For 2010, ‘change’ is the watchword at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces. Beginning in April with the appointment of a new Library Administrator, Lynette Schurdevin, the Library has seen an unprecedented amount of changes, both physical and philosophical.

Room to Grow
A new meeting room, the Road Runner Room, has been added on for public and library events. The old meeting room will become a new, updated public computer lab. The Kiva Room in the Children’s Department is also being redesigned for programming.

Better Service, Better Collections
The library is moving to a RFID system which will allow faster and more accurate checking in and out of items, better security and an accurate inventory count. By the end of the summer, the public can expect to see a redesigned Circulation area and service model. Branigan will also open a small branch library in San Andres High School.

Pictured above: The new computer lab will host over 25 public computers as well as an area for wireless users.
A team of ten librarians with their friends and family formed a team of more than twenty people to walk in Albuquerque’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on April 25th. The librarians walked with over 20,000 people on a five-mile trail beginning and ending at the Cottonwood Mall. Walkers involved in the event raised over half-a-million dollars, with the team of librarians contributing and raising over $750.

When asked about why they participated in the walk, librarians responded with a variety of reasons.

Susanne Caro shares, “My grandmother was too embarrassed to talk to her doctor about the lump which eventually grew to the size of a baseball. When my grandfather learned she was terminal he stopped eating and died one day after she passed. They had been married for 50 years and he couldn’t live without her. What the walk meant to me was supporting awareness so that women aren’t afraid or embarrassed speak up or get screened. “

Ben Wakashige said, “Members of my immediate family have had cancer – my mother died of cancer and my sister is a cancer survivor. So many of my library colleagues have had cancer and are survivors. The very least we can do is to work toward beating cancer not only for the present but for the future. The “Walk” is but one way of expressing our commitment to this end.”

Joe Sabatini said he participated in the walk because, “I enjoy the opportunity to be a part of a worthy yet enjoyable outing. It is a way to remember colleagues who have passed, and other colleagues who have survived.”

Susan Sheldon believes, “Librarians always want to help a good cause. It’s in our nature. So many of us have been touched by breast cancer so this is an especially important cause for us.”
By Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair NMLA Legislation Committee

The Bonds for Libraries Political Action Committee, working with the Cooney-Watson Public Relations firm, has created a radio spot to promote the passage of State Bond Issue B. A CD will be distributed to library directors throughout the state, so that they can work with supporters in their communities to purchase multiple plays on local radio stations of their choice during the month of October. The CD contains both an English and a Spanish language version of the sixty second message. David Giltrow, Joe Sabatini and Omar Durant met with Eric Martinez of Cooney-Watson on June 7th, and determined that the most effective way to reach voters was to emphasize the economic value of libraries. Once the text was approved, the PAC reviewed samples from four narrators and selected one. Phil Kimball, library manager at the South Valley Branch of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library System, prepared a Spanish translation, which was then revised and recorded by Adrian Sandoval of New Mexico Highlands University. Mr. Sandoval also recorded the Spanish language spot used in the 2008 campaign. The kit containing the CDs and other materials will be distributed at the end of July.

Library supporters can help promote the bond issue by:

♦ Getting a Yes on Bond B bumper strip and PUT IT ON YOUR CAR. Get bumper strips for colleagues, friends and family members. You can request bumper strips from the PAC at Bonds for Libraries Political Action Committee, 1380 Rio Rancho Blvd SE #172, Rio Rancho, NM 87124 or emailing contactus@bondsforlibraries.org.

♦ Getting and distributing bookmarks, flyers and fact sheets locally. These are available from the PAC, and can be downloaded from their website.

♦ Working with fellow librarians and supporters and raising money to purchase radio spots.

♦ Writing op-ed pieces and letters to the editor of local newspapers. There are samples at the website.

Remember that early voting starts on October 5th, and that more than thirty percent of voters will have voted before Election Day, November 2nd. For more information, check the PAC website at: http://www.bondsforlibraries.org/

The English Language Text for Bonds for Libraries Radio Spot

Did you know that libraries are lifelines during these difficult economic times? Many New Mexicans cannot afford to purchase computers or internet service so they count on free library access to find employment listings and apply for jobs.

The fact is, libraries are some of the only remaining places where they can get what they need for free—but it’s not free to keep libraries going. You can help keep your library going by voting yes on State Bond Issue B issue this November.

The New Mexico library general obligation bond program will provide funds for books, computers, online access to information, videos, audio books and other important resources that New Mexicans need during these difficult economic times.

If passed, Bond B funds will benefit public, tribal, college, university and public school libraries. By voting yes on Bond B, you are extending an economic lifeline to your friends, your neighbors and your community — and that will help all of us. For more information, visit bondsforlibraries.org. Paid for by Bonds for Libraries, Linda O’Connell, Treasurer.
Tireman Library Closing Temporarily
Tireman Library in the College of Education at the University of New Mexico will close in mid-July. Most of the materials will transition to Zimmerman Library. Please feel free to contact Leslie Chamberlin at saticoy@unm.edu for details or call 277-7260. Major changes are in the works! Submitted by Leslie Chamberlin.

New Programs at CPL
The Capitan Public Library has added two new programs: Teen Reading Club and Adult Reading Group. The Summer Reading program, coordinated by Debbie Myers and Susie Morss has been a huge success, averaging 25 attendees and up to 38 kids. Submitted by Pat Garrett.

Branigan Library Temporarily Closing Public Computer Lab
On July 19, 2010, Branigan Library will be closing its public computer lab in order to move into the recently completed Dresp Room Computer Lab. Public computers will be unavailable to the public from July 19 to 24 while the computers are moved, cleaned, repaired and updated. “We are very excited about this move and what it represents for the public.” said Margaret Neill, Technical Services and Systems Manager. “Not only were we able to upgrade our internet and wireless connections for faster access, as well.” The lab will reopen to the public in its new location on Monday, July 26, 2010. Submitted by Margaret Neill.

New Beisman Collection at Highlands
The New Mexico Highlands University Donnelly Library will hold a grand opening for its Beisman Collection Friday, Aug. 13, during Las Vegas Heritage Week. The Beisman family is donating their father’s extensive historical collection to the university, including some of the only remaining surveys from the original town of Las Vegas, as well as other early maps, survey equipment, and books. Some of the most unique items in the collection will be on display at the grand opening, which will be at 2 p.m. on the third floor of the Donnelly Library at 802 National Ave. Submitted by Cheryl Zebrowski.

Author Presentation at UNM’s Center for Development and Disability Information Network
Dr. Jane Bluestein will present a lecture series revolving around discipline and behavior management for use in classroom environments. Dr. Bluestein’s new book (2010) “Becoming a Win-Win Teacher; Survival Strategies for the Beginning Educator” will be featured. See Dr. Bluestein’s website for her other books, publications, and presentations: http://www.janebluestein.com

“You Can’t Make Me!”
Wed., September 29, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

“My Brain Doesn’t Work Like That!”
Wed., October 20, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

“No, Really I’m FINE!”
Wed., January 12, 2011, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Events will be located at the CDD and are free, but seating is limited. To register, please contact Jeanne Favret, jfavret@salud.unm.edu, (505)-272-0281.
YALSA will host the biennial Young Adult Literature Symposium, [http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/yalitsymposium/symposium.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/yalitsymposium/symposium.cfm), in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 5-7!

This year’s theme, "Diversity, Literature, and Teens: Beyond Good Intentions," discusses today’s generation of teens — likely the most diverse generation ever. Does today’s young adult literature reflect the many different faces, beliefs and identities of today’s teens? What impact is this generation having on young adult literature and vice versa? Join YALSA as we explore the depth and breadth of contemporary literature in search of an answer to these questions.

On Friday, attendees can add an optional full-day preconference on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender topics in YA literature to their registration. They can also add optional half-day mini forums on street literature, teen readers’ advisory, or body acceptance in YA literature. On Saturday, registrants can add the optional Bill Morris Memorial Author Luncheon, featuring Vaunda Micheaux Nelson (Coretta Scott King Award winning author of Bad News for Outlaws) or a tour and reception at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

The symposium registration includes a Friday welcome reception, educational sessions on Saturday and Sunday, and an authors’ happy hour on Saturday afternoon.

All symposium attendees will receive a continuing education certificate showing the number of contact hours each person received. For example, an attendee who attended the preconference and four sessions will earn a certificate showing they received 12 contact hours.

Early bird registration costs at $195 for YALSA and NMLA members, $245 for ALA members, $300 for nonmembers, and $50 for student members and expires September 10. You can find a preliminary program, program list, registration and more at [www.ala.org/yalitsymposium](http://www.ala.org/yalitsymposium).

Questions? Contact YALSA at [yalsa@ala.org](mailto:yalsa@ala.org) or 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4390.
New! Certificate of Children’s Literature

New Mexico State University – Doña Ana Community College is pleased to announce the addition of a new certificate option, available completely online.

The Certificate of Children’s Literature consists of a total of 18 credits of Library Science:

- L SC 290 Introduction to Children’s Literature or L SC 295 Introduction to Young Adult Literature (3 credits)
- L SC 286 Children’s Literature and the Primary Curriculum or L SC 287 Children’s Literature and the Intermediate Curriculum or L SC 288 Children’s Literature and the Middle School Curriculum (3 credits)
- L SC 296 Multicultural Books for Children and Youth (3 credits)
- L SC 155 Award Winning Books for Children (1 credit)
- L SC 156 Boys and Books (1 credit)
- Electives from the following 1 credit courses: (7 credits)
  - L SC 154 State Children’s Book Awards
  - L SC 191 Children’s Books & Their Movie Adaptations
  - L SC 192 Myths and Legends in Children’s Literature
  - L SC 193 Poetry for Children
  - L SC 194 The Art of Picture Books
  - L SC 195 Mysteries for Children
  - L SC 196 Historical Fiction for Children
  - L SC 197 Fantasy and Speculative Fiction
  - L SC 236 Banned Books
  - L SC 291 Southwestern Children’s Lit
  - L SC 292 Native American Children’s Lit

More Online Certificates at NMSU-DACC

- Certificate of Specialized Topics in Library Science (12 credits)
- Certificate of Fundamentals in Library Science (24 credits)
- Certificate of Customized Study in Library Science (36 credits)
- Associate of Applied Science Degree in Library Science (66 credits)

NMSU-DACC also offers online undergraduate and graduate courses to fulfill the requirements for the School Library Media Specialist Endorsement.
**NMSU-DACC Library Science Program**

**Fall Courses**

**Full 16-Week Semester Course**
August 19 – December 10:

- L SC 290 D01
  Intro. to Children’s Literature for Libraries & Information Centers
- EMD 411 M70
  Foundations for School Library Specialists
- EMD 511 M70
  Foundations for School Library Specialists

**8-Week Courses**
August 19 – October 12:

- L SC 100 D01, D02
  Introduction to Library & Information Services Careers
- L SC 111 D01, D02
  Introduction to Information Literacy
- L SC 120 D01
  Descriptive Cataloging
- L SC 130 D01, D02
  Introduction to Technical Services in Libraries & Information Centers

October 13 – December 10:

- L SC 100 D03, D04
  Introduction to Library & Information Services Careers
- L SC 111 D03–D07
  Introduction to Information Literacy
- L SC 125 D01
  Classification & MARC Cataloging
- L SC 160 D01, D02
  Intro. to Public Services in Libraries & Information Centers
- L SC 201 D01
  Public Libraries
- L SC 210 D01, D02
  Technology Planning in Libraries & Information Centers
- L SC 240 D01
  Internet Resources and Research Strategies

**ONE (1) CREDIT COURSES**
Starting in September, October:

- L SC 233 D01
  Library Privacy and Confidentiality (September 7-30)
- L SC 255 D01
  How to use a Word Processor Efficiently (September 13-17)
- L SC 261 D01
  Government Documents (September 7-30)
- L SC 156 D01
  Boys and Books (October 4-29)
- L SC 281 D01
  Grant Writing for Libraries (October 4-29)

Does this sound interesting? Are you ready to get started? Now is the time to start planning and get registered for fall classes!!

For more information on all of the online educational options in library science available through New Mexico State University – Doña Ana Community College, please visit our web site, at [http://dacc.nmsu.edu/lsc](http://dacc.nmsu.edu/lsc).

Please also feel free to request a packet of information by emailing Dr. Susan Pinkerton at spinkert@nmsu.edu or Nora Bernal at nobernal@nmsu.edu or by calling 1-800-903-7503, ext. 7338.
Dear colleagues and friends,

I have good news and better news. First the good news, there's yet another job opening in library land, so someone going to be hired! New Mexico Junior College is looking for a Director of Library Services to work in its newly renovated facility. You may find more information at the Junior College, website http://www.nmjc.edu.

Now the better news (for me at least) though it makes me sad to have to make the announcement. I will be leaving the college, the state and indeed the country in a few weeks. I am immigrating to the Cayman Islands to help operate Shiloh Lifestyle Services http://healthquestcayman.net/, a business in which I am part owner. It’s a new venture a friend – a native Caymanian - set up this winter but found that it was getting out of hand and she needed help. One thing led to another and ....I decided to go for it.

It’s very new and the website is not even finished yet. It is a wellness center-and a kind of spiritual retreat where you can learn and practice nutritional changes, lifestyle changes and benefit from a variety of holistic therapies to help make yourself healthier and more at peace. We have a small residential facility that includes an indoor pool so clients can book a room and stay there or treatments may be done ala carte, by appointments if you’re staying elsewhere on the island. So, that’s the focus of the business; we’re neither a bed and breakfast nor a spa exactly. Of course we will take folks that just want a healthy holiday in a peaceful, tropical location. If you’re a local—a Staycation (I think that’s the terminology that’s being used). If you want more information, email us at shilohescapes@yahoo.com.

So this is what former librarians get up to when they’re away. Strangely enough I’ve begun investigating volunteer opportunities at the Cayman Islands Public Library. I have had a wonderful time working with everyone over the past 11 years and will miss you all very much. I have learned so much about what being a librarian means by following the examples set by most wonderful colleagues. The next time you get down to the West Indies, make sure you come through the Caymans and say hello. You will be warmly welcomed.

Goodbye everybody.

-Sharon Jenkins
Publishing News

Winning Grants:
A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians with Multimedia Tutorials and Grant Development Tools

As library use escalates and library budgets decrease, more and more libraries actively seek grant-funding. For many librarians, applying for grants may seem like a daunting process. Winning Grants: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians with Multimedia Tutorials and Grant Development Tools, to be published by Neal-Schuman Publishers on August 1, 2010, will give librarians all the tools they need to write successful grants and gain funding for their libraries.

Authors Pamela H. MacKellar and Stephanie K. Gerding are LIS professionals and experts on the grant-writing process. They have won millions of dollars in grants from a broad range of prestigious sources. MacKellar and Gerding now offer a manual, workbook, and new DVD to guide librarians through the process of writing successful grants, and to expand on the knowledge shared in their successful book, Grants for Libraries.

In Part I, The Grant Process Cycle, the authors Winning Grants is an exhaustive, informative book-plus-multimedia toolkit that will appeal to anyone seeking guidance about grants and writing proposals. These tools will also prove useful to LIS professionals looking for ways to teach the grant-writing process to others in training and workshops.

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Apply for a Beyond Words Grant:
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