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New Mexico Representative MPLA Board Report

- State Library – Susan Oberlander has been appointed New Mexico State Librarian. Susan is an experienced library professional and expert in the field of management information systems. Oberlander has been a utility economist with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission since 2000. She was the Director of Libraries and the Library Technology degree program at Northern New Mexico Community College for 14 years, 1978-1992. Oberlander holds a Master of Library Science from the University of Oklahoma, as well as a doctorate from the School of Information Management and Systems at the University of California – Berkeley. “The State Library's mission – to provide leadership that empowers libraries to support the educational, economic, and health goals of their communities – is both facilitated and complicated by the digital age,” said Oberlander. “I look forward to becoming the State Librarian for New Mexico in this exciting technological time.” Oberlander replaces Richard Akeroyd, who resigned his position in April after serving as State Librarian since August 2003. She will assume her responsibilities on July 2.
- Legislation – New Mexico's school, public, and academic libraries are gearing up for the 2008 NM Legislative Session. Plans are underway to lobby for a GO Bond ballot initiative on the November 2008 statewide ballot.
- NMLA Mini Conference – NMLA will be hosting a mini-conference in Las Vegas, New Mexico October 11-12th. There is currently a call for presentations. We will accept proposals from the MPLA region. For more information visit: www.nmla.org

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