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NMLA Candidates for 2004 Election

Earl Phillips, Chair, NMLA Nominations Committee

The Nominating and Elections Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the election of 2004. You will receive your ballots by mail shortly after February 1. The deadline to return ballots is March 1, 2004. The Nominating Committee wishes to express its gratitude to all candidates and to our dedicated and committed membership.

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Book by New Mexico Author/Librarian Wins ALA Award

Vaunda Micheaux Nelson of Rio Rancho Public Library is not only a librarian, but also an author. Her book, “Almost to Freedom”, illustrated by Colin Bootman and published by Carolrhoda Books, was recently selected as a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book.

*Almost to Freedom* is the story of a slave family’s escape to freedom told through the eyes of a child’s beloved rag doll, Sally. Although the Underground Railroad is central to the book, in writing the story Vaunda was most interested in the role that Sally plays in the life of the children. Reviewers have described *Almost to Freedom* as a story of unshakable faith, of hope and resilience, cruelty and courage, love and friendship.

Vaunda says she is thrilled that Colin has received this well-deserved honor, and is flattered by the congratulatory messages she has received as author. Natalie Bernstein, librarian at Paideia School in Atlanta, who read the story to elementary school students shared this with Vaunda, “One of the discussions that we have had is how much information about slavery you manage to pack into a very short text. Apart from the big picture stuff about the Underground Railroad, overseers, breaking up families, etc., we have talked about head kerchiefs, being barefoot, how parents worked to protect and nurture their children, rules against literacy, the role of song, telling folktales, and more. The discussions have been rich and rewarding. I tell the children how many people have believed (and still do believe) that we shouldn’t teach about slavery to elementary children, and they [the children] are both outraged and grateful that you wrote the book.”

Vaunda is grateful to know that *Almost to Freedom* is touching children in this way, and that Colin’s award will help put it into the hands of many more young readers.

The Coretta Scott King Awards are presented annually by the Coretta Scott King Task Force of the American Library Association’s Social Responsibilities Round Table. Recipients are authors & illustrators of African descent whose distinguished books promote an understanding and appreciation of the “American Dream.” The Award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and honors his widow, Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination in continuing the work for peace and world brotherhood.

Apply for a Museum or Library National Service Award

The IMLS’ National Awards for Museum and Library Service honor the extraordinary public service provided by museums and libraries and provide a $10,000 award. These prestigious awards recognize museums and libraries that have a positive impact on community life. Recipients demonstrate long-term, ongoing commitment to public service through innovative programs and community partnerships. Any individual may submit an application; and museums and libraries of all sizes are encouraged to apply. The IMLS Web site has more information about the awards, including qualifications, details on how to apply, and online application forms. The postmark deadline for receipt of all materials is February 15, 2004. National Award for Museum Service: http://www.imls.gov/grants/museum/mus_nams.asp. National Award for Library Service: http://www.imls.gov/grants/library/lib_nals.htm.
2004 3M Salute to Schools Call for Entries

School libraries may apply now for valuable detection systems. School library media specialists can help reduce the loss of valuable library resources by applying now for the 2004 3M Salute to Schools program, which will provide $1.5 million worth of security products to 100 schools across the country selected by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association.

3M will provide two 3M Detection Systems for the school’s library and a supply of Tattle-Tape Security Strips (average value of about $15,000). 3M Salute to Schools is open to middle and high schools in the U.S. A school must meet eligibility requirements and be able to demonstrate a need for a detection system. Applications are available at www.ala.org/aasl or www.3M.com/us/library. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2004. For more information, contact the AASL Awards Program at 800-545-2433, ext. 4383, or aasl@ala.org.

In Their Native Languages: Ann Nolan Clark and the Creation of Bilingual Textbooks by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Joe Sabatini, Branch Manager, Special Collections Library; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

An upcoming exhibit at the Special Collections Library of the Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Library System will feature a remarkable collection of bilingual textbooks prepared by the Education Division of the B.I.A. during the early 1940’s. Ann Nolan Clark, the only native New Mexican child’s author to win the Newbery Medal, was a key participant in creating these textbooks for Navajo, Pueblo and Lakota children, illustrated by young Indian artists who later became well known. The display also includes several Navajo language textbooks written by Father Berard Haile and printed by St. Michael's Press at the St. Michael's Indian Mission, AZ. We offer this unique display as part of our celebration of World Book Day, April 23, 2004.

The NMLA Native American Libraries’ Special Interest Group will be meeting at Special Collections on Fri., April 16th. Jeanne Whitehouse, a retired UNM Professor of Education, well known to librarians for her classes in children’s literature, will speak about Clark’s life and works. Whitehouse did her doctoral dissertation on Clark, interviewing her and editing Clark’s “A Handful of Days” for Gale’s “Something about the Author” Autobiographical Series (v. 16, p. 33-108).

The exhibit will be on display from March 16th - May 15th, 2004 in the Main Reading Room at the Special Collections Library, 423 Central Ave. NE. in Albuquerque. Library hours are: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Tues. thru Sat. For additional information, call 848-1376.
Clyde Tombaugh Papers Web Page Debuts
Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

A web page on the Clyde W. Tombaugh Papers project is now online at http://archives.nmsu.edu/exhibits/tombaugh_website/index.htm. It includes an overview of the Tombaugh Papers, a biography, a bibliography, a listing of astronomy collections held by the NMSU Library and information on the processing of the papers. The page is a collaborative project of Maura Kenny and Melissa Gottwald of the NMSU Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department.

Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto in 1930. The papers of the late NMSU astronomer were donated to the NMSU Library by the Tombaugh family in 2000. The papers consist of approximately 150 linear feet of material, including correspondence with prominent astronomers and space scientists such as Wernher von Braun and Carl Sagan. The papers also include educational records, administrative files, research files, writings, technical drawings, photographs, astronomical charts and printed matter.

The success of the project has been greatly enhanced by the cooperation of the Tombaugh family as well as by the help of NMSU astronomer Herb Beebe, who conducted an oral history project with family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Tombaugh. Project archivist Melissa Gottwald presented “The Clyde W. Tombaugh Papers and the Rio Grande Historical Collections: Preserving the History of Astronomy” at the American Astronomical Society’s 203rd meeting. Processing of the papers was supported by grants from the American Institute of Physics and the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board. For more information, please contact the NMSU Library’s Archives at (505)-646-4727.

Clearinghouse for Continuing Education Opportunities
Kathleen Knoth, NMLA Education Committee

The NMLA Education Committee is compiling a central registry and clearinghouse for continuing education/professional development opportunities for library professionals, paraprofessionals, and support staff. The first phase of this endeavor is to seek out those of you willing to serve as a coach, trainer, or who are experts/specialists in certain areas and could facilitate workshops or seminars. The library hosting the training would cover travel expenses. Any additional compensation needed would have to be determined between the trainer and the hosting library.

If you have taught or presented before; or would like to share your expertise with fellow NM colleagues for the first time, please respond as soon as possible and the results will be compiled to help match training needs. Send: name, institution affiliated with, phone and e-mail, area of specialty, and particular times of the year you are not available to: Kathleen Knoth; UNM-Taos; 115 Civic Plaza Drive; Taos, NM 87571; phone 505-737-6243; fax 505-737-6292; kathk@unm.edu. Please share this information with your staff and colleagues. We currently have approximately 12 trainers on the registry which will soon be posted on the NMLA website.
State Library Funds DuPage’s 2004 Library Teleconferences
Stephanie Gerding, NM State Library, Continuing Education Director

These workshops are available to all of New Mexico by satellite and/or videotape through a statewide license purchased by the New Mexico State Library. Register your site online at: http://www.cod.edu/teleconf/, there will be no charge to you, your New Mexico address will serve as verification that you are under our statewide contract. You do not need a PO number. All that we ask is that you open your session to librarians outside of your workplace, if possible, and most importantly, inform us of how many viewers attend. If you do not have access to a satellite, you may register at the above website to receive videotapes of the workshops. Just add a note in the special instructions area and they will be mailed to you at no charge after the telecast. These videotapes may be added to your library’s collection and circulated within the state.

All teleconferences are broadcast from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
- A Technology Toolkit: Survival Skills for Everyone: Jan. 23, 2004
- Web Filtering: Policies, Software, Staff Training and CIPA: March 12, 2004
- Professional Toolkit: Skills for Advancement: March 26, 2004
- Preparing for the Future of Digital Reference: April 16, 2004

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee (LIF) Report
Elizabeth Haskett, Chair, Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee

Library Legislative Day
The date is set for February 4th, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the NM State Library. We will be giving posters and a bilingual edition of “Are You My Mother? / Eres Tu Mi Mama?” by P.D. Eastman to legislators. Our plan is to have several key librarians on the stage for an acknowledgement in both the house and the senate. The session begins at 10:00 a.m.

2004 GO Bond
Bond Task Force members have been attending Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) meetings and have moved the effort along very well. The LESC unanimously voted to include a recommendation to the Legislature that the Library GO Bond be set at our request of $41 million. The Library Materials Fund was included as part of the LESC budget at a level of 1.25 million. Regional Coordinators are working with their local librarians to make contact with their legislators. The 2004 flyer and the talking points are on the NMLA web page. The link is “Library Bond 2004 Information.”

USA PATRIOT Act
Informational links about the Patriot Act are on the NMLA web page. The link is “Do You Have Questions About the Patriot Act? We Have Answers.” The NMLA joined the coalition in support of the joint memorial “Affirming Civil Rights And Liberties: Declaring Opposition to Federal Measures That Infringe on Civil Liberties” that was introduced during the special session. This memorial passed the House but not the Senate and will be reintroduced. The coalition is organizing a Call In Day to Legislators to support this memorial.

New EPA Website
Sue Visser, Stratus Consulting Inc.

A new program is being offered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to familiarize librarians with the EPA website, and more specifically, to help librarians utilize www.epa.gov as a portal to information about the environment and public health. EPA has recently launched a website devoted to this initiative. Visit http://www.epa.gov/ambassador/index.html to download useful information on how to access books, reports, web pages, databases, and other information dealing with environmental issues.
Events To Plan: Upcoming Library Celebrations
Val Nye, NMLA Publicity Committee

Job Shadow Day will be celebrated by libraries across the country on Feb. 2, 2004. This day gives students the chance to "shadow" a workplace mentor during a day on the job. By participating, librarians can introduce junior & high school students to librarianship, help young people make the connection between academics and careers, encourage partnerships between libraries and young people, and build an on-going relationship with the community the library serves. For more information visit the Public Library Association at: http://tinyurl.com/yr89.

This year National Library Week will be celebrated April 18-24. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. National Library Week is celebrated by public, academic, school, and special libraries across the nation.

In conjunction with National Library Week, ALA and American Association of School Librarians (AASL) will recognize the entire month of April as School Library Media Month. To learn about ways your library can celebrate visit: http://tinyurl.com/eggo.

Celebrate the people who give freely of their time to ensure the success of your library by honoring volunteers on National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 18-24. For ideas on ways to celebrate and honor your volunteers visit: http://www.pointsflight.org/NVW/nvw.cfm or http://www.energizeinc.com/ideas/volwk.html

Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros is celebrated annually on April 30th and is designated to recognize the importance of advocating literacy for every child regardless of linguistic and cultural background. For more information visit: http://www.reforma.org/

Belen Middle School Students Visit the State Library and the Round House
Brianna Parker, Delsie Sheets, Mark Stephens, Steffanie Rivera; NM Students

It started with a horrific car ride and ended with lots of laughs. No, we are not talking about an amusement park ride. On Dec. 17, 2003 four students from Belen Middle School and Ms. Stephanie Eagle, Belen Middle School media specialist/librarian, went to the New Mexico State Library to learn about the many different jobs they do there. Our ride to Santa Fe was interrupted mid-way with the discovery that one of the car doors was not shut, and we’d been driving at 75 miles per hour! Luckily, we were able to get the door closed and make it to the State Library without any further mishaps. Mr. Robert Upton was our tour guide at the library. He had just chosen the design for the 2004 poster and was more than glad to show it to us. He also showed us the posters from the last couple of years, which we all enjoyed. Some of the highlights of the trip were the posters, the archives, Mrs. Jacqueline Dalmy’s fish tank, and the many, many stairs. Some of us were extremely interested in the library room for the blind or visually impaired. (One student is even trying to learn Braille right now!) The jobs at the library were really exciting and we all enjoyed it, but our field trip didn’t end there. We still had to eat lunch and attend the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) meeting. Lunch took us to Upper Crust Pizza (which we are now considering the best pizza in the world). We then continued on to the Round House to listen at the LESC meeting. We walked into the Round House with our books in hand ready to take on the LESC and tell them what we thought about library funding. Imagine our surprise when the part about the school libraries lasted about ten seconds... until they noticed us trying to sneak out the door without being seen. They called us up and asked us our opinions. We each suggested why we needed more funding for the libraries of New Mexico. A short, quick conversation turned

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Mesa Public Library hosts Santa Fe Opera Exhibit: Costumes, Sets, Props, and more!
Carol Meine, Mesa Public Library

During the month of January, Mesa Public Library Gallery in Los Alamos is hosting an extravagant and magical show put together by the Santa Fe Opera Technical Staff. Original costumes, hand sewn with exquisite materials, carousel horses, set maquettes in precise scale with every detail, painstaking blue prints for props from international designers, make walking into the gallery like entering into a fairy tale world.

The Opera Technical Director and Los Alamos native, Paul Horpedahl, and assistants Randy Lutz, and Tracy Armagost put this first of its kind exhibit together. The Santa Fe Opera is a wonderful community partner, providing many outreach programs: apprentice singers in the schools, opportunities for young people to attend operas during the season on special nights, and now this fabulous exhibit which delights visitors of all ages.

The exhibit is truly a community event with the opening reception on January 8th which was graciously hosted by the Los Alamos Opera Guild, spectacular flower arrangements provided by the local garden clubs, and the local newspaper which ran great articles and photographs. Drama students have an opportunity to see first hand what goes into a world-renowned opera production. Community groups of all kinds with members of all ages have visited delighted to find such visual and cultural wealth in their local library.

Mesa Public Library is a beautiful building, designed by Antoine Predock, and includes an elegant gallery space. Libraries and museums are both places of imagination; perhaps it is not so unlikely then, that both are part of the Department of Cultural Affairs in New Mexico!

Library Advocates Handbook Available in Spanish

In an effort to support libraries that assist the Spanish-speaking population, the American Library Association (ALA) has published a version of the Library Advocates Handbook in Spanish. Distributed through the ALA Public Information Office, it contains tips for speaking to the media, working with legislators, and building an advocacy network. The brochure can be viewed and downloaded free of charge at: http://www.ala.org/PIO/libraryadvocateshandbookspanish.pdf

Facilities Feature in April American Libraries Magazine

Every year, American Libraries' April issue features articles and photographs spotlighting new, expanded, and renovated library buildings. A showcase of exteriors and interiors, this special issue features some of the best in library designs, as well as accounts of successful restorations. The editors invite librarians, architects, and interior designers to apply. In 2003, 39 projects were highlighted. For consideration, send color prints, 35mm slides, 300-dpi digital images on a CD, or 4-by-5-inch transparencies along with promotional and descriptive material, including type of library, primary architect, size, total cost, and date completed to: Amy Jordan, American Libraries, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Digital jpeg images may also be sent to AmericanLibrariesProduction@ala.org; please indicate "Submission for April facilities feature" in the subject line. The deadline is February 2. Sources will be credited and materials will be returned on request.
Farmington Public Library Book Discussion Groups
Judith Lasher-Tidwell, Farmington Public Library

Farmington Public Library is inviting book lovers to join book discussion groups beginning in March with the help of mascots, Eula and Mae. These charming, fun-loving, book-devouring widows will each sponsor a group, and have made their book selections available on the library website: www.infoway.lib.nm.us/reference/bookgroups.

The ladies, who love attention, have positioned themselves near the Library's main service desk where helpful staff can readily provide information about the book groups as well as invite interested readers to fill out a questionnaire to determine reading interests and availability. The Library will take responsibility for organizing the groups, as well as providing provocative discussion questions, a meeting place, and if needed, a facilitator. Realizing that book group participants can get a little tense when they can't find their assigned book, the library will buy the books selected by each group. Discussion group books will be kept separate from the main collection and made available for book group participants only.

Eula and Mae have big plans for making the book discussion groups not only convenient and meaningful, but fun as well...They'll make surprise visits to book groups and perhaps dress up a bit in a theme appropriate for the book, a little music - who knows? Eula and Mae just love to have fun. The Library would love to hear about your book groups too. Please write us at Farmington Public Library, Attention: Eula & Mae, 2101 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, NM 87401; or e-mail Mae at: mae@infoway.org.

New Mexico Library Foundation

The next drawing for the foundation at the NMLA conference in Las Cruces will feature a famous Betty Reynold's quilt. Betty is a retired librarian who has made and donated quilts in the past that have been coveted. Please stop by the booth where the quilt will be on display and purchase tickets. The funds are used for our grants to libraries in NM.

Celebrating its 11th 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.
MPLA 2003 Award Winners
Kate Mediate, Outgoing MPLA Awards Chair

At the joint MPLA/NLA Conference in Incline Village, Nevada, Nov. 5-8, 2003 the following individuals and organizations were recognized as the 2003 award recipients for MPLA.

- The MPLA News Media Support Award was given to KOAA Channel 5/30 Television of Colorado Springs, CO. This award recognizes the news media organization making the strongest effort to promote libraries and library services.
- Stan Terry, VP and General Manager of the Mountain Plains EBSCO Subscription Services, earned the Carl Gauker Exhibitors Award. This award is given for constant conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees, and professional activities.
- Receiving the MPLA Beginning Professional Award was Julie Bartel, Associate Teen Librarian at Salt Lake City Public Library. This award is given to a librarian/media specialist who has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service within the first 5 years of receiving a library/media specialist degree.
- The MPLA Youth Services Award was presented to the Public Libraries Serving Sedgwick County Kansas. This award is given to a library that exemplifies excellence in library services to youth.
- The Natrona County Recreation Joint Powers Board was awarded the MPLA Legislative Leadership Award. This award is given for exemplary legislative leadership or support for growth and development of a library or libraries.
- MPLA's Distinguished Service Award was given to Marilyn Hinshaw, Director of the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System and past President of MPLA. This award is given to a MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries or performed exemplary service for an extended period of time.
- The MPLA Literary Contribution Award was granted to Alan Kesselheim. This award is given to an author whose published writings are most successfully furthering an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plain region.
- The Intellectual Freedom Award was presented to Joyce Meskin, owner of the Tattered Cover Bookstore. This award is for making significant contributions to the enhancement of First Amendment Rights.

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into a long discussion. At the end a student had the honor of banging the gavel and making it official. It was nice to know that the students in society today have a say in what is going on. We all enjoyed a nice quiet ride back home. Our Santa Fe trip showed us the great people at the NM State Library and the ins and outs of the legislative process.

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