2003 New Mexico Library Association Awards and Scholarships

New Mexico Library Leadership Award: Melveta Walker
ENMU-Golden Library Director Melveta Walker's career and work bespeak outstanding service and a commitment to the advancement and enhancement of library services statewide.

New Mexico Library Community Achievement Award: Kathleen Knoth
Currently, Kathleen serves as Director of UNM Taos Branch library and her continued efforts reflect outstanding achievements and library service at the local level.

Honorary Life Membership: David Giltrow
David's many activities on behalf of libraries include serving as a founding trustee and chair of the NM Library Foundation, serving as a trustee of Amigos, and as a member of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library Friends. In 2002, he became vice-chair of the Library Books Bond 2002 Committee that promoted passage of a $16 million statewide bond issue for library books.

New Mexico Library Amigo Award: Darlene Logan
Darlene is honored for her work as a member of the Roswell Public Library's Board. Whether planning for the library expansion or lobbying against Internet censorship, Darlene has been a key player in raising the profile of Roswell Public Library.

Legislator of the Year Award: Cynthia Nava
During her career in the NM Legislature, Senator Cynthia Nava has taken an active role in advocating for measures benefiting libraries and schools. This award honors her leadership in the advancement of libraries throughout the state.

2003 Marion Dorroh Scholarship: Suzanne Manicillas; attending the University of Arizona.

2003 College Scholarship: Maura Barraza; attending Dona Ana Branch Community College.

The Follett Company joins NMLA in showing honoring these school awards for outstanding service:

Outstanding Elementary School Library Award: Navajo Elementary School
Navajo Elementary School provides instruction for 319 students and librarian Doreen Mose reports that members of the community frequently use the library for print sources and computer access. Digital cameras, video cameras, and scanners are available. The library has a busy after school program and has become a center for e-book publishing.

Outstanding Secondary School Library Award: Desert Ridge Middle School
Librarian Marolynn Griffin notes that one of the library's core objectives has been collaboration with teachers. Added emphasis on reading has expanded the fiction collection. Computer and Internet access has been upgraded and the library sponsors a reading program, "Reading Counts," that has helped raise the school's reading scores.

State Librarian Ben Wakashige and David Giltrow, Honorary Life Membership Recipient
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NMLA President’s Message
Library Politics in New Mexico, Part One
Eileen Longworth, NMLA President

Many years ago, when I was working in another city, my son heard me discuss my frustration with city council actions and the library budget. He then asked me why I didn’t go into politics. I carefully explained to him that as a library administrator, I was already in politics. I have told this story many times, especially to library staff and association members who don’t understand that we are all already in politics. But what does this mean?

One Internet essay defines politics as, “the means to creating a more organized and peaceful society, by providing methods to resolve conflict that naturally occurs between Men, by means of civil discussion and rational compromise.” Or if you prefer, the American Heritage Dictionary defines it as, “the art or science of government or governing, especially the governing of a political entity, such as a nation, and the administration and control of its internal and external affairs.”

All of us exist within society. We are part of the democratic process. We participate in that process in all kinds of ways. Some of us are part of the “system” working at our jobs to make a difference in our organization and society. Others are leaders within their institutions; as managers, supervisors, library directors or within NMLA. All of us are part of the “civil discussion” as to how we should conduct ourselves, and provide library services. This may mean we express an opinion on the Patriot Act to a friend, or we may take an active roll and lobby our congressional delegation on this topic. We may participate in an institutional council and try to get more support for our library from peers. Perhaps we give money to a Bond PAC or post a lawn sign. Sometimes, we take unpopular stands against management or library boards. All of these examples are political acts. As you can see, there is more to being political than talking to elected officials.

When librarians want to be successful in politics, we have to learn to give and take. Learn when to push for a change, press for a principle we believe in, ask for more money, or some other needed fix and when to let go, plan for another time, and help someone else get what they want in order to “trade” support further down the line. This is not easy to learn or to do. But the best politicians among us understand this issue.

For example, Ben Wakashige, our former State Librarian, was a master of political timing and process in New Mexico. In particular, he understood the legislative process, which legislators to ask for help and how to best create the possibility that libraries could gain additional support at the State level. I have learned a great deal from him in the three+ years I have been in NM. And New Mexico libraries are all better off because of his work. We will all miss his energy and talents and wish him well in his new position.

In the next edition, we will discuss future NMLA efforts that will require your political expertise, help and support to be successful. Stay tuned!

Incoming President Eileen Longworth and Past President Earl Phillips

Photo by Charlene Greenwood
Save the Date: Fall Miniconference October 17 in Gallup
Molly McGetrick, NMLA Member-at-Large

Libraries: Weaving the Fabric of Community is the theme of the fall NMLA Miniconference, which will take place on Friday, October 17, at the Holiday Inn in West Gallup.

Programs will include:
- Vendor product demonstrations by Amigos and Gale
- Presentations by Native American singers, dancers and authors
- Discussion of paraprofessional issues and empowerment on the job
- Talking Circles for Librarians to share their concerns and do some networking

And Much More.....!

We welcome your suggestions for programs and your participation! Please contact the NMLA Members-at-Large:

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2004 NMLA Conference Call for Programs
Anne E. Lefkofsky, Conference Program Committee

Participate as a program presenter at the 2004 New Mexico Library Association Conference! The annual conference will take place April 21-23, 2004 at Corbett Center — NMSU in Las Cruces, NM.

"Libraries: The WOW! Factor" will be featured as the conference theme. Proposals are sought for programs that address best practices, communicating value and worth, excellence in leadership and management, adding sizzle to services for adults and children, technology issues, innovative programming, information literacy, and legal topics for libraries. Presentation formats include regular programs (1 hr), long programs (2 hrs), preconferences (3-4 hrs), poster sessions or table topics.

For information on obtaining and submitting a program proposal, please contact Anne Lefkofsky at (505) 768-5153 or alefkofsky@cabq.gov.

Complete call for program information and proposal forms will be available on the NMLA website in early July (www.nmla.org).

NMLA Board Minutes Available Online
Stephanie Gerding, NMLA Newsletter Editor

All New Mexico Library Association Executive Board minutes are available on the website at: http://www.nmla.org/minutes.html. The last meeting was held at the annual conference on April 23, 2003.

Ben Wakashige Honored
Stephanie Gerding, NMLA Newsletter Editor

Ben Wakashige served as State Library from 1998-2003. He was recently honored in House Memorial 34 for his years of dedicated service. On May 20, 2003 Ben was given a fond farewell by staff and other supporters at the New Mexico State Library. As a further honor, it was announced that May 20th, 2003 was proclaimed Ben Wakashige Day by Governor Bill Richardson.
New Mexico Paraprofessional SIG

Leslie Monsalve-Jones, Paraprofessional SIG

I would like to thank all the library support staff and professional staff who attended the Paraprofessional meeting on Friday, April 25, at the NMLA Conference. Thanks also to Bella Lucero, Monica Villaire-Garcia, Eleanor Berman, Kathy Barco and Susan Pinkerton for their presentations and insight.

In June, I am off to the annual ALA Conference, where I will join in the Library Support Staff Roundtable. I am very excited to meet these wonderful persons who have given me guidance this past year regarding the library Paraprofessional group.

We do need to plan for October’s conference program. Any suggestions?

Member Update

Sherry York, Author

NMLA member, retired school librarian, book reviewer, editorial consultant, and writer, Sherry York, presented a program, “Outstanding Books for Young Readers by Native Americans,” at the New Mexico Library Association annual conference in Albuquerque on April 24. In her presentation York booktalked 27 books by American Indian authors. Authors included Louise Erdrich, Linda Boyd en, Rodney Johnson, Cynthia Leitich Smith, Joseph Bruchac, Luci Tapahonso, Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, Shirley Sterling, Michael Lacapa, Chaika Piilani Hale, and others. Anyone who would like to request an e-copy of the conference handbook may e-mail Sherry at sherryy@zianet.com.

York’s third book from Linworth Publications is Children’s and Young Adult Literature by Native

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NMLF RAFFLE WINNERS & RECEPTION

Charlene Greenwood, Chair

The New Mexico Library Foundation had a fund raiser for the annual NMLA conference to be able to give mini-grants to NM libraries. This year’s winners were:

2 Southwest Airline tickets – Trish Murphy, Heights Middle School, Farmington
Petroglyph clock – Margaret Brady, retired school librarian, Albuquerque
Dried flower arrangement – Donald Dresp, Las Cruces

Trish says that she will be using the tickets in June to go to North Carolina. We hope to hear from her after her trip.

The Foundation hosted a wonderful 10th anniversary reception at The Albuquerque Museum April 24. About 150 attended this great event that honored past Trustees and Ben Wakashige, our former State Librarian with a “This Is Your Life” presentation by Diana Wakashige, Joe Sabatini, Camilla Alire, and Heather Gallegos-Rex. This was followed by the Native American Libraries Special Interest Group honoring their founding members and Alison Freese from the NM State Library Tribal Libraries Program who has taken a new job in Washington, D.C. There were special drummers who performed for all the honorees. It was a very moving occasion.

This is a reminder that the Foundation’s deadline for the next round of mini-grants will be September 15. Look for the guidelines on www.nmla.org.
MPLA Leadership Institute Application
Deadline Approaching
Mary Bushing, MPLA

If you are an emerging leader, the Mountain Plains Library Association wants you to be primed for a great library career, and we are ready to assist you. Here is how we intend to do it.

Dates: November 9 - 14, 2003
Place: Ghost Ranch, New Mexico (north of Santa Fe)
Those attending: 30 selected candidates from 12 states, 6 selected Mentors
Institute Leader: Maureen Sullivan
Contact: Mary Bushing, Leadership Institute Coordinator, email: marying@msn.com

MPLA Leadership Institute @ Ghost Ranch is looking for candidates who meet the following qualifications:
- MLS or equivalent master's degree relevant to the library field
- Less than 10 years post-master's work in a library related job
- Employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12 state region
- Current member of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations
- Has a record of experience (including non-library) that demonstrates leadership potential

Registration fee: $450 (room & meals, double occupancy, for 5 nights, workshop & support materials) MPLA, with the assistance of a grant from EBSCO Information Services, is able to keep the registration fee at an exceptionally low rate for this excellent leadership workshop and networking opportunity. MPLA members of record since 2002 receive a $100 discount, making their registration fee $350.
Air fare, mileage, or ground transportation to the Institute site is not provided. The participant must provide or find funding for transportation.

Application process: Apply online by 15 June, 2003. Although many institute applications have already been received, to guarantee that all MPLA members receive their printed copy of the April newsletter in time to apply for the MPLA Leadership Institute, the deadline for receipt of applications has been extended until midnight (CDT) June 15th. Postal delivery times vary greatly across the region and from town to town. Notification and registration: Selected applicants will be notified of selection by August 15, 2003. Deadline for receipt of registration fee is September 15, 2003.

If you have questions concerning the MPLA Leadership Institute, please contact Mary Bushing, Institute Coordinator at marying@msn.com.
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Tips on Making Hotel Reservations for the Nevada Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Joint Conference, November 2003

The Nevada Library Association secured 1999 room rates at the Hyatt Lake Tahoe Resort and Casino for the NLA/MPLA joint conference. A standard room with single or double occupancy will cost $99 per night, a considerable discount from the normal rate. Suites and lakeside cottages are also available, and the special rates extend two days before and two days after the conference. Reservations can be made via the Web at pulhake tahoe hyatt com/groupbooking/mlpa or by phoning Hyatt Reservations (1-877-875-5036).

Following are several tips on how to take full advantage of this great deal:

- Be sure to use either the designated website or Hyatt Reservations phone number when making reservations.
- When making reservations by phone, mention the conference by name and include the conference dates.
- When making reservations on the Web, make sure to use the site specifically designated for the NLA/MPLA conference. (Please refer to the URL above.)
- To apply the conference room rate to days either before or after the conference, first reserve rooms for the conference dates, then ask to extend the reservation up to two days before or after the conference. The special rate for an extended stay is subject to the availability of rooms, and is not guaranteed.
- Make reservations early! There is a block of rooms reserved for the conference. Once these are taken, regular rates will apply.
- Conference pricing will be honored through October 5, 2003. Again, make reservations early.

Please contact Linda Wilson, Conference Co-chair, with any and all problems related to making reservations. She will resolve these issues directly with the Hyatt Lake Tahoe.
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How School Librarians Improve Outcomes for Children: The New Mexico Study
Debby Mattil-LaBoon

The New Mexico Study joins eight other state studies now reporting on a total of over 3,300 schools delivering the same message: school library media centers make a difference in academic achievement.

This book, written by Keith Curry Lance, Marcia J. Rodney and Christine Hamilton-Pennell contains the official report of the study under the auspices of the New Mexico State Library. According to the executive summary: "New Mexico achievement test scores rise with the development of school library programs." The relationship between school library development and test scores is not explained away by other school or community conditions at the high school level...New Mexico achievement test scores tend to rise with increases in: school librarian and total staff hours per 100 students; print volumes per student; periodical subscriptions, video materials, and software packages.

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Authors @ your library Website Launched

ALA Public Programs Office

The Association of American Publishers, the principal trade association for the book publishing industry, in conjunction with the American Library Association (ALA), Friends of Libraries USA, and Library Journal, today introduced the Authors @ your library website. The website is a promising new resource for connecting libraries around the country with authors and publicists who want to promote their books.

Responding to an often-heard concern that publishers do not book authors in libraries as often as librarians and patrons would like; in the fall of 2002, the AAP's Trade Libraries Committee formed a partnership with the ALA, Friends of Libraries USA, and Library Journal to create Authors @ your library, a website that will ultimately serve as a searchable database for both librarians seeking authors and for publicists looking for speaking opportunities for their authors. The website, which is temporarily accessible at www.ala.org/publicprograms/authors@yourlibrary, will eventually be available via the Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, and School Library Journal web sites.

The mission of the ALA Public Programs Office is to foster cultural programming as an integral part of library service in all types of libraries. For more information please visit www.ala.org/publicprograms.

Website on Dealing with Challenges to Books and Other Library Materials

Libraries are often challenged by individuals and groups concerned about the availability of a wide variety of library materials to everyone. Addressing these challenges requires a balance of carefully crafted library policy, knowledge and understanding of intellectual freedom principles, and sensitivity to community needs and concerns. It also requires effective communication.

The links on this page will help you plan for and deal with such challenges. The information can help you educate library staff and trustees, inform the public and work with the media. http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Offices/Intellectual_Freedom3/Challenge_Support/Dealing_with_Challenges/Default1208.htm

REFORMA de Nuevo Mexico

Leslie Monsalve-Jones, President, Reforma de Nuevo Mexico

Congratulations to New Board Members for 2003-2004. Their terms will start at the conference in June 2003.

President – Leslie Monsalve-Jones, New Mexico State Library
Vice-President – Deborah Eagan
Treasurer- Monica Kirby, Thomas Branigan Public Library
Secretary- Dexter Katzman, Sunland Park Community Library

The incoming board would like to thank Leslie Chamberlin, Bernice Martinez, and Monica Kirby for their contributions to this chapter.
With A Little Help From Our Friends
Kathy Barco, New Mexico State Library

The First Lady of New Mexico, Mrs. Barbara Richardson, helped kick-off Magical Mystery Tour/Viaje mágico del misterio, the 2003 State-wide Summer Reading Program, during an appearance at the Rio Rancho Public Library on Wednesday, May 7.

To determine which of four books she would read aloud, Mrs. Richardson staged a mini-election. Out of four candidates, the audience of approximately fifty third-, fourth- and fifth-graders voted for *The Horned Toad Prince* by Jackie Hopkins. The book, a southwest-flavored re-telling of a familiar tale, was a real crowd-pleaser. Also-rans included *The Magic Boots* by Scott Emerson, *The Magic Hat* by Mem Fox, and *Milo’s Hat Trick* by Jon Agee.

Following her reading, Mrs. Richardson responded to questions from the youngsters. Covered were such topics as her favorite reading material (mysteries, especially ones by Dick Francis); whether she had met any rock stars (not lately); and the coyotes, deer and other critters that call the land surrounding the Governor’s Mansion home.

Magical Mystery Tour posters, bookmarks, stickers, and pins were presented to Mrs. Richardson by Kathy Barco, Youth Services Coordinator at the State Library. The event concluded with a screening of the animated promotional spots produced by KNME, and a rendition of *Mystery and Magic* by “Detective” Lori Snyder and “Magician” Vaunda Nelson, two of Rio Rancho Library’s Youth Services librarians.

Library Director Toni Beatty and her staff had decorated the Children’s Room bulletin board with MMT materials and a prominent display of books with magic or mystery themes. A good time was had by all!

New York Times Librarian Awards
NEW YORK—(BUSINESS WIRE)

The New York Times announced today the national expansion of the third annual New York Times Librarian Awards and issued an invitation to the public to nominate librarians at public libraries from anywhere in the U.S.

The awards honor librarians who provide outstanding community service on a consistent basis.

As in 2002, The Times will recognize 15 librarians in the New York tri-state area. In addition, the program will honor 12 librarians from six regions across the U.S. “We have had an incredible response to this program over the last two years,” said Alyse Myers, vice president of marketing services for The New York Times. “Expanding nationally is a natural evolution for the awards and underscores The Times’s commitment to promoting literacy and education.” Public libraries have become dynamic community centers. They are also a critical resource for new immigrants in many areas across the U.S. Now more than ever they need our support and recognition.”

Winners will be selected by committee and announced in The New York Times in the fall; each will receive $2,500 from The Times. Nomination forms can also be accessed at www.nytimes-community.com and responses e-mailed to libraryawards@nytimes.com. For more information, call (212) 556-4520.
Tony Award-Winning Playwright Donates Papers To NM State University Library
Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

Mark Medoff, an internationally acclaimed playwright, recently donated a collection of his papers to the New Mexico State University Library.

The materials include original play broadsides, personal correspondence, photo scrapbooks relating to his plays, typewritten scripts for his plays, photographs, framed posters and ephemera from his plays and plays made into movies such as Children of a Lesser God and Clara's Heart. "We are pleased to acquire such an important research collection," said Steve Hussman, head of the NMSU Library's Archives & Special Collections.

Medoff is best known for his 1980 Tony award-winning play, Children of a Lesser God, starring Phyllis Frelich. Medoff also won an Obie award for his 1973 play, "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder," as well as many other awards. In 1999, he was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Theatre. Medoff also directs, acts and writes screenplays. He recently directed the film Children on Their Birthdays, based on a short story by Truman Capote. His opera Sara McKinnon premiered at New Mexico State University in 2001.

Medoff holds degrees from the University of Miami and Stanford University.
He served on the English and Theatre Arts faculties at New Mexico State University for twenty-seven years and he co-founded the American Southwest Theatre Company. Medoff and his wife, Stephanie Thorne (a former NMSU Library staff member), have three daughters. They have made their home in Las Cruces for thirty-five years.

For more information on the Medoff collection, contact the NMSU Library Archives & Special Collections staff at 505-646-3839.

The Library and Information Network for the Community
Cyndie Suniga, Librarian, Center for Development & Disability/LINC

The Library and Information Network for the Community (LINC) is the library for The Center for Development and Disability (CDD), which is part of the University of New Mexico, under the Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine, Dept of Pediatrics.

We are located at 2300 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107 and are open Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00 (closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch). Our phone number is 272-0282, and for outside of Albuquerque, toll free 1-800-827-6380. You may also contact us by e-mail: csuniga@salud.unm.edu. Our web page is currently being revamped: http://cdd.unm.edu/Indiana

LINC is here to meet the information needs of persons with disabilities, their family members, caregivers, UNM staff, teachers, all healthcare personnel, state agencies, students, service providers, advocates, and the concerned public. Our information is largely about early childhood, early intervention, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, and quality of life and advocacy for persons with disabilities. We have a strong collection in autism, and a rather sub-

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How School Librarians - (Continued from Page 7) per 100 students; and school library expenditures per student.

The volume contains several reproducible handouts for a quick summary of the study in addition to the research report. Another must have publication confirming the importance of the school library and the school media specialist.

While completed in 2002, this book is available for the first time in January 2003, and royalties from the sale of this publication will be donated to the New Mexico State Library Association.

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The Library and Information - (Continued from Page 10) substantial collection of videos regarding disabilities.

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