



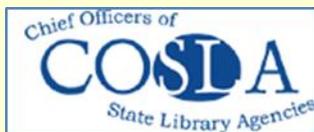
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State Library News

Hitchhiker is a monthly publication of the New Mexico State Library. Its mission is to deliver news and information important to New Mexico's Library Community. State Library staff work hard to find topics of interest to you and your libraries, but we depend on submissions (news, announcements, job openings, etc.) from you to keep Hitchhiker relevant.

Please send all submissions and comments to Gary L. Harris, Hitchhiker editor, at gary.harris@state.nm.us.

Note from the editor: *I am the new kid on the block. I follow in the footsteps of two great HH editors, Robert Upton and Renee Payne—tough acts to follow, but I will do my best. I look forward to hearing from you.*



The **Chief Officers of State Library Agencies** (COSLA) look forward to hosting

their Annual Fall Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico in October 2011. COSLA is an independent organization of the chief officers of state and territorial agencies designated as the state library administrative agency and responsible for statewide library development. Members include representatives from all fifty states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa. COSLA's mission is to provide leadership on issues of

common concern and national interest, to further state library agency relationships with the federal government and national organizations, and to initiate, maintain and support cooperative action for the improvement of library services. To learn more about COSLA, visit <http://www.cosla.org/>.

The COSLA Fall Meeting is an intensive three day meeting offering the COSLA members continuing education, committee meetings and networking opportunities culminating with a full day membership meeting. Representatives from allied national organizations, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the American Library Association (ALA), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and many more, also attend portions of the meeting providing the ability to share and discuss recent initiatives and items of national interest. COSLA last visited Santa Fe, for its fall meeting, in October 1981. COSLA is pleased to return to New Mexico's state capital this fall.

Fast Forward New Mexico

By Carla Rachkowski, Statewide Marketing Coordinator, Fast Forward New Mexico www.FastForwardNM.org

Fast Forward continues its successful computer and Internet training tour around New Mexico. To date, training has been completed in eight locations and there have been approximately 3500 participants in the classes that have been offered.

Fast Forward New Mexico trainers are always busy and this summer was no exception.

Training was completed in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library in July, and training is currently underway in Crownpoint and in Silver City.



The latest FastForward New Mexico kick-off event was held at the Silver City Public Library on Saturday, July

30. Billed as food, fun, and information, the kick-off event boasted several well-known local and statewide speakers, including Mr. John Woosley, District Director for the US – Small Business Association, who talked about the importance of small businesses in rural New Mexico. The program was honored to have Mr. Ben Wakashige, interim New Mexico State Librarian, speak at the event. Mr. Wakashige received his under-graduate degree from Western New Mexico University in Silver City, and was pleased to return on behalf of Fast Forward New Mexico in support of libraries. The event featured food and music provided by local businesses, information on the classes, and assistance registering for classes. Over 50 people were in attendance, and at the end of the day, classes were full and a waiting list was generated.

New Mexico State Library's Digital Literacy Initiative

By Eleanor Bernau, NMSL

The initiative, announced in March 2011, and again at NMLA in April 2011, will provide training in Digital Literacy to library directors and staff members that they can use in several ways.

- To provide library staff with an updated skill set
- To provide library patrons with information to learn basics and update their skills
- To provide a set of resources to refer patrons to and free up staff time
- To provide increased visibility for the library as a necessary resource for community digital literacy resources

In May 2011, a Digital Literacy (DL) Survey was sent to all NM public libraries except FastForward New Mexico training sites. The survey results identified

the areas of digital literacy in which the directors and staff of those libraries wished to receive training.

The New Mexico State Library is partnering with [Amigos Library Services](#) to offer **FREE** online continuing education classes for **all** New Mexico library directors and staff. The classes that will be offered are based on the top responses from the DL Survey and are a direct effort to meet the identified needs.

These classes also address one or more of the following areas:

- the Cataloging core competencies for libraries,
- the Digital Literacy Initiative,
- current trends in using e-devices, which is also a component of digital literacy.

Anyone from any library will be welcome to attend these **FREE online trainings**.

In striving to serve you better and provide training that you can make use of, please answer this very short survey by following this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Training-Dates-for-Amigos-Classes> .

The survey is open from Monday, August 22 through midnight on Friday, September 9, 2011.

The survey will only take a few minutes and will provide the State Library with information so classes can be scheduled at times and dates that work best for the majority of directors and staff. The survey can be viewed as a [PDF file](#) if you'd like to take a look at it before filling it out.

Please let Eleanor (Eleanor.bernau@state.nm.us, 800.340.3890) know if you have questions or comments. Thank you for your participation!

Rural Bookmobile-East Receives Donation from the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative

Submitted by Joy Poole, NMSL

Each month the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association publishes the [Enchantment](#) magazine, which includes a book review section for their 126,000 families and business members in rural New Mexico. Over 160 reviewed books were accumulated over the past several years.



Photo courtesy of New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association: Deputy State Librarian Joy Poole and Patricia Romero.

Patricia Romero, Marketing and Advertising Specialist for the Association, was visiting relatives in Melrose, NM, one of 30 bookmobile stops for the Rural Bookmobile East program based in Tucumcari, NM. Patricia's family spoke highly of New Mexico's rural library services. Inspired as a result of her visit, Ms. Romero coordinated the donation of the books this summer to the Rural Services program at the New Mexico State Library, serving rural New Mexicans through three rural bookmobiles and the Books By Mail program.

The next time library patrons step onto one of the bookmobiles and check out books, or open a bag from Books By Mail, one of those books may have been donated from the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The State Library and our patrons living in rural New Mexico would like to give a big thank you to Patricia and the Association for their contribution.

Support for the Rural Books by Mail and Bookmobile

Service programs are made possible by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. Matching

funds come from state general funds, counties and towns served by the Bookmobile Program.

Cataloging Consultation and Assistance Pilot Project (CCAPP)

Have you ever been stumped by a cataloging question? Ever wonder how to choose a correct subject heading? What about authority records? Are you puzzled by MARC fields? Do you just need to know how to make a brief record?

If you've ever had these or any other questions about cataloging, the New Mexico State Library has answers for you! The State Library is rolling out the **Cataloging Consultation and Assistance Pilot Project (CCAPP)** to fill an important need in the public library community and continue to take an active role in library education in New Mexico.

HOW TO GET CATALOGING ASSISTANCE

The State Library's Development Bureau in partnership with the Technical Service Bureau is offering this pilot project, **Cataloging Consultation and Assistance** service. Here's how it works.

- Contact the New Mexico State Library's Principal Cataloger, Brigitte Schimek, at 505.476.7853 or brigitte.schimek@state.nm.us. You can also call the Development Bureau's toll free number, 800.340.3890 and we'll transfer your call to Brigitte.
- If you have a question about your automated library system's cataloging function, contact Patricia Moore, Technology Consultant, at 800.340.3890 or patricia.moore@state.nm.us.

BENEFITS OF CATALOGING CONSULTATION AND ASSISTANCE PILOT PROJECT

- Libraries will be assured that all questions will be answered regardless of how trivial the individual may perceive it.
- Public libraries will have ready access to a professional cataloger if you need assistance, regardless of the level of complexity.

- Public library staff members who perform cataloging will gain understanding and facility with creating cataloging records for their collection
- Public library staff members will develop increased confidence in cataloging materials for their collections.

The State Library wants to continue to provide you with assistance that will be useful for you and your library community, especially during this time of short staffing and practically non-existent budgets.

NM Library News

NM Tribal Libraries Golf Tournament

By Janice Kowemy, Laguna Pueblo, and Nathaniel Lujan, Isleta Pueblo.



First Place Team – Acoma Business Enterprises

The 1st Annual NM Tribal Libraries Benefit Golf Tournament took place on Friday, June 22, 2011, at the Isleta Eagle Golf Course. The tournament benefited the Acoma Learning Center, Jemez Pueblo Community Library, Isleta Pueblo Library/Resource Center, Laguna Public Library, and San Ildefonso Pueblo Library. Library staff and volunteers from those libraries came together to help raise funds for our libraries to use for operational expenses, salaries, programming, equipment, and other items needed for the libraries.

We had about 20 teams from all over New Mexico. Registration was at 7:00 am and shotgun was at 8:00 a.m. Players received a ditty bag filled with items

donated from various organizations such as Hard Rock Albuquerque, Route 66 Casino, and Sky City Casino. There was a Hole-In-One contest for a 2011 Ford Taurus donated by Bob Turner's Ford Country. Unfortunately, no one was lucky enough to take it home. First place went to Acoma Business Enterprises, second place went to Merrill Lynch, and third place went to Pueblo of Jemez Emergency Medical Service Team. Prizes were plates designed by local artists from Isleta, Acoma, Laguna, and San Ildefonso.

There were many raffle prizes to give away: golf bags, signed items from Notah Begay, a fishing rod, ice chests, chairs, a Jr. golf club set, an umbrella, BBQ gift basket, romance gift basket, golf gift basket and many other items.

There was also a silent auction of Native American art that included pottery, jewelry, paintings, a bolo tie and others.

A big THANK YOU to all the teams, the sponsors, library staff, volunteers, and those who donated items for the ditty bags, raffle and silent auction! We greatly appreciate your generosity and help!

Join us for our next event, the 2nd Annual NM Tribal Libraries Golf Tournament.

Take the Native American Youth Challenge

The White House

President Obama has challenged us all to help win the future by out-educating, out-innovating, and out-building our competitors in the 21st century.

Are you doing extraordinary things to make a difference for your tribe, village or community? Take the Native American Youth Challenge. We want to hear your stories. A group of exceptional Native youth community leaders will be invited to the White House this fall in conjunction with the activities of Native American heritage month. We will also consider your stories of leadership and service as we feature individuals on the White House website. Tell us your story – everyone has a story to tell and a part to play.

Requirements:

- ❖ **You must be aged 13-25**
- ❖ **Maximum of 250 words**
- ❖ **All submissions must be received by September 30, 2011**
- ❖ **Submissions may be about yourself or another leader in your community; however, all submissions must be written by people age 25 or younger**
- ❖ **Any individuals invited to the White House will be responsible for obtaining their own travel and lodging**

Your submissions should include a description of the leadership or community activity, the number of people involved or impacted, key examples of success, and barriers or challenges for the leadership efforts and how they were overcome. Follow the link below to make your submission.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/nativeamericans/take-native-american-youth-challenge>

Briefings

Public Library Annual Reports

By Geri Hutchins, NMSL

The 2010 Public Library Annual Reports for individual libraries have been posted on the State Library's website.

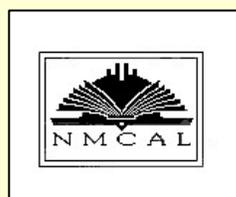
To access the reports, go to:

<http://www.nmstatelibrary.org/directory/>. Type in the library name and click Find a Library or, on the left hand side of the page, NM Information, Find by City and then type in the city. The reports go back to 2006.

The 2011 report is due September 1, 2011. Short extensions are possible if you need more time. State Aid grants cannot be calculated until all reports have

been submitted and reviewed so any delays will delay grants for all libraries. As much as possible, reports are being reviewed daily as they are submitted.

Make sure you are going to the correct address. Remember Bibliostat changed their system a few years ago. If you are still trying to use collect.bibliostat.com, you will be locked out of that system. Please be sure to use <http://collect.btol.com> to login.



New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries

By Peg Johnson, Library Director,
Santa Fe Community College,
NMCAL President

The New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL) held their annual retreat on August 8th and 9th in Santa Fe. We had a wonderful retreat full of presentations and lively discussions on everything from social media to statewide resource purchases. The group is now in the process of collaborating with the Legislative Finance Council and the Higher Education Department as we all begin to work on the 2012 Library GO Bond proposal for the Legislature.

Melveta Walker, longtime library director at Eastern New Mexico University - Portales was named Academic Librarian of the year. This is the first time NMCAL has presented this award. Melveta was a unanimous choice of the NMCAL Executive Committee for her service to her library, her mentoring of librarians and fellow library directors, and for her outstanding ability to negotiate with vendors which has allowed NMCAL members to purchase databases at discounts that none of us could achieve alone. Congratulations, Melveta. She will be acknowledged and honored at the NMLA annual awards banquet in the spring.

GO Bond 2012 Update

By Joe Sabatini, NMLA Legislation Committee

The proposed 2012 Library Bond Issue was presented to the Legislative Finance Committee on Wednesday, August 17 in Red River. Members of the NMLA Legislation Committee were in attendance as well as Interim State Librarian Ben Wakashige and other library supporters. The group will not be giving any testimony, but have been providing information about statewide library needs to Analyst Linda Kehoe. To read documentation prepared by the NMLA Legislation Committee for this meeting, use this URL: [NMLA GO Bond 2012](#)

Library receives Optimist Club donation

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The Silver City **Optimist Club** members Tuesday donated \$20,000 to the Public Library Foundation of Silver City to be used in improvements of the children's area at the library.

NMLA Mini-Conference

Please mark your calendars for **October 27 & 28th**, the dates for the 2011 Mini-Conference at the State Library in Santa Fe.

We are fortunate to have Dr. Marcy Oxford, President of NMSTE, New Mexico Society for Technology in Education, as our keynote speaker.

This year's theme is: **Technology: Learning From the Past; Looking Toward the Future.** You may download a copy of the preliminary program [here](#).

New Mexico Centennial Event

Mary A Tuytschaevers
Director of Library Services
New Mexico Junior College

Pannell Library will host a juried Art Show April 22 - 29, 2012 as part of our state's 100th Birthday. We will also have an Emerging Writer's Contest in the fall for

students and staff including H.S. Students in Lea County.

In addition, we are one of four sites in the state for [Let's Talk About It: Lincoln: Making Sense of the Civil War](#) under the auspices of the NM Humanities Council in the fall of 2012. The Book Discussions will be on Saturdays for NMJC and on Sundays for Las Cruces. They will be either in the spring or fall to avoid the high heat of summer.

People Notes

Welcome New Library Directors

Angela Creamer – Estancia Public Library



Angela Creamer was selected as the new Head Librarian at the Estancia Public Library effective July 1, 2011. Creamer earned the promotion from her current job as the Town of Estancia Billing Clerk/Receptionist after an in-depth application and interview process. There were 12 original applicants for the job.

Creamer served as librarian and assistant librarian from 2001-2008 and holds Grade I and Grade II New Mexico State Librarian Certifications.

As part of her plans for the facility, Creamer hopes to build a strong force of volunteers. "Please come and volunteer at the library and share your time and talents. There is a job waiting for you. Some of the possibilities include mending, covering and shelving books, helping students and seniors on the computer, reading to preschoolers, helping someone find that special book, teaching a craft to preteens and just like home, there is always cleaning that needs done. "

There is always general office work (filing and organizing) and even the gardens need some help. The roses and flower beds need some TLC.

Sabrina Hood – Aztec Public Library



Sabrina is originally from Bloomfield, New Mexico. Sabrina moved back to her hometown about 11 years ago from Phoenix, Arizona, where

she worked for DeVry University and Navajo Preparatory School. Sabrina has several years of work experience in the library and recreational fields, including her first job out of high school starting with Farmington Public Library, Phoenix Public Library, and Arizona State University – Prevention Resource Center. Sabrina enjoys an active lifestyle with a variety of sports and outdoor recreational activity; she enjoys to challenging herself to learning new things and bringing that knowledge back to her community. “I have always had a passion for providing services to our youth and the public, and this new position gives me a chance to share my knowledge and experience,” said Sabrina.

Sandy Farrell – Hobbs Public Library

Cyndi Waite – Moriarty Community Library

Farewell, Laurie



Laurie Canepa, Director of the Public Services Bureau at the State Library is leaving her position after 21 years of service to the residents of New Mexico. From 1990—2006, Laurie was the Regional Federal Documents Librarian. In 2005, Laurie led the way to the State Library being selected as the Depository Library of the Year, selected from 1,300 libraries for the honor. Laurie received the NMLA Leadership Award in 2009 for her work training libraries throughout the state in the location and use of government information.

Laurie will be starting a new job at the Legislative Council Service Library on September 5, just in time for the special session; she is looking forward to a

challenging new environment and working with Tracey Kimball, veteran LCS Librarian.

Laurie will miss her colleagues at the State Library and is grateful for the friends she has made statewide over the years.

Everyone at the State Library will miss Laurie, her kind and friendly attitude, her dedication to the State Library, and because she was a friend to all. Bon voyage and buena suerte, Laurie.

Jobs

No jobs to report this issue.