Libraries Win Again! Bond Issue B Passes

Compiled & submitted by Joseph D. Sabatini

"Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed eleven million nineteen thousand dollars ($11,019,000) to make capital expenditures for academic, public and tribal library acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on, and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?" This was one of the questions confronting 820,000 New Mexico voters who went to the polls on November 4th in a heavy turnout prompted by the national presidential campaign. This turnout was more than 240,000 higher than those who voted in 2006.

Eighty-three percent of those casting ballots voted on Bond Issue B, and passed it by a margin of 30,740 votes. While the final official figures will not be certified until after this is printed, the almost complete unofficial count shows Bond Issue B receiving 357,440 yes votes and 326,700 no votes, for a winning percentage of 52.2%. This is 4.7% below the 56.9% achieved in 2006. This percentage was substantially lower than the vote for Bond Issue C (Health Facilities, 64.9%), and several points lower than Bond Issues A (Senior Citizen Facilities, 59.2%) and D (Higher Education and Special Schools Facilities, 57.5%). The vote for Senior Citizen Facilities dropped by about 3% from 2006.

Voting patterns on the library bond issue were mostly unchanged from 2006. Fifteen counties approved it, down from twenty in 2006. Three counties (Los Alamos, McKinley, and Taos) passed it by 60% or more. Although Bernalillo County's support level dropped again, from 56.5% to 52.5%, it contributed 39% of the margin of victory (12,066 of the 30,740 majority). Santa Fe (with a 6,451 margin), Taos (4,794), and Dona Ana (6,209) Counties also made heavy contributions to the margin.

Most county votes on B fluctuated within a range between 1% to 6% lower than their performance in 2006. Given the large increase in the number of voters casting ballots, this outcome indicates some reluctance to support library bond proposals during uncertain economic times. However, four counties actually increased their level of support over 2006: Curry, 2.6%; Guadalupe, 2.1%; Sierra, 1.4%; and Quay, 1.3%. Seven counties showed declines in support of 8% or 9% below 2006; Sandoval, Luna, Chaves, Eddy, Santa Fe, and Union. Sandoval County's yes vote percentage dropped by 8.1% to 52.1%, while Santa Fe County dropped by 9.5% to 55.5%. The greatest drop was in Lincoln County, with a 9.9% drop.

The Bonds for Libraries 2008 political action committee raised almost $20,000 to publicize Bond B. The money was used primarily to purchase English and Spanish language radio spots around the state, and purchase some newspaper advertisements. The PAC maintained a website to provide information and campaign resources to library supporters.

Bond B was endorsed by newspapers in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces and Ruidoso. Christina Miles, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System wrote an excellent op-ed piece for the October 13th Albuquerque Journal in support of both Bond B and Bernalillo County Bond Issue #1, which provided $1,000,000 to the A/BCLS for books and automation. This local bond issue passed by a vote of 192,403 to 59,026, for a 76.5% positive vote. The drop of 24% in Bernalillo County’s support margin for Bond B could be voter reaction to finding a second library funding question at the end of their ballot. Funds from Bond Issue B will go to public

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Belen Students Visit UNM Press

Submitted by Alexandra Sanchez, 8th Grade, Belen Middle School

On September 16, 2008, we went on a field trip to U.N.M. Press. All of Ms. Eagle’s library aides got to go on the trip. It was a very exciting day. First we walked to the Railrunner station. I really liked the train ride. Once we were in Albuquerque, we walked to the U.N.M Press building. We met and spoke with five people while we were there. Their names were Christina Frain, Luther Wilson, Clark Marshall, Stuart Marshall, and Susan Coatney. They gave us all of the important details and requirements for their jobs.

We met Christina Frain. She is the advertising and exhibits manager for U.N.M Press. She gave us a ton of information about the many steps that go into publishing a book. She also told us the many career choices for each of the steps and the interests or talents that are required for each of them. Then we met Luther Wilson; he is the director of the U.N.M Press. We also met W. Clark Whitehorn, and he told us what being an editor is like and the steps he took to become an editor.

Next, all of the library aides crammed into Kathy Sparkes’ office. She showed us what she does on the computer when she is making the cover of the book and how she adds color into the picture, which was very interesting. Then we went to the customer service department and we spoke with Stewart Marshall, the customer service and credit manager. He told us what he does and what it is like to talk to people and answer questions on the phone all day.

Finally, we went to the warehouse and met Susan Coatney, the warehouse manager. She explained her job to us. She told us that she fills orders and ships them out to people. We got to see the large warehouse full of books. At the end of the tour, all of the library aides got to keep a NM book bag and some very nice catalogs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank U.N.M Press and Ms. Eagle very much for the great experience!

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school libraries ($3,000,000), academic libraries ($3,000,000), tribal libraries ($2,000,000) and public libraries ($3,000,000). These amounts will be distributed through formulas administered by the Public Education Department, the Commission on Higher Education, and the New Mexico State Library. The $2 million in funding for tribal libraries was added to the bond issue in the closing days of the legislature; otherwise the portions are the same as in 2006.

Library News

Slate of Officers in Next NMLA Election

Submitted by Louise Hoffman

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Roswell Tree of Knowledge

By Amanda Davis

The Roswell Public Library in Roswell, NM was honored to dedicate their Tree of Knowledge to the city on October 27. The Tree is a 17 foot-tall sculpture composed of more than 2,800 custom-made tiles made by members of the community to show their love for the library. The tiles include people’s favorite books, authors and other literary words that are important to them.

The Tree of Knowledge was made possible by the Roswell Interarts Organization and artist Sue Wink who designed the tree and gathered grants, donations and set up workshops for the public to make their tiles. Each tile is individually made and completely unique making the Tree unlike any other in the world. The Roswell Public Library celebrated its Centennial year in 2006 and this sculpture is now a permanent reminder of how important the library is to the community.
New Editor for NMLA Bulletin

As the new editor of the NMLA newsletter, I would like to introduce myself to those who have not yet met me. My name is Cary Osborne and I’m the new Political Papers Archivist at New Mexico State University. Actually I’m the first and only and would like to think that I’m blazing new trails with the Senator Pete Domenici collection. Having processed papers in the Congressional Archives at the Carl Albert Center at the University of Oklahoma, I know that’s not true when it comes to basics. However, it is very true when it comes to this collection.

Senator Domenici, after serving thirty-six years in Congress will retire at the end of this year. He has left his home state of New Mexico a wealth of information to be mined by researchers of all things social, political, and historical. In fact he’s left what will probably be more than 2,500 boxes of papers and memorabilia.

Although the task is daunting in size, I look forward to the learning process as well as organizing the material. For now, I and two staff members are working on some easier parts to familiarize ourselves with what’s in the boxes, comparing that to the inventory that accompanied the first shipment, and making decisions on how the bulk of the work will proceed. It will take several years to get everything in condition for researchers. Until that time, we hide in our offices and work areas, seeing few, and coming out into the sunshine periodically to get our bearings.

When the collection opens and researchers will gain access to the papers, we feel they will be pleased with the ease of access as much as they will be pleased with the available information. We know there are researchers already poised to delve into boxes and folders. Our archives, in combination with the libraries here at NMSU, are ready to make the information available. Well, almost.
A Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members!

These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA.
Thank you, sustaining members!
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Awards

NMLA Awards Nominations
Due December 8

Do you know someone who has made important contributions on behalf of New Mexico libraries? If so, there is still time to nominate worthy individuals for an NMLA award. NMLA has been giving awards since 1957, with presentations made in five areas during a special dinner at the annual conference. Complete information on categories and criteria may be found on the NMLA website. Summary information is provided here:

1. Community Achievement Award – for a librarian (those certified or with a degree) who has provided outstanding library service or achievement at the local level. May also be given as NMLA’s recognition of an award from another source such as a local, school, or academic librarian who has received a community, regional, or national honor.

2. Honorary Life Membership Award – for an individual (not limited to librarians) who has made significant and sustained contributions to NMLA and/or libraries in New Mexico. NMLA’s highest award.

3. Legislator of the Year Award – for a New Mexico legislator who has demonstrated leadership in the advancement of libraries throughout the state.

4. New Mexico Library Amigo Award – for an individual (friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel) whose work on behalf of a local library has resulted in significant process and/or achievement for the library, or in recognition of the promotion of library service within the state.

5. New Mexico Library Leadership Award – for a librarian who has rendered outstanding service beyond the local community, including notable contribution to the advancement of libraries within the state that is recognized in more than one community.

To nominate someone, please use the form available on the NMLA website: http://www.nmla.org/about_nmla/awardshonors.html. Forms may be submitted via mail or fax, but must be submitted by Monday, December 8, 2008.

2008 NMLA Awards Committee: Dinah Jentgen, Norice Lee, Cindy Pierard (chair)

Bond B Thank You

Acknowledgement of Contributors to Bonds For Libraries 2008 PAC

We want to thank all of those who contributed in one way or another to the Bonds for Libraries committee's efforts in working to pass the 2008 GO Bond B. Those contributions ranged from buying a bumper sticker to underwriting the web site and sponsoring radio spots.


Two library vendors helped support the website and purchase radio spots, respectively: Michael Kocurek from Follett Library Resources and David McPhee of Mackin Library and Classroom Services.

Many individuals contributed from $10 to $100 to meet the $1,000 challenges of Joe Sabatini and David Giltrow. Others, who donated over $100, are Kathryn Sherlock, Allen Stenger, and Cassandra Osterloh.

We also want to thank Patty Watson, Phyllis Baker, Eric Martinez, and Suzanne Smith of Cooney, Watson and Associates for their patience and professional assistance in maximizing modest resources.

Many of you complimented us on our web pages and we are grateful to Devon Skeele for her design and maintenance of the site.

We had the sustained advice and counsel of NMLA Legislative Committee co-chairs, Joe Sabatini and Cynthia Shetter, and NMCAL Legislative Committee chair Ruben Aragon. Various other public, academic, tribal and school librarians who served on the 2008 GO Bond Steering Committee also provided valuable advice and support. And we acknowledge all those librarians who worked in their communities doing the hard, often tedious, work which goes into passing bond issues to help maintain their libraries.

The 2008 Bonds for Libraries political action committee consisted of Omar Durant, David Giltrow, Linda O’Connell, Kathryn Sherlock, and Ben Wakashige.
Librarians Of Santa Fe Hold First Meeting

By Polly McCord

Eumie Imm-Stroukoff, Librarian and Assistant Director of the Georgia O’Keeffe Research Center, Stephanie Wilson, Law Librarian Senior, New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library, and Polly McCord, Librarian for the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, recently worked together to form the group Librarians of Santa Fe. This informal gathering of librarians in Santa Fe held their first meeting in The Michael S. Engl Family Foundation Research Center Library at the Georgia O’Keeffe Research Center on Friday, August 15.

A total of 22 attendees (working and retired, professional and paraprofessional from a variety of library settings) welcomed Robert Watkins, Associate Director of AMIGOS Library Services, as he outlined the future of AMIGOS. Robert gave an overview of the AMIGOS organization and discussed the changes that will be taking place as OCLC begins providing direct services and billing for their products beginning July 2009.

He reported that AMIGOS is examining their own services over the next year, and the organization welcomes any feedback from member libraries regarding current and future services. Possible items include offsite storage facilities, and digitization and courier services. Attendees expressed appreciation of the workshops and tutorials, as well as the discounts on library supplies and electronic resources provided by AMIGOS.

Eumie then gave a brief introduction of the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum Research Center, which provides six stipends to advanced scholars each academic year and serves the museum staff. She then introduced Barbara Buhler Lynes, Curator and Director of the Research Center, who gave a tour of the Research Center library and the contents of its display drawers.

The next meeting of the Librarians of Santa Fe will be held on Friday, November 7 at 2:00. This unaffiliated group welcomes newcomers and ideas for future programs. For more information please contact Eumie (eumie@okeeffemuseum.org), Stephanie (libsew@nmcourts.gov) or Polly (polly.mccord@state.nm.us).

College Students and Librarians Featured on Banned Books Week Posters

By Jeanette Smith, New Mexico State University Library

"Read" posters featuring New Mexico State University students and librarians holding books that have been banned were displayed during Banned Books Week at the NMSU Library. This year's celebration marks Banned Books Week's twenty-seventh anniversary nationally. Observed annually since 1982, this event reminds Americans not to take the freedom to read for granted.

In Zuhl Library, the "Read" posters were displayed near the reference desk along with a display of reference books that have been banned, including the dictionary. The posters also appeared on the ends of book stacks in Zuhl Library that contained banned books, and the banned books on these shelves were wrapped with tape similar to the "caution" tape found at crime scenes. A display of banned books with explanations of why the books were banned also appeared in the lobby of Branson Library. In the lobbies of both libraries, the posters also appeared on easels, and Banned Books Week brochures were available.

Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular, and it stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them. Books that have been included in the display include Forever by Judy Blume, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain, The Catcher in the Rye...
NMSU Library Celebrates New Deal Art

by Jeanette Smith, New Mexico State University Library

During October and November, the New Mexico State University Library celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the introduction of the New Deal Arts Projects. The celebration brought to light hundreds of works created during the New Deal and introduced community residents to these treasures and the artists who created them.

Appreciation of New Deal art is a way of life at NMSU, as it is in many parts of New Mexico. Two 1934 New Deal murals by artist Tom Lea grace the lobby of Branson Library and there are many more examples on campus.

A self-guided tour brochure in English and Spanish directing visitors to all publicly accessible New Deal Art in southern New Mexico was made available at many locations in Las Cruces. To accompany the tour, a 75-piece traveling photo exhibit created by the National New Deal Preservation Association was displayed on the fourth floor east gallery in Branson Library.

The celebration included lectures by David Kammer of the National New Deal Preservation Association and NMSU faculty member Dr. Jon Hunner.

The celebration also featured an exhibit of federal government documents, including the bill that authorized the New Deal Arts Projects and related materials. A slide show of New Deal art was shown in the lobby of Branson Library.

Many of the project activities, conducted by Sylvia Ortiz, Mardi Mahaffy, and Dotty Ormes, were made possible by a grant from NMSU's Southwest and Border Cultures Institute. For more information, contact Sylvia Ortiz at (575) 646-7481 or

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*Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, and *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak.

The NMSU Library’s Banned Books Week activities were organized by Tracey Thompson (chair), Liz Miller, Ellen Bosman, Elizabeth Flores, Wendy Simpson, and Kristina Martinez.

Banned Books Week is sponsored nationally by the American Library Association, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, the Association of American Publishers, and the National Association of College Stores, and it is endorsed by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

For more information, contact Tracey Thompson at (575) 646-8093 or visit the ALA Banned Books Week web site at [http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.cfm).
THE UN-COMFORT ZONE
with Robert Wilson

Don’t Get Stuck in Reverse

I love this quote by Gandalf the Gray from the book Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien, “When we despair we cease to choose well. We give in to short cuts.” It’s so true and we all know that we have been guilty of it at some point in our lives.

It reminds me of the Dot Com Bubble that burst in March of 2000 and caused the stock market to crash, I remember those heady days of “irrational exuberance” as Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan referred to it. It seemed like everyone was worried they were going to miss out on the digital revolution. They were motivated by the dreams of easy money. It was all about taking a short cut.

Several start ups approached me to help them promote their new Internet businesses in exchange for stock options. I looked at a couple of cobbled together companies that were little more than a guy with a website and the hopes of mining some venture capital. The idea was to generate web page hits with a clever name or gimmick, sell a ton of stock at the Initial Public Offering, then retire a millionaire. I decided to stick with those willing to pay in cash.

After the burst, I read about a repo man in Silicon Valley who repossessed the expensive cars of former Internet millionaires. He reported that he frequently found dozens of losing lottery tickets in the cars -- evidence that the former car owners were acting out of despair and looking for short cuts back to the elusive wealth that had slipped from their grasp.

Beverly Sills, the famous opera soprano, once said, “There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.” But, too often when times are good we pile on the responsibilities. Later on when we encounter adversity, we look backwards instead of forward. We attempt to go back to where we enjoyed success in the past even when it is counter-productive to our current goal.

In my seminars on innovation I conduct a fun exercise that demonstrates how we frequently feel we must go backwards before we can go forward. A volunteer from the audience is selected and sent out of the room. The audience chooses a simple behavior they want the volunteer to do (like jumping up and down on their left foot). What makes it fun is that the volunteer must guess the behavior. The audience can only help by saying the word, “yes” when the volunteer does anything that comes close to the desired behavior. They are not allowed to say, “no” or give any other hints.

Once the volunteer performs the desired behavior, the audience rewards it with a round of applause. I ask for a second volunteer, but this time we change the rules after the person leaves the room. When the desired behavior is reached, the audience goes silent, says nothing, and gives no applause. Since the volunteer is no longer getting feedback in the form of “yes” he or she will go back and repeat behaviors that did elicit a “yes.” The audience, however, remains silent.

As we watch the volunteer, we can see despair forming on his or her face. The volunteer will then go further backward to find a previous behavior that generated success. Eventually the volunteer quits going backwards and starts initiating brand new behaviors in the hopes of regaining another, “yes.” It is after several new behaviors are performed that the audience is signaled to applaud and reward the volunteer for his or her efforts. The purpose of the exercise is to force the volunteer to backtrack to the point that they realize success can only be found by moving forward.

In life, the trick is to stay focused even when our luck seems to be changing. We may have to slow down or make changes in our methods, but the goal must remain the same. Henry David Thoreau observed, “We rarely hit where we do not aim.” In other words, if you’re moving backward you are moving away from your goal... and it’s hard to hit a target when you’re facing the wrong direction.

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### Opportunities

**NMLA Scholarships and Grants**

Greetings from the Education Committee! We want to remind everyone about the upcoming deadlines for Scholarships and Grants available to you from the New Mexico Library Association.

**The College Scholarship Fund – Non MLS.** This money supports undergraduate college work towards an associate’s degree in Library Science leading to certification as well as undergraduate or graduate study toward school librarian endorsement. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2009. Funds must be utilized during the upcoming NMLA fiscal year after it is awarded, i.e., following July 1.

**The Continuing Education Fund.** These grants, not to exceed $200 each, support requests to attend workshops, conferences and other library-related activities. The grants are intended to benefit New Mexico library workers who might not otherwise be able to participate in professional development activities.

**The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship Fund.** The deadline for submission is January 15th of the year of the award. This fund is intended to promote librarianship in the state of New Mexico. Monies are to be used to support advanced degrees in library and information science beyond the baccalaureate level, both Masters and Doctorates for full and part-time students.

Additional criteria for each scholarship or grant may be found on the NMLA website at this address, [http://www.nmla.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.nmla.org/scholarships.htm). Other grant and scholarship assistance available to New Mexican library workers may be found here [http://www.nmla.org/grantannouncements.htm](http://www.nmla.org/grantannouncements.htm).

We want to encourage you to apply for these funds as far in advance of the deadline as possible as the amount available is limited. You may contact any member of the committee for more information but please send all application materials to the committee chair.

- Sharon Jenkins, Director
- Pannell Library, NMJC
- 5317 N Lovington Hwy
- Hobbs, NM 88240
- 575.492.2873

We look forward to reviewing your applications. Have a great fall and winter!

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### People News

**MacKellar Authors New Book**

According to a recent report from the National Center for Education Statistics, more than 30 percent of librarians working in U.S. public libraries do not have a master’s degree from an American Library Association (ALA) accredited program of library and information studies. Among them are thousands of so-called accidental librarians who either felt the call of librarianship early in their working lives or turned to it as a second career.

In *The Accidental Librarian*, announced in October, author Pamela H. MacKellar—a 25-year library veteran who has mentored accidental librarians in all types of settings—covers library principles, practices, and tools of the trade for individuals who work as librarians without benefit of a formal education. MacKellar points out, “Often, communities that cannot afford to hire a librarian with a master’s degree are delighted to hire someone with a high school diploma or undergraduate degree to fill a librarian position.”

In addition to offering advice on basic library principles and practices, technology, and career development, MacKellar includes tips and examples along with simple exercises designed to test librarians’ knowledge and increase their understanding. Throughout the book, she emphasizes the roles librarians play in their communities and the value of libraries in the lives of the people they serve. Other features include a foreword by Karen Streege, Director of ALA’s Library Support Staff Certificate Program; sample library policies; a list of educational resources; a round-up of current library issues including legislative matters; and recommended print and Internet resources. Readers can stay connected and learn more about librarianship at the author’s website, [www.accidentallibrarian.com](http://www.accidentallibrarian.com).

According to independent library consultant and author Stephanie Gerding, “*The Accidental Librarian* is a comprehensive and truly necessary resource … This book should be on every library staff’s personal reference shelf, especially those new to library work and directors without formal training.”

Pamela H. MacKellar has held positions as a newspaper librarian, library services director, assistant librarian, health services librarian, cataloger, technology consultant, and independent consultant in libraries of all kinds, including special libraries, school, public, post-secondary, tribal, prison and state library agency. She is the co-author of *Grants for Libraries: A How-To-Do-It Manual* (Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2006) and the article “Wishing Won’t Work: 10 Things You Need to Know and Do When Applying for Technology Grants” (*Computers in Libraries*, July–August 2006). She has presented at the Computers in Libraries Conference, Internet Librarian Conference, and the New Mexico Library Association Annual Conference.

ONLINE LIBRARY SCIENCE COURSES

Registration has started for ONLINE graduate and undergraduate courses in Library Science at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College in Las Cruces. Sign up early so you don’t miss out! Several 3 credit courses, only 8 weeks long, will be starting in January and March. All courses are offered ONLINE! There are also several short month long one credit courses, with no text required. We also have several new classes. For three credits, we are offering the new LSC 220, “Innovative Technology Applications in Libraries”, where you will learn about blogs, wikis, social networking and so forth. For those interested in public libraries, we are offering a class we haven’t offered in several years, LSC 201, “Public Libraries”. Two of our one credit courses are also brand new: Boys and Books and Adult Spelling Bee.

Online courses being offered in the spring semester include:

16 Week, 3 credit NMSU Upper Division/Graduate Course, accepted for the School Library Endorsement (Jan. 14 – May 8):

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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 state requirements for School Library Media Specialist Endorsements.

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