Highlights of the 53rd Annual NMLA Conference

Century III, the conference theme, reminds us that the country is moving into its third century. As part of a look ahead, a new convention format is being used this year.

Several sessions are scheduled simultaneously each day. The same sessions are being offered twice so that conference participants will have an opportunity to attend a variety of activities. Many sessions are planned for participation from the audience.

Division and association meetings are summarized elsewhere in the publication. Public Libraries will discuss New Minimum Standards. Trustees will investigate the importance of the trustee, or Friends role. School librarians will hear about cooperative school-public library cooperation, while college and university librarians will hear a talk on serials and periodicals.

One new feature is a Time to Rap for various groups of librarians. This is planned as an informal, unstructured hour for sharing ideas and meeting fellow workers. Designed primarily for special interest groups within the library field these talk times are open to any librarian interested in concerns of other types of librarians. Thursday has times for community librarians, school media personnel, and public librarians. Friday will be the day for Children and Young Adult librarians and for public libraries and for college and university librarians.

Acquisitions problems will be discussed Wednesday on Thursday, Frank Clasquin, of F.W. Faxon, will speak on developing periodical collections.

Other special speakers will include Mr. Ralph E. O'Dette, Chemical Abstracts Services, speaking to special libraries on Thursday, on Meeting Information Needs Today (for the Special Library Association. Dr. Barbara Prentice, Tucson Public Schools, will begin the trustees division program on Trustees Responsibilities. Mr. Bruce McLaren, Wayne, Michigan, will present two sessions on Accountability in Media. The status of the library loan will be discussed on Wednesday and Friday. The New Mexico State Library film library and its future services will be presented on Thursday.

Continuing Education needs from the grass-roots levels are being sought on both Thursday and Friday. Special programs for institutionalized patrons will also be outlined on these two days, school and public librarians as well as such programs will find the sessions helpful. Library orientation programs for school, public, and university libraries will be highlighted Wednesday and Friday. The school librarians will find Thursday an opportunity to explore the new needs assessment model and to meet with one another.

The trustees division will have a panel program on Friday which continues Thursday's discussion on the trustees' role.

Videocassette program ideas will be demonstrated on Thursday and Friday. On Friday a three hour A-V Talent Exposition will be held to offer new ideas as well as advice on a variety of topics and equipment.

Oral History will be featured Friday, a repeat on video will be shown Saturday morning. An Oral History Roundtable meeting called Archives and Local History, and one for Services to the Institutionalized will be held Friday.

Saturday, as a post-conference day, will feature a three hour storytelling workshop, and a copy of the Oral History section. There will also be an opportunity to tour the New Mexico State Library which has made additional staff available on that day.

Elinor McCluskey Program Chairperson and Vice President, NMLA

The Coordinated Library Systems of NM

The efforts of the New Mexico Library Association Development Committee over the last several months to study the progress made under the Coordinated Library Systems program in the last three years clearly indicate that 1) many of the objectives have been achieved; and 2) there are still areas which either need to be accomplished, or perhaps, the priorities changed.

The Library Development Committee was charged this year with making "an evaluation of the original Coordinated Library Systems document — the actual progress in the first three years... and that future NMLA objectives be proposed in relation to CLS.

The Coordinated Library Systems of New Mexico (CLS) is an interlibrary plan to promote the educational, economic, and social development of all New Mexicans. The plan was unanimously ratified by the NMLA membership at the 1971 conference.

Actually, CLS had been developing for more than three years — development that involved nearly every interested librarian and library organization in the state. In May of 1969 the New Mexico Library Development Council and the New Mexico State Library Commission contracted with the Arthur D. Little Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to survey New Mexico's libraries — funds for the survey come from Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act. The little company was completed in early 1970. The report noted that "library service in New Mexico... fell far short of what was needed" and that the problems faced by the state's libraries were due to "insufficient funds and the dispersed service of a relatively small population over a large area."

The survey recommendations centered on 1) a statewide service network; and 2) resources and personnel development. Programs suggested were an expansion of library outreach, the establishment of a non-print media center, an annual audit for library school scholarships and in-service training programs, and a system of grants to bolster public and academic library funding.

The New Mexico Library Development Council, parent of NMLA, and the State Library Commission agreed that a conference of librarians should be organized to discuss the A.D. Little report. Such a conference was arranged for three days at Ghost Ranch. There, it was decided that New Mexico librarians needed a plan that would incorporate both the insights of the A.D. Little team and the first hand knowledge and experience of New Mexico librarians. To facilitate the drafting of this plan, a series of five meetings were held under the supervision of a representative steering committee composed of librarians who had attended the Ghost Ranch Conference and consultant from the University of New Mexico's Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

By the time of the NMLA Conference in the spring of 1972 the plan had taken the input from the five different meetings and had formulated a plan of the CLS plan that was presented to the NMLA membership that year. The plan was based on three major objectives which were to be achieved by work on specific projects and priorities. These objectives provided a statewide focus for the efforts of public, academic, and special libraries. The CLS plan was carefully written not only to provide direction and guidance, but also to allow for changes in New Mexico's needs. It was intentionally planned to avoid statements of absolute priorities so that programs could be undertaken as monies became available and as the participating organizations expressed interest in their accomplishment. The persons designing CLS regarded its developmental quality as one of its basic strengths! For more information, read:


Paul Agresti, Chairperson
NMLA Library Development Committee

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Almost in the founding year of Alamogordo, a library was opened for public use. On December 5, 1899, ten women met, organized a club with the stated threefold purposes: To open and maintain a public library, to study the history of New Mexico, and to improve their own self-culture.

The club met in member's homes and gave several socials, sales, and various entertainments to bring in money for their venture. They rented an office from the New Mexico Real Estate Company, paying three months rent in advance... $26.00. To help with the purchase of the first books, The El Paso Southwestern Railroad Company gave donations to the project, along with other business or interested citizens. The purchase of books began... "The Reader's Dictionary" and "The Land of Pecos Timewas donated by Charles F. Lummis were among the first bought. A complete set of Cook's works was donated by the women who founded the Alamogordo Public Library by request," said "Colonel Roosevelt."

The railroad carried a large part in the financing of the Library, contributing about twenty dollars a month over a period of about eight years. This, along with other small contributions and money that the ladies were able to raise with their many activities, was enough to maintain a reading room, pay a part-time librarian... $20.00 a month and a janitor, $2.00. Books slowly added and finally, kindergarten furniture was brought. However, in February 1907 the railroad notified the club that their $20 a month contribution would have to be terminated, effective immediately.

The next disappointment encountered the library would be when the next year, 1908, another contributor, the Alamo Lumber Company, also stopped their $10 monthly contribution because the sawmill had closed down. The next two years were lean pickings for the dedicated club and volunteers had to give their time in order that their small reading room might remain open to the public.

A turning point came on February 7, 1910, when the president of the club, now hold the Civic League, appointed a committee to meet with the Town Board to ask for ownership and maintain it for the public. It is interesting to note that at this point that although the library still accepted the library under town ownership, and maintain it for the public. It is interesting to note that at this time that, 1910... that the first effort toward city ownership was made, it was a long 50 years and some months later that this request was finally realized when the library became a part of our city government program in 1959.

From a paper by: Maxine O. Robertson, April, 1963

Santa Fe Library dates back to 1892

Santa Fe Public Library

Albuquerque opened library in year 1891

The Albuquerque Library Association opened the first public library at 112 Gold SW in 1891.

In that same year, two private library associations, the Albuquerque Library Association and the Reynolds Public Library, were housed together under city auspices in a building at the corner of Edith and Central.

Both associations were housed together under city auspices in a building at the corner of Edith and Central. The same site as old Main. Our year is 1891.

Rosemary Lane
Assistant Library Director
Albuquerque Public Library

THE INFORMATION DESK

The Artesia Public Library was incorporated January 5, 1906. The library has been housed in various buildings, including the basement of the City Hall. In 1957, the library moved into its present building. This building was specially built to house the Artesia Public Library.

Letha Atkins, Librarian

The Rio Rancho Community Library Association will build Open House at their new building at 2004 Grande Blvd., Rio Rancho on Sunday, May 2 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be preceded by a concert presented by the Cholla High School band from 2:30 to 3:00. The library is located just off State Road 528 north of the south entrance to Rio Rancho.

Elizabeth Berglund, Chairman of Program Committee

NMLA's Century III

March 31, April 1-2

Progress/Status

Numerical Register (1972-74): OCLC, BIBNET, 1974

State Library "Closinghouse" funding denied by Legislature (1972). Efforts each year for additional "media" funding also denied.
New Mexico Library Association
53rd Annual Conference Program

March 31, April 1 and 2 Post-conference, April 3
Santa Fe, Hotel Inn

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
9 a.m.-noon
NEW MEXICO STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING-An opportunity to communicate with your Commissioners. On the agenda: The Film Study. OPEN MEETING.
Registration and information desk open.
EXHIBITS OPEN.
NMLA Board Meeting & Dinner (Executive Board only, for the dinner. Board meetings always are open to the membership).

LIBRARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMS-orientation and instruction programs in all types of libraries. Louise Smith, College of Education, UNM.

An overview of INTER-LIBRARY LOAN IN NEW MEXICO-present features, future paths. Jean Ives, New Mexico State Library.

First NMLA BUSINESS MEETING-committee reports and presentation of business to be voted on during the second business meeting. Presiding: Christine Brick.

SOCIAL HOUR courtesy of the exhibitors.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
7 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
DENVER UNIVERSITY Library Alumni breakfast. Dr. Margaret Knox Goggin, dean, School of Librarianship, University of Denver.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK OPEN.

EXHIBITS OPEN.

Needs Assessment for Community Libraries-presentation of a needs assessment form and how it is to be used. Barbara Allen, New Mexico State Library, Norma Boboitos, Albuquerque Public Library and Joe Sabatini, Albuquerque Public Library.


CONTINUING EDUCATION-what are your needs? A time to communicate your needs and problems. Lowell Duhrsen, NMSU Library.


STATE DOCUMENTS-a tour of sources-LIMITED TO 20. Pre-registration required. (The tour is given again on Friday. On your registration form, write at the bottom the time for which you wish to register).

Time To RAP-COMMUNITY LIBRARIES-program ideas and service, a time to meet people and share concerns. Melissa Porter, Chama Community Library; Cecilia Martinez, Chama Community Library. PUBLIC LIBRARY DIVISION; Mchenzie & business meeting. Presiding: Dorothy Holmes, Socorro Public Library. “New Public Library Standards”; Joe Sabatini, Albuquerque Public Library.

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER, SPECIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION-“Meeting Information Needs Today,” Ralph E. O’Dette, senior staff advisor, Chemical Abstracts Service.

LIBRARY SERVICES to the visually impaired: Presentations by Institutional Librarians introducing their services to all, especially to public and school libraries, and any other libraries serving the same clientele outside the institution. Barbara Allen, New Mexico State Library.

Time To RAP-PUBLIC LIBRARIES. A time to meet people and to share ideas and concerns. Mary Kelly, Albuquerque.

Using Video In Your Library-program ideas for patrons or staff. Frank Kaplan, Albuquerque Public Schools.

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER, SPECIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION annual business meeting. Presiding: Betty Burnets, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

MICROFILMS-demonstration and discussion of various types of machines, microfilm and microfiche. Ground floor, New Mexico State Library, Virginia Downing.


NMLA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS no host cocktails (limited to NMLA Past Presidents).

Time To RAP-SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER-an opportunity to meet people and share ideas and concerns. Mavis Nance, Lovington Public Schools.


Past-PRESIDENTS of NMLA no host cocktails (limited to NMLA Past Presidents).

NMLA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS no host cocktails (NMLA Past Presidents)

CONFERENCE MEETING-TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS of the Library-cocktail party (limited to trustees, friends, and library directors) 663 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
7 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Time To RAP-CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES DIVISION, breakfast and business meeting. Presiding: George Morey, Las Cruces Public Schools. “Cooperative Programs-School and Public Libraries” Jane Gillentine, New Mexico State Library.

Registration and information desk open.

EXHIBITS OPEN.

ACCOUNTABILITY IN SCHOOL MEDIA CENTERS-strengthening programs, winning the budget battle. M. Bruce McLaren, Wayne Westland Community Schools, Wayne, Michigan.

New Mexico State Library open for self-guided tours.

A/V EXHIBITION-something for everyone to see how it is, use it, and show it. Coordinated by Gary House, Technical Vocational Institute.

Accountability in School Media Centers-strengthening programs, winning the budget battle. M. Bruce McLaren, Wayne Westland Community Schools, Wayne, Michigan.

FILM STUDY REPORT-New Mexico State Library.


Time To RAP-COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES-an opportunity to meet people, and to share ideas and concerns. Neosha Mackey, Zimmerman Library, UNM.

Library Services to the Institutionalized-presentation by institutional librarians of programs to all interested; especially public and school libraries, senior citizen libraries.

Barbara Allen, New Mexico State Library.

ORAL HISTORY Roundtable Meeting (Archives & local history) Sandra Esquivel, New Mexico State Library.

Library Services to the Institutionalized Roundtable Meeting. Barbara Allen, New Mexico State Library.

Using Video In Your Library-program ideas for patrons or staff. Frank Kaplan, Albuquerque Public Schools.

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND SPECIAL LIBRARY DIVISION-lunchen & meeting. Presiding: Neosha Mackey, Zimmerman Library, UNM. “Serials in University, College & Special Libraries,” Fearful F. Clausin, Executive Vice-President. F.W. Faxon.

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS Of The Library; Panel moderator; John Bennett Shaw, Charles Tansey, Dr. Barbara Prante, Karl Boarde.

STATE DOCUMENTS-a tour of sources-LIMITED TO 20. Pre-registration required. (On your registration form, write at the bottom for which time you wish to register).

Meet in Hilton lobby. Laura McGuire, University Library, ENMU; Ingrid Vollhofer, New Mexico State Library.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMS: Orientation and instruction programs in all types of libraries. Louise Smith, College of Education, UNM.

An overview of INTER-LIBRARY LOAN in New Mexico-present features, future paths. Jean Ives, New Mexico State Library.

CONTINUING EDUCATION-what are your needs a time to tell of your needs and your problems. Lowell Duhrsen, University Library, NMSU.

SECOND NMLA BUSINESS MEETING. Presiding: Christine Buder.

BANQUET S. OAM BARKER, "FIFTY YEARS OF HUNT AND PECK."

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
7 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Registration & Information Desk Open.

NMLA EXECUTIVE BOARD-Old and New Board Breakfast and Meeting. Newly elected members, try to attend. Breakfast is paid for. Story telling of variety of techniques and aids.

Marie Bacca-Albuquerque Public Schools, Shirley Houston-Albuquerque Public Schools.

ORAL HISTORY video tape of the Friday session.

NEW MEXICO MEDIA NETWORK-No host cocktails.

NEW MEXICO MEDIA NETWORK Dinner. Open to all interested in audio-visual and library areas. Presiding: Mary Penland, Los Alamos Public Schools. Speaker: M. Bruce McLaren, Wayne Westland Community Schools, Wayne, Michigan.

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER, SPECIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION-No host cocktails (limited to trustees, friends, and library directors) 663 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe.

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER, SPECIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION dinner. The Palace, Santa Fe.

Tour: Santa Fe Public Library; College of Santa Fe, Fugson Library; Saint John’s College.


Registration and information desk open.
First General Business Meeting Socorro Conference, 1976

The first New Mexico Library Association business meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Puffer at 7:30 p.m. She introduced the officers; Division chairpersons; Border Regional Library Association members; Janice Kee, Library Services Program Officer for the Bureau of Library Programs; Richard Van Wye, Director of Community Librarian Training Project; and the librarians in this program.

Mildred Neal, acting parliamentarian for the town hall meetings.

Reports of Officers

President: Jeanne Winkie reported cash and assets of $12,458.12 as of February 28, 1975.

Standing Committees

Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Mildred Neal reported that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of NMLA, with the approval of the Executive Board, recommended the following change in the Constitution. By-Laws Article VIII, Sections 3, Subsection E, a.

Mountain Plains Library Association

August Hannibal, President

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

John F. Anderson
President-elect

Southwestern Library Association

Wilford West
President-elect

Mountain Plains Library Association

General Publicity and National Library Week: Mildred Neal moved the adoption of this motion. Laura McGauley seconded the motion; motion carried.

Documents Committee: Laura McGauley reported that the Journal Hill 107, for a state publications deposition system, was reported out of committee adversely and is dead for this session. Work has been for Mr. O’Donnell to introduce this legislation next year.

Kathleen Puffer gave Laura a special vote of her for thanks for her work.

General Publicity and National Library Week: Cheryl Randy reported that the committee had selected Mary Austin as the subject for the second part in the NMLA Author Series. Mrs. Martha Julian of Atamoroco submitted two drawings and the selection was made by the Executive Board. Cheryl announced that copies of the Eugene Estes Riley poster have been sold to persons and institutions throughout the United States. The cost of the posters is still $2.00.

Historical Materials Committee: Mary Lindey reported that the scrapbook is on display at the NMLA booth. She made a plea for pictures, newsclippings, and other library information.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee: Joe Sabatini reported that the Committee moved in a number of areas this year. On the censorship issue in Albuquerque, the Committee was successful in getting an exception for public cultural institutions in the ordinance.

For the funding of college libraries, a delegation headed by Calla Ann Pepmuller was sent to the Board of Education for Finance in accordance with the Work Program. The delegation expressed the Committee’s concern for a lack of staffing in the processing of books at the college libraries. The Committee looks to make some progress for the School Division in the next couple of years toward issuance of standards.

A speaker, Calla Ann Pepmuller, was provided for the NMLA-NM Conference for the School Division. Members of the Association were invited to attend two meetings in June of 1974. The structure and function of the Committee was discussed and from this came the conclusion that the structure as it stands is satisfactory. A report on developments for the Executive Board, which provided some structural guidelines for the Committee in the future.

Program reporting for the State Library and State Aid looks to be in a relatively good shape. Work has already begun on the next year’s legislation of the Documents Committee.

Library Development Committee: Vi Hollister presented the report and program for 1975-1976. The program was reviewed and approved. The allocation for the Public Library Division was presented to work in conjunction with the New Mexico State Librarian to develop performance standards for public libraries. This program will be submitted to the next Executive Board meeting for their approval. Vi urged everyone to stay involved in this program and to discuss it with Division chairpersons or a member of the Executive Board.

Special Committees

Nominating Committee: Don Drepp presented the slate that was chosen by the Committee: Vice-President, President Elect, Elinor McCloud, Secretary, Phyllis Moralez, and Treasurer, Richard Van Wye.

Reciprocal Borrowing Special Committee: John Vitalt reported that this Committee has investigated the current state of the reciprocal borrowing plan. A questionnaire was sent to all public and community libraries. The results of the study clearly showed the contract between the libraries, accountants and the present realities of the plan.

While more than thirty libraries now participate in the plan, it is apparent that only the large public libraries actually do participate with any frequency. The degree of participation determined by the policies of each library. No standards exist and librarians throughout the state are evenly divided in their opinions on whether or not state aid should be used as an incentive to participate in the plan.

The major obstacle to a fully operational reciprocal borrowing plan is that many public libraries have not yet reached a stage of development where they can effectively and efficiently participate in such a plan. A direct relationship exists between participation and the size of each library’s collection. The prevailing attitude of the majority of librarians toward the reciprocal borrowing plan is that it is too idealistic in concept and unfeasible in reality and, therefore, should be downplayed at this time.

Kathleen reported that the Committee will further pursue this so that people can be educated about reciprocal borrowing.

Interlibrary Loan Special Committee: Peggy Toter spoke briefly about the Interlibrary Loan Code which was published in the New Mexico Libraries Newsletter. Peggy moved on behalf of the Committee the acceptance of the Interlibrary Loan Code for New Mexico to be adopted. Richard Van Wye seconded the motion; motion carried.

Announcements

Kathleen announced the most unfortunate illness of three of people in the library community: Helen Katola (Past-President of NMLA), Elinor Pickett (New Mexico State Library), and Jack Potter (Santa Fe Public). Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Second general business meeting minutes

Kathleen Puffer called the second business meeting of the New Mexico Library Association to order at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 1976. At the previous meeting, we reported that the next SWLA conference will be in the fall of 1976 in Albuquerque at the Convention Center, and will be a joint meeting with the Mountain Plains Library Association. It is hoped that the various New Mexico library organizations will be involved with this effort in some way or another. It might be used as an opportunity to bring together the librarians and authors of the Southwest. SWLA is a member of the Book League, and we asked the Book League to accomplish this.

SECRETARY: The secretary asked if there were any additions or corrections to last year's minutes as published in the NMLA Newsletter. The minutes were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeanne Winkel reported a total cash and other assets of $121,911.47 as of March 15, 1975.

REPORTS OF DIVISIONS:

SCHOOL LIBRARIES, CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULT SERVICES DIVISION: Elinor McCoysay reported a busy and stormy meeting. The speaker was Don Drees from Las Cruces Public Library who gave an enlightening talk on public relations for school media centers. The slate of new officers will be George Morey of Las Cruces, incoming chairperson, and Jan Gillentine of New Mexico State Library, vice-chairperson.

There was a discussion for changing the dates of the Convention back to Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. This will be discussed further, including extending this would be favorable to them, but there were minority opinions that people cannot get leave from their schools for those few days. Another voiced concern was that division meetings should be held at the Library Conference, rather than at the NMLA Conference. It was voted to hold them at the NMLA Conference, and the division should provide programs for the Saturday of the NMLA Conference.

SPECIAL DIVISION: Jeffy Toomey reported a successful meeting at the University of New Mexico, with a chance to observe the library and the new academic libraries. The next meeting will be on Friday, and the Trustee Division will continue during the one-hour period and will be repeated on Friday.

Linda Avery, librarian at Sandia High School in Albuquerque, will present the three-week freshsman public library model program offered to all (700) incoming freshmen. Don Drees, librarian at the University of New Mexico, will report on the use of academic participation in his presentation. Ben Wakahshi, graduate assistant at the University of New Mexico, will represent academic libraries.

The Wednesday presentations will run consecutively during the one-hour period and will be repeated on Friday.

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION: Verne Geffert from Dale Carnegie was the Division speaker on Public Relations and Communication Techniques. The speakers for the next year are Don Drees, chairperson, and Dean sabey, chairperson-elect. The report of the NMLA Division is not final and the Division will extend the one state compilation by title. The report of the Division is not the only report.

There are reservations about loaning and using the AMIGOS Bible. Therefore, the needs assessment which school libraries will be doing in relation to the State Minimum Standards will be important for school libraries to identify what they are doing. Further, the school libraries should be supported by the State Department of Education and a report of the State Accreditation report for schools collected by the State Department of Education is a report of the types of AV materials and kinds of equipment.

There is a count, but not identification by title. It is not clear if the Division is not the only report. Therefore, the Division is not necessary to identify the problems and equipment available in a school library as well as AV materials.

PRIVATE PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Ellen Esther reported that her speaker was Janice Kee from the HEW office who spoke about the programs in federal funding for support of public libraries. The Work Program was discussed. There was some discussion. Part C of the report was to appoint a new speaker for this part.

The procedures will work to develop some kind of pre-conference workshop dealing with the topic of public library services as a method of increasing their administration.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Ellen Esther's report on the subject of Janice Kee from the HEW office who spoke about the programs in federal funding for support of public libraries. The Work Program was discussed. There was some discussion. Part C of the report was to appoint a new speaker for this part.

There will be two meetings during the year: one with the Municipal League in September and one in May with Frank Cooper from the Department of Accounting and financial accounting and financial records. Dorothy Hotton will be the Division Chairpersons.

TRUSTEE DIVISION: Betty Ahrens reported that several letters have circulated to public library trustees in New Mexico asking for their participation in trustee activity in the Association. Two changes in the constitution were discussed: chairperson and vice-chairperson to serve one year, and to broaden the Trustee Division to include the Friends Organization. Officers for the next year will be Betty Ahrens, chairperson, and Harold Burnett, vice-chairperson-elect. The Division luncheon speaker was Leonard Kauffman. The Trustee Division and committee chairpersons to attend the executive board meeting on Sunday morning.

Christine Buder presented a petition from the exhibitors which stated that they would decline to return to the days of Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday during the NMLA meetings in the future. A poll of members present indicated a split, and the matter will be tabled until next year.

COMMITTEES:

CONVENTION SITE COMMITTEE: Helen Sickles reported around 300 had registered and that some of the meetings were crowded. Kathleen complimented Helen and all the people in Sccororo on doing a fantastic job.

MEMBERSHIP: Dennis Roark reported an active year in enrolling as many members as they could. A special effort will be made to include librarians in the South and Los Alamos. On the local press releases has assured their cooperation.

The Conference will be held the first week-end in April.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The list of nominees was read by Kathleen Puffer. There were no other nominations from the floor for vice-president, president-elect. Joe Sahatini moved that nominations cease and that Elinor McCoysay be installed by acclamation. Pat Taft seconded the motion; motion carried.

There were no other nominations for secretary, treasurer, and trustee meetings. We moved that nominations cease and that Phyllis Morley be elected by acclamation. Betty Ahrens seconded the motion; motion carried. There were no other nominations from treasurer from the floor. Doris Lester moved that the nominations cease and that Richard Drees be elected by acclamation. Doris Jenkins seconded the motion; motion carried.

Kathleen Puffer thanked her family and the VA Hospital for their support and help during her year as president.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT: Kathleen passed the gavel to Christine Buder.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COMMITTEES: CONFERENCES: Christine announced that in the post-conference issue of NEW MEXICO LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER there will be a listing of committees, its job, and who the committee chairpersons and members are.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Marie Campbell

Education Committee: Betty Lloyd

Document Committees: Laura Moore

General Publicity and National Library Week Committee: Cheryl Beck

Historical Materials Committee: Mary Lindsey

Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee: Marilyn O'Hair and Co-Chairperson Doris Lester (Federal Relations Coordinator)

Library Development Committee: Don Drees

Membership Committee: Jeanne Winkel and Elizabeth Cooper, Co-Chairperson (Awards and Honors)

Special Committees: Kathleen Puffer

Scholarship and Recruitment Committee: not announced at this time.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Audiovisual Special Committee: Ed Ganz

Continuing Education Special Committee: Esta Lee Aithong

Employer Fair Special Committee: Ben Wakahshi

Oral History Special Committee: Sarah Zeigler

Rectructor Borrowing Special Committee: John Vital

Statewide Library Services Committee: Laurel Drew

Paul Agresti will once again be editor of NEW MEXICO LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.
1976: Bicentennial achievements meet the Century III challenges

"'Tis but the second month of our bicentennial year, yet almost daily I hear some expression of weariness or cynicism about the celebration of the 200th birthday of our nation. We who live in a very young stage amid cultures centuries older than our nation's may well consider 1776 a less significant year than 1540 or 1599 or 1660 or 1693 or 1821 or 1846 or 1912— all meaningful dates for the peoples of our Land of Cockaignce.

It is perhaps even more difficult to tie our libraries and our library association into a bicentennial celebration. True, the American Library Association was established a century ago, but New Mexico Library Association has been organized for a mere 52 years. It is generally conceded that our first professionally trained librarian, Julia Brown Asplund, came to the Territory in 1903; library groups within the New Mexico Education Association met as early as 1914; but not until late in 1923 or early in 1925 was NMLA formed.

Our untingering editor is still searching for the first library in New Mexico. Perhaps lack of response to her continuing query stems from something new!!

NMLA roundtables being organized

Two roundtables are in the process of formation within NMLA. You will hear more about the actual procedures for organization at the Conference. Briefly, a roundtable may be organized by members whose interests cut across division lines.

One roundtable is the Archives of Local History, an outgrowth of the Oral History Special Committee. Oral history projects have been popular and wide ranging, but have pointed to the need to broaden attention to all aspects of local history and its preservation.

The second roundtable, Library Services to the Institutionalized is concerned with services to many kinds of institutions—prison, schools for the blind, deaf, and other handicapped individuals, etc.

Both roundtables will meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 2 to explore the potentials of a roundtable organization.

Book Fair
Set April 1-3

The New Mexico Book League and Friends of the Albuquerque Public Library are jointly sponsoring the New Mexico State Book Fair to be held April 1, 2, 3 at the Albuquerque Main Library, 5th and Copper NW.

The hours will be April 1, 6-9 p.m; April 2 3-9, 5 p.m. Admission is free. Thirty booths are planned for New Mexico book sellers and southwestern publishers.

Many authors from the state and the southwest will be appearing throughout the fair to autograph books. A 19th century printing press will be on display and printing sample copy for souvenirs. The striking poster for the fair, in a parchment paper and suitable for framing, will be for sale.

Susan D. Badger
Publicity Chairman

S. OMAR BARKER

Native New Mexican, and one of its most delightful and colorful author-poets, S. Omar Barker will be the speaker at the annual banquet.

His topic will be Fifty Years of Hunt and Peck, reflecting his wide range of writing and experiences. Erna Ferguson named him "one of New Mexico's best interpreters as poet, raconteur and writer of Westerns with the flavor and rhythm of absolute truth." Mr. Barker's articles have been published in numerous magazines including The Saturday Evening Post, Zane Grey Magazine, Western Story Magazine, and Short Stories.

Long active in the Western Writers of America, he is a past president of the organization and has received various awards for his short stories and poems. In 1967 he was given the organization's Golden Saddle Trophy as the author who has contributed most to the field of Western Americans. Mr. Barker's books, Little World Apart, was listed in theALA 1967 "Notable Books for Young Adults".

Mr. Barker has been writing since 1911. While writing over 1500 short stories, 2000 verses, and 1500 articles, he has also been a teacher, forest ranger, soldier, New Mexico State Representative, rancher, newspaper correspondent for all the New Mexico newspapers in "different times", and publicity wrangler for genuine old west rodeos.

His hobbies and interest include hunting, fishing, riding, local sports events, but most of all New Mexico mountains, mountain men, ranchers, and cowboys.

*I refer to your Wynona, 1970, part 2: "We celebrate new knowledge...." Outdated? New relationships with old friends..."*That new adventure and meaning To old dreams we had before.*

Christine L. Baker

CENTURY III

Behold! This is CENTURY III
Do you wonder what that means?
Is this the start of our 3rd century
In which to fulfill our dreams?

The New Mexico Library
Association greets you;
And we cordially invite you
To stop by and see what's new.

The interchange of ideas
Will promote understanding
Of untapped capabilities
Recalled from minds unmooring.

Librarians meet in libraries
Admitting its quire a bore
What they want are talking people
Shush, quiet please, is no more!

There is no winning finger
Which quietly points to lips.
No one cares if things get heated
Additional exclamation grip no grips.

Librarians concepts are changing
And a v is not banned.
Busy libraries are noisy
While learning becomes more grand.

David E. Hettel
Dishelversed

Kaplan gives video tape workshops

F r a n k Kaplan, Coordinator, Instructional Television, Albuquerque Public Schools, will be giving two workshops on the use of video tape in the library. Applications of video in a library setting will be discussed, plus, possibly, a look at some videotape as examples. Possibilities for future use will also be discussed.

In addition, Mr. Kaplan will be involved in the A-V workshop as a resource person on video. The video workshops are on Thursday, April 1, 2-3 p.m. and on Friday, April 2, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Lobbying, Committees, new programs

Committee reports on evaluation

The Library Development Committee's basic charge is the preparation of the Association's work program for the ensuing year. This year the Committee was additionally charged with making "an evaluation of the original Coordinated Library Systems document — the actual progress in the first three years."

The Committee met in Albuquerque on December 11, 1975 and reviewed the Coordinated Library Systems document and a list of the various points contained in the Coordinated Library Systems document, a chart was used in the discussion. The intention of the CSLS program had been made and what was yet to be accomplished. It was noted during the discussion that there were areas of concern which were not addressed in the original document — or at least, only discussed peripherally — but which the Committee felt should be included. These areas were noted on the chart.

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On January 29, 1976 the Committee met in Los Angeles where the work accomplished up to the December meeting was reviewed. It was the opinion of the Committee as well as of others who attended that a CSLS document was sound but that there were areas which needed clarification. This feeling is reflected in the Committee's proposed 1976-1977 NMLA work program.

The 1976-1977 work program was developed based on the discussions that took place at the committee's meetings. The program developed by the Committee was reviewed and discussed by the NMLA Executive Board on January 31st and revisions were made in line with their suggestions. The final program for consideration by the NMLA membership is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
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NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
proposed 1976-1977 Work Programs
Library Development Committee and NMLA Division Chairmen:
Update and clarify the Coordinated Library Systems document.
Library Development Committee and Trustee Division:
Explore statewide library's conference on libraries.
School Library, Children and Youth Adult Services Division:
Work toward the improvement of communication among school librarians regarding the Coordinated Library Systems through presentations where ever they would be most effective.

By working in coordination with the State Department of Education, develop guidelines for the minimum standards as they relate to school accreditation.
School Library, Children and Adult Services Division and the Public Library Division:
Explain state and public library cooperative programs, including the concept of joint use.

Public Library Division:
Direct the activity of the committee to revise standards for public libraries toward the development of standards for community libraries.

Present a workshop for public library staff.

Documents Committee and Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee:
Support the effort for an expanded depository system for New Mexico state publications.

Cultural Education Special Committee:
Carry out a program in Continuing Education.

College, University and Special Libraries Division:
Discuss and study the study the role of the College, University and Special Libraries Division in NMLA, soliciting recommendations regarding its functions.

Trustee Division, Public Library Division and College, University and Special Libraries Division:
Prepare a list of trustees and friends of libraries.

NMLA Library Development Committee
Committee candidates

Vice-President, President Elect — VIDA HOLLIS: Librarian, Northeastern Regional Library. Vida has been a member of the New Mexico Library Association since 1965. In addition to serving on various committees, she has been Chairperson, Library Development Committee. Vida also was Chairperson of the Public Library Division and Chair of the Boksmoile Section of PLD, which she helped to create.

Secretary — GRETHELEN REDFIELD: Automated Bibliographic Control Coordinator, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico. A member of the Association since her fairly recent arrival to New Mexico, Grethele has been involved with several of the NMLA programs, including the AMIGOS workshop.

Kathy Puffer — Chairperson

NMLA increasingly active

(During this Bicentennial year, the newsletter will be featuring articles and comments by our Past Presidents of the Association).

When I took office as President of NMLA in 1967, library affairs in the state were in a period of ferment. The State Library Extension Service was growing into the present State Library and Title V was having its impact. Both of these had their effect on the growth of NMLA.

Since its beginning, the State Library Extension Service, except for one brief period, has published Association News in its New Mexico Library Bulletin in return for modest support from NMLA.

The Library Commission felt this was no longer feasible and voted to terminate the arrangement. Left without a means of formal communication, the NMLA Board voted to begin publication of New Mexico Libraries with Chris Buder heroically volunteering to be its first editor.

Though the Governor had been asked to form the Advisory Council required by Title V, and it appeared that he was not going to respond in time for the state to meet the deadline required to qualify for Title V funds, the Association turned to call the organizational meeting that resulted in the Library Advisory Council. While assured later that the Council was soon to be made official by the State, the Council was soon to be made official by the State, and charge, and change, it became an active Council with adequate library representation.

Last, but not least, the internal structure of NMLA began to change. For the first time Section Chairmen, as they then were, were elected by the membership to attend Executive Board meetings. When the Constitution was revised a year or so later, and Divisions were established, the Chairmen became voting members of the Board.

All in all it was an exciting year for me to have served as President. Since then the Association has become increasingly active under more capable leadership. May its enthusiasm continue!

-Mildred Barrett

President, NMLA, 1967-1968
SWLA receives $120,000 for humanities program

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the Southwestern Library Association a grant of $120,000 for a one-year project to stimulate the use of the public library as a medium for relating academic humanists to the current concerns of the general adult public through the development of programs to be presented by the libraries.

This grant will be used to create a learning kit to assist public libraries in the region in the development of humanities programs. The kit will also offer direction to the libraries on program planning and on making application to the state-based Committees on the Humanities for grants to implement the programs.

With the overall theme of The Southwestern Mosaic: Living in a Land of Extremes, each kit will include three learning packets focusing on a separate topic within the theme.

Dr. Joe B. Frantz, Texas State Historical Association and Thelma Phillips of the Arlington (Texas) Public Library will produce each packet on Southwestern Cultures and Their Contributions to Present Society. Attitudes on the Use of Natural Resources is being developed by Dr. Donald Green of Central State University, Oklahoma and Edwin Wiles of the Central State University Library. Evolution of Political Institutions and Leadership in the Southwest will be created by Dr. Joyotaul Chaudhuri of the University of Arizona and Kathleen Dannerreiter of the Tucson Public Library.

Additional kit materials are being produced by the project staff in the SWLA Office.

Distribution of the kits to all public libraries in the region will begin in late summer.

Marion Mitchell
SWLA

New energy reference tool available

The New Mexico Energy Research Resource Registry in printed form is a directory of New Mexico researchers and facilities, cumulative through June, 1975, that identified their involvement in energy-related research and development projects. The publication is organized to aid both the New Mexico citizen interested in energy and the researcher who needs energy information. 

Section I is an alphabetical list of researchers with addresses arranged by energy interest area. Fourteen areas are identified, including coal, oil, and gas, nuclear, and solar. Section II is a compilation of more detailed entries on the researchers listed in Section I, fields of specialization within the general interest area are identified. Section III lists facilities interested in energy research and development projects.

Please send me one copy of the New Mexico Energy Research Resource Registry. I am enclosing $20.00. Bill me.

NAME
ADDRESS

Workshop set March 29-30

A Conservation, Preservation, Restoration Workshop will be held March 29-30, at Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico. It is sponsored in part by the Greater Albuquerque Library Association, New Mexico Library Association, Rio Grande Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

The objective of the workshop is to upgrade the skills of library and archival personnel so they will recognize the need to preserve the literary and historical records that are unique to New Mexico and learn the techniques for preserving and restoring materials that may be a part-time, paid librarian. A room in the corner of the first floor of the new Town Hall was chosen as the library. It opened on October 13, 1893. In 1904, with funds from Andrew Carnegie, a library building was completed.

Eileen Ehrler, Librarian

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