

Mountain Plains Library Association Report – July 12, 2003 Submitted by Charlene Greenwood, NMLA Representative to MPLA

NMLA phone number - The New Mexico Library Association has a new telephone number starting July 1. The new number is (505) 400-7309.

Library privacy act policy - The New Mexico State Library has finished its policy relating to how the State Library will respond to law enforcement requests for patron information under the US PATRIOT Act. The policy was written by staff members at the State Library, with legal advice from Thaddeus Bejnar at the New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library and reviewed by the New Mexico Attorney General's Office. In addition to the legal position, the policy includes procedures for State Library staff to follow when presented with federal or state law enforcement search warrants or subpoenas. This policy may be found at <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/libraryservices/develop/patriotactpolicy.pdf>

Cities Back Freedom to Read - Various municipalities around the state have passed resolutions in support of user privacy, according to a press release from U.S. Representative Tom Udall's office. Aztec and Taos recently joined other New Mexico governments such as Santa Fe, Socorro, and Rio Arriba County to affirm and protect the liberties of residents in the community against concerns relating to the USA PATRIOT Act. Udall commented that although the Patriot Act is well intentioned, it gives the federal government too much power to target innocent Americans. "Indeed, most of the authority in the law is not tied to anti-terrorism efforts," Udall said. "I commend the citizens in these communities who worked hard to pass these resolutions. The electorate will listen to a strong, grassroots effort."

Aztec's resolution directs public libraries within Aztec to post notices warning patrons that under the Patriot Act, records and other materials borrowed from the library can be seized by federal authorities without notifying the patron that such an inquiry has taken place. The Taos Town Council voted in support of the Freedom to Read Protection Act (H.R. 1157), a bill co-sponsored by Rep. Udall, which would prevent the FBI from seeking "personally identifiable information concerning a patron of a bookseller or library." The action was spearheaded by Taos library director Dorothy Kethler.

The New Mexico Library Association has also taken action by supporting the ALA Resolution passed by the ALA Council January 29, 2003. The New Mexico State Legislature passed a resolution with overwhelmingly strong support in the New Mexico House of Representatives, although it failed to reach the New Mexico Senate floor in time for a vote before the end of the session in January.

Prior to his election to Congress in 1998, Udall served for eight years as the Attorney General of New Mexico. He currently serves on the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus.

Farmington Boys and Girls Club receives Annie E. Casey Foundation award. The Boys and Girls Club of Farmington announced on May 16 that they have been awarded the Annie E. Casey Foundation award for recognition of exemplary work in community collaboration and family support. In its eleventh year, the Foundation seeks out the best family support programming in the Boys and Girls Clubs' five regions and awards the top program in each region \$10,000.

For this award, the Boys and Girls Club of Farmington (FBGC) submitted their unique collaboration with the Farmington Public Library. The FBGC provides nearly 900 square feet of rent-free space to the Farmington Public Library. In return, the City of Farmington provides a certified librarian, an aide, 2,100 books, Internet access and other supplies. As a result, after school programs and annual summer reading programs have increased 85 percent in the past

three years. In addition, family members can access the Internet to gain basic computer skills, check e-mail, reserve library books, do research and check on a child's homework through the school district website.

Diabetes Program - For the fourth year, New Mexico State Library is cooperating with the New Mexico Department of Health to buy and ship diabetes education books to a number of libraries throughout the state. This year 22 new libraries have been added to the list, covering small community and tribal libraries. Diabetes is a problem for many of the state's citizens of all ethnic groups

Movies at the library - The Oliver La Farge Branch of Santa Fe Public Library was visited by a movie crew filming a new movie, "The Missing," a western directed by Ron Howard and starring Tommy Lee Jones. Actually, the crew was not at the library itself, but was using the Tino Griego swimming pool, which is the other part of the complex where the library is located, for a set.

The Tino Griego pool has been out of use for about a year. The film studio made arrangements with the City to use it as a site. Construction crews moved in ahead of the rest of the company a month ago to build a set in the pool, creating a river canyon with canyon walls and water in the pool. Then full crew moved in, filling over two-third of the parking space with trailers and trucks, and using the adjoining football field of the junior high school next door for the horses and horse trailers.

The library put up notices to warn patrons of the unusual activity and shortage of parking spaces ahead of the filming, and the film company supplied a parking attendant to help patrons who were coming to the library and dropping off books at the book drop. Inside the library, it was business as usual, if you took into account Hollywood cowboys and their horses hanging around just outside the door.

Staff enjoyed the novelty, even if patrons, for the most part, waited until Hollywood left to return to the library. The most direct disruption occurred when the film company began filling the pool with water, which affected the water pressure in the library's restrooms. When informed of the situation, the film company delayed filling the pool until after library hours.

E-Books at UNM - The University of New Mexico Library has purchased about a 1,000 titles of electronic books (e-books) for its NetLibrary. E-books, although they generally cost as much or more than their print versions, have an advantage in some applications, such as reference and technology. Used in these areas whenever the need arises, they are always available, 24/7, cannot be lost or misshelved, take up no shelf space, and are never checked out.

NM company provider for Homeland Security Digital Library. The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California, has chosen Access Innovations, Inc., an Albuquerque information services company, to be the provider for the core vocabulary management software in its Homeland Security Digital Library. Access Innovations MAIstro™ will be used to coordinate the school's recently established graduate curriculum in homeland security and focus policy and planning issues as the school develops its unique digital library for homeland security.

Access Innovations is headquartered in Albuquerque, where it was incorporated in 1978. Access provides taxonomic and advanced technical document and content management services to the business, government, education, publishing, and library communities. Additional information on products and a range of services is on their websites or by calling toll-free 1-800-926-8328.