NMLA Fall Miniconference

Molly McGetrick, NMLA Miniconference Committee

The annual NMLA fall miniconference will be held on Fri., Oct. 17, at the Holiday Inn in West Gallup (505-722-2201). The theme is: Libraries: Weaving the Fabric of Community, and we think our programs will truly reflect this. We hope to have something for everyone! The conference will also have a distinctive Native American flavor this year, as we acknowledge our state’s cultural heritage and the history and traditions of some of New Mexico’s First Peoples. The printable program and registration form is at: http://www.nmla.org/conference.html.

Among the conference highlights:
* Performances by the Dineh Tah Navajo dancers and author/singer Madlyn Help.
* Vendor product demonstrations by Gale, Amigos and Follett
* Programs on the colorful history of Gallup and an anthropologist’s work
* Discussion of libraries and legislative issues (GO bonds, Patriot Act, CIPA, etc.)
* Storytelling and a Native view of Children’s Literature
* Paraprofessionals on the Move
* A dessert reception at the UNM-Gallup Library on Thurs., Oct. 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Wakashige Runs For the NM Library Foundation

David Giltrow, NMLF trustee

The NM Library Foundation is pleased to announce “Ben’s Run”, a fund raising event. Ben Wakashige may have left NM to be director of Pacific University’s library in Oregon after five years as State Librarian, but New Mexico hasn’t left Ben. He is currently training to run the Portland Marathon (26 miles) on Oct. 5th and is dedicating his effort to raise funds for the New Mexico Library Foundation. The trustees have accepted his generous offer and invite sponsorship by the library community and his friends nationwide. Ben will be running in a specially printed t-shirt which will include the names of those who have pledged their support for his effort. To have your name printed on this t-shirt, make your pledge on or before Sept. 30th.

You can pledge at any level you choose—for example, $1 or $2 or $5 for every mile Ben runs. Or you can make a flat sponsorship donation of any amount. To participate, there is a two-step process:

1. Through October 4th, send in your pledge to bensrun@yahoo.com, either a per mile amount or a fixed sponsorship, and include your name, e-mail address, and phone number. We will send Ben a roster of those who have pledged as a motivation device when the going gets tough at mile 21 and he begins to wonder if the pain is worth it.

2. After Oct. 6th, we will send results via e-mail and provide details on how to use either: (a) the online payment system PayPal or, (b) where to send your check. PayPal is one of the largest electronic payment systems, owned by online auction & merchandiser e-Bay, and makes use of a credit card through a secure funds transfer system.

Contributions to the NM Library Foundation are tax deductible and are used for grants to libraries, developing an endowment fund and services on behalf of New Mexico’s libraries. For further information, contact David Giltrow (NMLF trustee) at d giltrow@cybermesa.com or (505) 988-4751 or Jeff Bantly (NMLF treasurer) at j bantly@cabq.gov or (505) 768-5115.
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**NMLA Newsletter**

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**New NMLA Telephone Number**

NMLA has gone wireless! The number is 505-400-7309. The 800 number is disconnected.
Library Bonds in 2004

Eileen Longworth, NMLA President

We are continuing our work to ensure improved funding for NM Libraries. In order to accomplish our goals, all of us need to be working on the same plans. As a result, we are again organizing (as a statewide group) a legislative effort to continue to improve public, school and academic libraries. The Library Bond Task Force is public, school and academic librarians working together to have the Legislature support and the Governor agree to allow a $41 million bond package on the 2004 ballot to purchase books and other materials, such as periodicals and electronic databases. As we all know, the last statewide library initiative was the 2002 Library Capital Improvement Bond which passed with the highest positive vote of all state bonds in 2002. The New Mexico Library Association and the State Library Commission have endorsed this proposal.

This proposed 2004 Bond, if adopted as a $41 million dollar package, and passed on the ballot would break down as follows:

1. $15 million for New Mexico public libraries
To be distributed on a per capita basis to New Mexico public libraries as supplementary funding to purchase books, electronic information resources and the tools needed to share information. Statewide, this is about $8 per capita, or the cost of one paperback book. This proposal has been endorsed by the New Mexico Municipal League.

2. $16 million for publicly funded school libraries
To be distributed both with a minimum per school amount and a per student allocation. On average, this amount will purchase 3-4 new books per student. School libraries are woefully under funded and most science and other dated books are over 10 years old. The School Libraries Task Force, recognized by the Legislature, wholeheartedly supports this effort.

3. $10 million for academic libraries
To be distributed on a formula basis to all academic libraries in the state. This amount will purchase approximately 2-3 library books, or other materials, such as electronic databases for each full time student in a NM college or university.

Once again, as in 2002, this bond has the potential to make a huge difference to all New Mexico libraries, big and small. We need everyone in NMLA to help us with this effort. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Haskett, NMLA’s Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee chair for ways that you can help. Her email is ehaskett@cabq.gov. As I wrote last month, all NMLA librarians should be working with local politicians and legislators to encourage their help in this effort. The basic rule that we have learned is that we can never relax or take political support for granted. We have also learned that if we work together, we have the best chance for success.
Submit NMLA Award Nominations
Kirsten J. Shields, NMLA Awards Committee

Each year at the NMLA Conference, awards are given for outstanding members of our library communities. Now is the time for each of us to think about people we know who would qualify for these awards. Is someone in your library life retiring after years of faithful service? Do you work with someone who has led the way for libraries to succeed? Is anyone in your community instrumental in promoting libraries? We have 5 awards: Honorary Life Membership, NM Library Leadership, Legislator of the Year, Community Achievement, and NM Amigo.

You will find a description of these awards on the NMLA web page (www.nmla.org/awards.html). This is a great time to nominate those people you want to see recognized during the NMLA Conference next April. The nomination form is also on the NMLA website. Along with a nomination, it is helpful to include letters of support from others who are familiar with the nominee.

Please send me your nominations and letters of support, either by mail or electronically, by December 12. Call or email if you have any questions. Kirsten J. Shields, Assistant Director, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, 501 Copper N. W.; Albuquerque, N. M. 87102; kshields@cabq.gov; 505-768-5113

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New Faces in the NM Library Profession
Cassandra E. Osterloh, University of New Mexico

Part one of the four part series on new faces in the NM library profession features Paulita Aguilar. Paulita, a member of the Santo Domingo Pueblo, is a Reference and Instruction Librarian at the University of New Mexico’s Zimmerman Library. Her position involves working at two reference desks as well as teaching between 2-3 library instruction classes a week. She collaborates with the Collection Management Team, serves on numerous library committees, works on various projects to provide library services to students, conducts one-on-one instruction, and strives to fulfill faculty expectations (publishing, presentations, etc.). She also likes to keep up in her areas of interest in the American Southwest by taking UNM classes. She loves the student contact of her job and enjoys working at the reference desk and teaching, which she finds challenging. She strives to make her library instruction fun and a good learning experience. She loves the energy at a university and feels she learns a lot from working at the reference desk.

Paulita has loved books since she was young. In high school, she shelved books at her school’s library. While trying to figure out what to do with her life, she took a job at the UNM General Library in Acquisitions where she worked with selectors and other librarians as well as volunteered at the reference desk. She remembers thinking how the librarians had a fun job teaching and working with students, and she wanted to be a part of that culture, especially working with students at an academic institution.

With a fellowship from the Institute of Museum and Library Services she attended the University of Oklahoma, receiving her MLIS in July 2000. Her favorite class was on library foundations and history. Another favorite was a research method-
Summer Reading Program Update
Kathy Barco, New Mexico State Library

Magical Mystery Tour/Viaje mágico del misterio was a huge success! Based on evaluation forms received by September 15, here are the statistics for 2003 with the corresponding number for 2002 in parentheses:
Number of children registered: 36,081 (30,715)
Number of children and adults attending programs: 87,689 (81,620)
Number of programs presented: 1,877 (1,644)
Number of books read: 490,913 (406,219)
Number of contacts or visits with schools (including class visits to the library): 961 (575)

Total Juvenile Circulation for June and July: 568,621 (579,483)

Every category is up over last year, except for total circulation. There could be any number of explanations for this, but more than one librarian has said that Harry Potter’s latest installment may have something to do with it!

For the 2nd year in a row, the Summer Reading Program received tremendous support from New Mexico’s Public Broadcasting stations: KNME, KRWG, and KENW. KNME produced four animated promotional spots that ran 134 times, an estimated value of $9,380.00. In addition, there was print coverage of the program in Ventana, KNME’s monthly guide. New this year was involvement with the New Mexico Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Twelve children read a total of 281 books.

READiscover New Mexico/Leído descubra Nuevo México is 2004 Statewide Summer Reading Program theme. There will be a Morning Workshop Session, a lunch break, and an Afternoon Entertainment Session. Specific details about times will be sent soon. This year will be the Biscochito Taste-Off (which is better, butter or lard?). The afternoon Entertainment Session will feature 5 different performers/groups. Workshops will be held in November: Fri., Nov. 14, 2003; Alamosa Library; 6900 Gonzales Rd. SW, Albuquerque Mon., Nov. 17, 2003; Thomas Branigan Memorial Lib., 200 E. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003; Portales Public Library, 218 S. Ave. B, Portales

We the People Bookshelf Available

As part of its We the People initiative, NEH is collaborating with the American Library Association to inaugurate the We the People Bookshelf, a program to encourage young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history. School and public libraries are invited to apply to receive fifteen thematically related books and supplemental materials to help with publicity and the organization of public programs. The theme for 2003-4 is courage.

In return for receiving a Bookshelf, libraries are to organize programs that highlight the theme of courage and encourage young readers to explore these works. Program ideas are on the NEH website and additional programmatic and publicity ideas are available from ALA (www.ala.org). The We the People Bookshelf will be awarded to at least five hundred libraries. Applications will be accepted online at http://grants.neh.gov/bookshelf/apply1.asp in two rounds: Aug. 22, 2003 to Oct. 22, 2003; and Dec. 15, 2003 to Feb. 15, 2004.
Vista Grande Public Library Raises $24,000

The library's 4th annual ice-cream fund-raiser brought in an estimated $24,000 on Sept. 14th. Library Director, Susan Sheldon, said, "It was incredible crew of volunteers led by Eleonor Hellman." 787 tickets were sold. The event was held at the Eldorado Community Center. Not only was there ice cream, donated by Creamland Dairy, but also live music, children's activities and a silent auction with over 500 donated items. Over 100 volunteers helped make the day a success. The fund-raiser was one of two yearly fundraisers to raise money for the library, which serves many communities in south Santa Fe County. Sheldon also stated, "It has become a family/community event. Our good karma must be the reason we had such a beautiful day as well."

MPLA Selects NM Librarians for Leadership Institute

Charlene Greenwood, NM Representative to MPLA

Congratulations to the following applicants from New Mexico to the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Leadership Institute to be held in November.

Olivia Li; Los Alamos Public Library
Valerie Nye; New Mexico State Library
Cassandre Osterloh; University of New Mexico

This will be a very valuable experience for all of them. It is for emerging leaders with a record of experience (including non-library) that demonstrates leadership potential. The MPLA Leadership Institute is committed to the growth and development of current and future library leaders.

The MPLA Leadership Institute will be held at magnificent Ghost Ranch, New Mexico again this year. It is not only a tremendous opportunity for participants to meet and work closely with colleagues and mentors from around the MPLA region, but it's also the chance to build a network of colleagues that may be called upon for years to come! We hope to hear from them after the Institute.

ALA Response to Attorney General Comments USA PATRIOT Act

American Library Association responds to Attorney General remarks on librarians and USA PATRIOT Act: A statement by ALA President Carla Hayden.

The American Library Association (ALA) has worked diligently for the past two years to increase awareness of a very complicated law - the USA PATRIOT Act - that was pushed through the legislative process at breakneck speed in the wake of a national tragedy. Because the Department of Justice has refused our requests for information about how many libraries have been visited by law enforcement officials using these new powers, we have focused on what the law allows. The PATRIOT Act gives law enforcement unprecedented powers of surveillance - including easy access to library records with minimal judicial oversight.

Among the many changes in U.S. law and practice enabled by the act is the federal government's ability to override the historical protections of library reading records that exist in every state. States created these confidentiality laws to protect the privacy and freedoms Americans hold dear. These laws provide a clear framework for responding to national security concerns while safeguarding against random searches, fishing expeditions or invasions of privacy. Librarians are committed to ensuring the highest

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quality library service and protection of our patrons' records from random searches, fishing expeditions or other inappropriate invasions of privacy. This commitment is why we are among the most trusted members of our communities, from Maine to California. We take great pains to be educated about the federal and state laws that govern our ability to serve our communities - which is why we're so concerned.

Over the past two years, Americans have been told that only individuals directly involved in terrorism need be concerned. This is not what the law says. The act lowers the legal standard to "simple relevance" rather than the higher standard of "probable cause" required by the Fourth Amendment.

In March 2003, the Justice Department said that libraries had become a logical target of surveillance. Which assurance by Mark Carallo are we to believe?

We also have been told that the law only affects non-U.S. citizens. This is not what the law says. In fact, the act amended the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) in such a way that U.S. citizens may now be investigated under the lowered legal standards applied to foreign agents.

And now Attorney General John Ashcroft says the FBI has no interest in Americans' reading records. While this may be true, librarians have a history with law enforcement dating back to the McCarthy era that gives us pause. For decades, and as late as the 1980s, the FBI's Library Awareness Program sought information on the reading habits of people from "hostile foreign countries," as well as U.S. citizens who held unpopular political views.

We are deeply concerned that the Attorney General should be so openly contemptuous of those who seek to defend our Constitution. Rather than ask the nations' librarians and Americans nationwide to "just trust him," Ashcroft could allay concerns by releasing aggregate information about the number of libraries visited using the expanded powers created by the USA PATRIOT Act.

Or, better yet, federal elected officials could vote as several U.S. senators and representatives from across the political spectrum have proposed - to restore the historical protection of library records:

Some URLs for more information:
* USA Patriot Act: http://www.al.org/of/firstissues/usapatriotact
* USA Patriot Act Resolutions of State Library Assn.: http://tinyurl.com/e4sc
* The USA Patriot Act in the Library: http://tinyurl.com/mib
* Resolution on the USA Patriot Act and Related Measures that Infringe on the Rights of Library Users: http://tinyurl.com/ez2zn

Movers & Shakers Nominating Petition

The editors of Library Journal need your help in identifying the emerging leaders in the library world. The 3rd annual Movers & Shakers supplement will profile 50 up-and-coming people from across the U.S. and Canada who are innovative, creative, and making a difference. Too often the people behind exciting projects remain out of sight, known only to their peers. Unlike lifetime achievement awards, those nominated for Movers & Shakers 2004 should be in their early or mid-careers. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 1, 2003. Print the form from http://a330.q.akamai.net/7/330/2540/9b362e34edd183/libraryjournal_reviewsnews.com/contents/pdf/LJMoveShakeForm2004.pdf and return it to Brian Kenney, Library Journal, 360 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010 or fax to 646-746-6734.
Miller Library to Host Elizabeth I: Ruler & Legend Exhibition

Western New Mexico University’s J. Cloyd Miller Library in Silver City, NM, has been selected to host the exhibition “Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend,” commemorating the 400th anniversary of the death of Queen Elizabeth I of England. Based on a major concurrent exhibition at the Newberry Library, and using reproductions of materials from the Newberry’s rich collection from 16th century England, the traveling exhibition will show audiences that Elizabeth was the central figure in a world torn by religious and political controversy, but held together by familial and national loyalties, shared culture, and charismatic leaders.

Miller Library is one of forty libraries selected to host the exhibition. The exhibition is presented by the ALA Public Programs Office in collaboration with the Newberry Library in Chicago, with major funding by the National Endowment for the Humanities. “Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend” will be displayed at Miller Library Oct. 13-Dec. 3, 2004. For more information, contact Dr. Julie Miller, 505-538-6358; millerj@silver wnmu.edu

Dynix Institute Web Seminar Series

Providing free online access to industry-leading speakers and events, the Dynix Institute presents compelling speakers selected from among leaders in librarianship and information technology. Participating in Web conferences is as easy as typing a URL into your web browser and using the toll-free conference line to dial into the session.

Outreach to Underserved Populations—A Public Library Perspective; Oct. 29, 2003 8 to 9 AM Pacific; Director of El Paso Public Library and President-Elect of the American Library Association, Carol A. Brey-Casiano will address the needs of four traditionally underserved populations in the U.S.: recent immigrants, seniors, teens, and functionally illiterate and new

readers. Additionally, she will discuss plans for a grassroots library advocacy campaign that will include outreach to underserved populations.

The “Interesting Times” of Intellectual Freedom; Nov. 06; championing librarianship’s core values of intellectual freedom and privacy. Ms. Judith Krug, Director, ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, will discuss these issues and explain how ALA and other organizations are developing mechanisms to help citizens protect themselves.

2003 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM Pacific; This is a most interesting time for librarianship and an important time in championing librarianship’s core values of intellectual freedom and privacy. Ms. Judith Krug, Director, ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, will discuss these issues and explain how ALA and other organizations are developing mechanisms to help citizens protect themselves.

Since the program’s founding in 1990, it has awarded over $465,000 to foster the development of library and information professionals in Amigos member libraries. Awards are based on the significance of a proposed project’s contribution to library cooperation and/or technology.

To date, 34 funded projects have resulted in nationally published articles, enabled a recipient to complete research on a Ph.D., and been the basis for numerous training courses.

You are your most important asset. An Amigos Fellowship can support your continued professional development to enhance and protect that asset and your investment in it.

Applications must be received by March 8, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Visit the Amigos Web site, http://www.amigos.org/fellowship.htm, for complete information on how to apply, including guidelines and PDF application forms, or contact Laura Kimberly at Amigos, 1-800-843-8482 (972-851-8000 in the Dallas area), ext. 164; or kimberly@amigos.org.

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UNM Offering Library Science Courses in Spring 2004
Leslie Chamberlin, Director, Tireman Library

EMLS 424/524 Fundamentals of Library Science; Leslie Chamberlin, Mondays
EMLS 425/525 Reference and Bibliography; Janice Langdale, Wednesdays
EMLS 457/557 Government Documents; Dan Barkley, Tuesdays

Government Documents is a course that has value for researchers, academic librarians, high school librarians, archivists, scientists, historians, etc. and is offered only occasionally. It would be helpful to us in our planning if we could get an idea of how many people might be interested in this course. If you are considering taking this class, please contact Leslie Chamberlin by email (siticoy@unm.edu) or phone 505-277-7260.

Land of Enchantment Book Award Winners

Over 3,000 votes were cast to determine this year’s Land of Enchantment Book Award winners. Children from all over the state voted "Rumpelstiltskin’s Daughter" by Diane Stanley & "Ghost Canoe" by Will Hobbs (both published by William Morrow & Co.) their favorite books of 2001.

"Rumpelstiltskin’s Daughter" by Diane Stanley, a wry twist on a familiar tale, won the children’s division: Diane Stanley lives in Houston, TX, with Peter Vennema, her husband and frequent collaborator. She is best known for her delightfully funny picture books, "Saving Sweetness" and its sequel "Raising Sweetness", as well as for her painstakingly researched and lavishly detailed picture-book biographies of historical figures ranging from Queen Elizabeth the I to Shaka Zulu. "Rumpelstiltskin’s Daughter" tells the unexpected story of a very clever miller’s daughter who manages to save her kingdom and redeem her wayward king using her nothing but her wits (and perhaps a dash of her father’s intelligence.)

"Ghost Canoe" by Will Hobbs, a wilderness adventure packed with action, won the young adult’s division. Will Hobbs is a graduate of Stanford University and author of seven previous novels for young readers. "Ghost Canoe" is based on his travels through the Northwest. Will lives near Durango, CO. In "Ghost Canoe", 14-year old Nathan uses his instincts; local legends, and the help of his Makah Native American friend Lighthouse George to get to the bottom of a dangerous mystery.

This is the 21st year NM children have voted on their favorite book and the third year there has been a separate category for a young adult work. NMLA and the New Mexico International Reading Association sponsor the program. School and public libraries from all over the state are encouraged to participate in the Land of Enchantment Program, which allows children to select titles to read from a diverse list and vote on their favorite. By voting, libraries are automatically entered into a drawing for a complete title list of Land of Enchantment books for their libraries. This year’s winners were Datil Elementary, who won a children’s title list, and Artesia Intermediate School, who won a young adult title list.

For more information on how you and your library or community can join the fun by reading and voting for the 22nd Annual Land of Enchantment Award, contact committee head Charlie Cooper at punk@pvtnetworks.net.

New Mexico Library Foundation Announces Grant Winners
Charlene Greenwood, NMLF Chair

The Library Foundation is proud to announce two winners for grants. The first is for Rio Vista Middle School in Bloomfield which was awarded $875 for a “Reading to Go!” project which features students checking out carrying cases from the library containing a cassette player and a book with its audiotape companion with novel units. The second for $400 goes to the Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group of NMLA to print a curriculum template that has been distributed throughout the state.

Your library could be a winner too when you submit an application which may be found on the NMLA website.
Author Jose Uranga to Speak at NMSU Library Reception
Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

Jose N. Uranga, author of a new historical novel, The Buenavida Dilemma, will speak at the Fall NMSU Library homecoming reception. Uranga will also do a book signing, scheduled to take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 31, at the Kent Hall Museum courtyard on the NM State University campus in Las Cruces.

A native New Mexican, Uranga is an NMSU graduate. He earned a J.D. degree from Georgetown University and a master’s degree from UT, San Antonio. A retired environmental attorney, he now lives in Florida. Uranga is pleased to be returning to his alma mater. He said, “In the late 1960s, when I graduated, NMSU was alive with healthy debate and undergoing change. Coming back to campus for this book signing, I feel good with the growth of the university and its impact on my life.”

The Buenavida Dilemma (N.Y.: iUniverse, 2003) illuminates the Hispanic struggle to maintain one’s culture and language while seeking to succeed in the U.S. Five generations of the Buenavida family form the backdrop for subjects such as segregated schools, employment discrimination, English-only laws, environmental justice and police brutality. The paperback edition of The Buenavida Dilemma is available for $12.95 from sources including the NMSU Bookstore, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com and Booksamillion.com.

NMSU Library’s homecoming reception will also provide an opportunity to tour the University Museum’s exhibit in Kent Hall, Border Lives Once Lived, which features artifacts and documents from the Amador and Armijo families. For more information, please contact the NMSU Library’s Development Officer, Lesley Mackay, at 505-646-3642 or email lmackay@lib.nmsu.edu

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ologies class where she learned how people obtain and use information and how, in general, one can make information more accessible.

After graduation, Paulita found a job at the Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute Main Library. There she worked with a broad collection; selecting and teaching a variety of subjects (auto mechanics, accounting, nursing, etc.). Wanting to be in a university atmosphere, she then accepted her current position at UNM’s Zimmerman Library.

One challenge Paulita feels many librarians face is marketing. Librarians must market themselves. It is also useful to have a wide variety of experience in different areas of the library to better understand how a library works and how departments interact. Challenges are strong for ethnic communities and it is important to be a risk taker. For example, Paulita felt the need to leave her community to attend school but felt it important to bring her education and experiences back to the pueblo. She hopes that American Indians who her at the reference desk will know that is something they can do, too.

When asked for her assessment of the profession in regards to diversity, Paulita expressed how the lack of American Indian librarians saddens her. This is especially disappointing since so many libraries would benefit from a more diverse librarian staff. Paulita believes that with greater diversity, libraries would provide better services, and would be able to meet the needs of a multicultural student population. To recruit from the richly diverse groups, especially of New Mexico, Paulita feels that librarians need to work with paraprofessionals to encourage them to get Masters degrees. Another idea would be more outreach; through high school career fairs and/or offering more undergraduate classes in library skills to give students a taste of libraries that would encourage them to earn a MLS.
$5000 National Library Week Grant Available
@ your library® brand to promote Equity of Access

U.S. libraries of all types are invited to apply for a $5,000 Scholastic Library/Grolier National Library Week Grant for the best public awareness campaign during National Library Week (April 18-24, 2004) that promotes Equity of Access. The grant is administered by the Public Awareness Committee of the American Library Association (ALA). This year’s application deadline is October 20, 2003.

In addition to addressing the “Equity of Access” theme, proposals must incorporate the @ your library® brand. Libraries are encouraged to be imaginative and inventive in developing a local campaign or program for National Library Week. For example, a library can celebrate “Something for everyone @ your library®” or encourage its community to “Get connected @ your library®” to promote its resources, programs and services.

An application form and guidelines are available on The Campaign for America’s Libraries site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary. Information is also available from the ALA Public Information Office; 800-545-2433, ext. 4020 or mhumphrey@ala.org.

New Mexico Library Foundation

The traveling exhibit, “New Mexico’s Library Legacy,” remains available for your library. Reserve a slot for 2003 or 2004 by contacting Charlene Greenwood at charlenelibn@cybermesa.com or 505-256-1379 (Albuquerque). The exhibit will be on display at the NMLF Mini-Conference in Gallup October 17.

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.
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