

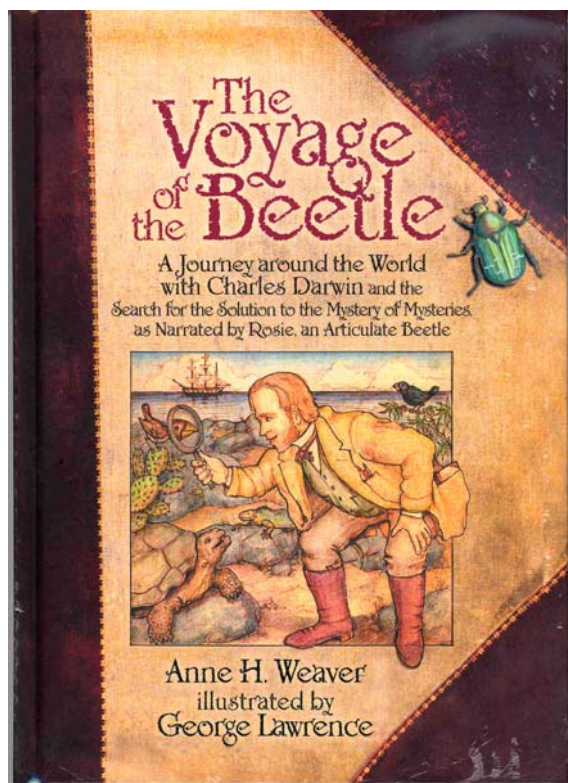


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STATE BOOK FOR DC



From suggestions made by librarians from around the state (see *HH* # 1666), 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 National Book Festival. The Voyage of the Beetle is Anne's account of Charles Darwin's voyage on board the H.M.S. Beagle as narrated by an unlikely confederate, Rosie the Beetle. In this lively, witty narrative, Rosie describes how she took Darwin under her wing, providing clues and hints that guided his insights.

The National Book Festival is an annual event held on the Mall in Washington, DC, sponsored by the Library of Congress (see <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest>). This year it will be held on September 27 and is expected to attract at least 80,000 visitors. Each state has a table in the Pavilion of the States where representatives pass out youth and literacy information about their state. The two State Library representatives from New

Mexico will be Beth Crist and Robert Upton of the Development Services Bureau.

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. Her upcoming second book, Children of Time, will also be published by UNM Press and expresses Anne's lifetime fascination with paleontology and geology, the sciences that explore "deep time."

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.

When contacted by *HH*, Anne H. Weaver writes: "I am delighted and deeply honored that the New Mexico State Library has chosen my book The Voyage of the Beetle to represent New Mexico at the National Festival of the Book.

I 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. But I wanted my 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.

I hope readers of The Voyage of the Beetle will enjoy Darwin's adventures on the H.M.S. Beagle; but I also hope they will come to appreciate the daring and exciting intellectual adventure Darwin undertook as he developed the theory of natural selection to explain how evolution works.

Again, thank you for the honor of representing New Mexico!"

BRIEFINGS

Send your news or stories that you would like to share with the library community to the HH editor, Robert Upton, at robert.upton@state.nm.us

IMLS Enhancement Grants. The Institute of Museum and Library services announced its September 2008 Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant awards, including two New Mexico libraries. They are the Pueblo of Santa Clara and Jemez Pueblo.

Pueblo of Santa Clara is to receive \$75,000 to implement a project entitled "Facets of Literacy Development through Culture and Library Enhancement." This project focuses on early childhood reading readiness. The library staff received training through a current Pueblo of Pojoaque Enhancement Grant to implement the "Every Child Ready to Read" program. The new grant will adapt this program to the community and teach parents and other caregivers how to help their children become successful readers and learners. It builds on the intergenerational elder/child activities of the Tewa Language Program by integrating it with the Relatives as Parents Program, which works with grandparents serving as surrogate parents. A series of

storytelling programs featuring traditional Tewa stories appropriate for the season and tales from other cultures using puppetry, music, and drama will entertain and educate Santa Clara children. For more information, contact Teresa Naranjo, Library Director, at 505-753-7326 ext. 247; sclib@santaclarapueblo.org .

The Jemez Pueblo Community Library 's award amount comes to \$143,262 for a wide variety of activities geared to school success and lifelong learning under the project heading of the “Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant.” The project will include afterschool tutoring for every grade level, computer literacy classes for all ages, Family Literacy Nights for parents and children to read together, traditional arts classes, and story sessions conducted in the Towa language. Through the Jemez Library Consortium, the project staff will train early childhood education teachers about the Raising Early Readers program and will offer Parents Nights focused on parenting skills and child development. Video gaming will be available for older youth; jobseekers will have Internet resources for their job searches; and students will be able to take advantage of distance learning opportunities. For more information, contact Tamara Sandia, the Jemez Pueblo Community Library librarian at (505) 834-9171 or email indiantam@hotmail.com .

IMLS Enhancement Grants support projects to enhance existing library services or implement new library services, particularly as they relate to the goals of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). These goals include:

- expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages;
- developing library services that provide all users with access to information through local, state, regional, national, and international electronic networks;
- providing electronic and other linkages between and among all types of libraries;
- developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;
- targeting library services to help increase access and ability to use information resources for individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills; and
- targeting library and information services to help increase access and ability to use information resources for persons having difficulty using a library and for underserved urban and rural communities, including children from birth to age 17 from families with incomes below the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget).

See eligibility requirements for the Basic Grant. Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages are eligible to apply for the Enhancement Grant only if they have applied for a Native American Library Services Basic Grant in the same fiscal year. See program guidelines for specific eligibility criteria at <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/nativeEnhance.shtm> .

HH notes. The *Hitchhiker* is about you and your libraries. We depend on you to let us know what is going on at your libraries, and what you like or don't like about the content of the newsletter. Please help by spreading the word that *Hitchhiker* is back, and by reminding others

to send their email addresses so we can notify them each time a new issue is available. Send your news and announcements, and also new and corrected email addresses to robert.upton@state.nm.us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send event and training announcements for the library community to the HH editor, Robert Upton, at robert.upton@state.nm.us

New Mexico Women Authors Book Festival. The first New Mexico Women Authors Book Festival, to be held at Milner Plaza on Museum Hill in Santa Fe on Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. features 75 New Mexican women authors in fiction, poetry, history, art, biography, children's books and more. Festival admission is free, and also includes free admission to the Museum of International Folk Art and the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. Novelist Ana Castillo, Santa Fe Poet Laureate Valerie Martinez, former CIA agent Valerie Plame Wilson, cookbook guru Deborah Madison, and 71 other notable women authors will celebrate the joy of reading and the creative power of New Mexico's women writers.

The festival is modeled after the Library of Congress' National Book Festival, held every September on the mall in Washington, D.C. This unique festival format allows visitors to hear authors in a variety of genres read and discuss their craft in 30-minute intervals in a casual, interactive environment. Authors will be showcased at the festival in seven open-air pavilions: "Fiction," "Poetry," "Mysteries and Fantasy," "History and Biography," "Art," "Home and Family," and "Children." Additionally, a special pavilion will highlight information about the New Mexico History Museum, scheduled to open in 2009, and educate visitors about the history of book-making and printing in New Mexico.

Book signings and sales will also take place on Milner Plaza. New Mexico teachers will be invited to a special event to learn about the depth of women writers in the state and how their books can contribute to school curricula. For more information, visit the web site at <http://www.newmexicocreates.org/authors-festival.php>.

Call for program proposals. The New Mexico Library Association is seeking proposals for programs to be presented at the 2009 NMLA Annual Conference. The Conference Program Committee welcomes your proposals and would love to hear from you. Please share your ideas and accomplishments.

The conference will be held April 22-24, 2009, at the Albuquerque Convention Center. The conference theme is "Sharing Ideas, Building Communities."

To print out a proposal form, complete one online, and to learn more about the conference, please go to the NMLA Conference website at <http://nmlaconference.org>.

JOBS

Send job announcements to the HH editor, Robert Upton, at robert.upton@state.nm.us . There is no charge for this service to the library community.

Library director. The City of Hobbs Public Library is accepting applications to fill the position of Library Director. Salary range \$57,345 to \$65,957 DOQ with excellent benefits: retirement, insurance, leave benefits, etc. The Hobbs Public Library has a staff of 12 full-time and 5 part-time. The collection consists of approximately 130,000 items and circulated over 115,000 items in FY 2007-08. The Director is responsible for all library operations and supervision of staff, payroll, budget, programming and service to the public. Candidates should be versed in all facets of current technology and possess supervisory, communication, organizational, interpersonal, decision-making, and public relations skills that have been demonstrated in a library setting. Requires a Master's degree in Library Science plus five years of experience as a professional level librarian in a public library with at least two years of supervisory experience. To be considered for this position, please submit a statement of interest and résumé (a completed application will be required prior to hire) to: City of Hobbs HR Department, 200 E Broadway, Hobbs, NM 88240; (575) 397-9230 - (575) 397-9212 FAX, email: personnel@hobbsnm.org . Web site is www.hobbsnm.org . An Equal Opportunity Employer/Smoke & Drug Free Workplace

Librarians wanted. Innovative library in the Four Corners area of New Mexico seeks compatible partners to share creativity and passion for great customer service. If you like sunny days and outdoor activities, and are enthusiastic about the future of libraries, this library wants to meet you. Come grow with us at Farmington Public Library: www.infoway.org . Job descriptions and required applications are available from the City of Farmington, Personnel Division, 850 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM 87401 or call (505) 599-1132. www.cofjobs.com . Positions open until filled. AA/EOE

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