SEE YOU AT THE CONFERENCE!

CONFFERENCE CHECKLIST

TO BRING:
✓ Enthusiasm
✓ Ideas
✓ Vision
✓ Interest
✓ Laughter
✓ Friends & Colleagues

TO DO:
✓ Meet old friends
✓ Make new connections
✓ Learn something new
✓ Share something I know
✓ Celebrate accomplishments

As we count down the days to the joint conference, news happens fast! Look to http://www.nmla.org/abq2007/confhome.htm for all the latest conference information!
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President’s Message

As we approach our annual conference and business meeting – and the “passing of the torch” to new association leadership – I’d like to open my final column with a thought to ponder: Has NMLA made a difference in your life?

As my Presidency comes to a close, I’m reminded it’s the questions that keep us focused and on a path to progress. A key question that remains with me centers on the value of membership in NMLA. How do we define it, and how do we ensure that member needs and interests are met? With our membership numbers remaining strong and growing, with Special Interest Groups and committees contributing vital work, and with outstanding enthusiasm for the upcoming joint conference, I know that you all find much to value in our association. As your renew your membership, or urge a friend or colleague to join the association, I encourage you to express how NMLA has made a difference in your life, and to share your thoughts on the value of membership. In reiterating the list of “New Year’s resolutions” I offered in the last newsletter, my hope is that you’ll be reminded how the value of your NMLA membership grows when you:

- Communicate to the President and Board what you value and need in this professional organization
- Participate – in a SIG, on a committee, in conference presentations / preparations, as a candidate for office
- Speak up – use our listserv, website and newsletter to share your good news, or to give voice to issues
- Engage with fellow NMLA members in creating a larger vision of the NM library community.

Please keep in mind that you are NMLA, and that you make a positive difference in it!

It’s been a true honor and career highlight to serve as NMLA’s President for the past year. One of the privileges of this experience has been to work closely with the 2006-2007 Executive Board – an uncommonly talented, wise and professional group who express their commitment to libraries and colleagues in all that they do for the association. The highest privilege, though, has been the inspiration I’ve gained from meeting and talking with members via phone and e-mail, at NMLA events, and at libraries.

This brings me back to the idea that the key value of membership in NMLA is NMLA’s membership!

I’m looking forward to seeing you all at the annual conference, and want to celebrate the extraordinary work done by NMLA’s conference planning leadership. Louise Hoffman, Linda Morgan Davis, Cindy Burns, Joe Becker and Lorie Christian have done heroic work in bringing the joint conference to fruition.

And, last but not least, please join me in welcoming Louise Hoffman as our incoming President. It will be an honor to pass the gavel on to her, and to officially begin the next business year for NMLA. Through our combined efforts, we can look forward to great things ahead!

Anne Lefkofsky
NMLA President
2006-2007
A Warm Welcome to our New Members!

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These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA.  
Thank you, sustaining members!  Your confidence is contagious!

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Jan Pfaff

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Susan Sheldon

Liz Terry

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Barbara VanDongen
Library News

**CAPITAN WARMS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITION**

Pat Garrett  
CPL Director

Capitan Public Library is focused on raising money to build an addition onto the existing building. We have a large thermometer in front of the building showing funds raised thus far and the goal at the top. As of February 27, 2007, we have raised $130,000 which included a $50,000 grant from the Daniels Fund. Part of this grant was a challenge. Our board president, Pat Sullivan, challenged the staff and board to meet the match. This was accomplished in a month’s time!

Money is also coming in from local businesses, fundraisers and donations from patrons. Currently we are raffling off three $150 grocery certificates which our local Smokey’s Country Market generously donated. Ruidoso News and KBUY/KWES have given us free advertising space. One of our advisory board members who is a retired structural engineer has volunteered to oversee the project and is out talking to contractors, service providers, businesses and manufacturers. He would like to break ground soon, but we must have $200,000 to do so. He estimates the project will cost $350,000, which includes furnishings.

**UNM ZIMMERMAN RECOVERY PROGRESSES**

Linda K. Lewis  
Associate Coordinator for Collections Recovery  
UNM University Libraries

The UNM Zimmerman first floor reference area has reopened at last after our April 2006 fire, and it looks great! The remodeling expanded the public spaces considerably, making space for many more computers. We worked through the winter break in spite of the snow storms. People put in carpeting, painted, set up computers and set up shelves. Then the boxes and boxes of books had to be unpacked and reshelved. We re-opened on January 16, the first day of classes.

We had coffee and snacks at the opening, but most of the students ignored the food and went directly for the new computers. Our federal government information reference, which had been in the basement, is being combined with the general reference on the first floor. Our reference and interlibrary loan personnel have moved into their new offices. The unpacking and settling into new spaces will continue for a time, of course, but it is a huge step to have this floor of the building open again.

As a continuation of the clean-up after the fire, professional art conservators (with input from expert personnel at the UNM Art Museum) will soon begin work on the art in Zimmerman including the

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painting, "Land of the Sip-O-Phe" by Julius Rolshoven, and the four mural panels by Kenneth Adams. They were not directly damaged by the fire, but the smoke that filled the building left traces that need to be removed.

Plans for the renovation of the basement are moving forward. We are now in the detail planning phase identifying placement of computer network and electrical connections, work area designs, and shelving and microform arrangements.

We have begun to replace some of the lost journals. We have added three new electronic databases that replace some of our lost materials: Periodicals Archive Online has scholarly journals with coverage through 1995; American Periodicals has journals published prior to 1900; and British Periodicals has journals published prior to 1900.

For more about the recovery; see http://elibrary.unm.edu/ziminfo.php. One of the links is to a Power Point that includes photos of the new reference area as well as of the results of the fire.

**NMSU PILOTS IM REFERENCE SERVICE**

Jeanette Smith

Members of the New Mexico State University Library’s reference staff are using their instant message skills to better serve the information needs of NMSU students. The innovative IM service pilot project is targeted toward NMSU students both on and off campus. In December, the Reference & Research Services staff received an introduction to Gaim, an instant messaging client that permits communication across many instant messaging providers, and gained hands-on experience in IM technology. For more information, please contact project organizers Missy Van Dusen at (505) 646-6087 or melissav@lib.nmsu.edu, or Cindy Pierard at (505) 646-7010 or cpierard@lib.nmsu.edu.
New Youth Services Librarian at Octavia Fellin Public Library

Mary Browder

Janelle Valera has been hired by the Octavia Fellin Public Library as the Youth Services Librarian. She replaces Priscilla Diaz, who retired after 25 years with the library. Janelle has had experience at the Houston Public Library and in school libraries. She looks forward to meeting with colleagues at the NMLA conference.

New Director Named for Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Eileen O’Connell

Julia Clarke, a twenty-year veteran of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, has recently been appointed its Director. During her time with A/BCLS, Clarke has managed the Lomas Tramway, Taylor Ranch, and Wyoming Libraries. An assistant director for the system since 2000, Clarke was named Acting Director when Eileen Longsworth retired as Director in August, 2006.

News from New Mexico State University Libraries

Jeanette Smith

Charles Stanford joined the NMSU Library faculty in January as the processing archivist for the Rio Grande Historical Collections. A native of Utah, Charles received a B.A. in linguistics with a minor in Spanish from Brigham Young University in 2001. He received his master's degree in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh in August 2006.

In January, David A. DeWitt/Sunbelt Shows, Inc. established the Dave DeWitt Chile Pepper Institute Endowed Fund at the New Mexico State University Library in Las Cruces. One of the world’s foremost authorities on chile peppers and spicy foods, DeWitt has donated his collection of books, magazines and other materials on the subject to the NMSU Library’s Rio Grande Historical Collections. The income from the $25,000 endowment will be used to process, preserve and make accessible to the public the collection of materials that DeWitt has donated to the NMSU Library. Known popularly as “the Pope of Peppers,” DeWitt is the president of Sunbelt Shows, Inc. and a founding board member of NMSU’s Chile Pepper Institute. Visit his web site at http://fiery-foods.com.

Several NMSU Library employees have received awards. Melissa Van Dusen received a scholarship to attend the thirteenth ACRL national conference in Baltimore. Martha Shipman Andrews received the Gemoets Award from the Doña Ana Historical Society for her article “Brains, Integrity and Ambition: Recruiting Faculty in New Mexico in 1890,” published in the 2007 Southern New Mexico Historical Review. Susan Beck received the 2006 Cook of the Year Award from the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors. Susan cooks for volunteer crews averaging twenty people who improve New Mexico’s back-country hiking, bicycling and horse trails along with other outdoor public recreation areas all over the state. Jeanette Smith received a 2006 President’s Award for outstanding service to the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society.
**Dates Set for the 2007 Mini Conference**

Valerie Nye

The dates for the New Mexico Library Association’s Mini Conference have been selected. The conference will take place Thursday and Friday, October 11th and 12th in Las Vegas, New Mexico on the New Mexico Highlands University campus.

Due to the enthusiastic reception the Silver City Mini Conference received, the NMLA Board has approved extending the conference by half a day. The NMLA board meeting will take place on Thursday morning. Regular conference sessions will begin on Thursday afternoon and run through Friday afternoon. The additional timeslots for sessions will require more program submissions from librarians like you. Please begin considering programs you might submit.

About New Mexico Highlands

New Mexico Highlands University opened its doors as a teaching school, New Mexico Normal School, in 1893. In 1941 the school broadened the number and types of degrees it offered and was renamed New Mexico Highlands University. Today 3,500 students attend Highlands. The University offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in subjects ranging from Music to Business.

The Donnelly Library is the main campus library. The library holds over 600,000 volumes and subscribes to over 20,000 electronic books. The library has strong collections of Spanish literature and western American research. Ruben Aragon is the Director of Library Services.

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**New Mexico Library Foundation**

**NMLF and Libri Foundation Grant-Partnering Project in 2007**

The New Mexico Library Foundation invites you to stop by our conference table at the NMLA/MPLA Conference Opening Evening Reception at the Main Library, Wednesday, March 14, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

This year, the NMLF is partnering with the Libri Foundation and will offer grants to a limited number of New Mexico Libraries who qualify for Libri grant money for children’s books. NMLF will award offers of grants of $350 to New Mexico libraries who then must apply to the Libri Foundation for matching funds. Libri has offered to double matching money for a total of $1050.

Please stop by to pick up a brochure and learn more about it. Your library may qualify!

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.

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YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS!

Please plan to attend the NMLA Membership Meeting

Friday, March 16
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

Take advantage of this opportunity to make your membership count! To review the minutes of the 2006 membership meeting and to catch up on recent NMLA Board activity, visit the Members Area of the NMLA Web site (www.nmla.org) and click on “Minutes & Budgets.”

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM A NEWSLETTER?

Share your opinions with Robert Upton, editor of the *Hitchhiker* (discontinued), during the NMLA convention on Thursday, March 15, during lunch in the exhibit hall. He will be there to hear what you would like to see in a recomposed State Library newsletter. Stop by the State Library’s exhibit booth (#55-56) at noon and join an informal discussion during lunch. Your thoughts are important!

Robert Upton

JOB FAIR AT NMLA/MPLA CONFERENCE

The Apache Room at our conference site, the Albuquerque Convention Center, has been set aside for any library personnel who are either looking for a job or have a job opening. The space is available to share information and network at the following times:

Thursday, March 15: 11:00 am – 12 noon; 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Friday, March 16: 10:30 am – 11:30 am.

Join Your Fellow School Librarians!

At the Annual Meeting of the Advocacy for School Libraries (ASL-SIG)—A Special Interest Group of the New Mexico Library Association

Thursday, March 15
5:00-5:45 pm
Navajo/Nambe Room

If you are planning to attend the Awards Banquet after the ASL-SIG meeting, please take advantage of the ASL-SIG change room at the Hyatt Regency. You can leave your clothes with the bellman earlier in the day. We can all go from the SIG Annual Meeting to change and then on to the Banquet.

Questions? e-mail Pam Rishel at pam@hatsoff.com or call her at 866-8434
Larry Compton  
UNM BBER  

Since June 2003, I have been the Library Information Specialist at the UNM Data Bank. The Data Bank is a service offered by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. BBER was established in 1945 at the University of New Mexico with the goal of focusing university resources to help foster the state’s economic development. Since the beginning, BBER has had a reference service to the public; we answer some 1,500 questions per year.

The Data Bank is a Census Bureau State Data Center; a major mission is to disseminate Census data to the public. Thus a significant portion of the Data Bank collection consists of Census Bureau publications, as well as secondary sources on demography and socioeconomics. Other subjects include economic development, econometrics, government finance, New Mexico business and industry data, income, employment, construction, energy, tourism, and vital statistics.

The Data Bank’s non-circulating collection has approximately 14,000 titles, consisting largely of reports, government documents, and serials. In addition to hard copy, other formats include CD-ROMs, DVDs, and maps; we still have a microfiche reader that we dust off now and then for users who need the 1980 Census, portions of which are available only on fiche. As is the case nowadays, more and more of our collection is digital spreadsheets and text. Among the unique items that we have are the NM Taxation and Revenue Department’s gross receipts tax reports containing data on sales in particular locations and industries, and a database of local building permits that we compile.

The biggest current challenge for us is automating the Data Bank. For some time, BBER has had a web site, http://www.unm.edu/~bber/ that has socioeconomic data tables posted by Data Bank staff. But there is no online catalog for the collection. Past efforts included about ten thousand titles catalogued in the early 1990s with a local mainframe computer program; but the records produced were not MARC standard, and were in hard-copy printouts only. Another project a few years ago put about 200 records into an Excel file.

I evaluated a few commercial software packages for small libraries, but they were either too expensive, too limited, or were intended for school libraries. It was decided that the best option was to have the collection in UNM’s LIBROS catalog, and last year BBER was approved as an Associate Member of the LIBROS Consortium. As time permits, we are cataloging Data Bank titles. I have also begun indexing and posting reports published by BBER research staff on DSpaceUNM - https://repository.unm.edu/ - the digital “institutional repository” for UNM.

The BBER Data Bank is located on the UNM campus at 1919 Las Lomas, across from the Anderson Schools of Management. We’re open to the public Monday through Friday, with free parking (a campus rarity). Please contact us online dbinfo@unm.edu or

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Leslie Chamberlin  

Leslie Chamberlin will teach EMLS 424/524, Fundamentals of librarianship, mornings, from June 5th to the 14th. The class will meet in Tireman Library, College of Education at UNM.

Susan Pinkerton will teach EMLS 470/570, Automation in libraries, mornings, from July 16th to the 27th. Most of the coursework will be conducted in WEB-CT, during the last two weeks of July. The class must meet together in person on July 16th in Tireman Library, College of Education, at UNM.

Children’s literature (LLSS 443 or 544) and Books and related materials for young adults (EMLS 451/551) will be offered, as well as several courses in OLIT and MSET. Program details for these classes will be available later, once the summer catalog is published on LoboWeb. Print schedules will no longer be published. All registration will be either online, through LoboWeb or in person.

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Chamberlin at 505-277-7260 or <saticoy@unm.edu>
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