My initial thought for opening this greeting was to invoke the wit and wisdom of another person’s words. Something trenchant and ageless – commenting upon the essential good of libraries, or illuminating the power of librarians to make a meaningful difference in the communities they serve. As I rambled around on the internet, and contemplated searching through Bartlett’s in search of these words – the source of my inspiration became clear. Truly, the most moving, dynamic and inspiring words that come to mind were those from colleagues… wisdom readily and generously dispensed through the daily discussions, suggestions, humor and support that we share with each other. Such reflections remind me that more than anything, NMLA is about making connections – with fellow members, with ideas, with innovation, with professional development, and with the realm of possibilities for library service.

As we close out the current business year and approach the next, it’s exciting to think about the numerous connections that await our discovery. One that’s key is the connection you’ve made to NMLA by becoming a member. Taking forward the good work of Past President Kathy Matter, let’s continue to examine and talk about what constitutes value for membership. How can NMLA maintain the best of what it currently provides members – while continuing to grow services and benefits that positively impact your professional life? A number of ideas that I will be working on with the NMLA Board this year include expanded leadership training and professional development opportunities. What are the needs and ideas that resonate with you? Suggestions, feedback and participation are welcome!

In thinking about those questions, keep in mind a number of ways that you can become more connected with – and within – NMLA.

- The joint NMLA/MPLA Conference is slated for March 2007 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. This will likely be the largest conference that NMLA hosts for some time – and opportunities abound to share in the planning of this event. Our conference chair is Louise Bolton, NMLA Vice-President. To learn more about the show, or about being part of the conference team, please visit (early and often!): http://www.nmla.org/abq2007/home.htm

- Increasingly, you will see surveys being launched on a variety of NMLA-related topics and issues. As these questionnaires come up – I encourage you to take a few minutes to respond. In subscribing to Survey Monkey, we now have a wonderful tool with which to seek – and report on – input and feedback from all NMLA members. Please participate as the surveys are released …speak up – and be heard!

- Another important development to watch is the recently formed Intellectual Freedom Task Force, chaired by Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan. With the pronounced need for increased IF awareness and training, Charlie and her team are charged with studying and reporting on the need for an IF committee that stands separately from a committee dealing with legislative issues. Charlie will also be doing IF workshops based on a recent ALA-sponsored, intensive IF training course she attended in April.

As you browse through the news and updates presented in this edition of NMLA’s newsletter, I hope that you’ll feel a strong sense of connection with fellow members, plus the shared goals that we come together to achieve. It’s through those connections that we’ll continue inspire and help each other – and strengthen the library community throughout New Mexico.

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Special Interest Group (SIG) News

The NMLA SIGs are an important part of our organization. They provide networking opportunities with others who share your interest. We are proud to welcome two new SIGs (Library Students and Retired Librarians) and re-introduce one (Northern New Mexico Youth Services). Please consider becoming involved in one the SIGs and enhancing your involvement and voice in NMLA.

If you are interested in forming a SIG, please e-mail Lorie Christian at admin@nmla.org and she will provide you with the proposal form to form a SIG.

The following is news from several of the SIGs.

### Library Students

New SIG! This group is interested in exchanging ideas and experiences as they go through the process of obtaining further education in library science. This group is not limited to those working on an MLS, but any students taking library courses either on campus, online or other methods. To join this new SIG, please send an e-mail to Lorie Christian at admin@NMLA.org and she will enter you as a member of this group!

### Native American Libraries (NAL)

Clyde Henderson (chenderson@citech.edu) will be guiding NAL to provide a platform for communication and networking as well as coordinating trainings related to current needs of Tribal libraries. They recently started an e-list to keep in touch regarding NAL topics.

### New Mexico Preservation Alliance (NMPA)

NMPA will be sponsoring a workshop this fall on fire prevention and response for cultural institutions. Please contact Jo Anne Martinez-Kilgore (CarinoConservation@comcast.net) for more information.

### Northern New Mexico Youth Services (NNMYS)

Lori Snyder (lsnyder@ci.rio-rancho.nm.us) and Vaunda Nelson (vnelson@ci.rio-rancho.nm.us) will be organizing at least one workshop to provide an educational opportunity related to youth services and a discussion forum of common concerns regarding the role and value of youth service librarians in NM, as well as providing an opportunity for youth service librarians in Northern New Mexico to exchange ideas. Please contact them for further information.

### REFORMA

“Developing a Culture of Literacy in the Community” was presented by Oralia Garza de Cortés, Program Manager for Los Angeles Universal Preschool and REFORMA member at this year’s NMLA Conference in Farmington. Oralia’s program inspired and provided ideas to attendees on promoting literacy in their communities.

Officers for the 2006-2007 are President Bernice P. Martinez from the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library System/South Broadway Branch; Vice-President/President-Elect Rita PinoVargas from Sky City School in the Pueblo of Acoma; Secretary/Treasurer Dexter Katzman from Sunland Park Community Library. Immediate Past President Irene Shown from New Mexico State University Library will act as a liaison, and the National REFORMA Chapter Representative is Leslie Monsalve-Jones from the State Records Center in Santa Fe.

We were excited about the new members who expressed interest in and/or joined our New Mexico Chapter. Anyone interested in becoming a member, please check out our website on www.nmsu.edu/reforma/

We’re proud to announce that Rita Pino Vargas will be on the awards committee of the Pura Belpré Award which was established in 1996 and is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children. It is cosponsored by the
Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC), a division of ALA and affiliate REFORMA. Rita recently served on ALA’s Newbery Awards committee.

The Joint Conference of Librarians of Color will be held in Dallas on October 1-15, 2006. It is sponsored by the five caucus associations affiliated with ALA: the American Indian Library Association (AILA); The Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA); the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA); the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), and REFORMA.

REFORMA de Nuevo Mexico (NM REFORMA) shares its common goal with REFORMA which is a National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking. Our local chapter continues to establish viability within the library community by presenting programs at NMLA’s conference(s), membership recruitment, and leadership development.

**Retired Librarians**

New SIG! The goal for this new SIG is to involve retired librarians to be active members and leaders for the library community. To join this new SIG, please send an e-mail to admin@NMLA.org or call Lorie Christian at (505) 400-7309 and she will enter you as a member of this group!

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**Give a Warm Welcome to These New NMLA Members!**

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MPLA Electronic Communities are forming now. These new communities will give you more opportunities to be involved in MPLA and communicate with librarians in the vast 12 state region. Each community has a moderator, and each moderator will determine a preferred electronic mode of communication based on the community’s needs. Moderators will foster conversations about specific topics of interest and will work with Electronic Community Members to develop programming for annual conferences. The following communities are forming: Academic Libraries; Archives and Special Collections; Children’s Services & School Libraries; Collection Development; Intellectual Freedom, Privacy and Censorship; Library Administration; Library Instruction; Public Libraries; Reference Services; State Agencies, Systems & Cooperatives; Technical Services, and New Members.

To join an Electronic Community you must be a member of MPLA. MPLA memberships are offered at a 50% discount the first year, so now is a perfect time to become an MPLA member and become part of the new opportunities taking place in this dynamic organization. Membership information is available online at: http://www.mpla.us/membership/index.html

The 2006 Annual Conference — Evaluated

By Lorie Christian, NMLA Administrator

Each year the NMLA tries to put on the best conference it can. Feedback regarding our efforts comes back to us on paper when you return the “Conference Evaluation” and “Program Evaluation” forms. Since I go through and prepare the evaluation summaries, I thought I would share some of your feedback.

First, I would like to give you a breakdown of the numbers.

Total registration: 394 (229 were NMLA members)

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Conference evaluations returned—46. It is hard to get a good idea of what we are doing right or wrong if only a few return the evaluation forms.

The number one complaint was regarding the vendors. We are working on ways to get the vendors to stay later on Friday. We have several ideas we are going to try next year. If you have some suggestions, please let me know. Regarding the variety of vendors, if there is someone in particular you would like to see, please let me know and I’ll make sure they are contacted about the conference. It is up to the company whether or not they want to be a presence our conference.

The second biggest complaint was the Youth Literature Lunch was sold out. We weren’t able to find a large enough space to accommodate the event, however, we promise that next year we will prepare for a larger audience.

Everyone was impressed with the assistance and friendliness of the volunteers behind the registration desk, the room monitors, and the Farmington Public Library staff who were on hand to help however they could. To all the volunteers — you make my job so easy — Thank You!

Most of you who attended the conference enjoyed the programs and the opportunity to network and meet librarians of all types. This seems to be the greatest benefit to all — the opportunity to share, learn and support each other.

In 2007, please let us know your experiences at the conference by turning in the evaluation forms. These forms let us know what is important to you and what you want us to provide for you.

Most of all, thank all of you for a wonderful time in Farmington!
The 28th National Media Market

The 28th National Media Market will be held at the Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa, Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 2006.

The National Media [http://www.nmm.net/](http://www.nmm.net/) is a unique organization consisting of both buyers and vendors dedicated to the dissemination of the highest quality educational motion media available.

Up to 55 companies showcase their new releases to media professionals from public libraries, universities, media and technology centers, and educational broadcasting stations. A list of participating companies can be found on the NMM website [http://www.nmm.net/](http://www.nmm.net/).

In addition, the Market offers workshops, and this year a member of the American Library Association will return to discuss the Patriot Act and how it affects public institutions. A Republican candidate for the Arizona Attorney General’s office will present an opposing point of view. It should be a lively discussion!

To learn about the other professional development sessions being offered and the Market in general, please visit [www.nmm.net/](http://www.nmm.net/). Travel grants and 2-for-1 registrations are available.

For more details, please contact the Market Director, Ursula Schwarz, at (520) 743-7735 usschwarz@earthlink.net.

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Aztec Public Library

Aztec Public Library has been selected from hundreds of nominations to be one of the 80 libraries to be featured in Heart of the Community: The Libraries We Love. This book is the first to celebrate the diversity, value, and potential of our beloved public libraries.

All nominees made a strong case that their libraries were a powerful asset in their communities. The guiding principle was to select libraries that display the full range of the diversity, potential, style, history, and contributions of libraries in the United States and Canada.

Berkshire Publishing Group will feature Libraries We Love at their booth at the 2007 ALA Midwinter meeting in Seattle.

For more information about the book, please go to www.LibrariesWeLove.org.

Border Health Network Receives State Award

The Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN!) in southern New Mexico was named the state winner for New Mexico for the 2006 NCLIS Health Information Awards. The award was announced by its sponsor, the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

State Librarian Richard Akeroyd and Dr. Holly Buchanan, the Director of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, presented the award to BIEN! leaders at a May 15 reception at New Mexico State University's Zuhl Library.

Awards were given to health information programs in the fifty states and the District of Columbia. Selection criteria included how well the program encouraged lifestyle improvement among the target population, the program's adaptability, collaboration with other community organizations and how successfully the program was able to reach out to people with low information literacy skills.

Now in its seventh year, BIEN! is a unique multitype collaboration of public and academic libraries, hospitals, clinics and other health organizations. The number of partner institutions has grown from seventeen to twenty-eight.

The BIEN! project was originally funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to the New Mexico State University Library. The project director was Sylvia Ortiz of the library. BIEN! is currently sustained by support from the Border Epidemiology and Environmental Health Center and the New Mexico Outreach Office of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission under the leadership of Dr. Hugo Vilchis. In addition to the NLM grant, BIEN! has received funding from the Paso del Norte Foundation and awards from the American Library Association and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

For more information, contact Norice Lee of the NMSU Library at (505) 646-5091 or nlee@lib.nmsu.edu.

Dona Ana Community College

Susan Pinkerton, assistant professor for the Library Science Program at Dona Ana Community College, was selected as a recipient of Library Journal's 2006 "Movers and Shakers Award."

The 2006 honorees were selected by the editors of Library Journal, the profession's leading trade magazine, from among more than 150,000 librarians in the U.S. and Canada affiliated with libraries and the library profession.

Honorees were selected for their work in transforming libraries and the library profession for the future. Pinkerton was featured in the March 15 "Movers and Shakers" issue of Library Journal, and will be honored at the American Library Association Convention in June. Pinkerton's work

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in putting the Dona Ana’s Library Science Program online and thus available to a larger number of students across the nation was highlighted. To view the article online go to http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6312498.html

School Library Opportunity

As part of the Three-Tiered Licensure System, the Public Education Department and the Institute of Professional Development at the University of New Mexico are developing a Librarian-teacher Professional Development Dossier (LPDD). Librarian-teachers who are eligible for Level II and Level III licenses are requested to participate in the field trial. Participants in the field trial will attend a meeting at UNM on May 31, 2006 (more information to follow). At that meeting, field trial participants will receive the guidelines and an orientation to the LPDD process. Field trial dossiers will be due on September 30, 2006.

Field trial participants’ dossiers will be judged in October 2006. Those that meet the standards will be awarded certification. Those that don’t will receive a free resubmission. There will be no charge for participating in the field trial, and travel expenses to the meeting at UNM will be reimbursed.

This is a great opportunity for New Mexico librarian-teachers to be a part of a new development that will enhance the field for years to come! If you would like to be a part, please contact Barbara Martin at brma@unm.edu.

New Mexico Library Foundation (NMLF) – Great Farmington Reception!

NMLF wishes to thank everyone who made the joint NMLF and New Members reception at the Farmington conference such a success! We would especially like to express our appreciation to the Farmington Public Library who made it all possible. The Gateway Museum provided a beautiful setting for an evening of sharing and meeting old and new colleagues!

We were welcomed by Mayor Bill Stanley. It was very impressive to hear a major city official so knowledgeable about libraries, their needs and the complexity of providing good library service.

And more thank yous are extended to all of you who took part in the annual drawing. Congratulations to the winners!

- Two Grey Hills Rug - Sandy White at the State Library
- Storyteller silver necklace and ring - Carol Frick of Gallup
- Paul Horgan Great River: The Rio Grande in North American History—1st Ed. books - Fred Morton
- Basket of goodies donated by Carmen Forsee of Blackstone Audio - Donna Cromer, Albuquerque

If you didn’t win this year, remember you will have another chance next year! (Contributions for the drawings are always welcome.)

And, last, but not least, thank you to all of you who donated directly to NMLF. Your generous contributions will make it possible to offer more grants to libraries in New Mexico.

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 below. To learn more about our organization, go to www.nm-lf.org

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WebJunction New Mexico (http://nm.webjunction.org)

WebJunction New Mexico (WJNM) is a terrific online community where staff from different libraries can connect to share ideas, network, gain information, take courses, and more. It is a dynamic, vital, and well-used site among New Mexico libraries. As of April 20, 2006, 584 users are registered, visiting WJNM over 15,000 times!

The following are some highlights of WJNM.

Registration: If you are not registered on WJNM, what are you waiting for? It’s free! (Click on the blue “Register” button on the right-hand side of the WJNM home page.) Some benefits of registration are: 1) access to dozens of free, online, self-paced classes; 2) discussions with librarians from all over the world on various topics from readers’ advisory to operating systems to social software to one-person library support to community outreach; and 3) a monthly newsletter with updates and WJ features.

Classes: Currently there are 91 free, online, self-paced courses available to registered WJNM members in the areas of basic computing and applications, managing public access computing, networking, using the Internet, sustainability, advocacy, outreach, web development, end user business skills development, and end user home and small business. Go to the Learning Center and enroll now. Once you enroll, you have up to a year to complete the class.

Tab Editors: Each of the six tabs of WJNM has a volunteer editor collecting, editing, and posting information. At most of the tabs, you will notice on the right-hand side, the name and contact information for the editor responsible for that tab. The tab editors are hard at work and always in search of new content. If you have stories, resources, ideas, pictures, web links, or anything else that you would like to have added to a tab, please contact the tab editor. They would love to hear from you.

New items on Community Center: Our new tab editors for the Community Center, Jim and Justine Veatch, are hard at work putting up new and exciting content. Some new additions to the Community Center are: What We’re Reading in New Mexico, New Mexico Government Information, and Government Information en Español.

Call for Tab Editors: WJNM is in need of a few volunteers for tab editor positions. If you are interested or would like more information on what being a tab editor involves, contact Cassandra Osterloh, Interim Team Lead, at cassandra.osterloh@state.nm.us or 1-800-340-3890.

We are always looking for stories and photos for the WJNM home page. If you have something you would like to contribute, please contact Cassandra Osterloh.

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Very Large Array (VLA), New Mexico’s radio astronomy observatory located west of Socorro, is home to 27 giant radio antennae that are used by scientists around the world. Taschek, a former copy editor for Scientific American, Inc. and Random House Children’s Books, brings VLA down to earth for children and young space fanatics, with a tour of the VLA facility followed by information about the galaxies, black holes, planets, solar systems, and stars that the observatory documents. The book is filled with large colorful photographs on nearly every page. Charts and diagrams explain complex scientific information in easy to comprehend visuals. A nice glossary and index are included. This book will make a terrific addition to school and public libraries.


Author Debra Hughes is an award winning writer and Albuquerque native. *Albuquerque in Our Time* is an enjoyable cover-to-cover read that begins with a concise history of Albuquerque. The book includes 30 essays by Albuquerque residents including Senator Pete Domenici, writer Tony Hillerman, restaurant owner Joe Powdrell, and lawyer Roberta Cooper Ramo. Each 2-4 page essay includes a brief biography of the author. Hughes highlights the book with historic photographs found in public and private photo collections. While the book does not have an index, allowing for answers to quick research questions, the title does allows the reader to experience Albuquerque’s deep cultural history. Recommended for academic and public libraries.


Bernard Plossu was born in Vietnam in 1945, and is one of today’s best-known French photographers. Plossu visited New Mexico in the late 1970s and early 1980s and has now released a book publishing 136 black and white images from his travels. Nearly every image is allowed to stand alone on a single page without any distracting text. Image titles are found at the end of the book. While Plossu has captured some of New Mexico’s most classical images (Taos Pueblo, the Cathedral in Santa Fe, and the Southwest landscape), he also found New Mexico’s lively people with images ranging from cowboys in action at a Taos rodeo to an image of four silhouetted people running across a busy street in Santa Fe. Plossu’s photographs evoke both playful and serious emotion and visually capture some of New Mexico’s complex cultural underpinnings. Highly recommended.
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