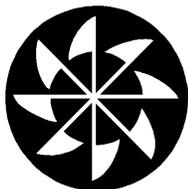


For
Librarians in
New Mexico



September 15, 2004

NEW LIBRARY FOR FARMINGTON

Farmington's new library on Farmington Avenue had its opening celebrations the week of August 18. The weeklong festivities were spaced out to attract each of the library users' groups, with a Monday kick-off for the children's section in the morning, and then an evening event for the business community.

Tuesday was a teens-only night with food and music, then seniors got their special day Wednesday to look at the new facility and its offerings.

Thursday was the big day of the grand opening with the ribbon cutting and a Navajo blessing ceremony. But that was not the end of the excitement; Friday night the Arizona dance troop Flam Chen performed an outdoor pyrotechnic theater, and visitors browsed the library until midnight.

At a cost of \$9.7 million, the new facility uses a circular concept in layout with over 50,000 square feet of indoor space, and additional capacity in two amphitheaters and two courtyards for outdoor programming. It houses the library's current collection of 180,000 books and has the capacity for 50,000 more. Opening with new Spanish and DVD collections and new furniture, the building sports special features such as hand carved "story doors" on the children's room, plasma televisions, a snack area, a drive-through automated book return/sort system, and outdoor fountain.

BRIEFINGS

E-Rate info. The Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) recently posted new guidance on the use of the revised versions of the Form 486 and the Form 479

with a special emphasis on the new CIPA requirements for libraries and library consortia. (See the posting on the web site at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/whatsnew/2003/082003.asp#082803>). All applicants should note that the revised version of the Form 486 (dated August 2003) is now the only acceptable version. The online version of the Form 486 became temporarily inoperative on August 14 when the new version became E-Rate message effective.

The new online version of the form is not expected to become operative until late September. Any applicant wishing to file a Form 486 now, must download a copy of the new version (available online at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/form/default.asp#applicants>), fill it out by hand and mail it to the SLD.

For any questions, contact Karen Starr, State Library Development Services Bureau, toll-free 1-800-340-3890 or e-mail kstarr@stlib.state.nm.us.

E-Rate Wave 9. Only one New Mexico library received funding discount awards in E-Rate Wave 9 (see *HH* #1509). Nanahnezed Public Library received \$157,737.60, a 90 percent discount. There were no awards for a New Mexico library in Wave 10. See the SLD web site at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/funding/y2003/waves/report.asp?Wave=9&State=NM> for the Wave 9 announcement.

The Universal Service Program (known as the E-Rate program) is administered by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This not-for-profit corporation was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure that the benefits of telecommunications services reach students and communities across the country.

The Hitchhiker is available upon request on computer disc, cassette tape, in braille, or in large print. It may also be seen on the State Library WEB site: <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us>.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Rate workshop. The New Mexico State Library Development Services Bureau will hold workshops to help libraries eligible to receive E-Rate discounts to fill out the required paperwork. Karen Starr, the Library Development Services Bureau director, will be the workshop leader and will review the E-Rate program and provide an update on current E-Rate related issues such as CIPA. Discussion will cover the filing process including, in particular, Form 470 and Form 471. Questions relating to other required forms will also be addressed. If a library has not filed their Form 470 by the time of the workshop, time will be available for participants to fill out a paper copy of 470 to take back to the library and input online. A review of CIPA requirements will include discussion of Internet policies required under NCIPA and filtering software guidelines. A current update of issues at the national level will also be covered. Dates for the workshop will be Wednesday, October 22, at Espanola Public Library, 314-A Onate Street NW; Thursday, October 23, at Rio Rancho Public Library, 950 Pinetree Rd. SE; Tuesday, October 28, at Truth or Consequences Public Library, 325 Library Lane; and Thursday, October 30, at Roswell Public Library, 301 N. Pennsylvania Avenue. Times for the workshops will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at all locations. Please register for the workshop online at <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/libraryservices/develop/form.html>. For workshop registration contact Jackie Dalmy, e-mail jdalmy@stlib.state.nm.us or call toll-free 1-800-340-3890. If you have questions about the workshop, contact Karen Starr, e-mail kstarr@stlib.state.nm.us or call toll-free 1-800-340-3890.

Librarian certification exam. The next examination for Librarian Certification will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, October 31, at the New Mexico State Library in Santa Fe. Depending upon registration, additional proctored sites around the state will be announced by the first week of October. The fee to take the exam is \$10. Applications and fees should be postmarked no later than Wednesday, October 1. Checks or money orders MUST be made out to: Department of Cultural Affairs. Contact Stephanie Gerding at the New Mexico State Library Development Services Bureau,

toll-free 1-800-340-3890 or e-mail sgerding@stlib.state.nm.us. More information, including the study guide and registration form, is available on the State Library web site at <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/libraryservices/develop/cert.html>.

Fund seekers' workshop. The New Mexico State Library and The Foundation Center present "Seeking Funds From Private Foundations," a workshop for nonprofit organizations on Monday, September 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. The workshop will be held at the New Mexico State Library, 1209 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call ☎(505) 476-9700.

Janet Camerena, Director, Foundation Center/San Francisco, will be conducting the workshop. Topics to be covered include:

- ✓ How the Foundation Center can help your organization
- ✓ Using FC Search, the Foundation Center's database to identify funding sources
- ✓ Exploring grant research on the web.

The New Mexico State Library is a Cooperating Collection of The Foundation Center. The Foundation Center's mission is to support and improve philanthropy by promoting public understanding of the field and helping grantseekers succeed. To achieve its mission, it: collects, organizes, and communicates information on U.S. philanthropy; conducts and facilitates research on trends in the field; provides education and training on the grantseeking process; and ensures public access to information and services through its World Wide Web site, print and electronic publications, five library/learning centers, and a national network of Cooperating Collections. Founded in 1956, the Center is the leading authority on philanthropy and is dedicated to serving grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public.

Up for grabs. The Hatch Public Library is offering a set of Books In Print 2001-2002: Author & Title, and the Subject Guide. First come gets the books. Call the Hatch Public Library, Gloria C. Hernandez, at ☎(505) 267-5132 or leave a message. The only cost will be for postage to ship the 15 volumes.



PEOPLE NOTES

Librarian **Rhen Busch** died on August 23 of pancreatic cancer. An MLS graduate of Emporia State University, Rhen worked for eight years at the Rio Rancho Public Library, initially as a technical services and reference librarian and eventually as manager of the collection development division. In August 2002, Rhen took over as librarian at Rio Rancho High School Library, where she initiated many programs to support the students' and teachers' information needs. A dedicated and skilled librarian and wonderful friend, Rhen is sorely missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Rhen's name to the Rio Rancho High School Library Fund.

New Mexico State University Library welcomes a new head of Reference & Research Services, **Cindy Pierard**. Cindy comes to NMSU from the University of Kansas, where she was the co-coordinator of reference services. She has a M.A. degree in Library and Information Science from Indiana University. Cindy's professional interests include assessment, scholarly communication and collaborative partnerships between academic libraries and other campus groups. The Library also welcomes two more new librarians, **Susan Metcalf** as the new social sciences reference librarian in the Reference & Research Department, and **Maura Kenny**, who has joined the Archives & Special Collections Department as processing archivist. Susan was formerly the director of data and information at a health care business publishing company. She received her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Maura was most recently the coordinator for the MacJannet Legacy project at Tufts University. She earned her M.S. in Library Science from Simmons College and holds a M.A. in history and a M.A. in French as well.

Sandy White will be retiring on September 12 after 30 years as a librarian. She began her career as a library assistant for Nedra Isbell at Zia Junior High in Clovis. In fact, it was Nedra who initially encour-

aged Sandy to finish her degree and become a librarian. Sandy received her MLS from the University of North Texas. She worked at Golden Library at ENMU, the Portales Public Library, the Clovis-Carver Public Library, the New Mexico State Library, and is currently employed at the School of American Research Library. She also taught several library science classes at the Clovis Community College. Each library was very different and she enjoyed them all. "The New Mexico State Library was a great place to work," she said. "I was able to travel all over the state and meet the state's many wonderful public librarians and visit their libraries." Sandy and her husband plan to keep Santa Fe as their home base for a few months and then, who knows what adventures await. At the very least, she wants to read some of the books on her wish list and eat bonbons with her feet up. Right!

Two of the New Mexico State Library's consultants in the Library Development Services Bureau will have their moments in the September 2003 issue of *Computers in Libraries* (vol. 23 #8). **Stephanie Gerding**, the Continuing Education Director, has an article "Training Technology Trainers: Lessons from the River" on page 14 and **Kathy Barco**, Youth Services Coordinator, was interviewed by Brenda Hough for "Everything You Need to Know About Training You Learned in Summer Reading Programs." The article about summer reading programs starts on page 18 and discusses how these programs have thrived for decades, thanks to cooperation and resource sharing. You may go online for this issue of *Computers in Libraries* at <http://www.infotoday.com/cilmag/sep03/index.shtml>.

JOBS

Librarian. The City of Las Cruces has an opening for a Senior Librarian in Public Services/Library. This is a full-time, regular position requiring a Master's degree in Library or Information Science from an ALA-accredited facility. Directly-related experience may substitute for education (please include a copy of

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your most recent transcript with application); five years experience as a professional librarian in a public or academic library with at least one year of demonstrated supervisory experience. A New Mexico Professional Librarian's Certification is desired. The incumbent works under the direction of the Library Administrator, and is responsible for supervision, scheduling, and training up to ten staff and additional volunteers in order to maintain daily operations of designated unit and to provide respectful customer service. Tasks include, but are not limited to recommendations for hiring, discipline, and termination of staff and conducts annual staff evaluations; responsible for the day-to-day operations of assigned area, and responsibilities related to efficient conduct of entire library operation. The incumbent must have knowledge of library materials, resources and procedures; excellent verbal and written communication skills; ability to communicate effectively with the public and work effectively with others; ability to interact with a diverse cultural community in a courteous and respectful manner; ability to work with young children and young adults; skill in planning, organizing, directing, and controlling the activities of staff and volunteers; flexibility in scheduling; ability to work with minimum supervision and effectively handle competing demands; basic mathematic ability for compiling library statistics; strong supervisory skills and abilities; technical-level reading and professional writing skills; working knowledge of personal computer with MS Office software, library database, Internet, and Publisher; knowledge of cataloging and acquisitions in an automated environment, particularly the OCLC database; knowledge of library operations, including library automation systems, Internet resources, Anglo American Cataloging Rules, Revision 2 (AACR2R), Dewey Decimal Classification system, Library of Congress Subject Headings and Rule Interpretations, and MARC 21 coding; and ability to conduct effective training for diverse skill levels within library staff and volunteers. Bilingual (English/Spanish) ability is desirable. Position may involve night, weekend, or extended hours and call-back status. Position involves the ability to travel to various sites. Extensive public contact and exposure to unfiltered Internet is inherent in the position. Position involves competing demands such as adhering to strict deadlines, performing multiple tasks, and responding to customer inquiries and complaints. Involves interfacing with a diverse cultural community. Salary is \$2,992.58 per month plus benefits. Applications must be in by 5 p.m., September 30. Apply at the Human Resources Department, 575 S. Alameda Boulevard, Room 136, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Application materials are available in alternative formats upon request to the Human Resources Department at ☎(505)528-3100. For TTY communication, call (505) 528-3169. Selected applicants must pass a police background investigation. The City of Las Cruces encourages applicants of all ages to apply. An Equal Employment Opportunity/at Will Employer.