BUCKS FOR BOOKS: BOND ISSUE UPDATE

The public information program on the $10 million academic libraries bond issue is being intensified in September and will build each month until November. A central committee composed of students, librarians and public information officers from all universities plus an "Action for Education" committee with members in each county in the state are the prime movers. You may expect a variety of activities: students who will speak to civic groups; radio and TV spots just before the election; several interviews on the "Joe Question" program on Albuquerque station KDAZ (AM 730) — a Spanish-speaking station; and much more. What can you do?

- Read the brochure and the fact sheets and become an informed resource person in your own community.
- Get bumper stickers on as many cars as possible (and drive around a lot!). If you haven't received a supply of bumper stickers or need more, contact Joe Sabatini at the UNM Law School Library — 1117 Stanford — Albuquerque 87106.
- Get the bookmarks into as many hands and homes as you can. Bookmarks — 100,000 of them — will be mailed to all public libraries by the L&IFC the end of September. Academic libraries will get their supplies through another channel. Brochures will be distributed along with the bookmarks.
- If through your contacts you become aware of areas of opposition or resistance to this bond issue, notify Jess Price immediately. Jess is the Public Information Officer at the University of New Mexico.
- Include information on the bond issue in any publications you are responsible for issuing.
- VOTE!

TWO NEWS NOTES FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

1) You may obtain bookmarks, bumper stickers and brochures for the academic library bond issue either from the public library in your area or by contacting Joe Sabatini at the UNM Law School Library.

2) If you aren't already on distribution and want to receive copies of the Library Journal/School Library Journal HOTLINE newsheet and the NMSL HITCH HIKER newsheet write Louise Brown at the NMSL, P.O. Box 1629, Santa Fe 87501.

NEW MEXICO LIBRARIANS DO MORE THAN TALK ABOUT COOPERATION

A clear example of that ingenuous old expression about "putting your money where your mouth is" took place during the April NMLA convention and librarians and trustees are to be congratulated.

In recognition of the fact that the $10 million bond issue for academic libraries will eventually benefit the users of all types of libraries, the NMLA Executive Board voted to contribute $750 for use in the campaign. Over $200 of this amount came from individual donations made during the division meetings from librarians and trustees. The Rio Grande Chapter of the Special Libraries Association committed $250 of its funds for the same cause. This money is earmarked for use in providing bumper stickers and bookmarks to be used in the public information campaign. A better example of a cooperative effort would be difficult to find! The Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee is responsible for NMLA's work in the upcoming campaign.

OUR NEMISYS IS COMING — WE HOPE

A new acronym has made its debut and let's hope it becomes a familiar word to N.M. librarians. NEMISYS (New Mexico Information System) denotes the beginning of a locator system — one of the most basic elements in the CLS plan. Helen Redman and Larry Larrason, on behalf of the N.M. State Library, are working with SLICE in preparing a proposal to the Council on Library Resources for funding the establishment of NEMISYS for a two-year period during which the system will be fully designed and made experimentally operational. The design will include sufficient critical evaluation so that the experiment can provide valuable information for other areas of the country with marginal capabilities for establishing a locator network.

And what kind of a "locator unit" would NEMISYS be? The plan is based on the use of Library of Congress card numbers with a tie-in to the MARC-O data base. It requires relatively little additional effort on the part of participating libraries, but through its tie-in with the MARC data base can provide a variety of products and services made possible through MARC cataloging data and use of existing automated systems.

A number of libraries have agreed to participate in the preliminary phase (from September to January 1, 1973) in order to strengthen the proposal and to provide the means for gathering statistical data and for solving operational problems. These participating libraries are: Albuquerque Public Library, Albuquerque Public School System, Eastern New Mexico
University, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Mesa Public Library, New Mexico State Library, New Mexico State University, Sandia Laboratories, Santa Fe Public Library, University of New Mexico-Medical Library, and University of New Mexico-Zimmerman Library.

What will they be doing? Each week they will send the State Library the LC card numbers that are printed in the books they add to their collections that week. They will also be furnishing other information: the number of additions for which no LC card numbers were available and information on incoming and outgoing interlibrary loans.

Initially, the only return anticipated will be locator information (by LC card number) for the accessions of this group of participating libraries. Later, as significant holdings as well as new accessions are included and more libraries begin to participate, the value of this system will increase. Additional returns that will be possible, and that can be built into the eventual design, include cataloging information or service from the MARC base, acquisitions and collection analysis for planned acquisitions and discards, and current awareness services for reference and book selection.

And so, although NEMISYS is in its beginning stage, it is a real beginning; and it’s being carefully planned with feedback incorporated at every stage. The State Library will receive word on the SLICE proposal to the Council on Library Resources in November, and by that time we’ll already have some tangible results through the efforts of the 11 libraries participating in this preliminary phase.

**INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- The BUCKS FOR BOOKS campaign is receiving unified support on the part of library associations and individual librarians in the state. But let’s remember to do everything possible during the next month in support of this effort. This is no time for complacency!
- If public libraries are to receive increased funding through state aid, past experience indicates that we must be able to demonstrate needs rather than to simply state what needs we believe we have. As the basis for such a demonstration in terms that have meaning and impact to legislators and the public as a whole, there have been a series of area meetings sponsored by the Public Library Division with the support of the State Library. The theme of those meetings was “Evaluating Your Collection” or “Take a Long Look at Your Library.”

Public librarians were asked to collect data which is now being analyzed and consolidated by State Library staff. This series of questions gives an idea of the intent of this data collection: How old is your newest set of encyclopedias? How current is the Applied Science section? Has anyone landed on the moon? How many books take up space but don’t circulate? Can you retrieve information from the June 12, 1969, issue of Saturday Review? The compilation of this information will be an integral part of the campaign in support of additional state funding for public libraries.

- And the very latest development is the Executive Board decision to proceed with a request to State Representative O’Donnell to sponsor legislation increasing state aid to public libraries for FY 73-74 with a $275,000 appropriation. See Joe Sabatin’s report for the L&IIC in this newsletter for complete information.

**NMLA EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWS**

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE-PRESIDENT:** President Mildred Neal announces an appointment to fill the position of Vice-President/President Elect. This vacancy resulted from the job change of Ed Sayre who will be leaving N.M. to move to Colorado. The President and the Executive Board confirmed the appointment of DON DRESP who has now assumed the position of VP. Background information on Don follows:

DON DRESP is presently City Librarian, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Las Cruces. He came to New Mexico from Scottsdale, Arizona, where he was assistant director of the public library. Previous to that he was education librarian at Arizona State University. His current civic activities include membership on the Las Cruces Citizens Drug Commission and the chairmanship of the Public and Institutional Employee Division, United Fund. Don has held ALA committee and task force memberships, is currently a member of the executive board, Border Regional Library Association, is a member of the N.M. Library Audiovisual Education Council and of NMLA, ALA and the Arizona Library Association. He has a MLS degree from the University of Denver and has done additional graduate work at Arizona State University. His wife, Winifred, is a teacher at White Sands Junior High School.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Another key appointment is that of PAUL AGRIESTI as editor of the official NMLA publication. Before coming to New Mexico to
become the director of the Farmington Public Library, Paul was assistant to the State Librarian at the Ohio State Library. Paul’s undergraduate work was at Ohio Northern University; he received his MLS from the University of Michigan. He has had a number of articles published, the latest, a bibliography of Ohio Library history, appearing in the last issue of the Journal of Library History.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS will be reported in summary form only in the Newsletter. Anyone needing copies of minutes of NMLA meetings, Constitution and Bylaws, names of Division officers of Committee members or minutes of Executive Board meetings should contact the NMLA secretary. Full committee reports are available from committee chairmen.

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SERIALS WORKSHOP

Fact No. 1: A consistently-updated union listing of serials is an essential element in any planned system for sharing information resources.

Fact No. 2: The latest edition of the Southwestern Union of Serials was published in 1969.

Fact No. 3: A workshop is planned for the weekend of January 19 at Lovelace Foundation in Albuquerque to discuss standardization of serials data as a basis for future automation programs.

The workshop will be coordinated by NMLA's College, University and Special Libraries Division, the Rio Grande Chapter of SLA and Zimmerman Library, UNM. Kathy Puffer, CUS chairman, and Marilyn Fletcher of Zimmerman will have current information.

Serials and ILL staff and automation specialists are particularly invited; however anyone else who is interested should also get this date on his calendar.
A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW STATE-AID DISTRIBUTION FORMULA

by Joe Sabatini, Chairman
Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee

State aid to New Mexico public libraries has been maintained at a minimal level of $20,000 since 1956. These grants in aid, usually in the amount of $700 per year to each qualifying library, have helped some small libraries to acquire improved collections, but have otherwise had little influence on the development of adequate financial support for public libraries. In 1970-71, state aid accounted for over 50% of the materials budget for 6 libraries, and between 10% and 30% for 16 others. Obviously, there is a need to increase local support for public libraries. But with the financially precarious position of most New Mexico municipalities, it is difficult for the public libraries to obtain an increased level of local funding. New Mexico librarians have therefore concluded that the state government should be asked to provide the assistance and incentives necessary to increase local funding. In turn, we have promised the state that these increased resources will be utilized in the most effective way, possible, through the cooperation and sharing implicit in the Coordinated Library Systems.

The Legislation Committee of N.M.L.A. is working with Representative William O'Donnell to plan a bill for the 1973 session of the Legislature. We hope to ask for $275,000 for increased state aid to public libraries. This ambitious goal can only be achieved if we all work to convince our local legislators that our needs are substantial and our solutions are equitable and effective.

We should have no trouble in documenting our deficiencies, since the collection evaluations done during the 1972 N.M.L.A. Public Library Division area workshops were designed specifically with this in mind. It is therefore doubly important that we come to some agreement among ourselves on a workable distribution formula for increased state aid, before we go to our Legislators. They will ask how we intend to use the increased money, and what goals and purposes we hope to accomplish with it. We must be prepared to answer them with specifics. The present formula, which distributes $20,000 evenly among the "legally-constituted" public libraries without regard to size, resources or need, simply will not work equitably when the money is substantially increased.

It may seem redundant to call for more discussion on the state aid formula, since it was the subject of the 1971 area workshops. However, the conclusions reached by the workshop participants were not implemented. The State Library Commission considered the issue, but tabled discussion of state aid at their meeting of January 6, 1972, and no further action has been taken on revision of the formula. This was probably a result of the rejection of the State Library request for an increased appropriation of $40,000 for state aid by the Legislative Finance Committee in December, 1971. But now another session is upon us, and we are going after a much larger amount. It would greatly increase the chances for passage of our bill if the Commission could prepare a proposal for a new distribution formula in anticipation of increased funding. The Legislature has given the Commission the responsibility to "administer grants-in-aid and encourage local library service, and generally promote an effective state-wide library system." (N.M. Stat. Ann., §4-11-3-D) They will expect the Commission to put forth the specific programs to implement their general goals. The next time we ask for money, we will need better answers than we had last year.

New Mexico librarians are in agreement on the basic goals of improved service to the citizens of our state. Three years of united effort have produced the Coordinated Library Systems to implement these goals. Now we need to put together the details of the part of our plan which increases state aid to public libraries.

The Arthur D. Little survey recognized the lack of local financial support, and urged "that the state substantially support public libraries that meet certain standards." They estimated that a program would cost about $300,000 annually. They suggested certain objectives in the distribution of this money:

1. Acceptance of the principle of a statewide network with shared resources.

2. Enabling each community to provide a "threshold of library service" in that community.

3. Providing incentive for the increase of local support.

4. Compelling local funding to increase to a certain level per capita, by the threat of loss of state aid if that level is not attained in a certain time.

5. Cancellation of state aid to any community which decreases local support.

6. Contract agreements between local governments to provide service to unserved areas contiguous to served areas. This would include merging of two or more independent units.

7. A special grant to the Albuquerque Public Library to act as a Resource Center for the library network.

8. Flexibility to encourage the extension of library service by libraries other than those "legally constituted" libraries now qualifying for state aid.

The State Library's "Five Year Program for Library Development in New Mexico" lists increased state aid as an immediate goal. There is also a suggestion that the State Library should encourage the establishment of countywide library service in areas of increasing population. Such countywide units would free the regional libraries from providing service in those areas, and enable them to intensify service to remaining rural areas.
In Fall, 1971, the area workshops of the NMLA Public Library Division considered the revision of the state aid formula structure. Mr. Ed Sayre presented several alternatives utilizing various combinations of basic, incentive and per-capita grants. The consensus of opinion from these meetings was that the present basic grants should be maintained, and any additional funding should be distributed in a formula which provided incentives for increased local support, rather than a straight per-capita distribution.

During the 1972 N.M.L.A. Area Workshops, the state aid formula was again discussed briefly. A chart was presented which illustrated a pure incentive distribution formula, based on the percentage of a municipality's budget going to the public library. As an example, $100,000 was distributed using this formula, and the following cities received these amounts:

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Obviously, this formula rewards the small and the rich communities, at the expense of Albuquerque and other large cities. It has no relation to the size of the community served, and offers no incentive to the larger cities to increase their local support, since their return would be minimal. It would be extremely unwise politically to even suggest such an inequitable distribution formula to the Legislature. Doing so would not only defeat our chances for money this year, but would also undermine our reputation and credibility with them in the future. Try explaining to one of the twenty-two Representatives from Bernalillo County why Albuquerque gets $1,150 less than Hatch, which has 0.36% of Albuquerque's population. Or explain why there is no money at all to help extend adequate library service to the virtually unserved population in Bernalillo County outside of Albuquerque. Those 72,023 people would be in the second largest city in New Mexico if they were a separate municipality. It would be irresponsible to propose a formula which gives the largest amount of money to Los Alamos, the only library in the state receiving adequate support. Legislatures have outstanding mathematical abilities when the question concerns how much money is coming into their own districts. If they saw the type of inequities resulting from an obviously unsatisfactory distribution formula such as this one, they would promptly reject our bill, thus setting back increased state aid by at least another year.

What type of distribution formula will accomplish the goals mentioned above? (1) It should be flexible, to take into account the individual differences among libraries and communities. (2) It should enable libraries to work towards the correction of deficiencies found in this year's collection evaluation. (3) It should encourage inter-library cooperation and the development of a coordinated statewide network. The distribution formula can combine several of the types of grants that have been suggested: basic grants, per-capita grants, special grants and incentive grants.

**A MODEL OF A DISTRIBUTION FORMULA**

As an example, there is a model for distributing $250,000 using such a combined formula. It is similar to alternative No. 4, one of the proposals which Ed Sayre distributed to public librarians last year after the Area Workshops. Each legally-constituted public library would continue to receive a basic grant, just as they do now. If the amount of the basic grant were raised to $800, then $28,800 would be expended for the 36 libraries currently eligible.

After the basic grants were distributed, $200,000 could be put into a per-capita-incentive formula which would be based on two measures of local support, library expenditures per capita and percentage of the municipal budget going to the library. Each library would be measured against a standard set by the Commission.

For example, let's assume that $2.00 per capita and 4% of municipal budget were selected as standards. These two figures would be given an index number of 100, and the budget figures of each library would be measured against this amount. Say a library spent $1.60 per capita and 5.2% of local budget. It would have index numbers of 80 and 130 respectively. These numbers would be added and divided by two to get an average index—in this case, 105. This combined index would then be multiplied by the municipal population, and the resulting figure would be used as if it were the actual population in a pure per-capita distribution. Thus, if the available money allowed for a grant of 25 cents per capita, and the town had a population of 25,000; then 25,000 would be multiplied by 1.05, resulting in 26,250 population at 25 cents per capita for a grant of $6,562.50. If this town was below standard instead of above it, so that it had an index of 90, it would get credit for 25,000 multiplied by .90 or 22,500 times 25 cents per capita, or $5,625.00.

This formula would accomplish several objectives: (1) A library would receive support in some reasonable relation to the actual population it served. (2) There would be an incentive to increase local support regardless of community size. (3) Using two indexes instead of one would tend to give a more balanced evaluation of local support, less dependent on the relative wealth of a community.

This formula is also open to several modifications which would encourage increased local support and extension of service to new areas. Credit could be given to county budget contributions to a municipal library, by increasing the population credited to the municipality in proportion to the amount of county money divided by the municipal per capita expenditure. Thus in the above example, if per capita is $1.60 and the county gave the library $400, it would receive credit for 250 additional population. This would be multiplied by 1.05, resulting in 252 population times 25 cents per capita, for an additional $63.125 in state aid. This would initially cause some increased competition for county funds between the public and the regional libraries. Ultimately, it will encourage the information of countywide library systems. Perhaps the regional libraries should be included in the distribution formula, since they are the only service available for most of the 381,966 people living outside of communities with "legally-constituted" public libraries.

Should we actually get substantially increased funds, we all need to re-think the entire structure of public library service. It is my opinion that the regional libraries are inadequate and obsolete delivery systems for library service, and should be replaced by countywide and multi-county systems.

Another modification which could be incorporated into the formula would put upper and lower limits on the amount of the combined index of support. In the 1970-71 statistics, Los Alamos attains an index of 337.5, and there are communities as low as 27. If limits were set at 50 and 150, with the index standard at 100, no library could get less than half, nor more than one and a half times the per-capita amount to which their populations entitled them. Communities above 150 would be
providing an adequate program, and would not need further incentive. A community with an index below 50 would be helped to provide minimal program, but could receive no more than that until they increased their local support.

After distributing the basic and incentive-per-capita grants, $21,200 would remain, which could be used for special grants of various types, administered by the State Library. Grants could be used to strengthen specific collections. Audio-visual equipment and materials could be purchased. Perhaps matching grants could be made to those communities which lack "legally-constituted" libraries, but which do provide some local support, as an incentive for improving local funding in those libraries. Perhaps libraries receiving state aid could be allowed to spend up to a set percentage of their grants for capital expenditures other than books. For example, with approval of the State Library, a library could purchase and maintain a bookmobile, or rent and refurbish a storefront in an outlying community, so that service could be extended to those not presently being given adequate service. Innovations need only be limited by our own creativity and imagination, once we had sufficient money to make the attempt.

The Legislation Committee solicits your comments and reactions to these suggested approaches to a new state aid formula. The Legislature will soon be asking some hard questions concerning it, and we need to have the answers ready. The success of our bill depends on it.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE:
PEOPLE — SERVICES — PROJECTS

PEOPLE

A warm welcome to new colleagues and an invitation to them to become active in the activities of NMLA.

DR. JOHN F. HARVEY has been appointed Dean of Library Services for the University of New Mexico. Dr. Harvey was former Dean of the Graduate School of Library Service and Director of Libraries for Drexel Institute and was most recently director of the Iranian Documentation Center and Tehran Book Processing Center in Iran. He assumed his new position on July 10 and is already involved in activities relating to statewide library development efforts. Another new library director is DR. RAUL HERRERA at Highlands University. MRS. INA ELROD has joined that staff as serials and documents librarian. New Mexico State University has several new staff members: E. DENNIS ROWLEY, MARY ELLEN JAIME, MICHAEL W. MCKAY at the Carlsbad Branch, and DARRELL L. JENKINS. The Gallup Branch of the University of New Mexico has a new library director, MRS. LORENE CRANER.

MRS. ROSEMARY LANE has been appointed assistant director of the Albuquerque Public Library. Mrs. Lane comes to N.M. from the Greenwich Connecticut Public Library and has previously worked in public, academic and special libraries in several other states including California and Colorado. STEPHEN BROGDEN is the new director of the Harwood Foundation Library in Taos.

MRS. JANE GILLENTINE has joined the State Department of Education as Library Media Specialist. The New Mexico State Library Commission has a new member, MRS. MARY C. WERTHEIM, wife of Santa Fe attorney Jerry Wertheim. Mrs. Wertheim replaces Consuelo Kitzes who was recently appointed a State Senator. Replacing Billy Nichols on the Los Alamos County Library Board is DONALD C. HAGERMAN. MURIEL DEAN's term on that board is completed, but fortunately she is now serving as secretary of NMLA and so is still very much involved in library activities.

CHANGES

EUGENE KOSKEY is now associated with the University of Albuquerque as director of its Center for Learning and Information Resources; joining him are MARNY O'HAIR as assistant director and PHYLLIS MORALES as reference specialist. MRS. NINA DUNCAN has retired as head of the UNM Law School Library Cataloging Department and will be traveling in Europe and South America with her husband. Nina still thinks after some 40 years that it would be difficult to find any other profession more interesting! SANDRA COLEMAN will take Nina's place. SANDRA, by the way, is the new secretary of the S.L.A Rio Grande chapter. DOROTHY WARREN returns to the Law Library as acquisitions librarian. Dorothy has been on leave to complete her MLS at Kent State.

MRS. VERA KEOUGH is the new librarian of Mother Whiteside Memorial Library in Grants. NMSL changes: BILL FARRINGTON leaves for an indefinite stay in Europe with France as his home base. And according to our foreign correspondence, Bill is already seeing the French countryside from a racing bike. FREDA BRADY, librarian of the Northern Regional Library retired at the end of August. ED SAYRE leaves New Mexico to join the Denver Metropolitan Council on Governments as Systems Director for Central Colorado Public Library Systems. VIRGINIA EWING, children's librarian, is resigning and will do some long-awaited travelling. She'll be replaced by staff member MONICA KANGLEY.

The Clovis-Porterville Public Library has a new director, RUTH WUORI, formerly with the Albuquerque Public Library. CHRISTINE BUDER begins a one-year educational leave from the NMSU Library to work on a doctorate in American studies.

MORE PEOPLE NEWS

LOCAL/REGIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS: Heading activities of these groups for new association years are: Greater Albuquerque Library Association (GALA) — MARY C. KENNEDY, Albuquerque; Santa Fe — LOIS DILDINE, Los Alamos; Pecos Valley — DENNIS ROARK Roswell; Lea County — JEANNE WINKLES, Lovington; Border Regional — KENNETH W. HEDMAN, El Paso; Special Libraries Association — LOIS GODFREY, Los Alamos.

JAMES DYKE, NMSU Library Director, was pleased to let it be known that with the arrival of DARRELL JENKINS, there have been four NMLA scholarship recipients on the NMSU staff. Branigan Library staffer, WILMA POWELL just received her 15 year pin from the City of Las Cruces for exceptional service to Branigan Library. At that same library, CLARA MARTINEZ and PAT GREATHOUSE both passed the test for certification as Librarian I.

SERVICES/PROJECTS/MEETINGS/BUILDINGS

The SANTA FE PUBLIC LIBRARY has opened a small library for children in the model neighborhood area of the city. Space to house the library was provided by the Agua Fria Youth Center, which is a city recreational center with a scheduled year-round activity program. Many organizations cooperated to make the center library possible. Funds for materials and furnishings for the library were provided by a special projects grant from the New Mexico State Library. Two rooms, provided by the center, were completely redecorated by the City Parks and Recreation Department. The public schools loaned chairs for the smaller children, and Federal surplus furniture was repaired and painted by the public library staff. The telephone company gave large cable spools that were made into tables by the city carpenters. The
crafts classes at the center made ojos for decorating the walls.

16 mm. and Super 8 films are shown in the library at scheduled times. Record and cassette/book combinations are available at all times at an eight headset listening center. Books and audio-visual materials are available for use by the recreational center staff in the center activities.

Library programs are planned to coordinate with those of the center.

Volunteers are great for libraries reports Octavia Fellin, librarian of the GALLUP PUBLIC LIBRARY. Octavia sent out an appeal to young people for help, and ten junior high school teenagers, one senior high boy and one adult responded to the SOS and are helping clear the library decks.

A good way to keep informed about activities in special libraries in N.M. and about meetings of special librarians is to subscribe to the bulletin issued by the RIO GRANDE CHAPTER OF SLA. The yearly cost for receiving the bulletin is $2. Art Frede handles subscriptions — his address is 1SD-4, P.O. Box 1663, Los Alamos Scientific Lab. 87544. Now that its publication on report series codes is at press, this dynamic group is considering several new projects, including a regional workshop. Lois Godfrey is its new president.

Since April, the BRANIGAN LIBRARY (Las Cruces) has featured five local author exhibits. These new series started with the Lee Priestly exhibit during National Library Week. Don Drep says that this series will probably run for two years as there is so much local talent in Las Cruces. Don also reports that summer programs at Branigan were “wild” with two story hours and one film program weekly. Their children’s librarian, Phyllis Dillard, reports that over 700 children have participated in that library’s first summer reading program. Quite a beginning!

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY dedicated its new library building on WEDNESDAY, April 19. This one story horizontal addition doubles the square footage of the original structure giving it 48,000 net square feet of usable space. The dedication service and building is described in the June 1972 issue of LLANO ESTACADO HERITAGE. This story includes many photographs and an extensive interview with library director Pearce Grove.

The ESPERANZA BRANCH of the ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC LIBRARY is operating a special project to provide increased preschool learning awareness for neighborhood children. An open house was held in August to display the new equipment, media and programs that will be used to help children help themselves to achieve.

The culmination of the GALLUP PUBLIC LIBRARY summer library programs was the play, “Mr. Noah and the Animals”, with all the children making the animals and marching them two by two in the ark. Movies taken of the children during the summer activities also were shown, and an arts and crafts display of the children’s work done at story hours was held. “T’was fun summer!” says Octavia Fellin.

And more good news: a generous gift from Huber and Pauline Ruebush, local residents, makes the dream of adding a children’s room closer to reality for the DEMING PUBLIC LIBRARY. Note the new address for the ALBUQUERQUE MODEL CITIES LIBRARY: 1025 Broadway, S.E.

The Los Alamos County Council has approved the request to open registration at MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY and from now on any resident of N.M. may have a MESA PL library card. Mesa already participates heavily in interlibrary loans. Sandra Portz, Mesa staff member, has just completed dividing the adult card catalog into separate author, title and subject sections. Work on the children’s catalog is to begin soon.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY is looking ahead to a small scale remodeling project to increase the amount of stack space and to provide a small meeting room. That library has also issued its first annual report; one interesting figure from that report shows that 518 books were borrowed during the last fiscal year for Farmington residents through interlibrary loan.

CHIEF ACADEMIC LIBRARY OFFICERS from 15 public supported institutions of higher education in New Mexico have held meetings in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Socorro and Roswell to plan for the most appropriate use of monies from the legislative proposal of a ten million dollar bond issue. If approved in November, New Mexico institutions of higher education will receive two million dollars each year for a five year period beginning July 1, 1973. As a first step in the proper allocation of funds the Board of Educational Finance has held meetings with the Chief Academic Officers Council and librarians to establish a series of tasks. The first aspect to be undertaken is an inventory for the uniform measurement of existing collections in academic institutions. On August 1 the college and university librarians met in Roswell to agree on collection assessment, factors for determining the library material needs of each institution, and volume inadequacy of every institution. Also under consideration is a percentage demand factor which could be an actual allocation formula for the distribution of monies.

The HOBBES PUBLIC LIBRARY served as host for two August meetings: one, the final workshop session for Phase III students of the Library Services Training Program; the other, an area workshop on collection evaluation sponsored by the NMLA. (More about that in this Newsletter).

The SOUTHWEST ACADEMIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM has once again been funded by the USOE Title IIIB State Higher Education Act. A grant of $40,000 has just been awarded and expenditures for library materials, the only possible use of these funds, will be decided at the fall meeting of the Consortium scheduled at Lubbock Christian College in September. Through the cooperative efforts of library directors at some 27 institutions of higher education in New Mexico, West Texas, and the Panhandle of Oklahoma several hundred thousand dollars of library materials have been added to the resources of this geographical area. The third edition of a brochure giving cooperative agreements of these libraries and listing their major resources, hours of operation, schedules of reference service and other pertinent information will be available within a few weeks. Copies will be produced for distribution on each member campus. Others who would care to have a copy of this brochure may do so by writing to the Eastern New Mexico University Library Director, Pearce Grove.

Gene Koskey reports that planning is currently under way at the UNIVERSITY OF ALBUQUERQUE for a graduate program in learning and information resources.

Congratulations to the SANTA FE LIBRARY ASSOCIA-
TION for its establishment and awarding of a scholarship at the undergraduate level for a Spanish-speaking student who plans to become a librarian. This decision was made in recognition of the fact “That it is shameful that in Northern New Mexico, where the library public we are trying to serve is in large part a Spanish-speaking culture, there are so few qualified Spanish-speaking librarians. There are numerous possibilities to finance graduate library studies, but we find we are losing potential librarians because of financial difficulties at the undergraduate level.” This may well be a forerunner of scholarships established by other city or regional N.M. library groups in recognition of local needs.
NMLA designates representatives to two councils both of which have accomplishments to their credit which should be noted: The NEW MEXICO LIBRARY-AUDIOVISUAL EDUCATION COUNCIL has sponsored the first two preconferences held in conjunction with the annual NMLA conference. The fact that almost 100 people attended the 1972 preconference indicates the need for continuing education activities when they are well-planned and presented. The INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA COUNCIL concentrated its efforts toward the reinstatement of library media services at the State Department of Education, a project that had a successful conclusion — you can verify that by checking the “People” column. The thanks of the Association go to its representatives on both of these councils — two groups that have demonstrated they know how to get things done!

EASTERN NMLA’s Portales campus was awarded a $20,000 special purpose Type B grant under the USOE Higher Education Act Title IIB for the strengthening of its reference collection in all areas, with special emphasis on materials for service to ethnic minority groups on campus, to all citizens in eastern New Mexico, and to local branch and community college campuses. This grant is matched by $6,667 from ENMU and is being expended under the direction of Assistant Library Director and former NMLA President, Peggy Tozer.

New resources at BRANIGAN LIBRARY through the June purchase of a Combined Book Exhibit of over 1100 new children’s books over half of which are ready for circulation, and through the acquisition of a record player, sets of earphones and children’s records — the latter made possible through a gift from the Noon Sertoma Club.

SWLA/SLICE CONTINUE TO MAKE NEWS

More and more N.M. librarians are becoming acquainted with MARC and MARC-O through their participation in the series of SLICE/MARC-O workshops — made enjoyable and stimulating as well as informative through the unique talents of Maryann Duggan, SLICE office director. And at the latest workshop, held in late September in Albuquerque, librarians attending (from all parts of the state) unanimously endorsed the concept of NEMISYS as a new type of use for the MARC data base. Contingent on the approval of the SLICE council, the NEMISYS project will be incorporated into the SLICE grant proposal to the Council on Library Resources. The SLICE director is working long and late hours with the State Library staff and other librarians on the writing and presentation of the proposal. Mid-November will bring the news on chances for funding.

And, of course, the early November biennial conference held in conjunction with the Southwest Library Association is the biggest news at the moment. NEW ORLEANS is the location. At that conference, trustees will be meeting to set up some kind of unit within SWLA of and for library trustees. N.M. trustees, please take note. The latest SWLA newsletter gives conference information and the prior issue gives information on the charms of New Orleans if you need a reminder. Let’s see a large N.M. contingent in New Orleans.

SLICE is one of the sponsoring agencies for two important conferences this fall. The first is a USOE-funded institute entitled “Strengthening Librarians’ Capabilities to Elicit and Respond to the Feel Needs of Minority/Disadvantaged Persons and Groups.” All SWLA states will have participants at the University of Oklahoma for this institute held early in October. And then prior to the biennial conference will be a preconference workshop — “Crisis in Library Management” — again with participants selected from each SWLA state. Both meetings are being designed so that output from them can be disseminated throughout each state.

A continuing education project (CELS) by the SLICE Office is underway, made possible from $2,000 provided by each state library in the Southwest. This project will have a central coordinator as well as a funded data collector in each state comprising the Southwestern Library Association. An inventory of educational programs for all library personnel in our six state area will be made so that librarians in one state may avoid duplicating efforts of their colleagues in another. It will also enable librarians in the Southwest to take advantage of our strengths such as programs already developed and skilled personnel, both librarians and non-librarians, with special training and talents.

The 1974 biennial conference will be in Galveston. A reminder that N.M. has a bid in to SWLA for the 1976 conference. We’ll receive definite word on the selection in November.

NOTICE TO NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS: Paul Agriesti becomes editor of this Newsletter with its next issue. All correspondence relating to the Newsletter should be sent to Paul at 1208 Chaco Avenue, Farmington, N.M. 87401.

Paul and the Publications Committee (Mrs. Virginia Reale, chairman) will appreciate feedback from Newsletter readers as they consider what the relationship of the Newsletter and the NMSL’s HITCH HIKER should be. The distribution of the Newsletter and the Hitch Hiker is not identical and so the amount of overlap in news coverage needs to be decided. Your suggestions will be appreciated. By the way, the N.M. State Library hopes that the H.windows and HITCH HIKER are being circulated by library directors to all their staff. Thanks to NMSL for making this news service available; it’s a fine way for N.M. librarians to keep up to date.

EDITORIAL NOTE: I seem to recall that “retiring” editors frequently tend to become philosophical in their last columns. Since I’ve been an acting editor and for only two issues at that, I believe I should restrain that impulse somewhat and so I’ve called this, you’ll notice, an editorial note instead of an editorial. And I insert it only because every several years or so I think it’s worth saying.

During the last several years and under changing committee/council names and structures, a number of librarians coming from varied library situations have contributed their time and their particular talents to further a number of library projects — some large and some not. These last few months have been no exception. I can remember a time in the history of NMLA when really no one except the officers spent much time on NMLA work during the summer months. Well, those times have changed and I started to wonder just how many people are really aware of the changes that have taken place.

Most of the major news items in this issue result from work done during the summer by committees and individuals meeting in places such as Santa Fe, Carlsbad, El Paso, Cimarron, Roswell and Albuquerque. That represents hundreds of miles of travel, as you well know; and as you probably also know, NMLA does not support travel expenses for its divisions or committees. (Not because it wouldn’t like to — but just check the budget in case you wonder why!) Our legislation committee (the L&IFC to be formal), is, as usual, carrying one of the largest loads — coordinating the Association’s part in the Bucks for Books campaign and now the new appropriation effort in the Legislature for increased support for public libraries. Input from that committee as well
as from our development committee influenced decisions which have resulted in the NEMISYS proposal. In addition, the development committee has been keeping an eye on Association priorities and has been struggling with ways to increase NMLA funding. Our publications committee worked not only on selecting an editor for this newsletter, but also on determining what the editorial policies for the newsletter should be. And while divisions used to be active primarily in terms of one annual conference program, just look at what’s going on now: the chairman of our Trustee Division made a formal proposal which resulted in the area workshops and the plan for collection analysis as a tool in the effort for increased state aid for public libraries. Our Public Library Division helped conduct those area meetings, already an accomplished fact. The College, University and Special Libraries Division is sponsoring the Serials Workshop in January and conducting the preconference workshop in March. And all these activities mean that our officers have had to stay on top of an expanding number of projects — just check the agenda for the first executive board meeting if you’re in doubt! I realize that I’ve probably not mentioned all the work that went on this summer because I’m simply not aware of it. I hope this does give some indication, however, of the fact that this Association considers that it has important work to do and most fortunately has members who contribute whatever it takes to get it done.

Calla Ann Crepin

COMING EVENTS

October 31 — November 1

November 1-4
Southwestern and Southeastern Library Associations Joint Conference, New Orleans, Jung Hotel.

November 17-18
NMLA Executive Board Meeting, Santa Fe.

January 19-21
Workshop on standardization of serials data. Albuquerque. See announcement in Newsletter.

January 28 — February 3
American Library Association Midwinter Meeting. Washington, D.C.

March 29 — April 1
NMLA. 50th Annual Conference. Palms Motor Hotel, Las Cruces.

June 24-30
American Library Association — Las Vegas, Nevada.

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