful and professional looking display that draws great attention.

The LLE has been traveling around the state for over two years. It is a joint project of NMLF, NMLA and the NM State Library and is based on the 1998 book, One Book at a Time: The History of the Library in New Mexico by Linda G. Harris. It received a SW Book Award from the BRLA and received support from the NM Endowment for the Humanities. A program is available by Linda Harris with her expenses paid by the library. Host libraries are encouraged to present their own history using graphics to fill one small area on the exhibit and also to arrange for a panel or local historian to recount the history of the local library during a public program.

Usually an exhibit is at the library for a month. Transportation is worked out between the sending and receiving libraries.

Physically, the exhibit travels in two rolling containers that fit into a pickup truck, station wagon, minivan or SUV. The exhibit is composed of 14 2x4' panels which have a Velcro carpet front for easy mounting of the foam core, laminated content panels. The assembled exhibit is 8 feet high by 10 feet wide. It is single-sided and comes out from the wall about 2 feet. Full instructions are provided. No tools are required. A chair or small stepladder is helpful for installing title panel and lights. The exhibit has its own lighting fixtures to provide adequate illumination (extension cord provided).

To inquire or make a reservation, contact Charlene Greenwood in Albuquerque by e-mail at charlenelihin@cybermesa.com or by phone at 505-256-1379.

New Deal Art in New Mexico
Kay Krehbiel

One of my favorite books is Treasures on New Mexico Trails: Discover New Deal Art and Architecture compiled and edited by Kathryn Flynn. The illustrations are a window on life in New Mexico and in the US during the Great Depression and the New Deal.

While I was growing up I heard stories about hardships brought on by the Depression from my parents, then newly married teachers in Kansas. These stories and experiences are duplicated all over New Mexico. In addition to these stories and memories we have in our communities—buildings, murals, paintings and other art, sidewalks with the WPA imprint, and other projects that were created under New Deal programs to support artists and authors. Your local schools and your library may have New Deal art, and your community may have connections with New Deal programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps that built the part of the water management system for the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

For over a year a traveling exhibit of over 80 color photographs of public art in New Mexico from the 30s and 40s has been seen in a number of NM cities and towns. Your library can host this exhibit which is sponsored by the National New Deal Preservation Association. The exhibit provides a wonderful opportunity for librarians to inform your community about New Deal art in your area, the history of the Depression period, social history recorded in the famous photograph commissioned by the Farm Security Administration (http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fahome.html) and other fascinating topics.

Last winter, NM Tech Library sponsored the exhibit which was installed in the lobby of the Macey Center since the library does not have space. During
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER
May 2002 - Earl Phillips

This has been an exciting year for NMLA. Out-past president, Kay Krehbiel, has been a stabilizing force that has kept our association moving forward towards a great future. Thank you Kay and your Board of Directors for a job well done. We have completed another annual conference in Las Cruces with over 400 participants and 60 exhibitors. At the Las Cruces conference, a new concept was tested. Exhibitors were invited to participate as an "Exhibitor Underwriter." The Exhibitor Reception appeared to be a "hit" with the representatives I spoke to. They were pleased for the opportunity to not only get a preferred spot in the exhibit hall, but also name recognition in the conference program and make a presentation during the conference sessions.

I want to publicly thank Tracie Antonuk, Program Committee chair and Mark Pendleton, Local Arrangements Committee chair and their respective committees for all the hard work and many hours of personal time in making this conference come together. The "Human Factor" is running well!

As many of you are aware, last year's NMLA Board made the decision to hold annual conferences in Las Cruces and Albuquerque.

NMLA Call For Programs

Participate as a program presenter at the 2003 New Mexico Library Association Conference on April 23-25, 2003 at the Sheraton Old Town in Albuquerque, NM.

"The Future Is Now" will be featured as the conference theme. Presentation proposals are sought that address the impact of 21st century change on libraries-- both current and future issues and trends. Programs for public, academic or school library issues are welcome, with most sessions scheduled for 1 hr. and 15 min.

For information on obtaining and submitting a program proposal form, contact Dora Trudell, 505-848-8893, FAX 505-848-8890, trudell@aps.edu or Anne Lefkofsky, 505-768-5153, FAX 505-768-5191, alefkofsky@cabq.gov.

The program proposal form will also be available on the NMLA homepage, http://www.nmla.org.
Awards Committee
Toni Beatty, Chair

State Librarian Ben Wakashige requested that the committee officially make the choice for Legislator of the Year Award prior to the full Board meeting on January 25th. The purpose of this request was to inform Sen. Altamirano of the award during a ceremony in Silver City, when the new bookmobile was being inaugurated. This request was sent to the full Board via e-mail and was approved.

The NM School Libraries Task Force members Charlene Greenwood, Rogers Barde and Pam Rischel, graciously agreed to review the school library award nominations. In the process, it became clear that to have elementary, middle school and high school libraries competing for the same award would be unrealistic. We await the Board’s pleasure in approving that this award be split into two, with one award going to best primary school library and one to the best secondary library (middle and high school). While this will cost more in Nambe plaques and for dinner seats, this proposal merits attention at this time in order for us to get the awards tasks done in a timely manner before the April conference. The Task Force members will report on their awards choices at the Board meeting on January 25th.

One further suggestion made by the Task Force members was to invite the local legislators and the school principals to the banquet. It was felt that this would be a great PR opportunity for school libraries and would garner support the goal of implementing the school library standards statewide. Again, we await the Board’s pleasure on this decision, which will potentially add 6 people to our free dinners tab.

Karen Stabler was nominated for two awards (Library Leadership and Community Achievement.) Since Kitty Sherlock was also nominated for Library Leadership and both are very worthy candidates, the committee has decided to award Karen Stabler the Community Achievement Award and Kitty Sherlock the Library Leadership Award.

The Library Amigo nominations again included very deserving candidates. Unfortunately, we did not receive any supporting letters for one of the candidates, only the nomination letter. We currently have a tie between Mrs. Gaylord “Dede” Freeman, ardent supporter of El Capitan Public Library and Karen Hack, Mesa PL employee and Friends bookstore manager for the Library Amigo award. I was unable to communicate with one of our committee members who is ill this week, to see if we can break the tie. The name of the actual winner may be available for the 1/25 Board meeting consideration.

Sylvia Ortiz is no longer serving on this committee. Mary Pat Kraemer, while not completely withdrawing from committee work, has asked to be relieved of active participation due to her difficult workload. Marilyn Belcher has joined the committee, however, so we have four active members. I think that a fifth member should be recruited at the April conference so we can break ties when voting on the awards.

Conference Program Committee
Tracie Antonuk, Chair

The Conference Program Committee in partnership with Vice President Earl Phillips and the Local Arrangements Committee was able to bring 41 programs on a variety of subjects to the conference in Las Cruces. For something different, there was a virtual reference teleconference as well as the usual Special Interest Groups business meetings, plus the NM State Library Commission and Library Leadership Institute gatherings. The Job Fair opened on Thursday at 8:30 - 9:45 and again from 2:15 - 3:30. Thank you to Hilary Frazier and Lorie Mitchell for coordinating this and listing potential employers on the web site.
The keynote speaker was Nadine Strossen, President of the American Civil Liberties Union to discuss censorship. The Awards Banquet guest speaker was author Denise Chavez and the Youth Services Luncheon speaker was author/librarian Vaunda Nelson.

Earl Phillips arranged for an Exhibitors Reception on Wednesday night so attendees could have a leisurely look at new products and services. The local arrangements committee planned for a horse drawn trolley tour of the NMSU campus on Thursday afternoon.

Carol Maness from the NMSU Bookstore arranged six book signings for the conference, three at the Las Cruces Hilton, the conference hotel and three at the Corbett Center, spread out over three days. The authors were: Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson and Don Zancanella, Daniel Chacon, Michael Lacapa, Denise Chavez, Vaunda Nelson, and Jessica Palmer.

I. would like to thank VP Earl Phillips and my fellow program committee members: Rhen Busch, Eileen Longsworth, Jo Ann Schaefer, Patricia Swanson, Jennifer Thanisiu, Dora Trudell, and Kris Warmoth. I must additionally thank the local arrangements committee members: Mark Pendleton, Lori Grumet, Monica Kirby, Margo Lamb, Norice Lee, Carolyn O’Brien, Leslie Trich, and Nancy Turner.

There are also some other people to thank besides those above: Shaunessy Everett, typist and editor of the conference program, Kathy Campbell, proofreader of the conference program, Fred and Shawn from Business Shop, printing wizards of the conference program, Charlene Greenwood, voice of experience, and Toni Beatty for giving me the time to work on the conference.

Education Committee
Cindy Watkins, Chair

Cindy Watkins would like to thank committee members Andy Howe, Kathleen Knoth, Shirlene Gordon, Mara Yarbrough, Danielle Swoopes, and Mary Lee Smith for their work on the committee this year.

To date, the committee has awarded:

Continuing Education Grant
1. Vaunda Nelson, Rio Rancho

Scholarships
1. College Scholarship:
   Cinthia Calderon, Sunland Park
2. Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship:
   Linda Heckes, Albuquerque

The recipients were announced at the annual Awards Banquet: Cinthia Calderon (College Scholarship) is employed at Sunland Park Community Library and is enrolled at the Dona Ana Branch Community College. She is enrolled in five classes this semester three of them are Library Technology courses. She will complete here course work this May. Linda Heckes (Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship) is the librarian at Eisenhower Middle School in Albuquerque. She has been a resident of New Mexico most of her life. She is enrolled at University of Illinois, Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

The committee is in the process of working with Lori Mitchell to enhance the web pages and make a directory of Library Schools providing distance education.
Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee  Beverly McFarland, Chair

The LIF Committee worked with the Library Bond Steering Committee to develop the legislative campaign for GO Bonds in 2002. We also worked with the NM Municipal Librarians to host a program for the NMLA Conference and provided the initial funding and appointments to the 2002 GO Bond Political Action Committee. It has been suggested that the 2002 bond effort for libraries be repeated every two years and should be led by NMLA, the one organization representing all three-library types.

The LIF organized Regional Coordinators who held meetings to alert librarians and elected officials about the GO Bond. These local efforts raised awareness for the Bond with face to face meetings held just before the Legislative session. The major sponsor of the GO Bond request was Rep. Sandoval with 29 others signing the bill including all of the members of the Legislative Education Study Committee. Rep. Danice Picraux, Rep. J. Paul Taylor, and Rep. Rick Miera were co-sponsors of the legislation. Here are the legislative outcomes:

House Bill 89, the General Obligation Bond Issue was passed with a final appropriation of $16,080,000. $100,000 is set aside for administration of the bonds. With the distribution of the remaining $15,980,000 as follows: $4,852,000 for public libraries, $7,704,000 for public school libraries, and $3,424,000 for academic libraries. The Senate Finance Committee added $1,000,000 for public libraries. We have Sen. Ben Altamirano and Sen. Joe Fidel to thank for the increase. The governor signed the bill and the Library GO Bond will be on the ballot in November.

House Bill 88 included 59 library capital outlay projects. This bill was passed and many of these projects survived the Governor’s veto.

HJM 54 Public School Library Materials was heard by the House Education Subcommittee and received a “do pass” recommendation. The House passed the Memorial but the Senate was forced to table it. They were unable to act on it before the session ended.

HB327 House District 41 Library Operations was heard by the House Education Subcommittee on Friday, and received a “do pass” recommendation. It was heard by the House Appropriation and Finance Committee and was tabled.

I would like to thank the New Mexico Library Association, New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, New Mexico Municipal League, New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries, and the Rio Grande Chapter of the Special Library Association; Sarah Henderson, LIF Co-Chair, LIF committee members, Regional Coordinators, Eileen Longsworth and the Library Bond Steering committee, presenters to the LESC, Ben Wakashige, Joe Sabatini, and the many other partners who contributed to our successes in the Legislature this year.

Membership Committee
Rogers Bardé, Chair

There are 522 members as of 1/16/02.

Several public libraries that used to pay membership for all their staff are no longer able to pay for the memberships. There are budget crises in many communities.

The new nmla web page includes the membership form and people may join or renew on line. SIGs are included on the form, so that members can check a SIG that they are interested in. Liaisons will receive names of people who are interested in the SIG and these lists can help SIGs identify their membership, contact them, and nurture memberships. The last time I looked, the links to the SIG descriptions did not work, but I am sure that they will. When the links work, the Hitchhiker will publish bits regularly, encouraging people to sign up with NMLA. I have talked to Robert Upton about NMLA “ads” and he will do it when the site is ready.

I continue to write to people whose membership has lapsed. Linda O’Connell sends me the expired list monthly, and there usually are very few to contact. It doesn’t take very long with e-mail, and it doesn’t hurt to do it.
Nominations & Elections Committee
Charlene Greenwood, Chair

On March 14, 2002 Linda Lewis and Charlene Greenwood counted the ballots for the new officers. There were 173 votes.

The winners were:
* Vice President / President-Elect: Eileen Longsworth, Director, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System
* Secretary: Shirlene Gordon
* Members-at-Large - two year terms:
  o Louise Bolton
  o Molly McGetrick

We want to thank the other people who were on the slate for offices - Leslie Chamberlin and Susan Pinkerton.

We appreciate all the help that we received in developing the slate of candidates and look forward to the coming year.

I will not be on the committee for next year.

I wish to thank my committee for working with me this year - Linda Lewis of UNM and Heather Gallegos-Rex, NM State Library.

It has been a pleasure to work with so many wonderful people over the last few years. NMLA is doing a great job in many areas.

Advocacy for School Libraries SIG
Judy Hulsey, Claire Odenheim, Rogers Bardé
SIG Liaisons

The Advocacy for School Libraries SIG met in June, September, and January jointly with the NM Task Force for School Libraries. We have a scheduled time at the spring conference for a SIG business meeting. If you are interested in school libraries, please come to the meeting. It is currently scheduled on Thursday, April 18 at 3:45 p.m. Our meetings with the Task Force have been working meetings, where members have worked on implementing the different aspects of the Task Force proposed standards. Those aspects are Program Standards, Collection Development, Facilities, Staffing, Curriculum Integration, and Library Management. Each of these action groups, in conjunction with Task Force members, has done substantial work.

For example, at the NMLA mini-conference in Farmington there was a presentation to a sizeable audience about getting school library certification; work that had been developed by the Library Management Action group. Presenting were Leslie-Chamberlain of UNM, Susan Pinkerton of Dona Ana Community College, and Isabel Rodarte of Northern New Mexico Community College.

The Program Standards action group has been involved in the development of the new School Library Award, which will be given at the Annual Conference this year for the first time. The criteria for the award were taken directly from the Standards for New Mexico School Libraries developed by the Task Force. This has been an exciting opportunity to identify exemplary New Mexico school libraries.

We applied for, and received a grant of $650 from the NM Library Foundation for the purpose of promoting school library services. A brochure has been designed and printed and is being distributed; a slide show, and a power point presentation are being developed. We are targeting administrators, school board members and teachers through mailings and at conferences around the state. We have distributed the first printing of the brochure and will soon be distributing another printing.

To promote school libraries, the ASL SIG has exhibited at many conferences, often sharing space with the State Library and we appreciate their generosity. Throughout this school year, we have been in evidence at the NM Coalition of School Administrators, the NM Association of Non-public schools, the Technology Conference sponsored by the NM State Department of Education, NM International Reading Association annual conference in Grants, NM Association of Elementary School Principals, NM School Boards Association and the Bilingual Education Association (whose official title escapes me). We are working very hard at being visible.

ASL SIG worked hard on making legislative contacts with every state legislator to urge them to support the General Obligation Bond initiative proposed to the legislature at the January session. Stephanie Eagle (Continued on page 8)
coordinated an effort to make sure that a school librarian contacted every legislator. We worked in this effort with NMLA coordinators who also sought legislative support for the bond issue.

Judy Hulsey has established an ASL e-list. We were included in the Task Force e-list, but we felt that to better identify our membership we should have a separate list. If you are interested in being part of the list, contact Judy Hulsey at jkhulsey@prodigy.com.

Local & Regional History SIG
Peter Ives, Liaison

For last year's Annual Conference in Albuquerque, the Local & Regional History Interest Group had Robert Julyan speaking on "What Name Is Your Place?--Place Names in New Mexico." It was quite popular and well received.

The business meeting was quite brief. I notified folks of signing up with the Interest Group and whether anyone was interested in taking over the Liaison position. No one else was, so I remain in that position.

The Interest Group's program for 2002 Annual Conference in Las Cruces was a talk by Mr. Evan Davies called "Padre on the Rio Grande: the Life & Times of a Priest Extraordinaire." It is about the Rev. Hunter Lewis, who proselytized the Mesilla Valley and up to Belen from 1905 to 1948. Mr. Davies is an independent historian who heads the Institute for Historical Research in Las Cruces.

Native American Librarians (NALSIG)
Mary Alice Tsosie, Chair

I attended the NALSIG Holiday Feast and meeting December 7, 2001. The food was great and I heard reports from the active and involved group.

The NM Friends of the Tribal Librarians has been set up as a non-profit organization to provide money for operational costs for tribal librarians.

Jackie Dalmy, from, NMSL Library Development, gave an update on the Summer Reading Program 2001 offered by Youth Services. The theme is "READiculous/ Leer el ridículo." The program is paid for by state funds and LSTA funds and is available to every community, public and military library in the state. The State Library designs and distributes posters, bookmarks, stickers and an activities manual to promote reading and having fun in libraries throughout the summer. A manual is available from their Web site (http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/).

Renee Payne, Director of the Office of Marketing and Communications, emphasized the importance of marketing for libraries and informed everyone of the "mini-marketing" plans for the future. In the works is a TV promo which will present a story of "how the library has helped someone."

Ben Wakashige reported on the GO Bond for this 2002 legislative session. It would provide funding to public, school and academic libraries around the state.

The group was active in the Mini-Conference and arranged for speakers for the Navajo Storytelling session (Jean Whitehorse) and the Evolution of Navajo Humor session (Bahe Billy). They also arranged for an NMLA Annual Conference speaker, Apache/Hopi/Tewa author, illustrator and storyteller, Michael Lacapa.
New Mexico Preservation Alliance
Ann Massman, Chair

NMLA’s New Mexico Preservation Alliance interest group was inactive this year.

Joanne Martinez, a private conservator in Albuquerque, has volunteered to take on the Chair’s responsibilities for the coming year, pending approval at the next Alliance meeting. We are looking forward to starting meetings again and providing some form of training on preservation topics. We are working on updating our membership list to include librarians, archivists, and others who have attended Preservation Alliance workshops in recent years. Joanne is a native Albuquerquean whose background includes preservation and conservation work at the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress. We are lucky to have her back in our state.

We also hope to revive the NM Disaster Recovery & Assistance Team (NM-DRAT) before the summer, so that we can provide assistance to any library, archive, or records office facing wildfires or other emergencies. As established in 2000, the phone numbers to call for NM-DRAT are the State Library or the State Archives in Santa Fe.

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Youth Services SIG
Leo McCormick

The Library year of 2001-2002 has been an uneventful one for the Youth Services SIG (YSSIG). “The Land of Enchantment” and “The Battle of The Books” programs (even though budget requests were made by the YSSIG in a requested, very indirect sort of way) have operated quite successfully and independently of the YSSIG. I originally volunteered to chair this group because no one else raised their hand to volunteer. That was at the NMLA Conference in Taos in 2000. Since that time, I have not been actively promoting this group, partly because I never personally had or received a mission statement, partly because of lack of contributions and finally, because similarly purposed groups, both formally constituted and informally convened, seem to have fulfilled whatever needs and programs for young readers throughout the state.

If any NMLA members wish to continue this SIG, presuming its existence is useful or necessary, or that any of the originators of this SIG foresee a pressing reason for doing so, they need do so independent of my participation in the future, partly for the reasons aforementioned and partly because I have become too occupied with other endeavors, the which having more significance to me as a librarian and as a citizen.
Regional Chapter Music Librarians Meet at New Mexico State University
Gary Mayhood, Head of the Serials/Special Projects Unit, NMSU

The Mountain Plains Chapter of the Music Library Association (MPMLA) held its annual conference at the library of New Mexico State University, May 17 and 18, 2002. This is the second meeting hosted in Las Cruces and the seventh meeting held in New Mexico since the chapter’s inception in 1978. Seventeen librarians and library staff came from AZ, CO, NE, NV, UT, and NM to attend the two-day conference. Zuhl Library was the center of activity for this event, which consisted of a series of papers given by members on various topics associated with music and music librarianship. Papers ranged in topics from the University of Arizona’s Integrated Learning Center, information literacy for music students, University of Colorado-Boulder’s virtual sheet music collection, to the film music of Ennio Morricone (the Clint Eastwood spaghetti westerns), musicologists in literature, music about the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic, Japanese music, and even murder and massacre in Las Cruces!

The conference is not just a series of papers. There are dinners, luncheons, a business meeting, a banquet, and a field trip. This year’s field trip was to the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces during their Fiesta de San Ysidro, the patron saint of farmers. Here the group was treated to displays of local foods, crafts and music, plus demonstrations of farming methods and a tour of this fascinating museum dedicated to the history of farming and ranching in New Mexico. It was a great time to get together to share news, discuss new ideas in music librarianship, and just have fun.

The MPMLA was formed in 1978 at its first organizational meeting in Boulder, CO with four members. Its main goal is to:

"The purpose of the MPMLA is to encourage communication and cooperation among libraries and individuals who are interested in music and libraries."

(Chapter By-laws)

Membership is not confined to music librarians only. Even librarians and staff who deal with music on a peripheral basis or who just have an interest in music are welcome to join. The chapter covers a wide territory including AZ, CO, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM; ND, OK, SD, UT, WY, and Alberta, Canada. The fifty members of the chapter come from all different types of libraries: To learn more about the MPMLA, please feel free to view their website at: http://www.library.arizona.edu/mpmla. You can even view some pictures of previous conferences to see the fun and relaxed atmosphere of the meetings. To borrow a phrase, it is the “chapter different.”

NM has always had a strong presence in the Mountain Plains Chapter. At present, however, there are only four members within the state, two at NMSU, one at the UNM and one at LANL. If you are interested in joining, please contact any one of the officers through the website, or me at: gmayhood@lib.nmsu.edu

A part of the MPMLA group by the statue of the farmer plowing in front of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.
The NM Interlibrary Loan Practitioner's Workshop began in the mid 1990's when ILL staff through-out New Mexico identified the need for a statewide ILL support system. Animated by the energy and continued interest of participants, it developed independently as a practical solution to the daily complexities and technological challenges faced by ILL practitioners throughout the state.

ILL workshops offer information, tips and tricks, hands-on training and valuable networking opportunity. ILL staff share questions, concerns, and expertise in the company of peers. The workshops address topics of special relevance to the changeable and often challenging world of ILL. Participants are invited to suggest topics and venues for future meetings. By popular demand workshops are now offered twice annually in the spring and fall.

On May 29, 34 ILL representatives from New Mexico academic, public, school, and special libraries met at the New Mexico Tech Library for the ILL Workshop. Ben Wakashige, NM State Librarian, started off the morning with a presentation on NM Library Resources. Mark Adams of the NM State Library, followed with a presentation on the ILLIAD system. Lynne Heatwole of Socorro Public Library ended the morning session with an overview of the OCLC web interface for ILL.

Afternoon events included a general discussion of best practices, agreement to explore improved reciprocity between Public and Academic Libraries, discussion of the history of resource sharing in New Mexico and the continued development of a common vision for the future. Participants agreed unanimously to meet again in fall 2002.

My personal observation is that Interlibrary Loan people overall, are a warm and friendly group - as willing to share information and expertise as they are to share resources. Participants expressed that one of the most interesting and useful things about the workshops is the subsequent "ability to attach faces to those three letter OCLC codes.

Along with about three hundred other librarians, mainly from the Southwest, I had the opportunity to attend the National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums: Preserving Our Language, Memory and Lifeways in Mesa Arizona from May 7-10.

It was a beautifully planned and organized conference, with just the right amount of time to network before and after the presentations by various speakers, who concentrated primarily on the areas of Language Preservation (sometimes through wonderful multi-media efforts), Developing and Maintaining Archives, Library Issues, Sovereignty Issues, Grantsmanship, and Pesticide Issues. Each speaker provided a wealth of interesting information. One evening, Native dancers, some children, performed in the Plaza area at sunset, when a light breeze cooled the high temperatures. Another evening, there was a tour of the Heard Museum, perfectly illuminated, with a tremendous amount of history and art to appreciate.

I personally found the content to be wonderful and relevant. If anyone would like to talk with me about what I learned there, please contact me, and I will be delighted to review my handouts and notes from meeting sessions. I found everything to be deeply meaningful. Attendees came from all over the United States and Canada. One speaker was a Maori from New Zealand.

(Contact me at saticy@unm.edu for details.)
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Plan on attending an openhouse this fall when Portales Junior High opens for education.
Meeting Notes for the Advocacy for School Libraries SIG April 18, 2002

The meeting convened with Rogers Barde officiating. Attendance was 35.

She began by discussing the purpose and objectives of ASL and recommended changes. These were agreed on by consensus.

The Purpose of the Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group (ASLSIG) is to advocate for all school libraries.

Objectives

1. Provide leadership to initiate, maintain, and enhance library legislation and act on political issues affecting school library interests.
2. Provide and support educational opportunities for school library personnel
3. Communicate the role and value of school libraries and librarians
4. Support and undertake networking among school librarians in New Mexico

New Objective for 2002-03

5. Support literacy initiatives such as, but not limited to, Battle of the Books and Land of Enchantment (as requested by the Executive Board of NMLA)

Discussion followed regarding which school libraries were supported by ASL. All school libraries in New Mexico: public, private, parochial; religious are supported by the SIG and librarians from all schools are invited to participate as active members of NMLA and ASLSIG.

Organization was discussed and considered important to keep the SIG active and involved. The chair-perso/liaison and other leaders should be changed periodically in order to keep members involved. A consensus was reached to have the following activities chaired by persons willing to do the necessary tasks involved at this time:

Chair/liaison to the Executive Board: Judy Hulsey, 2002-03
Executive Board SIG liaison: Rogers Barde
Recording secretary: Claire Odenheim, 02-03
E-list manager: Judy Hulsey
Conference program: OPEN
Land of Enchantment, Battle of the Books: Robin Rodar
Task Force liaison: Barbara Van Dongen
Legislative Coordinator: Stephanie Eagle

These people will constitute the nominating committee to ensure ongoing leadership.

David Giltrow spoke and emphasized that 7.7 million of the GO Bond will go to public school libraries if the Bond is elected. He said to check the NMLA website for more information, especially tax rates and talking points.

Joint committee work of the ASLSIG and the Task Force continues with praise from all for the excellent work done on each committee as follows:
Collection Development: chaired by Ben Wakashige
Library Management: Maggie Reysen
Program Standards: Charlene Greenwood
Staffing: Barbara Van Dongen
Curriculum Integration: Dora Trudell
Facilities: Omar Durant
Legislative Network: Stephanie Eagle
Recording Secretary: Claire Odenheim

If you are interested in becoming a part of the ASL SIG, please contact Judy Hulsey at JKHulsey@prodigy.net.
Mountain Plains Library Association

Winners  Charlene Greenwood, MPLA
Representative for NM

At the Las Cruces Conference in April, there was a
drawing for 10 free memberships to our regional organ-
ization. The winners were:
Judy Hooks, Inez Elem. Sch., Albuquerque;
Judy Hulsey, St. Francis Cathedral Sch., Santa Fe;
Kathy Barco, NM St. Lib., Santa Fe;
Rogers Barde, Bloomfield H.S., Bloomfield;
Betty Long, Roswell Pub. Lib., Roswell;
Earl Phillips, Las Cruces P.S., Las Cruces;
Linda Heckes, Eisenhower M.S., Albuquerque;
Jennifer Marquardt, Monte Vista Elem. Sch.,
Albuquerque

Each of these winners will receive all the benefits of:
belonging to a great library organization. Among these
benefits is a subscription to the newsletter, belonging
to the active e-list, a reduced rate for the conference
in Fargo, ND in October.

For more information about MPLA check out the
website: http://www.usd.edu/mlpa

New Deal Art in New Mexico (con't... page 1)

the exhibit period of seven weeks the library spon-
sored a walking tour of the photographs and a lecture
by Kathryn Flynn, who shared a wealth of stories and
anecdotes about the artists and their works. A fasci-
nating talk on the Depression and the New Deal illus-
trated with photographs from various federal online archives was given by Dr. Scott Zeman of the Hu-
manities Department. In the library we featured our
eight New Deal paintings and various pieces of furni-
ture plus books form our collections on the period.

To obtain information about scheduling the exhibit,
contact the Kathryn Flynn, National New Deal Pres-
servation Association Executive Director, P.O. Box 602,
Santa Fe NM 87504, 505-473-2089
(newdeal@cybermesa.com).
For information about the Association see

New Mexico Library Foundation

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
charlenelibn@cybermesa.com or 505-256-1379 (Albuquerque).

We're pleased to announce that that the principal winner of the Spring, 2002 fundraiser is
Claire Odenheim, a retired school librarian in Las Cruces. Claire will use her Southwest
Airline tickets to visit Maine in September to enjoy the ocean, the changing leaves, and the
lobsters, as well as the friends in the area. Thanks to all who participated and to the local
arrangements committee of the NMLA annual conference held in Las Cruces.

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.
Q: Has respect for patron privacy and a librarian's obligations under the New Mexico Library Privacy Act changed since 9/11 and the passage of the USA Patriot Act last year?

Ans: Basically not much.

1.) Given that the vast majority of library patrons are not terrorists, libraries should still make all reasonable efforts to protect patron privacy.

2.) Under the New Mexico Library Privacy Act you may not release records that identify patrons and their library use, unless you receive either a court order or the permission of the patron, except for special circumstances for school libraries and with respect to over dues.

3.) As before, under the New Mexico Privacy Act, libraries are encouraged to dispose of records that are not needed for library administration. They are encouraged to have affirmative, written policies in place to delete records that identify specific patrons, as soon as their library purpose is served. Examples include not keeping patron logs or sign-up sheets, unless needed, and then making sure that they are disposed of after the immediate purpose is served and any statistical data is abstracted. Libraries are encouraged to select library automation software that does not maintain the linkage between a patron and the record after library materials are returned in good order.

4.) If approached by law enforcement officials to disclose patron records, librarians should refer them to the New Mexico Privacy Act, which requires a court order. Libraries subject to such a court order are permitted, but not required, “to be represented by counsel at any hearing on disclosure or release of its patron records.” It is not obstruction of justice to request a court order, it is protection for the library. In fact, the USA Patriot Act even specifically provides for immunization against liability for release of records where there is a court order. An effort to educate New Mexico law enforcement about the New Mexico act was undertaken in 2000. It should be periodically revisited.

5.) If you receive from law enforcement a court order issued by a New Mexico court, you should immediately notify your supervisor. Supervisors should notify the library’s legal counsel, which may be an attorney for the Library Board or the city or county attorney. Compliance should be as quick as possible without disclosure of patron records that are not germane. If the library was not given the opportunity to be represented at the hearing where the court order was requested, or if the order is so vague or so burdensome as to be impossible to comply with, then legal counsel will need to make determinations as to the best course of action to pursue.

6.) If you receive a federal court order, you should ask if it is an order under Section 501 of Title V of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. Court orders under that section are “non-disclosable” orders. Section 501(d) provides, “No person shall disclose to any other person (other than those persons necessary to produce the tangible things under this section) that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sought or obtained tangible things under this section.” However, the order itself will not mention that it is under Section 501 of Title V of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, because section 501(c)(2) provides that “An order under this subsection shall not disclose that it is issued for purposes of an investigation described in subsection (a).” It is a kind of catch-22. If the federal officer serving the court order denies or fails upon request to inform you that it is under Section 501, then you should, as part of the compliance procedure, immediately create a written note to that effect. Regardless, it is appropriate to follow the same procedures as under a State court order. Notify your supervisor and the library’s legal counsel. Notification of supervisor and attorney is okay since they are considered to be “necessary parties" under the Act.
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