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State Library News

New State Librarian for New Mexico



A library and digital media expert with more than three decades of varied experience in such institutions as the Library of Congress, San Juan College and the New Mexico Museum of Art has been named New Mexico State Librarian. **Devon Skeele** assumed her new position at the New Mexico State Library in Santa Fe on November 14, 2011.

“Devon Skeele is the consummate library professional,” said Cultural Affairs Department Secretary Veronica Gonzales. “Her broad experience with special needs library services, school and community libraries, and her considerable experience in New Mexico State Government will serve her well as she takes on what is surely one of the most important cultural administrator positions in our state.” Skeele was librarian, archivist and webmaster for the New

Mexico Museum of Art in Santa Fe, responsibilities that she has held since September 2008. She was previously with the State Library where she was director of the Public Services Bureau in charge of reference, federal and state documents, circulation and the Southwest Room from 2000 to 2002.

“I am very pleased to be coming back to the State Library, which has a unique role in serving both individuals and other libraries in the state,” said Skeele. “My background in a wide range of library services has helped me to see the real core of what libraries do for individuals and for their communities. With that vision, I look forward to helping libraries in New Mexico continue to grow and develop.”

Skeele, who holds a Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of Southern California, worked in the Library of Congress and its National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for more than 15 years. She has also been the manager of a branch public library in Rockville Maryland and a librarian for the California

State Braille and Talking Book Library in Sacramento.

In New Mexico, in addition to her position with the Department of Cultural Affairs, she has been librarian and teacher at Turquoise Trail Charter Elementary School in Santa Fe and a reference librarian at San Juan College in Farmington.

Skeele replaces former State Librarian Susan Oberlander who retired in April. Since last spring, the State Library has been led by interim director Ben Wakashige who has been on loan from Central New Mexico Community College where he is Director for Libraries and Educational Resources. Skeele was recommended to Secretary Gonzales by a search committee made up of representatives from New Mexico libraries.

“We have been very fortunate to have the experienced leadership of Ben Wakashige at the State Library during this lengthy, but crucial, search process for a permanent State Librarian,” said Sec. Gonzales. “We are especially indebted to Dr. Katharine Winograd and CNM for their generosity in lending the State Library this most respected library administrator.

Update (12/14/2011): Devon has been here a few weeks now, and I asked her how things are going. Here is her response: *“The first month has been an immediate immersion into the life of the State Library. I have had the opportunity to begin meeting with the range of people involved with the library, both inside the building and outside. While there are definitely challenges facing libraries in New Mexico, there are also interesting paths forward. I look forward to continuing the conversations with the library communities.”* —Ed.

Summer Reading Program Workshops a Success

The NM State Library just completed three successful 2012 Summer Reading Program Workshops designed to assist those who conduct SRPs in their libraries during the summer months.

Two excellent and talented trainers, Judi Anderson and Sequoia Edwards, conducted the workshops. Their names may be familiar to some of you – they are also trainers for FastForward New Mexico.

PHOTO: From the SRP workshop at Artesia PL, a participant working on one of the SRP craft activities.



The workshops were held at the Artesia Public Library, the T or C Public Library and The Taos Public Library. NMSL would like to thank the directors, Pam Castle, Pat

O’Hanlon and George Jaramillo, for offering their libraries as host sites for the SRP workshops as well as to Stephanie Zaslav of the Rio Rancho PL on Loma Colorado for hosting a SRP workshop that featured performer showcases.

El Portal and NMSL Gale Databases

Gale/Cengage staff recently updated the New Mexico Technical Support Site to include many new features and technical bulletins. The goal of the site is to help maximize your utilization of Gale resources.

Please click here to visit the site and be sure to save this URL in your favorites:
<http://galesupport.com/newmexico/>

Once you’ve arrived at the site and selected your institution from the drop-down list, the information is customized to your individual location.

The information includes:

- Direct links to each of your individual databases/resources
- A wide range of product widgets customized to your location for easy integration into your web pages
- Gale Sites – A webpage generator for all of your Gale resources displayed in an attractive layout

- Access to all of your eBook MARC records customized to your institution and ready to load in your catalogue
- Technical bulletins and documents covering a wide range of topics, including: usage reporting, proxy servers, and more
- “Contact Us” web pages to help us answer any questions you may have or issues you’re experiencing

Please try this new Technical Support website and take advantage of its many resources. Feedback is welcome—contact Mark Adams at mark.adams@state.nm.us.

State Documents Program

The State Library is responsible for collecting and managing state publications from a host of state government agencies. Many of the documents are provided to the State Archives and Records Center as well as 23 State Document Depository libraries located throughout the state. These activities are governed by the laws and administrative rules of New Mexico. New Mexico law “directs the state librarian to establish and administer a library depository system for state documents and publications.” The work is coordinated in the Technical Service Bureau. Each day new state government documents are received and processed. Many more are now “born digital,” but plenty of print publications still line the processing shelves.



State Documents Processing Center in the Technical Services Bureau

Working with the State Documents Librarian (position currently vacant, but has been listed), State Documents Associate, Monica Villaire-Garcia, and others in the bureau work to catalog, classify, and make available to New Mexico citizens and state employees a wealth of information about state agencies and the services they have to offer. One can find annual reports, fish stocking reports for lakes and waterways throughout the state, and many other documents that describe the workings of state government. Please be on the lookout for something new in early January; it will be an exciting “first” for one of the state’s most revered state documents. —Ed

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The Big Read at Taos Public Library

The Taos Public Library in collaboration with SOMOS (Society of the Muse of the Southwest), an organization that supports and nurtures the literary arts, kicked-off *The Big Read* event on Saturday, November 5th. For the event, they invited all of Taos County to read and discuss Louise Erdrich’s *Love Medicine*, a wonderful novel with a focus on family and place. Erdrich is a world-renowned novelist, poet, and short story writer of Native American ancestry, and we were very excited to have *The Big Read* coincide with the activities of national Native American Heritage Month.

[Joy Harjo](#), internationally known and locally beloved Native American poet and musician, came to deliver the keynote presentation at the *Taos Center for the Arts* on November 12th. For six weeks, there were free activities – films, discussions, panels, lectures, and workshops, all related to the themes of the book that we hope will appeal to readers of various ages and interests.

In addition, we are also featuring Sherman Alexie’s book *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Alexie’s book is geared toward the young adult reader and many activities are planned around the book’s theme. More information will

be available on the *Taos Public Library* web site <http://taoslibrary.org/> and on Facebook.

\$3.25M For Library Needs

By Rosalie Rayburn / Journal Staff Writer on Sat, Oct 15, 2011

Libraries in 14 Sandoval County communities will soon get an infusion of cash to buy books, music, movies, computers and technology.

The money will come from a \$3.25 million bond issue approved by voters in November. The bonds will be sold next week.

Rio Rancho, as the largest system in the county with the Loma Colorado and Esther Bone Memorial libraries, will get around \$2 million, the greatest share. The rest will be divided among Bernalillo, Cochiti Lake, Cochiti Pueblo, Corrales, Cuba, Jemez Pueblo, Jemez Springs, Placitas and the pueblos of San Felipe, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santo Domingo and Zia.

The funds will be paid out over four years.

Library directors from the communities met and worked out the distribution formula based on population and local needs, Rio Rancho Library Director Bill Cicola told Sandoval County Commissioners at the Oct. 6 meeting, when they approved a resolution authorizing the sale of the bonds.

Sandoval County has issued library bonds every four years since 1994; the new bonds will replace a previous bond issue and will not raise property taxes.

This time, the bond money will be especially welcome to libraries squeezed between a recession-driven jump in demand for their services and a drop in funding from hard-pressed local government sources.

Rio Rancho will use about \$300,000 for books, electronic books, CDs and magazines. Around \$35,000 will go to replace computers and printers.

The remainder will be used for a variety of library services, Cicola said.

Corrales Library Director Carla Spencer plans to use a chunk of the roughly \$200,000 her facility will get to replace their heavily used and aging computers.

She said her library and others countywide have seen demand for computer use soar during the economic downturn as job seekers who lack computers at home visit their local library to do research and apply for work online.

"The taxpayer is getting a great benefit," Spencer said. "We wouldn't be able to do this without bond funding."

The town of Bernalillo has requested to use its share of the funds to purchase and equip a vehicle as a mobile library. Bernalillo Library Director Maria Rinaldi said the mobile unit could travel to events and communities to help get young people excited about reading and using a library.

News From Farmington Public Library



Blended Zine is an arts and literature magazine for teens by teens in San

Juan County New Mexico at the Farmington Public Library. Teens are invited to submit their artwork, writing, and photography for possible publication in the magazine published twice per school year. The new release, *Blended Zine*, Volume 5, Issue 1, is available in December. Artwork is being featured in Lt. Governor John A. Sanchez's office at the Santa Fe Roundhouse by Amy Burke, Kiesha Chavez, Kanasha Curtis, Emily Hamblin, Kateland Harris, Man Ki Mak and Desmon Tippeconnie. Since the first issue's publication in January 2008, *Blended* has received 3850 submissions from 745 teens! Before each issue is distributed, published artists are recognized at a release party at the Farmington Public Library.

Blended has received national recognition and is available for downloadable checkout. In addition, *Blended* has presented at NMLA and ALA conferences and featured on KASA's *New Mexico Style*. Past issues of *Blended* can be found at www.blendedzine.com, and on Facebook and

Twitter. “Blended strives to be a positive influence and helps teens stay connected and involved with the community.”

Submitted by Flo Trujillo, Youth Services Coordinator

Lovington Public LiBOOry!

What a great idea from the Lovington Public Library. This might be interesting to try in your library next Halloween. –Ed.

Ghosts, vampires, and mummies, oh my!!! Halloween in Lovington was great this year. Instead of walking to all safe stops, Halloween was held on the Lovington Plaza. The community pulled together and made the annual safe stop a successful event. Businesses throughout Lovington set up booths with candy, food and games.

Lovington Public Library participated by having a decorated booth. One of our staff members had the idea to build a backboard, which we used to decorate with spider webs, bats, and oooh rats! Our caption was “Lovington Public LiBOOry!” We had three tables set up with decorations as well. Some good-old fashioned fun was had by all. We’re looking forward to next year!



It was a little windy giving our decorated backboard a bit of a ghostly look!! Submitted by Nancy Arreola, Circulation Clerk at LPL.

Railroading at Silver City Public Library



Silver City Public Library announces an upcoming program on the History of Railroads in Grant County with local historian Donald Beem. The program will be held at the Silver City Public Library on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 11:00 am.



In May of 1883 the first steam engine arrived in Silver City, and since then the railroad has played an important role in both the mining industry and in the development of Grant County. Donald Beem, local historian and longtime railroad enthusiast, will give a program on the History of the Railroads in Grant County on January 7, 2012 at 11:00 AM in the Silver City Public Library. For the month of January, the library will also display some of Donald Beem’s railroad memorabilia.

Briefings

NM Book Awards Announced

Read all about it and find out who won these prestigious awards right [here](#).

E-Book Buyers Deepening Commitment to Digital Formats

An ongoing Book Industry Study Group (BISG) study reveals that eBooks are more than a passing fancy. E-book sales can be expected to continue growing as readers show increased loyalty to and satisfaction with the digital format, according to BISG’s closely watched Consumer Attitudes Toward E-Book Reading survey.

Results of the final installment in Volume Two of the survey show that nearly 50% of print book consumer who have also acquired an e-book in the

past 18 months would wait up to three months for the e-version of a book from a favorite author, rather than immediately read it in print. A year ago, only 38% said they would wait this long.

"The e-book market is developing very fast, with consumer attitudes and behaviors changing over the course of months, rather than years," said Angela Bole, BISG's Deputy Executive Director. "This ongoing BISG baseline study of consumer behavior toward e-books and e-book reading devices is absolutely essential to every stakeholder in the book industry who wants to stay ahead of the trends."

A summary of the report findings is available on the BISG website: <http://www.bisg.org/news-5-697-press-releasemore-than-a-passing-fancy-ongoing-bisg-study-reveals-e-bookbuyersdeepening-commitment-to-digital-formats.php>.

—[Book Industry Study Group]

New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board—Call for Proposals

The New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board (NMHRAB), an adjunct Board to the Commission of Public Records, seeks proposals for projects that promote the preservation and use of the State's historical records. Proposals must address the funding priorities outlined in 1.13.5 NMAC New Mexico Historical Records Grant Guidelines. Technical assistance on how to develop a proposal is available from NMHRAB Grants Administrator Randy Forrester. Funding in support of this program is provided by the New Mexico Legislature and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Notice: Grants are contingent upon available federal funds and appropriated state funds.

Funding Conditions: The maximum grant amount available for any project is \$8,500.

A minimum match of 25 percent of project cost is required.

Grant Period: Grants will be awarded for the period July 1, 2012, through June 15, 2013. Funded projects must be completed within that timeframe.

Deadline for Receipt of Application: Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., February 10, 2012.

Information: Grant guidelines and application form are available at:

<http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmhrab/nmhrab-hm.htm>.

For more information call: Randy Forrester at 505-476-7936

People News

Geri Hutchins, NMSL Federal Program Coordinator, has left the State Library. Geri is the new Technical Services Manager at the Rio Ranch Public Library.

Rosa-Linda Clark, NMSL Financial Associate, retired from state government at the end of December.

All New Mexico State Library staff wishes Geri and Rosa-Linda a Bon Voyage and much Buena Suerte as they continue the adventure of life. They are already missed.

Eleanor Bernau and **Patricia Moore**, of the NMSL Development Bureau will be assuming additional responsibilities involving public library annual reports, state aid, and GO Bonds.

John Chadwick, NMSL IT Manager, was injured in a bicycle accident back in late October. John has had two surgeries to repair the damage to his broken leg. John has returned to work on a limited basis until he completes the physical therapy necessary for him to enter his next bike run. He plans to be up and riding again this spring.

Jobs

State Documents Librarian (Librarian - Advanced)

Perm# 00004806

Closing Date: December 30, 2011

For directions on how to apply, see the [New Mexico State Personnel Office](#). To view a complete description of this position [CLICK HERE](#). In addition to applying, please email resume with cover letter to [Devon I. Skeele](#), State Librarian. If you experience problems in obtaining this information, please contact [Angela Soliz](#), Human Resources Officer at (505) 476-9783.

Director of Library Development Services Bureau (Administrative Operations Manager)

Perm# 00004801

Closing Date: January 11, 2012

For directions on how to apply, see the [New Mexico State Personnel Office](#). To view a complete description of this position [CLICK HERE](#). In addition to applying, please email resume with cover letter to [Devon I. Skeele](#), State Librarian. If you experience problems in obtaining this information, please contact [Angela Soliz](#), Human Resources Officer at (505) 476-9783.

Library Catalog Position at Taos Public Library



Taos Public Library is seeking a professional cataloger to serve as a member of its library staff. Applicants should be enthusiastic about cataloging to provide and improve access to information resources. Duties will consist primarily of general cataloging work, both original and copy,

dealing with a variety of materials, formats, and subjects.

In addition, the successful candidate is responsible for collection development activities and processes related to gifts donated by users and organizations; make recommendations for purchase; performs various aspects of the collection processing function. May be assigned the lead on special projects; performs training for new staff members; provides general training to public groups and organizations in explaining library programs and services. All staff members work at the circulation desk, reference, shelve books, weed materials, and other special projects.

For a full description go to the Town of Taos Human Resources [web page](#).