Libraries Lend a Hand

New Mexico Library Association
2005 Annual Conference
March 30 - April 1, 2005
Albuquerque, NM

The conference theme for 2005 resonates the personal touch in library service, the person to person contact that enriches lives. It also reflects the role that libraries play in building community, whether it be neighborhood or virtual, by linking hands and connecting people with resources from near and far. Our focus is to reach out and form partnerships in our communities to strengthen bonds and to build better resources.

The call for program proposals has been posted and publicized. The conference website is available as a link from NMLA and will continue to grow and expand. University Libraries has graciously agreed to host the Past Presidents' Reception with a dine-around afterward planned for the UNM neighborhood. UNM will also host the preconferences.

Our featured speakers include Marilyn Mason, OCLC, who will speak to the pioneering effort of New Mexico in creating the WebJunction community; and Rosemary Wells, nationally renowned author and illustrator, who will address capturing our youngest readers and their families.

For the Awards Banquet that honors librarianship in New Mexico we are inviting Diane Denish to join the celebration and to speak about the Children's Cabinet.

Most exciting will be our use of the entire Exhibit Hall for a variety of activities that will keep attendees merrily engaged. In the center of the hall will be a café area for eating and visiting with colleagues. There will be a staging area for vendor presentations, author readings and discussions, poetry and other dramatic performances.

We are offering authors and illustrators from throughout the SW an opportunity to join us in the Exhibit Hall for continuous informal greeting and autographing. An Information Fair is planned to include opportunities for community groups that address literacy needs and services to share their programs. Poster Sessions will be available.

For the first time in conference history we will feature a "Wall of Honor" in the exhibits area. One side will honor the business community members who support libraries and librarianship and the other side will honor librarians who are celebrating a milestone or special recognition.

On Friday we expect to see many of our young readers and the school "Friends" groups joining us to celebrate the "Kid Lit Lunch." Following lunch will be the Land of Enchantment Award Book Talks and the Battle of the Books demonstrations. Finally, I am working on bringing a collaborative art exhibit (currently in Orlando) to the Albuquerque Museum to feature illustrations from the works of the Hurd family, Edith, Clement and Thacher. Perhaps "Goodnight Moon" will come to town to soothe the child in all of us.

Kathy Matter, Conference Chair

The Conference Program and Local Arrangements Committees plan and manage the processes and details that shape a conference. If you would like to join either of these Committees and "lend a hand", please contact the Committee chairs. You can find their names and contact information on page 4.
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LIBRARIAN
by Diana Ratnam,

“May I help you?” smiled the Reference Librarian.
“Could you help me get some material on “History of US?”

“What exactly do you need on “History of U.S.?”
Asks the librarian.

“Actually it is on “U.S. Civil Space.” she says.

“Writing a report?” Asks the librarian.

“It is a research paper” says she.

“What format?” inquires the librarian.

“Anything I can get;” she says.

“When is it due?”

“Tomorrow!” Is the sheepish reply.

“No problem,” says the librarian.

Tapping away at the key board...
Accessing the catalog.....

The database.....
“Here you go!”

“Oh thank you!”

“Where can I type my report?”

“Use our computers” smiles the librarian.

“Can I save my work?”

“But of course,” replies the librarian.

“Use the floppy disc,” she says.

“Thank you! Thank you for all the help.”

“We are here to help” smiles the librarian.
President’s Message

I can’t take credit for this column because I am quite frankly largely plagiarizing from work already created by Richard Akeroyd to announce and explain WebJunction New Mexico. You will hear a great deal more in the months ahead about this state-specific, cutting edge, collaborative website initiative. WebJunction New Mexico is being created and will be maintained primarily by and for New Mexico librarians and will bring together all types of libraries to learn, discuss and share information on library technology. The overall project will reach all states. If by chance, you haven’t heard about WebJunction New Mexico yet, let this column introduce you.

WebJunction New Mexico is an information portal designed specifically for academic, special, school and public library staffs. Library topics on the portal will be extensive and will include public access computing, information technology, quality resources for libraries, free and low-cost training and professional development online courses to name just a few.

New Mexico is one of five pilot states to launch its site on WebJunction this past June 25, 2004 at the American Library Association annual conference in Orlando, FL. Several New Mexico librarians attended that event. All states will eventually be included. The WebJunction project is jointly sponsored by the Gates Foundation as well as OCLC and represents a unique opportunity for New Mexico libraries to expand on the Gates Foundation’s Public Access Computing Portal, www.webjunction.org, now under development by OCLC. Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, and Washington are the other pilot states this year. Please visit New Mexico’s site at nm.webjunction.org as well as the others to have a first glance at the project.

The immediate vision for the WebJunction New Mexico (WJNM) site is to develop an on-line community for New Mexico librarians where they can go to share ideas and best practices about public access computing; find online tools to assist them in planning for, implementing, and maintaining technology in their libraries; learn about training and continuing education opportunities in New Mexico and on-line; and find guides to discounts on software and hardware, as well as other technology resources and services. The possibilities for useful additions to WebJunction New Mexico are literally endless.

The longer-term vision for the WebJunction New Mexico site is to merge it into a New Mexico Library Portal (NMLP). Presently conceived as a five-year development project, the NMLP will provide New Mexico libraries with the primary means for access and connectivity to the full resources and capacities afforded by today’s networked digital information technology. It will assure that all library communities, in other words, the people of New Mexico, through their libraries, will have the capability to take full advantage of the resources of the current and future networked information environment.

New Mexico librarians have a front row seat in watching WebJunction grow and develop! Check out WebJunction New Mexico from the NM State Library’s website.

Heather Gallegos-Rex, President

Welcome, New NMLA Members!

Melva Clark, Cannon AFB Library
Katrina Clemons, Student
Geraldine Hutchins, Texas Tech University Libraries
Heather McClure, St John’s College Library
Mary K. Pfeifle, Carlsbad Public Library
Christopher Quinn, St John’s College Library
Lois Ruby, Retired, Author
Elizabeth Teel, Espanola Public Library
Karen Vargas, HAM-TMC Library, Houston, TX
Frances Vitali, Farmington Public Library
Mark Wolf, Farmington Public Library

Banned Books Week
September 25 - October 2
NMLA Annual Conference  
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Conference Program Committee  
Cassandra Osterloh, Chair (osterloh@unm.edu)  

The Call for Proposals was sent out on June 30. Proposals must be completed and postmarked by August 31, 2004 to be considered. Individuals will be notified at the beginning of October of results.

Since we will have the entire exhibit area this year, the committee is soliciting poster sessions. These will be displayed during the no conflict times. Due to previous comments on having several programs at the same time that were applicable to a similar audience, we are going to strive for a more program track oriented schedule. The Call for Proposals asks that people check a target audience for their program. This will help place the sessions into program tracks.

SIGs have been asked to arrange meeting times and discuss possible SIG sponsored programs. Members of the Program Committee are acting as liaisons between SIGs and the Committee. The Committee will be to help market SIG programs as well as note them in the program and on room signs.

The pre-conference has been limited to Wednesday afternoon and will be held at the University of New Mexico Student Union Building, sponsored by the UNM University Libraries. The Program Committee is working on 2-3 hands-on classes to be held in the computer classroom of the UNM Zimmerman Library. 

A Web site has been created for the annual conference: http://www.unm.edu/~osterloh/nmla_conference/home.htm. The Web site currently contains the Call for Proposals; a preliminary timeline, and a list of conference committee members.

Local Arrangements Committee  
Anne Lefkofsky, Chair (alefkofsky@cabq.gov)  

The Past President’s Reception will be hosted by the UNM University Libraries in Zimmerman Library’s historic West Wing on Wednesday evening, 3/30/05. Light musical entertainment is planned, with catering to be provided by the Student Union. 

Based on its success in Las Cruces this past April, a Dine-Around event will follow the Past President’s Reception. Venues will likely focus on the diverse, lively and proximate options available in Albuquerque’s Nob Hill and University districts.

All other meal events will take place at the Convention Center, including continental breakfasts, snacks, and boxed lunches. Both the Awards Banquet (Thursday evening, 3/31/05) and the “Kid Lit Lunch” (Friday afternoon, 4/1/05) have been scheduled for ballrooms in the West Building.

Rose Diaz Appointed to ACSC  
Executive Committee  

Rose Diaz, UNM General Library, has been appointed to serve on the executive committee of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC). According to the mission statement, “The ACSC supports a wide range of programs designed to inform and educate students, scholars, policy-makers, and members of the general public on the history of Congress, legislative process, and current issues facing Congress.” The University of New Mexico is one of only two schools west of the Mississippi to belong to the Association.

Roswell Public Library Receives Donation from Wal-Mart  

Roswell Public Library recently received a $750.00 check from Wal-Mart. James Collins, Assistant Manager at Roswell Wal-Mart Super Center, presented the donation to Betty-Long, Library Director. Mr. Collins requested that the money be used for literacy programs within the Children’s Library. The Library thanks Wal-Mart for their generosity.
2005 New Mexico Battle of the Books To be Bigger and Better

The 2004 Battle of the Books inspired youth throughout the state to read widely and well. As a culminating event, 462 students gathered for the State Battle on April 3, 2004 in Socorro. Peggy Willoughby hosted the event at Sarracino Middle School.

The 2005 Battle of the Books will be hosted at Rio Rancho Mid High by Melanie Templet on Saturday April 9th, 2005. This year’s event will have additional funding as the result of a literacy grant from Sam’s Club. Start reading from our booklists with your children and young people. All the information you need to get started is on our web site at www.nmbattleofthebooks.org. We are revising the registration process, so check back in the fall for complete registration information.

One of the 2004 Battle of the Books “Winning Teams”!

UNM Dean Prepares to Lead ACRL

University of New Mexico Dean of Library Services, Camila A. Alire, has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries. She will take office in June following the 2004 American Library Association Annual Conference in Orlando. The ACRL, which represents 12,000 librarians and interested people, is the largest division of ALA and sets standards for college and university library facilities.

In 2005, Alire will become the president of the Association of College and Research Libraries. “It’s important to UNM that our peers see this university as a strong, vital contributor to national academic organizations,” says Alire. “If I can increase our visibility in the world of academic and research libraries, the entire University will benefit in the long run.”

As the first Hispanic president of the organization, she will focus on leadership development and advocate for better ways to develop a diverse academic library workforce. Alire says, “We need to find ways to recruit and retain an enthusiastic workforce that can respond to the varied needs of our customers.”

Alire was the Dean of University Libraries at Colorado State University before coming to New Mexico in 2001. Her publications include serving as an editor and contributor to the Library Disaster Planning and Recovery Handbook and co-author of Serving Latino Communities. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Adams State College, her master’s of library science from the University of Denver, and her doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Northern Colorado.
Brey-Casiano Inaugurated ALA President

Carol Brey-Casiano, executive director of the El Paso (Texas) Public Library, and director of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library System in Las Cruces, New Mexico from 1996-2000, was inaugurated president at the 2004 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Orlando, FL in June.

“I am extremely pleased to be elected President of ALA, and want to thank my colleagues for their faith in my abilities,” Brey-Casiano said. “Together, we can tell our story to the American people, making it clear that libraries and the people who work in them - are essential to our democracy.”

Brey-Casiano is a member of ALA Council and previously served as Illinois Chapter Councilor from 1992-95. She has chaired the Public Library Association's Basic Education and Literacy Services Committee, as well as the Public Relations Committee of the Texas Library Association. She is a REFORMA member and was chair for TLA's Library Services to the Spanish-Speaking Roundtable. She has been a member of the ALA Library Advocacy Now! Network since its inception. Brey-Casiano was named to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom Roll of Honor in 1999 and was recognized as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1984.

San Juan College Library Announces Meet the Author Series

Southwest scholar David Remley will give a presentation on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm in Henderson Fine Arts Center, Room 9008. His works include 'Adios Nuevo Mexico; the Santa Fe Journal of John Watts in 1859 and Bell Ranch: Cattle Ranching in the Southwest, 1824-1947. The first edition of Bell Ranch (1993) received the Gaspar Perez de Villagra prize from the Historical Society of New Mexico. Remley lives near Silver City, New Mexico.

Heather Proffer will read from her book Feeling Counterfeit on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm in Henderson Fine Arts Center, Room 9010. A retired school teacher who lives in Farmington, Proffer writes about her German-Mexican youth growing up on the Mexican border, in Germany, and finally in the United States. Her book explores the confusion and difficulty in constructing a personal identity in spite of cultural differences and personal hardship.

Award-winning novelist Denise Chávez will be speaking on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm. Author of the novels Face of An Angel, Loving Pedro Infante, and The Last of the Menia Girls, Chávez is also a playwright, actress, director and teacher. A native of Las Cruces, New Mexico, she still lives in the house where she grew up and writes in the room where she was born. Chávez is currently an Assistant Professor of Creative Writing at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Sponsored by the SJC Library and Humanities Dept. Location TBA.

Books will be available for sale and signing at each program. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Amy Mullin at (505)566-3256 or mullina@sanjuancollege.edu.

Exhibit Honors Ernie Pyle, America’s Most Loved Reporter

by Joe Sabatini

Albuquerque’s Special Collections Library presents an exhibition of images, documents and memorabilia about the life and career of Ernie Pyle. This exhibit was created by the Albuquerque Museum this winter to accompany “Capture the Moment,” a traveling exhibition of Pulitzer Prize photographs. Pyle won the 1944 Pulitzer Prize for Journalism for his war correspondent columns. After his death, Pyle’s heirs donated his house to the City of Albuquerque which used it to create the City’s first branch library in 1948. Over the years, thousands of people have traveled to Albuquerque to visit the library and memorial. In addition to the original Museum display, the exhibit will show materials from the Library’s collections about Pyle’s time in Albuquerque, the establishment of the Ernie Pyle Memorial Library, and the popular response to the memorial. A vignette of the Pyle home living room will feature a bookcase with his writings, his wife’s piano, family photographs and scrapbooks of his columns donated by admiring visitors.

The show will open on August 3, 2004, the 104th anniversary of Pyle’s birth. It will close on April 30, 2005. Lectures and other public programs are being planned, including one during the 2005 New Mexico Library Association conference. There will be an opening Reception on Saturday, August 21st, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. The Special Collections Library is at 423 Central Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102 (Corner of Edith and Central). You can reach us at 505-848-1376. Library hours are 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Tuesday-Saturday.
Session Proposal Form

DUE AUGUST 31, 2004. Forms must be completed in their entirety and postmarked by August 31 to be considered. Thank you.

Title

Description

Target Audience (Select all that apply. This will help place sessions in program tracks.)

___ Academic/College       ___ Administrative/Management
___ Elementary School      ___ Paraprofessionals
___ Public Libraries       ___ Secondary School
___ Special Libraries      ___ Technical Services
___ Technology & Automation ___ Other

Expected Outcomes (How will this session benefit attendees?)

Length of Session

___ 1 hour                 ___ 1-1/2 hours
___ 2 hours                ___ Poster session
___ Vendor demonstration  ___ 3 hour pre-conference (Wed. afternoon only)
Preferred Presentation Day
___ Wednesday (pre-conference only)  ___ Thursday
___ Friday  ___ No preference

Primary Presenter (contact person)
Name & Title:
Institution:
E-mail:
Mailing address:
Daytime phone number:

Co-Presenter (Provide additional presenter information on the back side of this form.)
Name & Title:
Institution:
E-mail:
Mailing address:
Daytime phone number:

Compensation Request
The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement. Please indicate your proposed budget needs:

$_______ Speaker fees/honorarium
$_______ Lodging
$_______ Airfare
$_______ Meals
$_______ Copying costs
$_______ Mileage or ground transport
$_______ Total

Additional Comments and Information

Return completed forms by August 31, 2004 to:
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MSC05 3020
Albuquerque NM 87131-0001

Questions? e-mail Cassandra at: osterloh@unm.edu.
Library Books Bond Committee Gets in Gear for 2004

by David Giltrow, LBBC vice-chair

The election season is upon us. Just as New Mexico’s librarians are finishing their book orders using funds from the 2002 GO Bond C results, the 2004 GO Bond C campaign is beginning to take shape.

The Library Books Bond Committee remains registered as a political action committee (PAC) with the Secretary of State’s Office in Santa Fe. We are busy revising the website used in 2002: www.nmbooksbond.org. The site will steadily change from the 2002 election-end version to the 2004 version in the days to come, with pages being updated to reflect the changed mix of allocations between public, school, academic and, additionally this year, the NM State Library and the History Library at the Palace of the Governors.

We are retaining pages from 2002 which have general useful information. In some instances, we’re simply changing the numbers to reflect new, projected allocations for 2004. For example, the county-by-county results of the 2002 election are retained so you can gauge how your county voted in 2002, as well as in the 1994 bond votes. The legal guidelines chart remains, which helps you define what you can do to promote GO Bond C for 2004, and what you probably don’t want to do as a public employee. Some basic data is available at the NMLA website: www.nmla.org.

The Committee has met with the Albuquerque public information firm, Cooney, Watson and Associates, to develop a similar modest statewide effort to complement your local efforts as in 2002. In 2002, we supported radio spots (English and Spanish), press releases, op-ed pieces and simplified handouts.

Fund raising is going on and we hope the vendors (the actual dollar recipients of the $16 million from 2002 GO Bond C!) will be generous. Put in a good word for us when you’re in touch with their account reps. We also are asking library friends groups and individuals to contribute to what is a very grass roots effort. Remember, the Committee is composed of volunteers and we don’t contribute to candidates in any way. All donations go toward pushing for passage of GO Bond C (same designation in 2004 as in 2002). Gov. Dave Cargo remains the Committee’s chairman while Linda O’Connell has graciously agreed to remain as the Committee treasurer.

The Library Books Bond Committee’s address is 8201 Golf Course NW D3-241, Albuquerque, NM 87120. As you know, the Committee is not a tax deductible organization, however charitable we may seem.

趺趺 AN IMPORTANT REQUEST趺趺
Patti Watson (Cooney, Watson & Associates) has asked us to assemble a collection of “testimonials” about how the 2002 GO Bond funds resulted in enhanced services to your patrons. Think about how your improved book and related materials collections assisted your ability to provide library services.

Patti wants these stories so she can make press releases, op-ed pieces and interviews more personal, demonstrating that the 2002 GO Bond C serves the public well and to show that tax dollars are well spent. Send your observations to me at dgiltrow@cybermesa.com. You can specify whether or not you want your library mentioned. Thanks for your efforts!

2004 GO BOND C BASIC FACTS

TOTAL: $16.3 MILLION

ALLOCATIONS:
684 school + 2 juvenile detention libraries ($6.2m)
90 public and tribal libraries ($5.8m)
25 college and university libraries ($3.9m)
NMSL and History Library/Palace of the Governors ($0.32m)

TAX IMPLICATION: $1.70 / $100k assessed value

Absentee voting begins October 5
Early voting begins Oct. 16
Election day is Nov. 2

BALLOT TIPS: Before the GO Bonds section of the ballot are three Constitutional Amendments. GO Bonds are typically the last category on most county ballots.

Other GO Bond issues include:
(A) Senior-Centers ($6.1m)
(B) Higher Education ($94.9m)
(D) Full Day Kindergarten Construction ($5.1m)
Events at Ruidoso Public Library

by Phyllis Reed, Director, Ruidoso Public Library

Ruidoso, NM is a small community of approximately 14,000 residents located 138 miles north of El Paso, TX. The feeling at the library is that the taxpayers provide the buildings, and the use of the buildings needs to be maximized. In order to do this, the library has formed many partnerships with the community. The library is the place to be in Ruidoso!

Phyllis Reed, Library Director, provides the leadership for this community-centered library. She makes community partnerships with the library a top priority as she develops her staff positions. The library events are a function of Diane Thorgerson, a Reference Librarian and Exhibits Management Specialist. Diane works with the many community partners to make the events a success, while the entire library staff participates and supports Diane and all of the partnership activities.

Among the more memorable and successful events held at the library are the September 11 Commemorative Show, International Literacy Day, and the art exhibits. Artists expressed what they felt in all mediums and displayed their works at the library for the September 11 Commemorative Show. Over 100 people were involved in this event, and there was standing room only in the 15,000 sq. ft. building! Another event, International Literacy Day, was proclaimed by Ruidoso Mayor, Leon Engleston. The superintendents of schools attended, and several literacy organizations developed booths, passed out literature and basked in the publicity and recognition of their efforts.

The library contributes significantly to the quality of life of the community through these extended programs. These events create visibility and enthusiasm by getting the mayor and local politicians to participate. Because we have a wonderful newspaper and get extensive coverage, many people come into the library for one exhibit or event, and become hooked on what our library has to offer! The library and the Arts Council are benefited, in turn, by receiving support from the community in the form of adequate budgets, volunteers, and community partnerships. The library has established itself as a community center within the city of Ruidoso, NM. We feel we are, as our Web site states, “a center for lifelong learning in the mountains”!

The Foundation is currently undertaking long term planning process. In the near future there will be new grant guidelines. Look for our new website to be announced soon.

Since 1992 the New Mexico Library Foundation has been 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.
Funding Opportunities

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Announces National Grant Competition
Deadline: September 10, 2004

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is accepting applications for its 2005 national grant competition. The foundation's grantmaking program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately $650,000 will be awarded in 2005; no grant request should exceed $65,000. To be eligible for a grant, an organization must have current nonprofit or public status, have been in existence for two or more years as of the date of the application, and operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-K to grade 3, and intergenerational literacy activities. Complete program guidelines, application instructions, and information on previous grant recipients are available at the foundation's Web site: http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com

National Endowment for the Humanities Offers Book Set for Young Readers
Deadline: October 20, 2004; and February 16, 2005

As part of its We the People initiative, the National Endowment for the Humanities has established the We the People Bookshelf to highlight a short list of classic books for young readers at different grade levels. Each year, NEH selects books that share a theme important to U.S. heritage. "Freedom" is the theme for 2004-5. NEH is now accepting applications from school and public libraries to participate in the We the People Bookshelf program. Over the next year, NEH will award copies of the fifteen books in the We the People Bookshelf to a total of 1,000 eligible libraries. NEH is conducting this program in collaboration with the American Library Association. In return for receiving these fifteen books, libraries are asked to organize programs that highlight the theme of freedom and encourage young readers to explore these works. The libraries will also receive supplementary materials, such as bookplates, bookmarks, brochures, and posters. Applications will be accepted from all public libraries, including systems and branches, and school libraries (K-12) at public, private, parochial, or charter schools in the U.S. and its territories. Applications will be accepted online within two time periods: between June 8, 2004 and October 20, 2004; and between December 16, 2004 and February 16, 2005. See the NEH Web site for complete program information and application procedures. RFP Link: http://www.neh.gov/wtp/bookshelf/index.html For additional RFPs in Arts and Culture, visit: http://fdncenter.of.gov/pnd/rfp/cat_arts.jhtml.

Rudolfo and Patricia Anaya Premio Atzlan Literary Prize

Call for Submissions
Deadline: December 31, 2004

Premio Atzlan is a national literary prize established to encourage and reward emerging Chicana and Chicano authors. Noted author Rudolfo Anaya and his wife, Patricia, established Premio Atzlan in 1993. After a brief hiatus, the program has been revived by the University of New Mexico General Library in their honor. Many of the previous recipients are now nationally recognized authors of Chicana/o literature.

A prize of $1,000 will be given to a Chicana or Chicano writer for a work of fiction published in the 2004 calendar year. Authors who have published no more than two books are eligible for the prize. The winner will be expected to give a reading at the University of New Mexico General Library during April 2005. Authors or publishers should submit a letter of nomination with appropriate contact information and five copies of the book by December 31, 2004 to:

Rudolfo and Patricia Anaya Premio Atzlan, Literary Prize Dean's Office
UNM General Library
MSC05 3020
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87131-1466.

For more information contact Dina Ma'ayan, dinam@unm.edu.
Online Library Courses

Have you been wondering where you or your staff can take credit courses in library science conveniently, and at a reasonable price? Are you trying to get credits to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act?

The Library Science Program at Doña Ana Branch Community College in Las Cruces (a branch of New Mexico State University) will be offering several 3 credit courses, many of them only 8 weeks long, starting in August and October. All courses are offered ONLINE!

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Non-degree seeking students who desire single classes for professional development are always welcome; however students may also choose to complete coursework leading to an Associates Degree in Library Science or a Certificate of Completion in Library Science. Additionally, the program offers courses that fulfill New Mexico state requirements for Library Media Specialist Endorsements.

It’s easy to be admitted and enroll in our reasonably priced courses. For further information, please contact:

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Call for MPLA Award Nominations

The MPLA Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the various MPLA awards that will be awarded at the 2004 conference in Denver. The MPLA awards are a way of saying “thank you” to special staff members, volunteers and library supporters. These are people who allow us to perform our jobs more efficiently and easier.

The following awards are provided by MPLA: the Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award, the MPLA Distinguished Service Award, the MPLA Legislative Leadership Award, MPLA News Media Support Award, MPLA Literary Contribution Award, MPLA Beginning-Professional Award, MPLA Youth Services Excellence Award and the MPLA Intellectual Freedom Award. A complete description of these awards and nomination forms are available at: http://www.usd.edu/mpla/committees/awards/awardsindex.html:

Nominations should be mailed to:
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Please help MPLA say thank you in a big way to our library heroes!
Upcoming Conferences, Meetings ................ and More

NMLA Mini-Conference

Theme: Aim for the Stars
Date: Friday, October 8, 2004
Time: 8 AM - 4 PM
Location: Roswell Convention & Civic Center
912 North Main St., Roswell, NM
Special Event: Reception at the Roswell UFO Museum, 6 PM, Thursday, October 7, 2004

Join your library friends and colleagues at our Fall 2004 NMLA Mini-Conference. We will be meeting in Roswell and have an exciting program planned. Workshops of interest to all library groups, good food; and a very special evening event on Thursday will make this a mini-conference you won’t want to miss. The Roswell Convention Center is an excellent facility and there are plenty of places to stay nearby. For more information please contact any of your NMLA Members-At-Large: Carol Sarath [csarath@gmcs.k12.nm.us], Leslie Chamberlain [saticoy@unm.edu], Lori Grumet [lgrumet@las-cruces.org] or Omar Durant [Durant@aps.edu].

Mountain Plains Library Assn./Colorado Assn. of Libraries Annual Meeting In Denver

The Mountain Plains Library Association will be co-hosting this year’s annual meeting with the Colorado Association of Libraries. The conference will be at the Marriott Tech Center in Denver from October 21-24, 2004. This year’s theme is “Libraries All That Jazz.” Fiction writer Connie Willis (winner of eight Hugo Awards and six Nebula Awards, two of the most prestigious awards given for science fiction writing) will open the conference with a keynote address. Newberry Medal winner, Avi, will speak at the closing session. Between the opening and closing of the conference, there will be workshops, sessions and numerous speakers including Michael Willhoite, author of the frequently challenged title Daddy’s Roommate. Keep an eye out for more conference events on: http://www.cal-web.org/conference.html. Excellent rates for conference goers have been negotiated at the Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel.

Public Library Trustees to Meet at MPLA/CAL

Meet with fellow Library Trustees at the Mountain Plains Library Association/Colorado Association of Libraries annual meeting one-on-one, in small groups, or larger discussion groups sharing everyday challenges and solutions. Watch for registration info at:


Contact: Jim Conner, Regional Vice President Association of Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) jconnor@alta10.com

September is National Library Card Month!

Sept. 25-Oct. 2 Banned Books Week
Sept. 27-28 WebSearch University, Washington, DC
Oct. 1-3 American Association of School Libraries Fall Forum, Dallas, TX
Oct. 8 NMLA Mini-Conference, Roswell, NM
Oct. 8-10 LITA National Forum, St. Louis, MO
Oct. 8-10 IFLA General Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Oct. 17-23 Teen Read Week
Oct. 19-22 EDUCAUSE - Denver, CO
Nov. 15-17 Internet Librarian - Monterey, CA
Nov. 18-20 LAMA National Institute, Palm Springs, CA
Nov. 29-Dec 2 Arizona Library Association, Tucson

Vista Grande Library’s Fifth Annual Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction September 12

End the summer with great music, tasty ice cream, fantastic auction items, and kids’ activities. The afternoon’s musical entertainment will be provided by The Eldorado Community Band, Ande Youth Marimba Band, David Yard, the Blue Heaven Band, Phillip Trujillo, Estul Dance Troop, and the Banded Geckos. There will be a silent auction and a raffle for two roundtrip tickets on Frontier Airlines. Questions? Call 466-READ (7323), or visit http://www.vglibrary.org/.
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