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3 Great Reasons to Attend NMLA's Annual Conference

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Attend the annual business meeting to make your voice heard!
See pages 6-7 for more information about critical membership votes.

INSPIRATION

The programs are designed to help you seek, learn and inspire —
not to mention the good food and good company you'll enjoy.
Page 7 tells you more!

ADMIRATION

Find out which of the contest entries from amazingly talented graphic designers
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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Spring is just around the corner. It certainly has been a winter to remember: school delays, libraries closing and snow banks have become very familiar. It certainly was a winter for curling up in front of a roaring fire and reading a good book.

This April I hope that you are all planning on attending our annual library conference in Las Cruces. While it is a distance to drive for many of you, it will be worth the effort. The conference theme, *seek * learn * inspire* will leave you with ideas and inspiration for the year ahead. If you haven't had a chance to look at the variety of programs and featured speakers please do so today. Each year our programs have grown in depth and variety. There is certainly something for everybody.

Also, it will be the unveiling of our new NMLA logo. It is fantastic. I would love to share it with you all today, but mum's the word until the

conference. The logo committee received over 160 entries. The NMLA board had a chance to view them all at their January meeting, and then carefully selected twelve, then five, and then the winner. Thanks to all of you for promoting this project. One lucky library will receive \$500 from NMLA and the winning artist will receive \$1,500.

I have just received the good news that Governor Richardson will sign the GO Bond later today. Please help spread the news of the importance of this extra revenue to NM libraries so that voters will pass the GO Bond for libraries in November.

Spring is just around the corner and we have many things to look forward to.

See you in Las Cruces,

Louise Hoffman

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Return of the NNMYSIG

Angie Manfredi
 Chair, NNMYSIG

The Northern New Mexico Youth Services Special Interest Group (NNMYSIG) was recently revived by co-chairs Vaunda Micheaux Nelson and Lori Snyder. In an effort to spark interest in the group again, Ms. Micheaux Nelson and Ms. Snyder hosted a roundtable at the Loma Colorado Public Library in Rio Rancho on September 21. 25 people, including librarians and teachers, attended the roundtable on promoting poetry in your library. Speakers covered a range of topics, from nursery rhyme programming for the young to using novels in verse with teenagers. Everyone in attendance was glad to have the chance to share ideas and network and all expressed happiness with the group's revival.

After serving as co-chairs of the NNMYSIG for many years, Ms. Micheaux Nelson and Ms. Snyder felt it was time for a change and asked if anyone would volunteer to take over. Angie Manfredi volunteered to

take over the committee and committed her library, Mesa Public Library, to hosting the next roundtable.

Handouts promoting the NNMYSIG were distributed at Summer Reading workshops held by the State Library in early November and, anticipating future user content, a WordPress blog was created for posting updates at <http://nnmyssig.wordpress.com/>

The next roundtable, focusing on programming for the very young and for teenagers, is scheduled at the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos on Friday May 2nd from 9:00-3:30 PM. All NMLA members and members of the NNMYSIG are invited. Promotion for the roundtable will take place at the NMLA conference in April, through e-mail distribution, and with cooperation and assistance from Beth Crist at the State Library. Any suggestions or comments from the NMLA body at large, regarding both the next roundtable and the NNMYSIG in general, are welcomed. Please contact Angie Manfredi at (505) 662-8257 or

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These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA.
 Thank you, sustaining members! Your confidence is contagious!

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Critical Votes Scheduled for Annual Business Meeting

Lorie Christian,
Interim Chair of the Membership Committee

If you have never attended the Business Meeting at the NMLA Annual Conference, this would be a good time to start! The NMLA Conference and NMLA Business Meeting will be held Friday, April 11th, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. During this meeting, members will vote on a membership dues change.

It has been recommended by the NMLA Board that Article II of the New Mexico Library Association Bylaws be changed to (1) separate the Commercial and Institutional Members category, and (2) increase the Commercial Membership rate from \$55/year to \$150/year. Currently, two of NMLA's personal membership categories (Sustaining and Salary \$50,000+) are higher than the dues for this combined category.

Your vote is needed on these important items! Please attend the Business Meeting!

First Item up for Membership Vote:

Current:

ARTICLE II, Section 3. Institutional members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of personal members except those of voting and holding office. Institutional membership is not issued in the name of an individual and has no voting privileges or reduced conference rates.

ARTICLE II, Section 4. The Executive Board shall recommend to the membership the categories of members and dues structures. Categories of members and dues structures shall become effective for the next fiscal year on the majority vote of the members present and voting at a business meeting.

ARTICLE II, Section 5. Membership dues shall be for one year. Application for membership shall be made to the Treasurer.

Proposed (changes are underlined):

ARTICLE II, Section 3. Institutional members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of personal members except those of voting and holding office. Institutional membership is not issued in the name of an individual and has no voting privileges or reduced conference rates.

ARTICLE II, Section 4. Commercial members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of personal members except those of voting and holding office. Commercial membership can be issued in the name of an individual but has no voting privileges or reduced conference rates.

ARTICLE II, Section 5. The Executive Board shall recommend to the membership the categories of members and dues structures. Categories of members and dues structures shall become effective for the next fiscal year on the majority vote of the members present and voting at a business meeting.

ARTICLE II, Section 6. Membership dues shall be for one year. Application for membership shall be made to the Treasurer.

Second Item for Membership Vote:

Current dues for Institution/Commercial Membership is \$55.00 for one year.

The Institution Membership would remain at \$55.00 for one year.

The Commercial Membership dues would be raised to \$150.00 for one year and include the Commercial member's choice of a free half-page ad in one year's worth of NMLA newsletters or a free half-page advertisement in the Annual Conference Program.

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Cassandra Osterloh,
NMLA Vice President

The New Mexico Library Association is coming to Las Cruces! The NMLA Annual Conference will be held from April 9th- 11th at Corbett Center on the New Mexico State University campus. Highlights include:

- A variety of pre-conference sessions covering intellectual freedom, caring for collections, government information, and a librarian's journey through Japan.
- Opening reception gala (Wednesday) with refreshments, entertainment, and a first look at the vendor exhibits.
- Engaging keynote presentations by ALA President Dr. Loriene Roy (Thursday) and speaker, consultant and Search Engine Showdown compiler Greg Notess (Friday).
- Special events! Celebrate with our award winners by attending the Awards dinner with emcee Dr. Mary Bushing (Thursday) at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn. Enjoy the Youth Literature Luncheon featuring award-winning "City of Ember" author

Jeanne DuPrau (Friday).

For a complete listing of conference events and sessions, please see the online conference program at http://www.nmla.org/2008_Conference/program.htm

Be sure to take advantage of the early bird rates and register before March 15th. The registration form is now available at

http://www.nmla.org/2008_Conference/registration.htm

More information about accommodations and local attractions in Las Cruces, vendor information, and other conference info, is available on the conference page of the NMLA website at

http://www.nmla.org/2008_Conference/conference_home.htm

See you in Las Cruces!



NMSU Receives Domenici Papers



IT TOOK THREE MOVING VANS AND TWO AND A HALF DAYS TO DELIVER THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF THE DOMENICI PAPERS. PHOTO CREDIT: JEANETTE SMITH

Jeannette Smith
NMSU

Nearly 2,000 boxes filled with documents and memorabilia chronicling the legacy of U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici are now housed in the New Mexico State University Library. Additional boxes are expected to arrive at NMSU later this year as the university works to build the Domenici Archive collection.

Late last year, the Library received 1,923 linear feet of printed material, enough to stretch more than a quarter-mile high if the single sheets of paper were stacked on top of one another. The documents are currently being stored at Branson Library in a controlled access area. In all, the initial load of documents weighed approximately thirty tons.

For more information, please contact Stephen Hussman, head of the NMSU Library's Archives and Special Collections Department at (575) 646-4756.

Legislation

A MARGINALLY PRODUCTIVE LEGISLATIVE YEAR

Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair,
NMLA Legislation Committee

The 2008 Session of the Legislature was a status-quo year for libraries. We were successful in getting library bond funding on the November ballot, but the only increase was the addition of tribal libraries as a fourth type of library to share in the \$11 million bond issue. Public, academic and school libraries continue to get \$3 million each, the same as the 2006 bond issue. As of this writing, Governor Richardson had not yet signed Senate Bill 333, the 2008 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Bill. Nor had he acted on Senate Bill 471, the Severance Tax Bond Projects Bill, which funds 96 individual library projects around the state. It is likely that a few of these projects will be deleted through line item vetoes, but that the Governor will sign the bill.

The largest capital outlay project for libraries in SB 471 is the "3rd million" for the School Library Materials Act. Two million dollars were appropriated in the general budget bill, HB 2. Three million dollars is the same school library materials funding as was available in the 2007-2008 budget. Despite the active support of the Legislative Interim Information Technology and Telecommunications Oversight Committee, the bill increasing state grants-in-aid to public libraries, SB 215, was not heard by the Senate Finance Committee after receiving a "do-pass" recommendation in the Senate Education Committee. This appropriation would have raised New Mexico's program to the average amount appropriated in peer states, \$1.57 per capita, compared to the current \$.14 per capita.

There were significant efforts to address rural library funding. The RAIL group of non-profit libraries in Rio Arriba County promoted a bill (SB 223) by Senator Richard Martinez to provide operational funding for public libraries with local government funding under \$50,000 annually. Representative Janice Arnold-Jones put in appropriations (HB 499 and HB 500) to fund the Rural Library Development Fund. These bills were endorsed in their initial committees, but were not heard by the Finance Committees. At the suggestion of NMLA Legislative Advocates Tom and Larry Horan, we encouraged Senator Martinez and Rep. Arnold-

Jones to work together on the question of operational funding for small rural libraries. Over the year, as the NMLA Legislation Committee and the G.O. Bond Task Force worked on legislative priorities, it became clear that our current methods of funding library services in New Mexico are disjointed and not addressing basic needs. Rep. Arnold-Jones put in a bill, HB 498, to appropriate \$50,000 to hold a state conference on libraries and economic development. She has emphasized the impact of technology on library services, and sees libraries as key players in rural economic development. She has been critical of present methods of funding library service. When the House Appropriations and Finance Committee heard HB 498, they tabled it while being generally supportive of the concept. The Legislature generally was not funding new initiatives in response to projections of economic recession and reduced state revenues.

One measure passed which does address the question of operational support, House Memorial 59 by Rep. James Roger Madalena of Jemez Pueblo. It calls upon the State Library and the Indian Affairs Department "to undertake a joint comprehensive assessment of tribal libraries throughout the state to determine financial resources and needs for the operation of those libraries...." By substituting the word "rural" for "tribal" in this resolution, the text could serve as a restatement of the concerns expressed by supporters of the RAIL initiative. Despite the failure to get increased funding for state aid or for the bond issue, we are building support to address outstanding public library funding issues. Librarians addressed our concerns on Legislative Day, when an excellent turnout of more than 100 came to lobby and demonstrate our presence with colorful red and yellow "New Mexico Libraries Change Lives" tee-shirts. Our next priority needs to be the active promotion of Bond Issue B, to increase public awareness of our needs. The 2008 Bonds for Libraries Political Action Committee will need money to conduct this campaign, so be generous with your support and encourage other library supporters to do so.

People News

THOMSON SCIENTIFIC/FRANK BRADWAY ROGERS INFORMATION ADVANCEMENT AWARD

The Rogers Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions for the application of technology to the delivery of health science information, to the science of information, or to the facilitation of the delivery of health science information. The award is sponsored by Thomson Scientific.

The 2008 award recipients are: Louis J. Lafrado, PhD, L&D Associates Consulting Group, Linda Morgan Davis, MLS, MBA, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, and Earleen Groseclose, PHN, Santa Fe Indian Hospital. Their work with tribes in New Mexico has been largely sponsored by grant funding from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region and First Community Bank. The projects have centered on the use of Treo phones by public health nurses to provide connectivity in rural and frontier areas of New Mexico to increase ehealth in rural American Indian communities at point of care.

The award will be made in May at the Medical Library Association Conference to be held in Chicago.

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR ALBUQUERQUE/ BERNALILLO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BRING INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Eileen O'Connell

Ida Mazzoni and Dean Smith recently joined the administrative team for the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System as assistant directors. Ida has long been active in the New Mexico library community, most recently as manager of A/BCLS's Main Library. Before joining the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, Ida held positions at the NATO Defense College Library in Rome, the United Nations in Rome, and Fleming College in Florence.

Dean Smith comes to New Mexico following his tenure as senior development librarian in the Southwark Libraries in London. Prior to his time in England, Dean served as senior children's librarian and regional librarian for the New York Public Library.

Join a Team!

Ben Wakashige and Valerie Nye

We are forming a walking team for the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk in Albuquerque on Sunday April 27th. Please consider joining our team of librarians walking for this important cause.

For information on how to join go to <http://tinyurl.com/242xxj> and click on "Join Librarians Fighting Breast Cancer."

Why walk? Walking with us will let you:

- ◆ Meet new people and connect with librarians around the state.
- ◆ Help educate people in your life about cancer. Just telling people you are participating in this walk opens doors to important discussions.
- ◆ Raise funds that will help with research, treatment, and education.

- ◆ Enjoy one of the most beautiful walks in Albuquerque! At what other time will Rio Grande Boulevard be closed so you can walk down the road and admire all of the beautiful homes

Please share this information with people you work with. Most importantly, join us!



Opportunities

AN INVITATION TO BREAKFAST

Kathy Barco and Valerie Nye

When we published *Breakfast Santa Fe Style* nearly two years ago, many of our librarian friends and colleagues said "Why didn't you tell us you were working on this? We would have helped with the research!"

Well, here's your chance!

We are writing and editing a new book - *Breakfast New Mexico Style*, and we need your research assistance! Are you a current or retired New Mexico librarian, or library staff/board member? We want you! Help us find great New Mexico breakfast restaurants and write an essay about your favorites. In addition, be prepared to tell us about your library, tell us about the restaurant's community, and make a book recommendation.

As part of this book, we will be highlighting the great work done in New Mexico's libraries and a portion of the royalties from every book sold will be donated to the New Mexico Library Foundation.

Have we whetted your appetite? Check out our full call for essays and reviews by following this link.

<http://www.breakfastsantafestyle.com/PDF/FebCall.pdf>

NEW MEXICO YOUTH SERVICES ROUNDTABLE MAY 2ND

Angie Manfredi, NNMYSSIG Chair

The next NNMYSSIG (Northern New Mexico Youth Services Special Interest Group) Roundtable will be held in Los Alamos at Mesa Public Library on Friday May 2nd from 9:00-3:30. The topic for the day will be programming for two of your hardest to reach and yet most valuable patrons bases: the very young and teenagers. In the morning session, we'll be covering programs for the very young and in the afternoon we'll discuss teen services. If you are interested in further information on joining the SIG or attending the roundtable, please contact Angie Manfredi, Chair @ angelina.manfredi@lacnm.us or 662-8258. The group now has a blog that is eager for user-driven submissions: <http://nnmyssig.wordpress.com/>

ONLINE COURSES AVAILABLE THROUGH NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

Susan Pinkerton, NMSU

Have you been wondering where you or your staff can take online credit courses in library science conveniently, and at a reasonable price? The Library Science Program at New Mexico State University - Doña Ana Community College in Las Cruces, NM has a great line-up of both undergraduate and graduate online course offerings for summer and fall. All courses are offered ONLINE! Our online courses are very convenient and do not require visits to the campus, and do not require you to be online at a specific time. All you need is Internet access! Registration for summer and fall courses starts in April!

It's easy to be admitted and enroll in our reasonably priced courses. Out of state students enrolling in 6 credits or less even receive the in state tuition rates! For a list of upcoming courses or further information, go to the web site at <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/bis/libtec/> or for an information packet by mail or questions,

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Opportunities

We Want to Give You Money For Children's Books!

- Is your library a public library, or a school library that serves at the community public library?
- Do you serve a population of 10,000 people or less?
- Is your library rural? (Over 30 miles from Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, Rio Rancho, Roswell, or Santa Fe)
- Does your library have a budget less than \$150,000 annually?
- Is your library interested in purchasing up to \$1050 in children's books?

If your answer is "YES" to these questions, you may be eligible for a Libri Grant in partnership with the New Mexico Library Foundation.

Step 1: Fill out the Libri Grant - a fairly simple grant application. Visit this website for more information visit: <http://www.librifoundation.org/apponline.html>

Step 2: In section VI of the application, fill out the form stating the New Mexico Library Foundation will be your local sponsor and will contribute \$350.

Step 3: Send the grant and wait for notification from the Libri Foundation.

Step 4: Contact Valerie Nye at vnye@csf.edu <<mailto:vnye@csf.edu>> or 505-473-6575 and request a New Mexico Library Foundation application.

Step 5: If you receive notification from the Libri Foundation, immediately send the New Mexico Library Foundation a grant application form indicating that you have received the Libri grant.

\$350 grants from the New Mexico Library Foundation will be awarded to libraries on a first come, first serve basis. The next deadline for this grant cycle is April 15, 2008.

Questions? Contact Valerie Nye at vnye@csf.edu <<mailto:vnye@csf.edu>> or 505-473-6575.



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