UNM Center for Development and Disability Information Network: Providing Library and Information and Referral Services

by Stormy Davis-Costanza
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Did you know that the UNM Center for Development and Disability (CDD) houses an Information Network that includes a full service library and information and referral center that serves the entire state of New Mexico? If you are not familiar with us already, we invite you to contact us and/or schedule a tour in the near future.

The CDD Information Network’s library focuses on Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and Developmental Disabilities (DD) across all age spans. The collection includes books, journals, newsletters, DVDs and Videos on a wide range of topics. Some of the topics are Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Deaf-Blindness, Down Syndrome, Early Intervention, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Learning Disabilities, and Traumatic Brain Injury. We also provide reference services, trainings on various topics, a computer work station equipped with assistive technology and access to a comprehensive information and referral service that has more than 4,000 disability resources located in its database. The library’s collection and the resource center’s database is available for viewing on line.

The CDD Information Network exists to meet the information and needs of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, their families, and those who support them. In New Mexico, 283,000 individuals over the age of five are reported to have a disability, with six percent (111,000) reporting an intellectual/cognitive disability. These individuals live throughout the state, often in rural communities that have limited access to specialized information, support services or resources. The CDD Information Network library and resource center welcomes patron referrals and is available to provide suggestions and resources on specific topics as they arise. We are open to the public and do not charge for our services. Our location, contact information and website are listed below.

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This September, Celebrate Arts and Culture Month in Los Alamos!

By Carol Meine, Los Alamos County, Mesa Public Library, carol.meine@lacnm.us

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, I do hereby proclaim the Month of September as

"THE MONTH OF ARTS AND CULTURE"

in Los Alamos County, and call upon all citizens to continue to support the outstanding programs and events that the arts organizations bring to our community.

Culture: [Middle English, cultivation, from Old French, from Latin cultūra, from cultus, past participle of colere; see cultivate.]

According to this definition, ‘culture’ has its roots in ‘cultivation’ and what a great definition that is for libraries: we are in the business of enlivening, encouraging, enhancing, enlightening and empowering the lives of our community members and visitors. We certainly are cultural institutions. In Los Alamos, our local arts council proposed the proclamation above which declares September the official month of arts and culture and Los Alamos County Library System is the cultural and artistic hub of the area. Fortunate planning provided a building by world renowned architect Antoine Predock, which includes a dedicated, beautiful gallery space. Other spaces in the irregular, bird shaped building footprint provide patrons with great gathering, performance, and quiet contemplative spaces with spectacular vistas.

Programs for children, teens, and adults flourish both in the multifaceted main library and in the cozy branch library in White Rock. And, we’re always adding more: try GeekOut Game Night! Board games with friends or a way to make a few new friends, our newly launched program encourages those in the 18-35 year old range—though all ages are welcome—to get comfortable and relax over a game of their choice.

Children and teens find a home at our libraries. M&Ms—music, movement, and stories—is a noisy and fun program for newborns to toddlers and also provides a way for parents who may not have a language in common in our multicultural town (we have many folks from all over the world who come to work at the National Lab) to share. And teens know they are welcome with a blog for book reviews, Club Anime films, a Teen Advisory Group and more.

Poetry Gatherings, Authors Speak Series, Film Series and special events like our upcoming local authors (continued on pg 12)
Rockin’ the Information Mountain at Red Mountain Middle School Library

By Cynthia Smith, Red Mountain Middle School Librarian

We just completed the first week of school for the 2011-12 school year and we have already started bringing students in for library orientation! Some of the comments from students brought me back to the topic of the next issue of the NMLA newsletter.

One student said, “That’s not the way that other libraries work,” when students were asked to place unwanted materials on the top of a shelf, so that we can ensure that the books get returned to the proper location.

On day two of the school year, one young lady said, “This library really isn’t like the others is it?” When asked what she meant, she explained, “Well, look, kids actually want to come in here!”

And so they do. After just four days with students, we had a visitor count of 1700! At Red Mountain Middle School in Deming, New Mexico, our seventh and eighth graders figure out pretty quickly that the library is THE place to be before and after school, and during their lunch period. I have heard that middle school libraries do not get kids to visit voluntarily, but since I started here in 2007, I have seen kids do exactly that. Is it the chessboards that sit out on tables set between comfortable book-shaped benches, so that even complete strangers are encouraged to play a game and make a connection with another student? Perhaps it is the vast array of graphic novels, or the smiling faces that greet them and attempt to know each student by name.

On the third day of school, there was an assembly to outline some basic procedures: pick-up and drop-off, lunch clean up, etc. Toward the end of the assembly, the principal invited me, the school librarian, to come out and say a few words. I was shocked to hear such applause as I made my way to the center of the room. I invited them to stop in to the library, so that they could see what they can do, but it turns out that I really didn’t have to encourage them; I had already had three days of steady business!

Radio-frequency technology, wireless internet service and music played through our overhead speakers to impress our students, but for a librarian, it is the continual usage by the patrons that sets our library apart. As the young lady said, “Kids actually want to come into our library, and it is a wonderful thing!”

Will We See You at the Fall Mini Conference?

By Linda Keulen, NMLA Conference Chair

Register now at http://nmla.org/mini-conference/ for the fall mini conference. Pre-conference activities on Thursday, October 27 include a free tour of the Southside Santa Fe Public Library, an example of green architecture, $5 backstage tours of the Santa Fe Opera, and $6 guided tours of the Palace of the Governors. A reception follows at the State Library with vendor displays and author signings.

On Friday, October 28, the conference begins with 8:00 registration and continues through 3:45 with a wide variety of programs. Lunch is included with your registration, which is $40 for members and $65 for non-members (now would be a good time to renew if you haven’t already).

Hotel reservations are now being taken by the Courtyard by Marriott at 505-473-2800; mention the New Mexico Library Association Group Rate (G Code 4215). Rooms are $82 single or double occupancy. Hot breakfast buffet is included.

Keep checking the NMLA website or direct questions to Linda Keulen, Conference Chair, at lmskeulen@yahoo.com
NMLA Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

The Education Committee wants to remind everyone about the upcoming deadlines for scholarships and grants available to you from the New Mexico Library Association.

**The Continuing Education Fund.**

Individual Grants of up to $200 are available to help NMLA members offset the costs of attending workshops, conferences and related professional development activities. Please submit an application form along with a copy of the conference/workshop agenda you plan to attend. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, however they must be submitted in advance of the event for which funds are being requested. The committee cannot approve reimbursements for training or events already attended. Continuing Education Grant funds are limited, and awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis. So please get your applications in early!

**The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship**

The deadline for submission is January 15, 2012. This scholarship is intended to promote librarianship in the state of New Mexico. Funds are to be used to support advanced degrees in library and information science beyond the baccalaureate level, both master’s degrees and doctorates, for full and part-time students.

**The College Scholarship Fund – Non MLS**

The deadline for submission is January 31, 2012. This fund supports undergraduate college work towards an associate’s degree in Library Science leading to certification as well as undergraduate or graduate study toward teacher-librarian endorsement.

Application forms and additional criteria for each NMLA scholarship or grant are available on the NMLA website at [http://nmla.org/scholarships-grants/](http://nmla.org/scholarships-grants/).

Other non-NMLA grant and scholarship assistance available to New Mexico library workers is located at [http://nmla.org/scholarships-grants/non-nmla/](http://nmla.org/scholarships-grants/non-nmla/).

Please send all application materials (via email or regular mail) by the appropriate deadline to Kevin Comerford, the NMLA Education Committee Chair:

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Thank You To The Scholarship Committee

*By Cynthia Smith*

As I write this, it is one week from the beginning of my Master’s degree program, the one that the scholarship committee awarded me $2000 toward. I have my books purchased, and I am so excited to start this leg of my academic journey! I wanted to thank the committee once again for the award, and for the vote of confidence that you all cast when you chose me as one of the Marion Dorroh Scholarship recipients this year. I hope to have this degree complete by December 2012, and I intend to keep everyone updated as to my progress along the way. You should also know that I was able to procure some other scholarships, so this stipend will get me very close to the total amount needed to complete my Master’s degree from Texas Woman’s University. Thank you; I am proud to align myself with the New Mexico Library Association.
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Special Interest Groups

Academic SIG
By Tammy Welch

The membership committee has sponsored a new Special Interest Group for those with Academic Library interest. The SIG is intended to support academic libraries, their staff and those who are interested in the academic library environment. Think of the SIG as a shared conversation for those involved in the day to day efforts of academic libraries. If you want to know about information literacy efforts and balancing the needs of your scholarly students and your public users this is the place to be.

The first organizational meeting will be held at the upcoming mini-conference, so bring your ideas and your enthusiasm for all things academic.

Please contact Tammy Welch at 575-527-7675 or email twelch@dacc.nmsu.edu for more information.

Bonds for Libraries SIG
By Kevin Unrath and Joe Sabatini

The Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group (SIG) has been formed to organize public support for passage of statewide library bond issues and provide information to librarians, legislators and the public through a website, social networks, printed materials and public advocacy.

The SIG evolved from the Bonds for Libraries Political Action Committee, an independent PAC that served a similar purpose. Under the umbrella of the NMLA, the Bonds for Library SIG will be in a better position to raise awareness of bond-related issues vital to helping New Mexico school, academic, public and tribal libraries successfully meet their users’ needs.

Joe Sabatini is the acting chair of the newly formed SIG, whose current focus is on getting a favorable bond amount approved by the Legislature for the November 2012 ballot. Cynthia Shetter is preparing a presentation for the Legislative Finance Committee at their August 17th meeting in Red River. An important part of this process that all library supporters can participate in is Library Legislative Day, which will be held in Santa Fe in late January or early February.

If you are interested in being a part of the Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group, please contact Joe Sabatini (jsabatin@osogrande.com) for information about upcoming meetings, or check our website at http://www.bondsforlibraries.org/.

Technology SIG
By Tina Glatz

As Vice President/President Elect, I am pleased to announce the formation of a new Technology Special Interest Group.

As librarians and library professionals, we are all aware of the importance of staying current with technology. Many of us attend technology workshops once or twice a year, but wish there was more access to relevant professional development to support us in maintaining currency in our knowledge of technology and its applications in libraries. The Technology SIG’s goal is to provide resources, training opportunities and a professional learning network for librarians interested in learning and using technology in libraries.

Please join us in Santa Fe at the Mini-Conference for our first SIG meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, October 27th at 8:15 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the State Library. Come get your Tech on! For more information, contact Tina Glatz via email at tglatz66@gmail.com.

Library Bond Issue Request Presented to Legislative Finance Committee

by Joe Sabatini

The proposed 2012 Library Bond Issue was presented to the Legislative Finance Committee on August 17 at their meeting at the Conference Center in Red River. A delegation representing the NMLA Legislation Committee and the Bonds for Libraries PAC attended the meeting segment concerning state capital outlay projects. We will not be giving any testimony, but have been providing information about statewide library needs to LFC Principal Analyst Linda Kehoe asked Cynthia Shetter, Legislation Committee Co-Chair, to make a ten minute presentation describing the needs of New Mexico’s public, academic, tribal and public school libraries. Legislators were presented with a packet of information about library support and needs, using statistics and
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providing examples of increased customer demand and diminished resources.

Following Cynthia’s presentation of the $29.6 million request, Department of Cultural Affairs Secretary Veronica Gonzales made a statement in support of the proposal.

Bond supporters are continuing to work on building support for the Legislature’s inclusion of libraries in the New Mexico General Obligation Bond Issue. At the annual conference of the New Mexico Municipal League in Roswell, a resolution supporting the legislation was passed unanimously. Lynette Shurdevin, Karen McPheeters and Cynthia Shetter served on the League’s Resolutions Committee. League lobbying support has been very influential in the passage of previous bond issues. School librarians working through the Action for School Libraries SIG are planning to present bond information at a Fall meeting of the Legislative Education Study Committee.

NM Highlands University: Thomas C. Donnelly Library

By Thomas C. Donnelly Librarians

New Mexico Highlands University’s Thomas C. Donnelly Library houses several important collections that document a historically interesting era of the Southwest. The University is located in the town of Las Vegas, New Mexico, with its rich Spanish and Mexican land grant history. Las Vegas’ proximity to what was once the Santa Fe Trail, its ties to Fort Union, and then later as a town on the Santa Fe Railroad also make it an important area for historical research.

The Donnelly Library serves the needs of many patrons, from community members and students to international researchers. The scope of the library’s special collections encompasses the environment, history, culture, and peoples of the high plains of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, and the Southwest, with particular emphasis on the state of New Mexico and the original Las Vegas.

The Fort Union Collection is a historically valuable collection consisting of correspondence to and from the commanding officers of the Fort, reports, medical and military documents, all from the National Archives. This may be used as a resource in studies of New Mexico history, Santa Fe Trail, Civil War and Indian history. Fort Union was occupied from 1851 through 1890.

The Donnelly Library also houses collections that give a unique insight to New Mexico’s past: the Arrott Collection and the Santa Fe Trail Collection, Plains and the Rockies Collection, and New Mexico Land Grants Collection.

One of the most recent additions to Donnelly Library’s collections provides a detailed picture of how the region was recorded. The Beisman Collection consists of both artifacts and paper material from the Beisman Land Surveying business, dating from the 1930s through the 1980s. Surveyor Henry Beisman also obtained older maps, some dating to the 1880s. The artifacts include furniture and survey equipment. The paper material includes more than 7,500 survey maps and plats, business records, field notebooks, day planners, photographs, and books. Mr. Beisman worked in northern New Mexico, primarily in the town of Las Vegas and in San Miguel, Mora, Guadalupe and Colfax counties.

The staff at Donnelly Library understands that a library’s connection to the community goes further than preserving local history. The Donnelly Library, the federal and state depository for northeastern New Mexico, belongs to the City Librarians Committee along with the city’s public Carnegie Library, Luna Community College, the United World College, the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute, Ft. Union Library and Archives, and the two district high schools. The committee coordinates and implements specific ideas that improve the experience for the town’s patrons, such as the ability to use any library’s check-out card at each member’s library.
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during September and October the gallery will show an intriguing ‘intermedia’ work by artist Jack Ox, a painting based on music, with a musical score transformed into visual art and then performed vocally once again. All of these exhibitions grew in scope and excitement due to collaborations with other local institutions: the art center, the historical museum, the senior center, the Bradbury Science Museum, the Chamber of Commerce, the University of New Mexico, schools and preschools. By partnering with our local, regional and national institutions, we throw open the doors not just of the library but of our visitors’ imaginations.

Art and culture are about society, a sum of our all of our parts, as are libraries. In celebrating both, in making the world available with our resources and by partnering with schools, businesses and other cultural institutions, our libraries enrich us all.
Hester Miller died on July 9, 2011, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Born on November 3, 1920 in Morenci, Michigan to Russel and Bertha Myers, she grew up there and in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Hester attended Michigan State University at East Lansing from which she graduated second in her class in 1941. In 1943, she graduated from the University of Michigan with graduate degrees in English Literature and Library Science. At University of Michigan she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Following graduation, she served a summer internship in the Theatre Collection of the New York Public Library. In the fall, she began a seven year stint in the Music and Drama Department of the Detroit Public Library. In Detroit she met and married Ransom Miller, one of her clients in the music department.

In 1951, the couple moved to New York City where Hester worked in the Music branch of the New York Public Library. Following several years in New York, she moved around the country with her husband, working as a librarian at Johns Hopkins University, the American Association of Accountants, Michigan State University, Detroit Public Library (again), and finally the Albuquerque Public Library. She acted as the Arts Specialist at the Albuquerque Library from 1958 until her retirement in 1982. In the latter of those years, she organized and mounted, with the invaluable assistance of committed volunteers, several major exhibitions.

At the time of her retirement, Mayor Harry Kinney declared “Hester Miller Day in Albuquerque”.

Hester belonged to a number of professional organizations, including the American Library Association, the Theatre Library Association, the Music Library Association, and the New Mexico Library Association, of which she served as President. She was also a member for several years of the local chapter of the Santa Fe Opera Guild, of which she served as secretary.

Ransom and Hester enjoyed traveling, gardening, dining in interesting restaurants, and all kinds of theatrical and musical performances, including ballet, modern and ethnic dance, opera, musical theater, and plays. They also were enthusiastic sports fans – especially for the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Hester was preceded in death by her parents and her stepmother Helen, her husband, Ransom, and her brother, Kurtz. She has no survivors, but she leaves many neighbors and caregivers whose friendship, kindness, and help she deeply appreciated. Jenison Klinger of About Seniors and the staff of Go-Fors, Inc. and Decades, LLC were endlessly supportive, kind, and helpful.
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