President’s Message

New Year’s Day isn’t upon us quite yet… but as the year draws to a close, this is a great time to celebrate the New Mexico library community’s many successes in 2006!

Until I have the pleasure of greeting you all in the new year through the next installment of the NMLA Bulletin, please join me in reflecting on the admirable accomplishments of our libraries in the past year – and in looking ahead to the many wonderful opportunities we have ahead in 2007.

Our successes illustrate the leadership and commitment to advocacy that NMLA members continuously bring to their work and their libraries. As one of the best exemplars of our success – congratulations are in order for everyone in the New Mexico library community – libraries, staff and community members – on passage of the statewide library GO bond issue, Bond C. This victory is testament to the valued role of libraries in NM communities and reflects the positive relationships we have forged with customers and community leaders throughout the state. Passage of local library bonds in Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties further indicate ongoing local support for library services. School districts, towns and counties and college campuses all benefit from the presence of libraries and the world of possibilities they offer.

Our combined efforts, vision, and belief in the good of libraries have resulted in an infusion of $9 million dollars to the budgets of school, academic and public libraries throughout New Mexico. Your work has also positioned the library community for success during the 2007 Legislature – and in future bond efforts at both the local and state level.

Thanks and recognition are due to everyone who publicized the bonds, talked about the positive difference libraries make, and encouraged people to vote. And, many thanks are in order for NMLA’s GO Bond Campaign Team – especially Joe Sabatini, Charlene Greenwood, Ruben Aragon, Linda Morgan Davis, Nancy Dennis and Stephanie Eagle. The Bond Team worked ably and with devotion in providing tools, leadership and support in lieu of the organized Bond efforts of years past.

Save the Day! As you begin to pencil in commitments on your 2007 calendar, be sure to note Library Legislative Day: January 25, 2007. As is the tradition, we’ll assemble early that morning at the State Library for a briefing and strategy session. Participants will then proceed to the Roundhouse to speak with Legislators and staff. Please attend this event if at all possible. While many people maintain contact with their legislators throughout the year, Library Legislative Day affords us a wonderful way to be part of the legislative experience, to positively support library initiatives and bills, and to punctuate the library community’s visibility.

Specifics and scheduling info will soon come from the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee. We now have a legislative page on the NMLA website – look for the legislative guide next month.

With best wishes for joyous holidays, and a new year of infinite possibilities –

Anne Lefkofsky
NMLA President

Watch Your Mailboxes for the NMLA/MPLA Conference Information in January!
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By Bernice P. Martinez  
NM REFORMA, President

Leslie, Rita and I joined other New Mexico library staff representing Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Belen, Farmington, Las Cruces and Jemez and Isleta Pueblos at the first-ever Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in Dallas from October 11-15.

This historic event took eight years of planning to create and was hailed as a “triumph of the Civil Rights Movement” by Keynote Speaker Juan Williams, an NPR Senior Correspondent and Fox News Analyst. He urged librarians “to take the strength they gained during the conference to address needed social change.”

“It’s your role to stand up and say that schools matter, that libraries matter,” Williams said, “You have this coalition available, so use it, use it, use it.”

It was an inspiring and empowering experience to be with librarians from diverse ethnic backgrounds who, according to the conference theme, “gathered at the waters to embrace our spirits and tell our stories.”

There were four days of programs on issues such as diversity in the workplace, leadership development, recruitment and retention, multicultural programs and materials, and equity of access. The relaxed atmosphere encouraged commingling and the sharing of experiences, ideas and expertise. To “shake out our learning curves” on the evening before our departure, a Gala was held with entertainment by Chinese dragons, belly dancers and fun dance music!

The five sponsoring ALA ethnic caucus associations were: American Indian Library Association, Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association, Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Chinese American Librarians Association, and REFORMA, National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.

I’d like to thank NMLA’s Education Committee and the Friends for the Library at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library System for their financial assistance which made it possible for me to attend this extraordinary conference.
By Eileen O'Connell

From October 29 through November 3, Barbara Lah (UNM Law Library), Eileen O'Connell (Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System), and Jennifer Sprague (Meem Library, St. John’s College, Santa Fe) met with more than 30 colleagues and mentors from across the region at the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute in Ghost Ranch, NM. The Institute, active since 2002, gathers librarians from all areas of the profession to share ideas, foster friendships, and encourage each other to develop their leadership skills. The 2006 Institute was sponsored by MPLA, Sirsi/Dynix, and the local friends groups, state organizations, and libraries that made it possible for the fellows to attend.

Facilitator Maureen Sullivan and coordinator/mentor Mary Bushing led institute fellows in intensive training on communication, managing differences, risk taking, wielding power and influence, leading change, and personal planning. Mentors Jan Elliott, Carol Hammond, Joe McKenzie and Roseanne Siemens offered coaching and led larger conversations on leadership in the small library, leadership in professional organizations, being politically astute and exerting influence from the middle.

Barbara Lah writes: “For me the Leadership Institute was a life-changing experience. The quality of information that Maureen Sullivan shared concerning cutting-edge theories in leadership and management could not have been better. The affirming and stimulating learning environment allowed us to thoughtfully examine leadership issues and apply them to real life situations. Sharing our experiences and hearing the stories of other librarians was particularly useful. Opportunities for one-on-one consultations with seasoned librarian/mentors were also extremely beneficial. The success of the Institute would not have been possible without the wisdom and planning of Dr. Mary Bushing. I went away with clear insights into the current challenges and opportunities for librarians and information specialists and hope for the future.”

The 2006 leadership fellows are looking forward to seeing each other again at the NMLA / MPLA 2007 Joint Conference in Albuquerque from March 14-17, 2007. In the meantime, for information on past and future Institutes, visit http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html.

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A Warm Welcome To Our New Members!

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Sheryl Anderson, Silver City Public Library
Mei Bailey, NM Supreme Court Law Library
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Fawziya Blachly, Del Norte High School
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NMSU Library Welcomes New Librarian

The New Mexico State University Library recently welcomed a new librarian. Theresa Valko has joined the Library faculty as the Engineering/Physical Sciences Librarian in the Reference & Research Services Department.

Valko comes to NMSU from the University of Michigan Biological Station, where she has been the Summer Librarian for the past five years. During the academic year, she served as the director of the LOEX (formerly Library Orientation Exchange) Clearinghouse for Library Instruction and as an instruction librarian at Eastern Michigan University. Additionally, she spent a year as a high school teacher in Dearborn, Michigan.

Valko has a master's degree in library and Information science from Wayne State University in Detroit. Her research interests include investigating the value of unpublished student research and writing. Her other interests include creating utilitarian art, playing Scrabble and, now, exploring New Mexico.

Valko’s office is in Zuhl Library. She may be contacted at tvalko@lib.nmsu.edu.

Pluto: Celestial Controversy Touches Library

A good-natured protest march from mid-campus to Zuhl Library on September 1 reaffirmed New Mexico State University’s affection and support for its own Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered Pluto in 1930. Pluto was recently reclassified from planet to dwarf planet by the International Astronomical Union.

At the program ending the march, the astronomer’s widow, Patricia Tombaugh, was given a replica of Pluto. Library Dean Elizabeth Titus provided background on the Library’s Tombaugh Papers, given by the Tombaugh family in 2001, and Dr. Herbert Beebe of NMSU’s Astronomy Department explored the scientific repercussions of the reclassification and emphasized the research value of the letters in the Tombaugh Papers in understanding Tombaugh’s career.

Pluto’s reclassification has drawn substantial media attention, much of it focused on Tombaugh’s home base of Las Cruces. Patricia Tombaugh was interviewed by the international media, as was Dr. Jim Murphy, the head of NMSU’s Astronomy Department. Also frequently interviewed on the celestial controversy was Steve Hussman, the head of the Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department in Branson Library, where the Tombaugh Papers are housed.

Several Library staff members participated in the march. Gary Mayhood, a Library faculty member and music subject specialist, noted that Pluto is celebrated in the arts as well as the sciences. Pluto was not included in the orchestral suite The Planets by Gustav Holst simply because the composition was written from 1914 to 1916, before Pluto was discovered.

The omission was remedied when Colin Matthews wrote a new movement honoring Pluto. Dedicated to Holst’s daughter, the work was first performed in 2000.

Astronomers worldwide have joined to protest the reclassification. Said Dr. Bernard McNamara, also of NMSU’s Astronomy Department, “The debate is not over.” Stay tuned.
Book Reviews


This title was first published in 2001 and it is now available in paperback from UNM Press. John Pen La Farge, an historian and writer, has recorded oral histories of people who lived in Northern New Mexico between 1920 and 1955. La Farge believes that this time period represents Santa Fe’s “golden era” when artists had become a stable force, anthropologists had begun their investigation of the area’s historic civilizations and Santa Fe’s newcomers were interested in protecting and preserving the Spanish and Native American cultures. While the book lacks biographical information about each interviewee, the memories La Farge has documented allow the reader a glimpse of each interviewee’s personality and a snapshot of their personal history. Chapters span a lifetime of events and include tales of La Fonda, growing up in Santa Fe, local politics, and the Santa Fe Opera. Recommended for public and academic libraries.


Friends and avid anglers, Shewnack and Frangos, have traveled the state of New Mexico to compile this guide book featuring 49 of New Mexico’s streams. Each entry includes a brief written description of the stream, a map, and driving instructions. One of the highlights of this book is the photographs. Frangos, a wildlife photographer, has captured the locations described in this title and provides images of streams, wildflowers, rock formations, and, of course, fish. The authors note in their introduction that they have great respect for the art of fishing, the art of the location, and the art of the flies used in fishing. Emphasizing the art of flies, each location description is accompanied by a detailed picture of a fishing fly. This book will be of use to people looking for fishing locations and people who enjoy photographs of New Mexico’s varied scenery. Recommended for public libraries.

New Mexico Library Foundation Offers Grants

By Charlene Greenwood, Chair

We would like to thank those who participated in the grant-writing workshop presented by Caroline Beckner and Brooke Sheldon at the recent Mini-Conference in Silver City. We hope we were successful in offering you a plan for writing successful grant requests. If you have questions about your idea or grant request, please send an e-mail to Lah@law.unm.edu. Our mission is to provide grants up to $1,000 to New Mexico libraries. We hope to receive your application soon. The guidelines and application may be found at www.nm-lf.org. The next deadline is March 15, 2007.

The Moriarty Community Library in October was selected to receive a $1,000 grant for “Cuentos de Abuelitos/Stories of our Grandparents,” an oral history project to provide timely and appropriate resources for information, education, culture, technology and recreation, while nurturing a life-long love for reading and learning.

Donations to the New Mexico Library Foundation are the main source of funds. They are gratefully appreciated. We thank all those who have supported the Foundation over the years. Many types of libraries throughout the state have received the benefits of your generosity.

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.” For grant information, visit www.nm-lf.org.
SAVE THE DATES!

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January 12, 2007: NMLA Board Meeting, Socorro
January 19—24, 2007: ALA Midwinter Conference
January 25, 2007: Library Legislative Day, Santa Fe
February 2007: Library Lovers’ Month
February 4 - 10, 2007: Children’s Authors & Illustrators Week
March 5 - 11, 2007: World Folk Tale and Fables Week
March 13, 2007: NMLA Board Meeting, Albuquerque
March 14-17, 2007: NMLA / MPLA Joint Conference
March 16, 2007: Freedom of Information Day
March 29 - April 1: ACRL National Conference
April 2007: School Library Media Month
April 2, 2007: International Children’s Book Day
April 15 - 21, 2007: National Library Week
April 30, 2007: El Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros
May 13 - 19, 2007: Reading is Fun Week
June 21 - 27, 2007 ALA Annual Conference
September 2007: Library Card Sign-up Month
September 23 - 30, 2007: Banned Books Week
SAVE THE DATES!

October 2007: Medical Librarians Month

October 2007: National Reading Group Month

October 14 - 20, 2007: Teen Read Week

October 16, 2007: Dictionary Day

October 28, 2007: AASL Meeting

November 12 - 18, 2007: Children’s Book Week

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