



# New Mexico State Library

*A Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs*



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## Message from the State Librarian -- The Year In Review



**State Librarian  
Susan Oberlander**

On a positive note and moving forward, continuing education courses in summer reading, government documents, cataloging, marketing, and reference were offered by State Library staff. Library Development staff are working on a multi-year schedule for core competency training for FY10. This will allow public library managers to make staff development plans in a realistic manner and individual librarians to plan ahead for classes that may be of interest.

Two new bookmobile vehicles were delivered this year - one to our East Regional office in Tucumcari and the other to our West Regional office in Los Lunas. The funds to purchase these custom-built vehicles were appropriated by the New Mexico Legislature during the 2007 session.

The Resource Sharing Team will complete the automation of the Bookmobiles and Books by Mail collections in the spring of 2009 using the open-source software KOHA. This has been a long-awaited event in the lives of the staff in those two departments, who are still writing circulation records by hand and trying to keep up with filing cards while driving the back roads. In addition, the Technical Services Bureau is leading the way in a database cleanup of the records in the State Library's online catalog (SALSA), another much anticipated task that will improve the use of that catalog greatly.

We have changed our federal document status from "regional to selective" in order to tailor the collection. In addition, the Public Services State Documents staff are considering how to collaborate with other state agencies to digitize some high demand paper collections. The Public Services Bureau has also pared the circulating collection down in terms of acquisitions and shelf space to prepare for a restoration of stronger reference services for state agencies. We will continue to maintain the library science collection. The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped upgraded the KLAS database and began preparations for the transition to digital media next year.

Though we may not be rich in a monetary sense, we are rich in the strong spirit of service as we look forward to a successful year. This is very evident, not only at the State Library, but in libraries all over the state. We know that circulation and attendance figures are up in many public libraries and that all libraries are working hard to meet the continuing needs of their customers. While we may be down in numbers and dollars, the existing staff is doing a wonderful job of pulling together to keep services to state agencies and libraries intact as well as to preserve services in the rural areas and online services for all New Mexicans.

## “Catch the Reading Bug” Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Programs (SRPs) offer a fun, engaging way for young people to become acquainted with the library, nourish an affinity for reading, and maintain and build reading skills. The 2008 SRP in New Mexico was a big success. The State Library joined with the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) for a second year. CSLP is a consortium of 46 states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials at a low cost for their public libraries. We provided manuals, training, and a \$25 supply voucher to all public libraries and branches in the state, along with the State Library Bookmobiles and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Federal funds from the Library Services and Technology Act made this program possible.



Summer Reading is for all ages!



First Lady Barbara Richardson kicks off the Summer Reading Program.

### Some highlights from summer 2008:

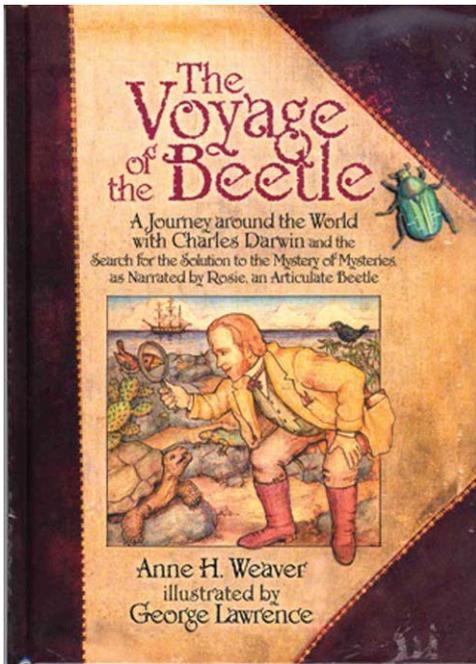
- First Lady Barbara Richardson kicked off the Summer Reading Program at the Southside branch library of Santa Fe Public Library.
- The themes “Catch the Reading Bug” for kids and “Metamorphosis” for teens were big hits statewide.
- The State Library provided 4 training sessions around the state; 91 youth services librarians participated in the workshops.
- New Mexico’s public libraries, along with the State Library Bookmobiles and Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program, provided a total of 1,990 events for their communities, attracting a total of 65,973 participants.
- Some libraries recorded number of books read by participants -- the total for these libraries is 129,855 books. Other libraries recorded the number of hours that participants read -- these totaled 223,730 hours. Either way, a lot of reading was accomplished!

Librarians delivering their 2008 summer reading programs had some experiences that sum up well what summer reading programs achieve in New Mexico communities:

- “We had a great turnout of teen volunteers. I think helping gave them a sense of pride and caused them to be more involved in the program overall.”  
—Lomas Tramway Branch, Albuquerque/Bernalillo Co. Library System
- “Rewarding children for reading was pretty special. It was reading, it was learning and they were rewarded for it the way an athlete is rewarded for doing a sport well. It was such a joy to see the looks on the first, second, and third place readers when they got their medals. That was very endearing for me.”  
—Carnegie Public Library
- “Two of our young patrons, 7 and 10 years old, live on dairy farm. This summer it was their responsibility to feed and water the baby calves. Since this is an every day occurrence they were not able to attend a summer reading program at a public library and were really happy that we were able to compensate for this.”  
—NMSL Rural Bookmobile West

## National Book Festival

From suggestions made by librarians around the state, the New Mexico State Library chose [The Voyage of the Beetle](#) (UNM Press, 2008) by Anne H. Weaver and illustrated by George Lawrence, to be the “State Book” at the 2008 National Book Festival.



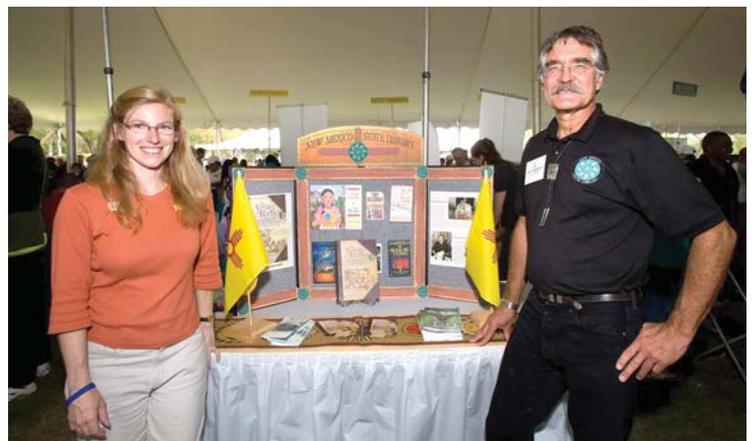
Librarians chose the New Mexico State Book.

Dr. Weaver wrote [The Voyage of the Beetle](#) after reading [The Voyage of the Beagle](#), Darwin's own description of a round-the-world voyage he made as a twenty-two year old in 1831-35. Most books about Darwin describe him as a venerable scientist, working in scholarly solitude on his great idea, the Theory of Natural Selection. Weaver wanted readers to meet the wide-eyed, enthusiastic, curious, brilliant, thoughtful, passionate young Darwin as he began to gather clues to what he called the mystery of mysteries, the origin of new species over time. [The Voyage of the Beetle](#) has been classified as a book for young readers but the story, narrated through the dry wit of Rosie, an articulate beetle, also offers a clear, straightforward explanation of Darwin's mystery of mysteries to readers of all ages, without condescension or oversimplification.

The National Book Festival is an annual event held on the Mall in Washington, DC, sponsored by the Library of Congress. Each state has a table in the Pavilion of the States where representatives pass out youth and literacy information. The two State Library representatives from New Mexico were Beth Crist and Robert Upton of the Development Services Bureau. Over 120,000 visitors passed through the event.

Author Anne H. Weaver received a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico and taught evolutionary anthropology at Santa Fe Community College for many years. She is now a full-time writer living in Santa Fe where she and her family have lived for the past 25 years.

The book's illustrator, George Lawrence, a graduate of Auburn University, now living in Santa Fe, has created a beautiful book of inviting, detailed illustrations, published admirably by UNM Press. George worked for 27 years in the field of design and illustration. He works for a design firm that creates interpretive exhibits for national parks and monuments, and cultural and nature centers throughout the United States. His interest in environmental education and ecological activism brought him to [The Voyage of the Beetle](#) project.



Beth Crist and Robert Upton staffed New Mexico's booth.

## Government Information for the 21st Century



The New Mexico State Library staff from the Public Services Bureau hit the road in late fall to provide the first of over 25 training sessions to public librarians in every part of the state. The trainings were designed to show librarians how to help their customers find and use a wealth of online information on a variety of topics including legal issues, consumer concerns, small business and entrepreneurship, immigration, renewable energy, community demographics, history, health and kids sites.

The trainings funded by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Library and Information Services (ILMS) offered a unique opportunity for the State Library to collaborate with librarians across five states in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. The continuing education program was called GI21 (Government Information for the 21st Century). The New Mexico State Library staff coordinated the regional GI21 trainings, developed training modules for future initiatives, and served over 200 New Mexico librarians across the state. The trainings ranged in location from Dine College serving the Navajo Nation in the northwest to Hobbs in the southwest corner. The successful program wrapped up in Santa Fe with training sessions on demographics and health resources.

## State Documents Will Travel

- The staff of the Public Services Bureau State Documents program made site visits to 23 depositories statewide. During these trips they gained a greater appreciation of the diverse needs of depository libraries, which vary from small public libraries to the largest universities.
- An Annual State Depository meeting was hosted by the State Library and attended by many depository librarians and staff.
- Over 800 state documents were received and processed, resulting in 6,000 copies sent to depositories statewide. In addition, 26 digital serials and monographs were collected.
- A new version of digital collection software was installed, which enhanced the library's ability to continue to expand digital document collections available on the State Library's website.
- A web page tracking library-related state legislation was added to the State Library's website.



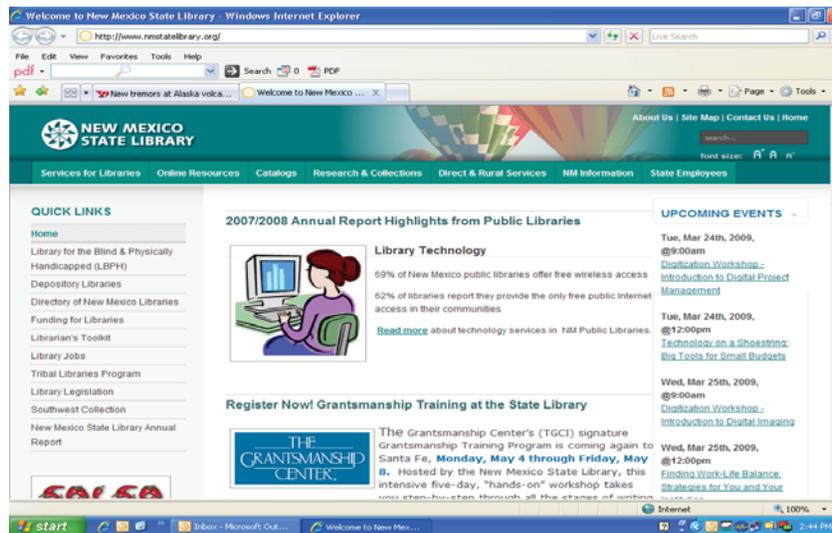
**Depository librarians explore what's available in the State Documents collection.**

## State Library Collaborations

In order to offer a variety of programming events to New Mexico's public library staff and patrons, more collaboration between the State Library Development Services Bureau and other divisions within the Department of Cultural Affairs occurred this year.

- Archaeologist Chuck Hannaford from the Office of Archaeological Studies presented public programs at four public libraries around the state. Mr. Hannaford brought a wide range of real and reproduction artifacts found in New Mexico, explaining and demonstrating them to library patrons. These well-received programs allowed the public to handle the artifacts and learn about the history of the state.
- The New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science presented a program called, "Earthscope," at four public libraries in the state. Geologists offered an informative multimedia presentation on the geoscience of New Mexico.
- Staff at the Museum of International Folk Art offered a workshop to Youth Services librarians. The engaging session introduced librarians to the museum's collection of Milagros and amulets; then the librarians had the opportunity to try their hands at making their own amulets. In addition, a poet demonstrated ways of engaging children in creating poetry using art and other creative expression as prompts.
- The State Library's Development Bureau staff teamed up with four library systems in Texas for a podcasting project called, "Librarian Live." It was geared at educating librarians in the two states. Each partner produced one podcast per month, featuring an interview with a librarian working on a unique project.

## Re-designed Web Site Launched



The State Library launched its newly redesigned web site <http://nmstatelibrary.org>. Our goals were to develop a cleaner design, a more intuitive navigation structure, and better content organization. Articles and news items are placed in the middle column; "Quick Links" to our most popular pages can be found in the left-hand column; the Events Calendar, which features workshops and training, is in the right-hand column; and tabs were placed across the top for easy access to content. Other popular pages still include the *Hitchhiker* newsletter and archives; New Mexico News Plus, which features current local newspaper headlines that are linked to state government documents; and library jobs in New Mexico.

## Technical Services Bureau Activities

The Technical Services Bureau at the State Library is the backbone of support services, available technologies, and creative collaboration to meet the challenges for access to information resources. Here are some highlights from that department:

- Rural Services Automation Project - helping to lay the groundwork for the New Mexico Resource Sharing Initiative using an open source software solution (Koha).
- New Mexico Digital Repository - collaborating with the State Library's Public Services Bureau to launch in 2009.
- Statistics:

Number of bibliographic records in SALSA	616,879
Number of items in SALSA	719,069
Number of copies in SALSA	2,494
Number of URL addresses in SALSA	93,179

Federal documents processed	7,981
State document titles processed & shipped	805
Copies processed and shipped	6,507
State documents in storage added to collection	750
Claims processed for materials not received	487
Newspapers added to automated check-in system	52



From left to right: Technical Services staff, Denise Dixon, Monica Villaire-Garcia, and Juan Romero.

# Fast Facts

## Grants and State Aid to Public Libraries

Library Development Grants (16 libraries)	\$ 18,465
Public Library Grants (69 libraries)	<u>\$254,535</u>
Total State Grants-in-Aid to Public Libraries	\$273,000

Direct Grants to Tribal Libraries \$104,500

## Rural Services

Bookmobile ILL Requests	1,326
Bookmobile Items Circulated	119,703
Bookmobile Reference Questions	3,442
Books by Mail ILL Requests	13
Books by Mail Items Circulated	16,438
Books by Mail Reference Questions	1,098

## Public Services

Statewide Database Logins	3,465,268
Statewide Database Searches	9,839,439
Statewide Database Full-text Retrieval	10,446,689
State Library Items Circulated	2,944
State Library ILL Requests	12,316
State Library Reference Questions	3,897
LBPH* Items Circulated	106,217
LBPH Patrons Statewide	3,800
In-house Produced Talking Books	40

\* LBPH - Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped



## Members of the State Library Commission

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## Hours

Monday through Friday (Reference Library)  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

## General Phone Numbers (Area Code 505)

State Librarian	476-9762
Deputy State Librarian	476-9712
Reference	476-9702
Southwest Collection	476-9790
Circulation	476-9700
Library for Blind & Physically Handicapped	476-9770
Books-by-Mail	476-9780
Library Development	476-9760
Marketing & Communications	476-9728
Rural Bookmobile East	461-1206
Rural Bookmobile NE	376-2474
Rural Bookmobile SW	534-4617
Rural Bookmobile West	841-5250

## Toll-free Numbers

Books-by-Mail	1-800-395-9144
Library Development	1-800-340-3890
Interlibrary Loan	1-800-477-4401
Reference	1-800-876-2203
Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped	1-800-456-5515



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