

MPLA Leadership Institute. New Mexico has nine applicants and the Library Association is considering providing some funding for these applicants.

Tribal Libraries Program unique in nation. The New Mexico State Library's Tribal Libraries Program is the first of its kind in the nation to provide specialized library development services to tribal communities on a statewide basis. Initiated in 1994 when Senator Leonard Tsosie introduced legislation for \$500,000 to establish a technology access project on New Mexico's Indian reservations using tribal libraries and information centers, the New Mexico State Library was given the responsibility of carrying out the legislative intent. In 1998 when state funding of \$270,000 per year was added to the State Library's budget for the Tribal Libraries Program, the continuation and growth of the program was ensured. The main administrative office is located in Santa Fe with a branch in Crownpoint serving the Navajo area.

The focus for 2002-03 will be expanded technology training for all tribal communities in New Mexico. Thanks to a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Native American Access to Technology Program, the Tribal Libraries Program will be able to extend its computer training outreach to tribal program staff and community members in all of New Mexico's tribal communities. Previous training was able to focus on providing software training and hardware troubleshooting workshops for tribal library staff and Navajo chapter staff only.

Latte libraries. As a part of the general fund budget that was approved in May, Albuquerque City officials are called for a pilot program that would offer space in the Albuquerque public libraries for coffee shops, according to a report in the *Albuquerque Journal* by Jim Ludwick on May 25. "Look at what's happening in the private sector," the report quoted Councilor Greg Payne as saying. "Having a place for folks to unwind could actually make the city money. We're going to pick a library and give it a shot. If it works, I'd like to see us give libraries throughout the city the same chance." Councilor Sally Mayer said she favors trying new ideas and tight money has prompted city operations to think about innovation. "If it can generate revenue for the libraries, and possibly even increase participation at the libraries, I think it's worth trying." Councilor Greg Payne pointed out that many bookstores feature coffee and a comfortable atmosphere.

NM directory of libraries – online. After years of development, State Librarian Ben Wakashige announced that the Library Directory (combination of Public, Academic, School, and Special libraries directories) is available through the New Mexico State Library web page www.stlib.state.nm.us/libraryservices/lsmain.html.

Published. A research article by New Mexico State University Librarian Kate Manuel, entitled "The Place of E-Prints in the Publication Patterns of Physical Scientists," was published in *Science & Technology Libraries* 20 (2001): 59-85. E-prints are the electronic equivalents of paper preprints used by scientists for rapid, informal communication of research. Using the technique of bibliometric survey, Manuel examined a total of three hundred e-prints dating from 1989 to 1999 from three scientific e-print servers, MPRESS (mathematics), ArXiv (chemical physics), and SPIRES (high energy physics).

According to Manuel, librarians, in particular, have been interested in understanding how scientists produce and communicate research because this information can be used to facilitate patrons' retrieval of scientific information. She concludes that continuing scholarly attention needs to be paid to the blurring of the boundary between informal and formal scientific communication. Manuel was formerly a senior assistant librarian/physical sciences at California State University, Hayward (CSUH), and her research was funded by a 1999-2000 CSUH Faculty Support Grant. For more information, contact Manuel at NMSU's Zuhl Library at (505) 646-6932.

Battle of the Books 2002. On Saturday April 13, students from seventy-four elementary, middle school, and public libraries met in Santa Fe for the Statewide Battle of the Books. Over five hundred fourth-through-ninth grade students participated at De Vargas Middle School in the elementary and the mid-school divisions. Teams came from as far away as Taos and Las Cruces.

The Statewide Battle of the Books is the annual culminating activity of a reading incentive program conducted by New Mexico schools and public libraries. The students read books from either elementary or mid-school reading lists. The twenty books on each list are selected to introduce new authors and genres to the young readers. List contains a wide variety of quality books to expand young people's taste in literature. Students prepare for months by carefully reading the twenty specified books and coming to regular practices in schools or at public libraries where they answer detailed questions on each book.

At the Statewide Battle, students are combined into new teams by lottery to break up the school teams and give them the opportunity to get to know students from other places. Because the teams are matched randomly, winning involves both skill and luck.

READiculous web page. Jeepers, Creepers . . . look at those *rotating* Peepers! The expanded *Punch Lines*, the manual for *READiculous/leer el ridiculo*, New Mexico's statewide Summer Reading Program 2002, is now up on the New Mexico State Library website (<http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/libraryservices/youthservices/youth.html>) and click on the words: >Summer Reading Program Manual -- "Punch Lines"<. Kathy Barco, Youth Services Coordinator and manual writer, solicited ideas for programming, crafts, decorations, celebrations, riddles, websites, sources, etc. from youth services librarians around the state.

UNM creates political papers program. Political archives traditionally have a "history of neglect," says Rose Díaz, Research Historian for the UNM General Library. For two decades, the idea has been brewing in the UNM General Library about creating a political papers program. So many collections have met with limited resources and personnel necessary to provide oversight or to process the collections for researching. Díaz is charged to care for, maintain, track, and process an array of collections in the newly created UNM New Mexico Political Archive (NMPA). NMPA operates out of the old Elks Building.

Díaz created a manuscript inventory, pulling out those collections that had been processed. With a goal to preserve the basic information necessary for research on economic, social and political issues, Díaz recognized that personal papers document historical discussions and context while remaining important to the cultural memory of New Mexicans. Some of the collections are from Indian Affairs and the U.S. Pueblo Lands Board. Collections include oral histories, chronicle politics, economics, and even personal and community histories.

NMLA Conference. Las Cruces, the "City of the Crosses," welcomed the New Mexico Library Association as host city for the annual conference April 17-19, 2002 with the theme "Libraries: The Human Factor." The NMLA conference featured a guided tour of host campus New Mexico State University on a horse-drawn open-air trolley to acquaint visitors with the history and buildings of the NMSU campus. .

Nadine Strossen, President of the American Civil Liberties Union, gave the keynote speech on censorship issues. Strossen, a professor of law at New York Law School, has written, lectured, and practiced extensively in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties, and international human rights. Since 1991, she has served as President of the American Civil Liberties Union, the first woman to head the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization.

History Library online. The New Mexico State Library and the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library (Palace of the Governors) announced the recent addition of the Chavez History Library's holdings into the State Library's cooperative electronic card catalog, SALSA. Just over 5,500 bibliographic records, which represent the Chavez collection of books, manuscripts, and periodicals, have been added to their already existing records. This brings the total electronic records for the Chavez History Library to

over 11,000 items, or 90 percent of their book and archival collections. These records, as well as the other records in SALSA, are available over the Internet on the State Library web site. Other organizations that have holdings in SALSA are the State Library, the State Records Center and Archives, and other libraries in the Museum of New Mexico, including the Fine Arts Museum, the Museum of International Folk Art, and the Laboratory of Anthropology. The Chavez History Library records are the first data load in a project to incorporate all of the up-to-date library holdings for all SALSA members. For more information on the Chavez History Library please contact Tomas Jaehn or Hazel Romero at (505) 827-6470. For further information about the cooperative SALSA project please contact Hal Bogart or Faith Yoman at the State Library.

Libraries on the November ballot. Governor Gary Johnson signed the Library GO Bond bill. His signature allows the bill to be included on the November 2002 ballot, when the voters of New Mexico will decide if they are willing to support public, school, and academic libraries.

The Library Bond actual appropriation is for \$16,080,000. \$100,000 has been set aside for administration/processing of the bonds. This leaves \$15,980,000. The distribution of this amount is as follows: \$4,852,000 for public libraries; \$7,704,000 for public school libraries; \$3,424,000 for academic libraries.

Other legislation. Danice Picraux introduced \$200,000 to expand statewide electronic magazine database to public elementary and middle schools.

Roswell Library's new (old) printing press. The Thomas Joseph Hall family has donated an 1895 Chandler & Price platen press to the Roswell Public Library. The printing press was used at Hall-Poorbaugh Press, which was founded in 1914 by T. J. Hall, Sr. The press is partially shown in a photograph taken in 1916, which accompanies an article about the Hall family in the book, Roundup On the Pecos, by T. J. "Joe" Hall. In it he said, "This press came to Roswell in a covered wagon and was used in the business until 1997."

Roswell Public Library. The Roswell Public Library held its Grand Re-Opening celebration on Thursday, February 14. The remodel gave the library a little over 14,000 square feet of additional room by moving out on three sides of the original structure. The groundbreaking ceremony was in December 2000. As construction proceeded, the library stayed open except for two single-week closings while staff juggled the collection from one place to another to accommodate construction, and the final three-week closing to bring in new furniture and equipment and move for the last time. Staff did all of the moving themselves, with some help from City maintenance workers. The Grand Re-opening was marked by a strong turnout of between 1,200-1,500 citizens.

Santa Fe Public main reopened in April. The Main Library of Santa Fe Public Library closed late last August due to the discovery of mold in the roof and utility tunnels. Staff members had been asserting that the building was contributing to health problems, which caused the City to bring in examiners and consultants several times before the source of the problem was located. The library was closed for seven months, three months more than was originally estimated.

University of NM remodel. University of New Mexico Provost Brian Foster announced that Jay Lucker has been selected as library building consultant for the UNM General Library. Lucker, who was Director of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries from 1975-1995, has served as a building consultant for hundreds of libraries and as space consultant for 21 libraries including Texas A&M, Colorado State University, Duke, and the University of Virginia. "The General Library's existing space shortage has been widely discussed on the UNM campus. The combined total growth of library collections represents approximately 1.5 miles of shelving annually.

University of New Mexico new Dean. Camila Alire will become the new Dean of Library Services in September.

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