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TEEN LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER BRINGS NEW PERSPECTIVE



The *Mountain View Telegraph* recently reported that while reading isn't high on some teenagers' to-do lists, Moriarty High School freshman **Desiree Garcia** is the exception to the rule. She's the only teenager currently serving on the **Moriarty Community Library Board**.

"It was a surprise to me how I got on," Garcia explained. "They all voted for me," she said, of her fellow Board members. And it's easy to see why. Garcia's current

appointment to the Board caps off a veritable career with the Moriarty Library. She began working there as a volunteer at the tender age of 10, and her grandmother, Norma Ortiz, works there, too.

Matching books to the right audience is a skill Garcia will apply to her new position on the Board. Her job is to represent the interests of high school students, explaining that there is more young adult fiction at the high school library than at the community library. That's something she hopes to change. "I read a book called *'Hush-Hush'* recently," she said. "It was really good, but they don't have it here." Garcia said she would like to see the paranormal romance genre on the community library's shelves.

Garcia, who replaces outgoing Moriarty High School senior Samantha Waite, plans to remain on the Board until she graduates. "I like it," she said. "It's good here."

BRIEFINGS



Send your news or stories that you would like to share with the library community to the HH editor, Renee Payne, at renee.payne@state.nm.us

Library Bond B Passes. Joe Sabatini, Co-chair of the New Mexico Library Association's Legislative Committee, provides this update on the successful statewide library bond issues in the 2010 New Mexico General Election.

State General Obligation Bond B, providing \$7 million for public, academic, public school and tribal libraries, passed by an unofficial margin of 23,640 votes. With 267,611 yes votes and 243,971 no votes, Bond B won with 52.3% in favor, the same percentage attained by library bond issue C in 2008. This was accomplished through higher margins in De Baca, Santa Fe and McKinley Counties and significant margin gains in Union, Bernalillo, Eddy and San Juan Counties. These gains cancelled significantly lower margins in Otero, Sandoval, Mora, San Miguel, Quay, Los Alamos, Taos, Curry and Guadalupe Counties.

Bond B showed the third-highest level of support among the four state bond issues; the \$5 million public school facilities bond (C) received a 60.7% favorable margin, followed by the \$7 million senior citizen facilities bond (A) with 53.8%, with library bond (B) at 52.3%. Bond D, providing \$155 million for higher education facilities, lost by 2,471 votes, with 49.8% of the yes vote.

Meanwhile in Bernalillo County, library bonds providing \$1.5 million to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library System passed by a vote of 127,320 yes to 54,239 no, a 70.1% margin. In Sandoval County, voters passed a \$3,250,000 bond question to purchase library books, databases, media, other materials and technology upgrades for the fourteen public libraries in the county. The money will be distributed to each public and tribal library in the County based on the size of the population served. The bond passed by a vote of 22,318 yes to 16,698 no, a 57.2% favorable margin.

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 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 renee.payne@state.nm.us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Opera Exhibit at Los Alamos Library. “Divas and Dresses,” a special exhibition planned for the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos by The Santa Fe Opera opened on Tuesday, November 9. Costumes created by some of the world’s leading designers and made especially for the divas who wore them will be on display. The show also includes a number of large panels that give an overview of The Santa Fe Opera’s colorful history. Two members of the Opera production staff, Tracy Armagost and Emilee McVey, will be on hand to answer questions.

The show runs until December 30 and is open during regular library hours: Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Each costume was made in the Opera’s costume shop under the watchful eye of director David Burke. Volunteers and technical apprentices under the supervision of professional sewers cut and sewed the gowns that were worn by Susan Graham, Anna Christy, Patricia Racette, Natalie Dessay, Ana Maria Martinez, Susanna Phillips and Constance Hauman.

The Santa Fe Opera has long been considered one of the country’s leading summer festivals, attracting opera lovers from all fifty states and abroad. The principles, as set forth by its founder John Crosby more than fifty years ago, still guide the Company. He envisioned an ensemble company where young apprentice singers and technicians would learn their craft from experienced artists and the creative teams of directors, set and costume designers. Costumes and sets are built on the Opera’s premises, and are considered among the most beautiful in the operatic world.

Paul Horpedahl, the Opera Production director, is in charge of the installation. For more information contact Joyce Idema or Cindy Layman at press@santafeopera.org. To contact the Mesa Public Library, please call Carol Meine at 505-662-8253.

History of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) and the Albuquerque Historical Society are co-sponsoring an illustrated presentation about the history of the Center on **Saturday, November 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** IPCC President and CEO Ron Solimon and Joe Sabatini will describe how the Center has changed and grown over the last 35 years and present its vision for the 21st Century, using images from the Center's archives posted to the New Mexico Statehood Centennial's digital history project.

The event also includes brunch that begins at 11 a.m. and will feature Pueblo cuisine. You may make brunch reservations with Kay Ortega, IPCC, at 505-212-7052. The cost is \$20.00



per person, with a \$5.00 discount for members of the Albuquerque Historical Society and Friends of the IPCC. For more information about the event, go to <http://indianpueblo.org/>

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC), located at 2401 12TH ST. NW, just north of Interstate 40, has been one of Albuquerque's cultural jewels since its opening in 1976. It is the culmination of a vision by Pueblo communities and leaders to have a place that could educate the general public, provide economic opportunities for Pueblo peoples, and support the preservation of their unique cultural heritage.

Santa Fe Community Foundation Grants. This past spring, the Santa Fe Community Foundation invited nonprofit organizations in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Taos, San Miguel and Mora counties to submit proposals to support programs relating to Arts, Civic Affairs, Education, Environment and Health and Human Services. A record-breaking 204 applications for grants from nonprofits applying through the Community Grants Program and the Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership requested close to \$2.8 million in funding – \$1 million more than last year's requests.

Successful applicants for the 2010 Discretionary Grants were the **Rio Arriba Independent Libraries (RAIL)** -- \$20,000 for four rural community libraries' services and educational programming in Embudo, El Rito, Abiquiu and Truchas. For the full list of winners and details about their programs, go to http://www.santafecf.org/grants/general_ex.php.

NMLA Award Nominations. The New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) posted this information about the upcoming 2011 Awards for the following five categories:

Community Achievement Award –given to librarians (those certified or with a degree) for outstanding library service or achievement at the local level. Also may be given as NMLA's recognition of an award from another source that has enhanced the library, and to the entire library community; thus to a local, school, or academic librarian who has received a community, regional, or national honor.

Honorary Life Membership Award – NMLA’s highest award is given to individuals for outstanding contributions to the purposes of NMLA, for constructive accomplishment rather than longevity, not limited to librarians, may be given to anyone for helping NMLA and/or libraries in New Mexico. Criteria: Significant contribution to NMLA and its activities throughout the library career. Scope of activity beyond own work location; achievements and contributions to NMLA growth are known within the library community, as well as being recognized by other persons or entities in New Mexico.

Legislator of the Year Award – given to a New Mexico state legislator who has demonstrated leadership in the advancement of libraries throughout the state. Criteria: Notable legislative contribution to library funding, the issues of intellectual freedom, and/or access to library services.

New Mexico Library Amigo Award – given to an individual (friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel) whose work on behalf of the local library has resulted in significant progress and/or achievement for that library; or in recognition of work in the promotion of library service within the state.

New Mexico Library Leadership Award – given to librarians who have rendered outstanding service beyond the local community. Criteria: Notable contribution to the advancement of libraries within the state, known and recognized in more than one community; contributions that bring recognition and/or enhance the image of libraries in general within New Mexico.

The nomination form can be found at http://nmla.org/docs/award_nomination.doc. The deadline for completed forms is no later than January 4, 2011.



PEOPLE NOTES

Send announcements of new personnel, changes, achievements, and retirements in your library to the HH editor, Renee Payne, at renee.payne@state.nm.us

Beth Crist, Library Development Bureau Director at the State Library, has resigned from her position effective Friday, Dec 3. She is relocating to Denver, CO where she'll assume duties as a Branch Manager for the Denver Public Library System. "It's been very enjoyable to work with public libraries in New Mexico. I really enjoyed getting to know the libraries, staff, and communities. I have been especially rewarded working with the youth services librarians, and have appreciated their enthusiastic dedication." Beth also held the Youth Services Consultant position when she first arrived in New Mexico a little over two years ago. Her other duties included coordinating the statewide Summer Reading Program. We wish her the best of luck in her new town and new job.

Paula White, Bookmobile Manager since 1994 for the State Library's Rural Bookmobile East office in Tucumcari, is retiring on December 1. Paula said, "I've really enjoyed my job. I liked traveling around the SE part of New Mexico, seeing the country, the changes each season, and the people. I'll also miss ordering new books and getting to read certain authors first!" There will be a farewell luncheon for her in Tucumcari on Monday, November 29 at noon at the Rocking Y's Restaurant.

Carol Glover, Director of Tatum Community Library, has adjusted her working schedule in anticipation of her retirement on December 15. Carol also will be celebrating her 35th anniversary in the job. She started the library in 1975 and oversaw the new building, which was funded by the Maddox Foundation. Carol will have plenty of time to devote to her family -- she has two sons and a daughter, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, with a new baby boy born into the family in late October. We thank Carol for her dedicated service to her community.

Lucy Pino, who served as the Director of the Magdalena Public Library/Museum Director for the past 8 years, retired on September 13. **Don Wiltshire**, who has been serving on the Board of Directors of the Library since 2003, has been the library director "pro tem." Don also volunteers and handles the inter-library loan requests, and with the aid of Ann Danielsen, the library's computer maintenance person and Susan Schuhardt, the President of the Friends of the Library, have managed to keep the library open for the full 40 hours per week schedule.

Clovis Public Library Director **Marilyn Belcher** retired on September 15, and **Lisa Mount** has been the Interim Library Director. On November 15, the library welcomed new director **Margaret Hinchee**. More news about Margaret will follow in an upcoming Hitchhiker.

Julia Clarke, Director of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, has announced her retirement effective December 31, 2010. **Betty Rivera**, the Director of the Cultural Services Department that oversees the libraries, is committed to a smooth transition for the library system.

Tammy Brawn, who has been the library director at Hobbs Public Library for the past two years, announced that November 15 was her last day at the Hobbs Public Library. She and her family will be relocating to Montana. **Bob Hamilton** will be taking over as interim director until a new director is hired.



JOBS

Send job announcements to the HH editor, Renee Payne, at renee.payne@state.nm.us. There is no charge for this service.

Library Supervisor. The Branigan Library in Las Cruces has a job opening for a Library Supervisor. The opening will run from November 5 until December 3, 2010 or until filled.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Supervises the daily activities of library circulation staff and volunteers; plans, prioritizes and assigns tasks and projects; trains and coaches staff; monitors work, develops staff skills, and evaluates performance; monitors operations and assures that circulation staff activities are in compliance with all City regulations, policies and safety standards.
- Resolves customer service issues; interprets and explains library policies, procedures, rules and regulations to staff and patrons; prepares and reviews statistical and analytical reports of library activities, operations and procedures; gathers and compiles data for reports; oversees operations and security, updates policies and training programs, and assures compliance with policies and procedures; performs special research and program development projects as assigned.
- Analyzes circulation operations and service delivery issues, and recommends solutions; evaluates existing programs for effectiveness and recommends new programs or program changes; provides information and interpretation concerning library services, policies and procedures; assists in the development of budget and manages expenditures and monitors budgets.
- Performs professional library reference and research services using specialized bibliographic databases, Internet services and Inter-library loan resources; organizes reference services activities; analyzes and responds to difficult reference inquiries.
- Oversees library security and assures patrons comply with policies and procedures; performs special research and program development projects as assigned.
- Participates in the maintenance of library collections including material processing, title selection, and weeding items from the library collection/database.
- Maintains expertise in field of service through participation in applicable educational opportunities.

Minimum Qualifications: Masters Degree in Library Science and three years experience in a public library environment, including supervisory or lead experience; a combination of education, experience and training may be applied in accordance with City of Las Cruces policy.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Good knowledge of principles and practices of public library administration; methods and procedures for developing and maintaining library

collections; policies, rules and regulations governing the conduct and safety of library programs and facilities; library classification, cataloging, and acquisition protocols; techniques and protocols for researching a wide variety of online bibliographic databases; business and personal computers, and specialized software applications; City policies and procedures.

Skills in: Supervising, leading, and delegating tasks and authority; performing a wide variety of technical library support functions; developing, coordinating and conducting library programs and activities; utilizing and maintaining automated library systems and computer equipment; library database research & maintenance; identifying library collection issues and developing suggestions for enhancements; working with several disparate computer database systems; providing customer services to and interacting with people of different social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds; recognizing and resolving conflicts in library data entry. Ability to: Assess and prioritize multiple tasks, projects and demands; communicate effectively in verbal and written forms; establish and maintain effective working relations with co-workers and customers; organizing workload to keep pace with flow of library materials. Job applications may be obtained and filed online <http://www.las-cruces.org/>.

Library Info Specialist 2. The UNM-Valencia Campus Library is seeking a Library Info Specialist II that assists with the research needs of students, faculty, staff and community members. The mission is to provide student and faculty access to scholarly materials adequate to support the current curriculum along with an environment in which life-long learning is encouraged by responding to the information needs of all users in an interested and caring manner. This individual will assist in the coordination of the day-to-day fiscal, administrative, and operational activities of the Library. The ideal candidate must be able to coordinate and supervise the daily activities of the Library with student employees. This individual will have experience using Banner and interlibrary loan record keeping.

This is a full-time, benefits eligible position. For details, please go to <https://unmjobs.unm.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/frameset.jsp?time=1290029319516>.



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