You Still Have Time To Register for the NMLA Conference!

Anne E. Lefkofsky NMLA Conference Program Co-Chair, Dora Trudell, Program Co-Chair, Ellanie Sampson (LAC Chair)

Don’t miss the annual NMLA conference, April 23-25, to be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center. The official conference hotel is the Sheraton Old Town (www.buynewmexico.com or call 505-843-6300). Check the NMLA website (nmla.org) for the complete conference program and registration form. You can even pay online using PayPal!

Highlights of this year’s conference, “The Future Is NOW!” include:

- Keynote Speaker Steve Coffman of LSSI
- Featured programs by Cindy Cunningham of Amazon.com, Susan DiMattia of Library Hotline, Recorded Books, and Pamela Kramer of Know It All
- Awards luncheon honoring your colleagues and contributions to NM library service
- Hearing this year’s Land of Enchantment Award winner, Diane Stanley, at the Youth Services Luncheon
- Meeting and mingling with the exhibitors at the Grand Opening of the exhibits, which also honors the past presidents of the association.

And be sure to make your reservation for the Mysterious Southwest Dinner, honoring Rudolfo Anaya. Steve Brewer, Judith Van Gieson, and Jake Page will also speak. Books by all four authors will be available for purchase/autographing at the dinner.

Check it out! You still have time!

Congratulations to New Officers and Board Members

Kay Krehbiel, Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

The NMLA Nominations and Elections Committee would like to announce the following new members of the NMLA Executive Board for 2002 – 03. Their terms will start at the conference in April.

Vice-President / President Elect:
Heather Gallegos-Rex of Santa Fe
Member at Large:
Carol Sarath of Gallup
Member at Large:
Omar Duran of Albuquerque

Treasurer, Kathy Albrecht, begins a full, two-year term after serving in this office since January 2002. They will join Eileen Longsworth, President; Susan Magee, Secretary; and Thaddeus Bejnar, ALA Councilor for the coming year.

The Nominating and Elections Committee Members are Tracie Antonuk, Barbara VanDongen and Kay Krehbiel. Thanks to all of you who ran for office this year and to each of you who voted.

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New Mexico Library Association Newsletter
NMLA President’s Message

Earl H. Phillips

This will be the last message that I will have the privilege of writing as President of New Mexico Library Association. What a wonderful opportunity it has been to serve a group of truly professional people. Our libraries are so important. This has been a year of excitement; it has been a year of change. I have been very pleased how our NMLA Board has “stepped up to the plate” to make our Association meaningful and helpful to librarians throughout the state of New Mexico. I wish to thank all who have made my term of office so meaningful and enjoyable.

I also wish to thank our New Mexico State Librarian, Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Wakashige, for his many years of service as the State Librarian and many other contributions he has made while working in this state. He will be a fine addition to Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon as the Director of Libraries when he takes that position in June. Ms. Pauline J. Ponce introduced House Memorial No. 34, recognizing Ben for his years of dedicated service to New Mexico. Best to you Ben, and thanks for serving for many years on our NMLA Board of Directors.

I would like to thank all those who planned and participated in LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY. Governor Bill Richardson signed a “Proclamation” February 19th, 2003 honoring all of our libraries in New Mexico.

As we approach our annual conference date, we will have the opportunity to renew friendships, visit with colleagues, and be instructed by attending our annual conference. Please enjoy yourselves by taking part in the many sessions and visiting with the exhibitors who give support with information, money, and personal time that make our conferences possible. Our conference team has been working with diligence in making sure that you will not be disappointed. Registration is continuing both by mail and Fax as well as in person. See you in Albuquerque April 24-26th.

State Librarian Honored by NM Legislature

On March 19th, at the House of Representatives Gallery at the State Capitol in Santa Fe, Ben Wakashige was honored by the legislature for his years of service as State Librarian. Representative Pauline Ponce introduced this Memorial. Rep. Ponce and Dean Camila Alire of UNM, sponsored this honor, with NM State Library’s Renee Payne writing the memorial text. There were touching remarks by Representatives Ponce, Picraus, Taylor, Sandoval and Hamilton. Senator Nava also attended. Ben received a standing ovation, which is a rarity. This Memorial is a wonderful tribute to Ben’s contributions to the library community in New Mexico and an honor to all NM librarians.

Following is the House Memorial.

HOUSE MEMORIAL 34
46th Legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - first session, 2003
INTRODUCED BY Pauline J. Ponce

A MEMORIAL RECOGNIZING BENJAMIN T. WAKASHIGE FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Wakashige, who has served as the state librarian for New Mexico since July 1998, will leave his position in May 2003 to take a position as the director of the library at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans will miss Benjamin T. Wakashige, his unique perspective, unwavering support for library issues, no-nonsense approach to library issues, sense of humor, candor and honesty; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Wakashige demonstrated his commitment to New Mexico state library staff and the community alike by being a true and good public servant willing to address challenging and unpopular issues; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Wakashige served as the supervisor of the state library’s library for the blind and physically handicapped, worked in the development of community libraries in nine pueblos in New Mexico and served on library boards in Zuni, Rio Rancho and Silver City; and

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Book Review
Claire Odenheim


Here we are in the 21st century worried about smallpox despite its eradication by 1979. After Edward Jenner discovered an effective vaccination in 1796, it took the intervening years to stamp out the dreaded disease worldwide. With over 6 billion humans on earth today, few have immunity should the variola virus be released in a population.

During the period 1775-82, few North Americans had immunity, as it was a generation since the last serious outbreak. Especially vulnerable were soldiers, people in towns and cities, African-American slaves, and Native Americans. Little has been published in popular histories about the effects of the smallpox epidemic that ravished North America during the Revolutionary War period. Even less has been published regarding smallpox as a weapon used by the British in the war. Before the Jenner vaccination, it was possible to be inoculated with a weaker strain of the virus causing a milder illness thereby providing lifetime immunity. Also called variolation, this procedure was used by wealthy persons seeking to avoid a more serious, deforming, and possibly deadly illness. Not without risks, it was used by John and Abigail Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Martha Washington and finally, hundreds, if not thousands, of patriot regulars under the command of General George Washington.

Fenn’s narrative uses original sources such as letters, diaries, journals, military reports, and histories to document her statistics and to relay personal tragedies and stories of misery and survival. She shows how, despite limited transportation and few roads, the virus nevertheless was able to travel existing trade routes and established trails to infect thousands of persons from Canada to Mexico, the Atlantic coast to the Pacific Northwest. During the period 1775-82 in North America upwards of 130,000 people died of smallpox and many more suffered from the disease and survived. One possible cause of the American defeat in 1775-6 at the Siege of Quebec was the great number of soldiers sick and dying of smallpox. As the war progressed, outbreaks of the disease hampered the American side to the point that it was decided to inoculate those soldiers who were without immunity.

New Mexico was touched by the epidemic in a most tragic way; with a small population the loss of over 5,000 people left enormous gaps in families, towns, and small settlements. Although smallpox infected without regard to race or social status, there were many more Indians than Spaniards and they were more likely to die from the disease due to inadequate care while sick. The chapter entitled Entierros (Burials) documents the possible routes taken by smallpox from Mexico City where it spread most likely from New Orleans. Church burial records sometimes listed causes of death; sometimes not, so determining causes of death is often based on the numbers in a particular place on the Camino Real and what is known about the incubation period. Thanks to the records kept in New Mexico’s churches and missions we can read names of the afflicted, what Pueblos or towns they lived in, and who their relatives were. These carefully documented numbers offer insight into life and death along the Camino Real in the late 18th century and the sometimes-tragic connections that existed among people in the Americas.

Why was an epidemic that occurred simultaneously with the American Revolution and spread to so many others sharing the continent ignored in our popular history? Perhaps those historians who early on recorded the events of those times didn’t consider smallpox a suitable topic or as important as we do today because it was more common. Smallpox wasn’t the only deadly disease to plague mankind in those days, especially during wartime. Documentation of the devastation among Native Americans was difficult to obtain or did not exist, and may not have been considered important to the white European American historians who created our popular histories and mythologies surrounding the era. Fenn’s book proves that history is never finished, as new concerns surface and existing or newly discovered information is mined for significant meaning and fresh ideas.
Library Legislative Day a Success!

*Benjamin T. Wakashige, State Librarian*

Kudos to Lori Grumet and Toni Beatty, co chairs of the NMLA Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee, for the very successful NMLA Library Legislative Day held on February 19, 2003.

Over 32 librarians and library supporters were welcomed at the State Library for the NMLA Library Legislative Day. The participants came from Alamogordo, Belen, Bloomfield, Mesa Vista, Santa Domingo Pueblo, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Las Cruces, and Tucumcari. Presentations that covered such topics as the State Legislature, current library legislation, tips on talking with the legislators were made by Toni, Lori, Ben, Omar Durant, and Eileen Longsworth.

At the Capitol, library posters were distributed by the librarians and library supporters to every legislator’s office. At 11:20 am a ceremony was held in the Capitol Rotunda honoring the NMLA 2002 Legislator of the Year, Senator Ben Altamirano (Grant, Catron, and Socorro Counties). Representative Paul Taylor (Dona Ana County) who is a past recipient of the NMLA Legislator of the Year Award was present at the ceremony. Eileen Longsworth, NMLA Vice President Elect made a brief talk on the value of libraries. The Executive Proclamation, “Library Legislative Day,” was read. On the main floor of the Capitol the New Mexico State Library and the New Mexico Library Foundation displayed exhibits. It was a great day!

**State Of New Mexico Executive Office Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, Libraries serve all the people of New Mexico, and

Whereas, Libraries are a place for anyone, regardless of their economic or ethnic status, to receive free access to information, through conventional means; and

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**Gadsden High School & NMSU Partner to Teach Electronic Research**

*Leslie Trich, MLS, Gadsden High School Library*

The Gadsden High School, Anthony, NM, honors English classes (Juniors and seniors) go to NMSU’s library once per semester to perform extensive research on selected authors. Three years ago, the school’s new librarian observed the process for one semester and then volunteered to accompany the students on the field trips. This has turned out to be successful from all viewpoints, and the processes have improved every semester. The faculty members are now free to offer the students their strengths, while the librarian offers assistance and techniques in research. This is but one example of integrating the school’s library/media program with the curriculum.

The day prior to any field trip, the librarian visits each class to begin the orientation to the LC system, finding authors’ call numbers, the significance of the “Z” in the second “Cutter” number, and preview the students on the various periodical databases they will encounter the next day. NMSU’s library staff kindly schedules their Electronic Classroom in Zuhl Library for instruction purposes, so the students benefit from a quiet, classroom environment while they orient themselves, amid familiar faculty members, to such a large library.

During the second semester’s field trip, a junior came to the librarian asking about a particular citation listed in a bibliography. It was quickly determined to be a dissertation. The student assured the librarian that it was necessary for the research. The librarian then explained about dissertations and “Dissertation Abstracts.” Being Honors students, several other class members became interested in the discussion and accompanied the librarian and student to uncover the world of graduate-level research.

The next semester, of course, the librarian ‘let it slip’ to the seniors about the previous semester’s juniors. Since then all juniors and seniors are using graduate-level databases, such as Dissertation Abstracts, MLA, Arts & Humanities, etc. Not only do the students use the databases, but they understand what they’re using and why.

Of course, having college-level juniors and seniors use such tools would be fabulous, but these are children, who have made their faculty members very proud.
NMLA Needs You!
Eileen Longsworth, Vice President/President elect

The future of our association depends on volunteers. We need involved members. What do you get out of volunteering? The best answer is professional development opportunities, meeting colleagues from different types of libraries, a sense of influence on the future of New Mexico Libraries and most important, fun. NMLA is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn, share, develop new programs, meet friends and grow our profession. If you want programs focused on your needs, join the Program or Education committees. If you care about privacy or freedom to read, join the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom committee. If you want to help work with award-winning writers and books, join the Land of Enchantment group. Or if you want to start a group to work on a specific issue, get together with colleagues and form a new Special Interest Group. And if you want to improve anything, get involved. Just think what being an NMLA officer can do for your skills and your resume.

We are looking for new volunteers. If you are interested, send me an email at elongsworth@cabq.gov. We are interested in hearing from you!

Paraprofessional Special Interest Group Meeting
Leslie Monsalve-Jones, Paraprofessional SIG

The New Mexico Library Association Paraprofessional Special Interest Group would like to invite you to attend:

WHAT: a general meeting
WHERE: Albuquerque Convention Center, Isleta Room
WHEN: Friday April 25, 2003, at 8:00 a.m.

Please come and support this group. We’ll have information on educational opportunities, salaries, and information from the New Mexico Educational Support staff, who has won a victory this legislative session concerning their salary and recognition from professional staff.

This is an extraordinary time for library support staff to come together as a whole to enhance the professional development of all library paraprofessionals. Please come and meet fellow paraprofessionals from around this great state that we live in. This is your meeting; please feel free to send suggestions for the agenda to leslie@stlib.state.nm.us or monica@stlib.state.nm.us

Capitan Public Library Open House
Pat Garrett, Library Director

Capitan Public Library will be holding an Open House on April 17 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. They will be celebrating National Library Week by displaying children’s books from a Libri Foundation Grant and Paul Patterson will be doing a book signing from 6:00 to 7:00. Refreshments will be catered.
CENAC Battle of the Books
Robin Rodar, School Librarian

In the late 1930's two Chicago school librarians developed a program to test young readers’ knowledge of good literature. The program reached thousands of Chicago school children and was quickly turned into a weekly radio quiz program known as “The Battle of the Books.” Teams representing public elementary schools answered questions about characters, plots and settings. Answers were usually the titles of well-known fiction books and biographies.

The Chicago Public Library sponsored the show in the early 1940's. Joanne Kelly, a student participant in the radio show, went on to become a school librarian in Urbana, Illinois. While she was there, she reconstructed the radio show for use in her library. Since then the quiz show format that encourages children to enjoy good literature has spread across the country and this year reaches the Northern and Southern Pueblo Schools of New Mexico.

On March 17th, the first CENAC (Consortium of Educators in Native American Communities) Battle of the Books competition was held at Santa Clara Day School under the direction of Librarian, Robin Rodar. Fourth through eighth grade students from Sky City Community School, Isleta Day School, Zia Day School, Taos Day School, Santa Fe Indian School, Tesuque Day School, and Santa Clara Day School participated.

It was a wonderful event! Both students and their sponsors had a great time. All participants received gifts, ribbons, and certificates. Each member of the first, second and third place teams received a medal and prizes. Now the students are looking forward to going on the New Mexico state battle on April 12 in Albuquerque. http://nmbattleofthebooks.org

Next year’s CENAC Battle will be held at Zia Day School. Objectives of the CENAC Battle of the Books Challenge:
1. To promote the love of reading (and have fun)
2. To promote the use of libraries as neighborhood and community resource centers
3. To introduce children to a wide variety of literature and multicultural reading materials (and have fun)
4. To provide a recreational outlet for readers
5. To encourage children to participate in a group activity (and have fun)
6. To encourage children to read for retention
7. To provide positive experiences between children, librarians, teachers and parents (and have fun)
8. To form partnership with local schools and businesses and strengthen community ties
9. To build confidence and integrity in young readers (and have fun)
10. To participate in a library activity that promotes reading as a pleasurable lifelong experience.

New Mexico Library Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Susan Magee, NMLA Secretary

October 11, 2002
Call to Order: President Earl Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.


Introductions
Approval of the agenda
Approval of minutes for July 12, 2002
Minor changes were made to the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on July 12, 2002. Thaddeus made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Kathy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report
Kathy Albrecht presented the Executive Committee's balanced fiscal year budget for approval. After in depth consultation between the Annual Conference Local Arrangements Committee and the Administrative Contractor, the Executive Committee cut July's proposed budget another 10% across the board (on most line-items).
The resulting budget safely and conservatively anticipates a successful Annual Conference. Many thanks are due the Local Arrangements Committee for holding conference costs down this year. Fortunately, the Sheraton Old Town is paying our Convention Center rent in whole (due to their over booking their own facility). And thanks to all SIGs and the offices within NMLA for staying within the limited spending authority which has been in place since July. Our investments are holding steady (2 CDs ($5,000) and Treasury bill ($20,000)). The checkbook balance is again ample, with registrations arriving for the mini-conference.

NOTE: Requests for NMLA tax exempt certificates from vendors must include their addresses AND their CRS (Consolidated Returns System) numbers for Kathy to process them.

Vice-president’s Report
Conference planning – concerns: Sheraton hasn’t yet gotten a written agreement with the Convention Center but hope to within a few days. They are negotiating free parking. The number of exhibitors expected due to the economy and possible war status: NM is headed into a downward economic spiral. Computer/internet access at the Convention Center is unimproved and problematic. As soon as the CC is under contract, the costs of adding needed access and equipment can be assessed.

See Attachment #1 on NMLA website for full details of conference. Preconference fees will be determined once the costs have been fully-developed.

The conference center has a new caterer and is willing to work with NMLA on costs for box lunches, etc. In addition to the usual breakfast coffee set up, there will also be a coffee kiosk set up with flavored coffees to purchase throughout the day. The beverage service in the exhibit area may also be open for sodas. The awards meal on Thursday will be a luncheon. There is a Friday night mystery dinner at the Sheraton featuring Rudolpho Anaya, Jake Page, Judith van Geison, and Steve Brewer. Costs and proceeds will be shared with the Friends of Albuquerque Public Library. It will be open to the public and limited to 300 participants. The ticket price is tentatively set at $50 per person or $85 per couple depending on costs.

There is some concern that in 2005 something similar may happen since there are only two places in Albuquerque (at this time) that are large enough to hold our conference – the Sheraton and the Convention Center. Negotiations for 2005 have not yet begun.

New Business

1. Betty Long submitted a form requesting that the White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS) Task Force be made a SIG. It was formed after the 1991 White House conference. They will be meeting with the similar group from Texas to try to generate interest in having another national conference. They had originally planned to have a conference every 10 years.

MOTION: Kathy Matter moved that WHCLIS be confirmed as a SIG of NMLA. Louise Bolton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Prices for exhibition space, registration, banquet lunch and box lunches at the conference were discussed.

MOTION: Kathy Albrecht moved that the following prices be used for the 2003 conference: exhibition space: 10'x10' = $450; 8' table = $150; free tables available for nonprofit organizations; conference registration = $70; reserved box lunch = $5; both award (Thursday) and Youth Services (Friday) luncheons = $23 each. Eileen Longsworth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Mountain Plains Library Association – Charlene Greenwood
Charlene’s term is ending. She raised two points: most MPLA representatives are elected (which would require a by-laws change for NMLA) and the terms are generally 3-year as are the ALA Councilors’ terms. If the Board decides that the position should be elected rather than appointed a notice of the by-laws change will need to appear in the newsletter at least one month before the annual business meeting at the conference. A vote of the membership would be taken at that business meeting. ALA strongly recommends that all such positions be elected.

ACTION: This item will be discussed more fully at the January meeting.

ACTION: Investigate the minutes to determine when Thaddeus was appointed.
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Committees, SIG and other reports

1. AASL representative, Alison Almquist: The Affiliate Assembly met for two days at ALA in Atlanta. Several resolutions were recommended by members of the Affiliate Assembly to the AASL Executive Board. What resolutions will be accepted and acted upon remains to be seen. The lack of communication among membership, the Affiliate Assembly, and the AASL Executive Board appears to be of primary concern. The Affiliate Assembly consists of several regions. New Mexico is part of Region VI. There is an effort by Affiliate Assembly members of Region VI to improve communication between our states. It has been a slow process since the Chair of Region VI will be changing shortly.

Every two years New Mexico must reapply for membership with the Affiliate Assembly. I have received about twenty pages of instructions and the re-affiliation form. The minimum requirement for affiliation is 25 NMLA members or 10% of our NMLA membership must also belong to AASL. I will contact Linda O'Connell and find out how many joint members we have and return the re-affiliation form to AASL.”

2. ALA Councilor: Thaddeus will be traveling to Chicago (ALA) in Nov. to interview Parliamentarian candidates.

3. Awards: Charlene Greenwood mentioned that they are planning to go to plaque awards for the school awards next year.

4. Association Administrator - Linda O'Connell (GO Bond up-date) Almost $20,000 received. The website is packed with information. (See the L&IF report for more details.)

5. Annual Conference Program and Local Arrangements - See Attachment #1.

6. Education: No report from the committee.

ACTION: Eileen reminded the Board that the Local Arrangements Committee would not be facilitating any fundraising efforts by the Education Committee beyond providing them a table at the conference.

7. Legislation and Intellectual Freedom, Lori Grumet and Benjamin Wakashige The committee met on September 13, 2002. They distributed to all the regional coordinators a time table, a check list, a reinforcement of legal do’s and don’ts and other information about what was happening with the GO Bond so they could continue to coordinate efforts in support of the GO Bond. They have a group who have undertaken to speak on behalf of the GO Bond to community organizations. Print promotions, television coverage and other related support efforts were enumerated.

ACTION: It was noted that longer notice of meetings might improve participation by committee members.

Ben spoke about the participation and responsibility of the PAC (fundraising and website promotion). There are about 18 regional coordinators from the L&IF committee who coordinate publicity efforts in their areas. The coordinators work with the public relations firm hired by the PAC to coordinate the materials. The School Library SIG sent a mailing to all school librarians and principals, promoting the bond issue. KNME did a 1-hour program on bond issues as well. Ben mentioned that the same public relations firm has been hired to promote libraries on both radio and television.

8. Members at Large – SIGs and Mini-Conference, Kathy Matter and Barb Rosen: The mini-conference program was distributed. The conference was pared down as much as possible to save money but they believe they are providing a good conference with good speakers and programs.

**ASL SIG – see Attachment #2 on the NMLA website.**

**Northern New Mexico Youth Services Round Table SIG – see Attachment #3 on the NMLA website.**

**Paraprofessional SIG – see Attachment #4 on the NMLA website.**


ACTION: Kathy A. will contact Kay Krehbiel to see about their progress.
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Other

Membership report - As of October 3, NMLA had 520 members.

Thaddeus proposed that NMLA open a ‘paypal account’ so membership can be done through the website via credit card.

MOTION: Thaddeus Bejmir made the motion that NMLA make membership and conference registration available electronically and paid via Paypal. Eileen Longsworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Linda will set up the account and work with Lori on the webpage connection.

Eileen Longsworth proposed that there be a NMLA apply for a corporate American Express. It would help facilitate the conference cost deposits that now have to be paid by check. It will also help with some cash flow problems.

ACTION: Eileen volunteered to research the procedural guidelines implemented by the Utah Library Association for the next meeting.

MPLA and NM Library Foundation, Charlene Greenwood

MPLA - see Attachment # 5 on the NMLA website. Charlene recommends that since the April 2007 meeting will be a joint conference with MPLA next year would be appropriate to set the dates and begin preliminary planning for that meeting. There will be about a 16-month lag for MPLA since the previous conference will be held with the Wyoming Library Association in the fall of 2005. The 2007 date was set up to coincide with an Albuquerque year as it is expected that participation will be approximately 25% - 33% over normal attendance.

NM Library Foundation - Charlene reported that several members of the Foundation Board had changed. The Foundation would like to send out a mailing promoting their event at the mini-conference and requested a set of NMLA mailing labels to use for that purpose. It was requested that they include a map to the event in the mailing.

MOTION: Thaddeus moved to grant this request. Kathy A. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Guidelines for NMLA Annual Conference Program Committee

This was the only committee without stated guidelines and these were done to rectify this.

MOTION: Eileen Longsworth moved that these guidelines be accepted as amended. Kathy Albrecht seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Final budget approval.

A discussion arose around the subject of expenses accrued by appointed representatives of NMLA (ALA Councilor, MPLA representative, etc.) that are not adequately covered in the budget. It was suggested that if funds are not used as allocated (to SIGs or otherwise) some of the shortfalls might be made up later in the year. This would only be possible if the conference is as successful as hoped.

ACTION: Louise Bolton, Linda O'Connell and the membership committee will investigate how much membership in NMLA costs and make a recommendation regarding dues in relation to those costs. Anyone else who is interested in working on this would also be welcome.

Louise Bolton moved that the budget be approved as presented. Barb Rosen seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Ben mentioned that an announcement would be made shortly regarding the RFP for the general periodical databases.

Next meeting will be at noon on January 31, 2003 at the South Valley Branch Library.

Kathy Matter moved for adjournment. Kathy Albrecht seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

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Norice Lee, Director of Library Services at Doña Ana Community College

New Mexico ALA Members … Please consider voting for Carol Brey in the upcoming ALA election. As many of you know, Carol was a strong advocate for libraries of all types here in New Mexico from 1996 to 2000. Her library leadership in our border region, as the Director of the El Paso Public Library System, continues on today.

As President of ALA, Carol would support and implement the following initiatives:

- Promotion of literacy and the freedom to read for all;
- Protection and defense of intellectual freedom, including unfiltered access to information;
- Safeguarding our patrons’ privacy, now threatened by the USA Patriot Act;
- Bridging the digital divide, ensuring everyone has technology needed to access information;
- Support for the Better Salaries and Pay Equity initiative;
- Funding of recruitment and retention programs such as the Spectrum Scholarship program, to increase diversity in our profession;
- Expansion of ALA initiatives such as the Sister Libraries/Bibliotecas Hermanas program to encourage U.S. librarians to interact with and learn from colleagues in other countries.
- Planning for the future, building on recent planning initiatives “ALAction 2005” and “Goal 2000;” and
- Advocacy for libraries, with continued support for the “Campaign for America’s Libraries” and the Library Advocacy Network.

Carol Brey brings to her candidacy more than 22 years of experience as a public librarian, in addition to 20 years as an active member of ALA and its chapters in Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, New Mexico, and Texas. She has held a number of diverse and challenging positions which have given her a unique viewpoint on the status of libraries and librarianship.

New Painting on Display at Zuhl Library
Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library
Photo credit: Dennis Daily. Photo caption: Untitled (acrylic on canvas) Joan Talty

New Mexico State University Library in Las Cruces is pleased to announce that a second painting by Las Cruces artist Joan Talty is on permanent display on the third floor of Zuhl Library. The contemporary abstract work is an untitled acrylic on canvas, 4 ft. x 6 ft. Another painting by Talty, “9/11,” commemorating the events of September 11, 2001, is displayed nearby. With her husband, Herbert Zuhl, Joan moved to Las Cruces in 1991. She studied at the Art Students League of New York.
This is Houndini, a main character in the Summer Reading Club.

The Summer Reading Club for the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is called the Magical Mystery Summer...every book is magic, every book is a mystery, and every book can take the reader somewhere. Children through the 5th grade join the club, receive a reading log, keep track of their reading, and receive prizes.

Teens are invited to join Teen Scene Investigators where every library branch is a detective agency and every teen becomes a detective. Teens keep track of what they read, solve puzzles and mysteries, and receive prizes.

The program runs from May 28 through July 26. Each participating library also provides a series of programs by magicians, singers, and storytellers for all ages. Prizes, printing, and programs are provided to the library system by the Friends for the Public Library. The programs are: “Magic, Magic, Magic” with Jamie O’Hara; “Heart of a Hero” with Sean Etigson; Joy Ginther and the Pink Elephant Theater; Wise Fool Puppet Theatre; “Musical Mystery Tour” with Jim Cosgrove; Storydancing with Terry Alvarez; John Polinko as a Magician; “The Great & Magnificent Swami Salami” with Bill Martin; Silly songs with Michael Stanwood; The New Mexico Fiddle Kids; and The Apple Mountain Harp Kids. The Summer Reading Club will hold a kick-off event May 31 at 11:00 in the auditorium at the Main Library. Waldo will appear and introduce the New Mexico Fiddle Kids who will perform.

Upcoming Amigos Training in New Mexico

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro
April 7 – 8: Advanced Book Repair, Early Bird
Registration Deadline: March 17
May 13: Preserving Historical Records: Archival Holdings Maintenance, Early Registration: April 22

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
May 6: Making the Connexion: Using OCLC’s Cataloging Interface, Early Registration: April 15
May 7: OCLC Cataloging Fundamentals, Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 16,

New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe
June 10: Biological Agents of Deterioration: Mold & Pests, Early Bird Registration: May 20

Visit http://www.amigos.org/training/schedule.html for the most up-to-date training schedule, a complete list of courses, descriptions, and a convenient online registration form, or contact Chris Brown, brown@amigos.org or 1-800-843-8482 (972-851-8000 in the Dallas area), ext. 129, for details.

National Library Week 2003

National Library Week 2003, April 6-12, is a time to celebrate all the terrific resources libraries have to offer to their schools, campuses and communities, as well as an opportunity to showcase the librarians who bring them to life. In 2003, National Library Week will be promoted using @ your library, the brand for The Campaign for America’s Libraries, ALA’s multi-year public effort to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. If your library is participating and would like to be considered for inclusion in presentations and workshops, please send a description of your efforts to atyourlibrary@ala.org.
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Whereas, Libraries are public institutions supported by the communities through funding approved by voters and their representatives; and

Whereas, library services benefit the entire community, even those who do not use libraries directly, by enhancing the quality of life, supporting economic development and increasing the literacy and educational level of all;

Now, therefore I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the 19th of February 2003 as "LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY".

Attest: Done at the Executive Office the 19th Day of February 2003
Rebecca Vigil-Giron, Secretary of State

Bill Richardson, Governor

School Library Discussion List

Judy Hulsey

If you are interested in being a part of the e-group for school librarians in NM, please contact Judy Hulsey at JKHulsey@prodigy.net. This is a great discussion list for school librarians to share information and network.

Save America’s Libraries Tool Kit

To assist those facing budget cuts, ALA has placed on line a tool kit that includes new information on how to stage a Save America’s Libraries rally; tips for conducting an editorial board meeting; a press release and media alert; the latest information on library funding cuts; and more. See: http://www.ala.org/pio/csal_toolkit.html

New Mexico Library Foundation

Everyone is invited to join us during the NMLA Conference at a reception on Thursday evening, April 24, 2003 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Albuquerque Museum. We are dedicating this reception to our State Librarian who will soon leave NM and to other retired Trustees of the Foundation. We want to honor their service to New Mexico libraries and librarianship. The Native American Libraries Special Interest Group will also be honoring their founding members. There will be a drawing on April 25 for two Southwest airline tickets as well as a beautiful “petroglyph stone” wall clock.

The Library Legacy Exhibit will again be on display at the conference. There will be an opportunity to schedule this great traveling exhibit at your library. For further information, you may contact Charlene Greenwood in Albuquerque at 505-256-1379 or charlenelibn@cybermesa.com.

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.
WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Wakashige challenged the library community and himself to make careful and responsible decisions on diverse issues; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Wakashige served as the president of the New Mexico library association, as director of the library at Albuquerque Academy and as president of the New Mexico consortium of academic libraries; and

WHEREAS, without public-minded citizens like Benjamin T. Wakashige, local governments would be hard pressed to deliver the services that residents demand and deserve; and

WHEREAS, it is people like Benjamin T. Wakashige who give unselfishly of their time and energy, frequently at great personal sacrifice, for the benefit of the state of New Mexico and their communities that help make the state's libraries unique and valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Wakashige's service was performed without adequate recognition being sought or received; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin T. Wakashige's unceasing efforts have greatly assisted all communities in New Mexico and have helped bring about the fine library facilities, resources and quality of life that all residents of New Mexico enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that its sincere gratitude and appreciation be expressed to Benjamin T. Wakashige for his many dedicated years of service to New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Benjamin T. Wakashige.
NM State Library Summer Reading Program
Kathy Barco, NMSL Youth Services Coordinator

Magical Mystery Tour/Viaje mágico del misterio is the theme for the 2003 statewide Summer Reading Program sponsored by the New Mexico State Library. Posters, bookmarks, and stickers have been mailed to public libraries throughout the state in preparation for the fun that will start as soon as school’s out. KNME TV-5 is producing animated promotional videos featuring the program characters: Houndini, AbraCATabra, Mysterioso and Spot. These will begin airing in May on KNME, KRWG and KENW, New Mexico’s three Public Television stations. For more about the program go to: http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/Nmsrp/index.htm or e-mail Kathy at kbarco@stlib.state.nm.us.

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