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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION... APPLY FOR A GRANT IN 2011

If you've never applied for a grant before, why not give it a try in 2011? We know that grant writing can be a daunting task, but don't miss a chance to consider these opportunities for your library.

Some of the grants encourage collaboration between other libraries or local organizations, some are tailored to small and rural libraries, and some encourage special and innovative projects. Please visit the websites for full details of what the grant needs to accomplish, deadlines, and other criteria.

You may also want to check out the **Librarians' Toolkit, Private Funding Sources, on the State Library's website** at <http://www.nmstatelibrary.org/services-libraries/programs-services/source-book>. There are *hundreds* of sources of private grant funders compiled by the UNM Office of Vice President of Research.

Grant Opportunities

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) invites applications to the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program. This program is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. By awarding relatively small grants to support the planning stages, NEH aims to encourage the development of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities. Details at NEH:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digitalhumanitiesstartup.html>; closes on **February 23, 2011**.

Resource Grant Program. Sylvan Dell Publishing, a small educational children's book publisher out of South Carolina, is offering a resource grant program to schools, libraries, and home school associations nationwide. Over 4,500 schools across the country have taken advantage of this program. Details Sylvan Dell Publishing at <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/ResourceGrant.htm>; ongoing.

Albertson's stores support the neighborhood by offering more than \$78 million in cash and donations to support several different focus areas, including the schools. Last year with a partnership with Coca-Cola Company, Albertson's was able to distribute a half-million books to schools. Details at Albertson's at <https://shop.albertsons.com/eCommerceWeb/CommunityAction.do?action=beginCommunity/Coca-Cola>; ongoing

Walmart Store and Sam's Club Giving Program. Grants starting at \$250 and up are available to communities served by Walmart or Sam's Club. Government agencies are eligible to apply, as are nonprofit organizations. Please review the giving guidelines for eligibility. **Closing dates are Dec 31, 2010 and Feb. 1, 2011.** For details go to <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8916.aspx>

The 2011 Teen Tech Week Mini Grants will provide 10 libraries in need with funds to use technology in an innovative way to promote teen reading. Recipients will receive \$450 toward the purchase of resources to implement a teen reading effort during TTW that utilizes technology as well as \$50 worth of official Teen Tech Week promotional materials.

The funds are meant to cover only the direct costs of a TTW project, for example, honoraria and travel expenses for speakers, film or video preparation and presentation, the purchase of books for discussion groups, equipment or supplies needed to implement the program, etc. The mini-grants, in most cases, are not meant cover the costs of food or beverages for social events.

Proposed projects need to: 1) use technology to promote reading in an engaging way, 2) incorporate youth participation, 3) demonstrate financial need, 4) have a realistic timeline for project, 5) have a detailed and reasonable budget, 6) build evaluation/assessment into the project design, and 7) have a clear, concise, and complete proposal. Details at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw11/grants/mg11>; closes on January 3, 2011.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. Only libraries within the 50 states are eligible to apply. Details at Libri Foundation, <http://www.librifoundation.org/#GUIDE>; closing date is January 23, 2011.

National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medals honor outstanding institutions that make exceptional contributions to their communities. Selected institutions demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service and inclusiveness, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach, and may also include libraries and museums advancing global cultural understanding. Beginning with the 2011 awards, an honor will be included for libraries and museums that are advancing global cultural understanding. Details at the Institute of Museum and Library Services website at <http://www.ims.gov/about/medals.shtm>; closing date is February 15, 2011.

Public Libraries eligible for up to \$500,000 in Grant Funds through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Public libraries may be eligible to receive up to \$500,000 in grant funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The funds, which are being administered through USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Program, can be used to build new or improve library facilities, as well as enhance library services including internet access. Details at USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>; ongoing.

Partnership for a Nation of Learners. The partnership helps museums, libraries, and public broadcasters address local needs, increase civic engagement, and improve the quality of life in their community. Details at Partnership for a Nation of Learners <http://www.cpb.org/partnershipforlearners/>; ongoing.

Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions. Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions, such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, town and county records offices, and colleges, improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine arts, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, and historical objects. Details at IMLS <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>; ongoing.

The Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program (DUC) distributes books on contemporary art and culture free of charge to rural and inner-city libraries, schools and alternative reading centers nationwide. Details at Distribution to Underserved Communities <http://www.ducprogram.org/index.html>; ongoing.

Source: *INFOcus/LibraryWorks* e-newsletter, Dec. 15, 2010.

BRIEFINGS

State Library Presents the Centennial Poet, Author, Children's Author, Storyteller and Distinguished Writer Awards



(standing from left to right: Susan Oberlander, State Librarian; Vaunda Micheaux Nelson; Joe Hayes; Levi Romero; Don Bullis; Jodi Delaney, Director of Statewide Initiatives, Department of Cultural Affairs; and (seated) N. Scott Momaday).

On December 15, the State Library held a reception at the NM Centennial offices in Santa Fe to present Centennial awards to five authors. The awards were given, not only in celebration of statehood, but also a long tradition of printing, books, authors, readers, and libraries in NM. It is clear that readers had a voice in the early days of our state. For instance, the first book printed in NM was in the 1830's by Padre Antonio Jose Martinez in Taos; the first public libraries in NM began springing up in places like Silver City, Gallup, Carlsbad, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque in the late 1800's.

The Centennial awards celebrate the most important part of reading – the author - by honoring five exemplary authors in NM. The State Library will work with public libraries to highlight the work of these authors throughout the Centennial year.

Last summer Beth Crist, former head of the Development Bureau, began the process with the announcement of the official New Mexico Centennial Poet, Author, Children's Author, and Storyteller awards. After receiving nominations, the selection committees selected one person for each post as well as a special Distinguished Writer. We'd like to thank the 12 people that served on selection committees:

Kathleen Johnson, Spencer Herrera, Jenice Gharib, Selena Connealy, Catherine Christmann, Claude Stephenson, Barbe Awalt, Paul Rhetts, Sabra Steinsiek, Kathy Barco, Stephanie Farrow, and Chris Eboch.

We'd also like to thank those that nominated artists for this honor; many people took the time and made the effort to nominate artists they felt worthy of this honor.

Here are the winners:

Author: Don Bullis (Nominated by Marie Pennington)

Following retirement in 2002 after a career in New Mexico law enforcement, Don Bullis returned to newspaper work as a columnist, book reviewer and political correspondent for the Rio Rancho Observer. He also serves on the Board of the Historical Society of New Mexico. Bullis is the author of both fiction and nonfiction books, including the *Old West Trivia Book*, *Bloodville*, and *New Mexico: A Biographical Dictionary, Volumes I and II*.

Children's Author: Vaunda Micheaux Nelson (Nominated by Katherine Hauth and Stephanie Farrow)

Vaunda Nelson has been a teacher, newspaper reporter, bookseller, school librarian, and twice a member of the Newbery Award Committee. She was elected to the Caldecott Committee for 2011. She is the author of several children's books including *Almost to Freedom*, *Juneteenth*, *Who Will I Be, Lord?*, and *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal*, which earned the 2010 Coretta Scott King Award. Currently Nelson is a youth services librarian at the Rio Rancho Public Library.

Poet: Levi Romero (Nominated by Stella Sanchez)

Author of *A Poetry of Remembrance: New and Rejected Works*, *In the Gathering of Silence*, and other publications, Romero is from the Embudo Valley. He's a bilingual poet whose language is immersed in the regional 'manito dialect of northern New Mexico. His work has been published throughout the US, Mexico, Spain, and Cuba. A winner of numerous awards, he recently taught in the creative writing program at UNM and is a Research Scholar at UNM's School of Architecture and Planning program focusing on cultural landscape studies.

Storyteller: Joe Hayes (Nominated by Margaret Edmundson on behalf of Storytellers of New Mexico)

Joe Hayes is a nationally recognized teller of tales from the Hispanic, Native American and Anglo cultures. Hayes has performed in hundreds of schools, libraries, museums and parks. He has told stories at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN, and in 2005 received the Talking Leaves Literary Award from the National Storytelling Network, an award given storytellers who have made considerable and influential contributions to the literature of storytelling. Joe has taught storytelling to teachers at UNM and been a guest lecturer at many colleges and universities.

Distinguished Writer: N. Scott Momaday (Nominated by Jim and Judy Moore)

N. Scott Momaday was born in Lawton, OK, and grew up on the Navajo Reservation. He is recognized as one of the most successful contemporary Native American literary figures. His books of poetry include *In the Bear's House*, *In the Presence of the Sun: Stories and Poems, 1961-1991*, and *The Gourd Dancer*. His first novel, *House Made of Dawn*, won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. He is author of several other novels, prose collections, the children's book *Circle of Wonder*, and the play *The Indolent Boys*. He is also the editor of various anthologies and collections. His works have garnered many prestigious awards.



LSTA Audio Books Awards. The State Library's Federal Programs Coordinator, Geri Hutchins, recently announced that a LSTA grant in the amount of \$11,205 has been awarded to Corrales Community Library, Placitas Public Library and Jemez Springs Public Library for their project "**Sandoval County Digital Library Consortium.**"

The libraries will be working with OverDrive to bring e-audio and e-books to their collective patron base. All three libraries currently have heavy circulation of audio books. This effort will expand that collection without taking up shelf space and will provide convenient access to homebound and rural patrons who find it difficult to visit the library. The Village of Corrales will serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

All three libraries and the State Library believe this effort can serve as a model for other libraries to work together to acquire and share resources, offer a larger and more diverse collection to their patrons, and leverage existing funds. It brings together an interesting mix of libraries in terms of their size, governance and geographic location that share a common commitment of service to their communities and an interest in working together to achieve their service goals.

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



ILL holiday pause. Because most large lenders are closed and mail delivery slows down during the holidays, the New Mexico State Library's Interlibrary Loan department will stop processing requests on **Monday, December 20**. The Department will **resume processing on Monday, January 3**. The ILL staff will be in the office during this time, so if you have any emergency requests or any ILL problems or questions, please contact (505) 476-9700 or 800-477-4401.

Also, during this time, ILL staff will be more than happy to send any materials that the State Library holds in its own collections.

Holiday giving. If you're done with all of your holiday shopping, please consider adding one more name to your gift list – the **New Mexico Library Foundation**. The Foundation has a goal of raising \$20,000 for the coming year to assist New Mexico libraries in meeting their customers' needs, and awarding \$20,000 in grants in their 20th anniversary year in 2012. Mail your contributions to the New Mexico Library Foundation, P.O. Box 30572, Albuquerque, NM 87190-0572.



NMLA Scholarships. The New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) has announced two available scholarships for NMLA members:

Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship: Provides funds for study towards an advanced degree in Library and Information Science at an ALA-accredited college or university. Application **deadline is January 15, 2011.**

College Scholarship Fund: Provides funds for undergraduate study toward an Associates Degree in Library Science or Library Technology, or for graduate or undergraduate study towards a Teacher-Librarian Endorsement. **Application deadline is January 31, 2011.**



If you have questions or need more information, please contact Kevin Comerford, NMLA Education Chair, University of New Mexico Libraries. You may email him at kevco@unm.edu or phone 505-277-6341.

MLIS Scholarships. A scholarship opportunity is available to American Indians and Alaska Natives who want to earn a fully ALA-accredited online Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree. The **Circle of Learning Program** is offered through a partnership between the San Jose School of Library and Information Science and the American Indian Library Association, and is made possible by a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Please note that Circle of Learning students need to be admitted to the School's MLIS program before being considered for scholarship funding. **Applications are being accepted now through March 31, 2011** for admission to San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science for Fall 2011. Fall classes begin August 24, 2011. For more information about how to apply to the School's fully online MLS program, please visit: http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/admissions/mlis_application.htm.

Online Library Science Courses. If your New Year's resolution includes taking continuing education library courses, the New Mexico State University/Dona Ana Community College in Las Cruces has a great line-up of classes, starting in January and March 2011.

Sign up early so you don't miss out! Several 3 credit courses, only 8 weeks long, will be starting in January and March. All courses are offered **online!** There also are several short month-long one credit courses, with no text required.

Online courses being offered in the spring semester include:

Courses Scheduled Full Semester January 13 – May 6:

EMD 412 M70 (CRN#16444)	Administration of the School Library
EMD 512 M70 (CRN#16445)	Administration of the School Library
L SC 295 D01 (CRN#13548)	Introduction to Young Adult Literature

THREE (3) CREDIT COURSES starting in January and March:

Courses Scheduled January 13 – March 8:

L SC 100 D01 (CRN#13514)	Introduction to Library & Information Services Careers
L SC 110 D01, D02 (CRN#13517, 18)	Reference and Information Resources I
L SC 111 D01, D02 (CRN#13519, 20)	Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 200 D01 (CRN#13533)	Collection Management & Development in Libraries

L SC 204 D01 (CRN#13535)	Special Libraries and Information Centers
L SC 220 D01 (CRN#13536)	Innovative Technology Applications for Libraries
L SC 260 D01 (CRN#13544)	Cataloging Non-Book Formats

Courses Scheduled March 9 – May 6:

L SC 100 D02, D03 (CRN#13515, 16)	Introduction to Library & Information Services
Careers	
L SC 111 D03–D06 (CRN#13521-24)	Introduction to Information Literacy
L SC 140 D01, D02 (CRN#13527, 28)	Multimedia Materials & Presentations in Libraries
L SC 203 D01 (CRN#13534)	School Library Media Specialist
L SC 250 D01 (CRN#13543)	Reference & Information Resources II
L SC 270 D01 (CRN#13545)	Library Science Capstone
L SC 275 D01 (CRN#13546)	Fundamentals of Library Supervision

ONE (1) CREDIT COURSES starting in February, March and April:

L SC 155 D01 (CRN#13529)	Award Winning Books for Children (February 1-28)
L SC 231 D01 (CRN#13541)	Copyright Basics for Libraries (March 1-31)
L SC 236 D01 (CRN#13542)	Banned Books (March 1-31)
L SC 193 D01 (CRN#13532)	Poetry for Children (April 4-29)
L SC 276 D01 (CRN#13547)	Building Specialized Coll. for Latinos (April 4-29)

Non-degree seeking students who desire single classes for professional development are always welcome, however, students may also choose to complete coursework leading to an Associates Degree in Library Science or one of three Certificates in Library Science. Additionally the program offers courses that fulfill state requirements for School Library Media Specialist Endorsement.

It's easy to be admitted and enroll in these reasonably priced courses. Out-of-state students enrolling in 6 credits or less even receive the in-state tuition rates! For further information about courses or degree options, go to the web site at <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/lsc> or contact: **Nora Bernal** at 575-528-7338 or 800-903-7503 ext. 7338, or email Susan Pinkerton at spinkert@nmsu.edu

SLA Chapter Meeting. The Special Libraries Association/Rio Grande Chapter will open its 2011 program year on Thursday, January 13th with a program at the law offices of Miller Stratvert P.A., followed by a Dutch treat dinner and socializing at the Slate Street Cafe, both in downtown Albuquerque.

The session is entitled **“Workplace politics - Does it apply to you? It sure does.”**

The 4-6pm session will feature guest speaker Barbara Jones, Missouri Library Advocacy Liaison for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Click here for the "Save the Date" flyer:

<http://units.sla.org/chapter/crio/documents/January%2013%202011%20meeting%20announcement%201.doc>

For more details, please contact Lorri Zipperer, Cybrarian, Communications Coordinator, SLA/Rio Grande Chapter, lorri@zpm1.com, <http://units.sla.org/chapter/crio/>

PEOPLE NOTES

In the last issue of the Hitchhiker, we reported that Tammy Brawn, Hobbs Public Library Director, had left the fair land of southeast New Mexico for the winter wonderland of Montana. Once again, **Bob Hamilton** is at the helm as Interim Director, reference librarian, collection development person, etc. He wants to remind folks about the vacant position, which is posted below.

JOBS



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

Adult Services/Reference Librarian. The city of Farmington is now accepting applications for Adult Services/Reference Librarian. We do things a little differently at Farmington Public Library and we're not your Mother's Library! Have some fun! The Four Corners area offers a range of outdoor activities, including fantastic fishing, golfing, hiking, biking, and skiing. Enjoy an average of 273 sunny days each year.

Job descriptions and required application available from: City of Farmington Personnel Division, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM 87401 or call (505) 599-1132. Visit the website at <http://www.fmtn.org>. Position closes January 21, 2011 at 5 p.m. AA/EOE.

Library Director. The City of Hobbs is seeking a Library Director. (Updated salary range as of 12/21/10) **Salary:** \$28.67 per hour to \$32.97 per hour (DOE) (Hiring Range); \$28.67 per hour to \$40.65 per hour (Full Range)

SHIFT: 8.00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday thru Friday. **Duties:** under broad oversight from the City Manager maintains responsibility for the management and operation of the Hobbs Public Library. Either directly or through subordinate staff, plans, organizes, budgets, directs, instructs, sets standards, reviews, trains, counsels/disciplines employees, and performs other personnel management functions. Works with staff, the Library Board, ELIN and the City Manager to formulate short and long-range plans and goals for the library. Maintains responsibility for special projects. Prepares annual budget request for consideration by the City Manager and the City Commission in order to fund and communicate plans, goals and special projects. Organizes, sets standards and instructs staff on matters related to the management and operation of the library. Establishes standards for public contact and accuracy to insure that the library serves the public well. Instructs staff either through staff meetings or in writing on new policies and procedures. Directs and reviews library operations through subordinate supervisors with emphasis on special projects that involve several subordinate supervisors and their staffs. Reviews performance evaluations, time transmittals, news releases and selection process progress for the filling of vacant positions. Arranges formal job-specific training through in-house training, video training, or professional workshops. Conducts performance appraisals for subordinate supervisors and manages recruitment/selection processes for these positions when vacancies occur. Maintains responsibility for all employee counseling and discipline of library staff. Visit the website at <http://www.hobbsnm.org/files/vacancies.pdf>.

