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## EMPLOYMENT NEWS UPDATE

**Glassdoor.com is a FREE** career resource for your library to help job-seekers and students in your community get a free inside look at over 108,000 companies — including company salaries, reviews, and interview questions posted anonymously by employees and job seekers. Library patrons can have access to:

**Company Salaries** — Company specific salary, bonuses, and commission details help people negotiate and better understand salaries at a company and for specific jobs.

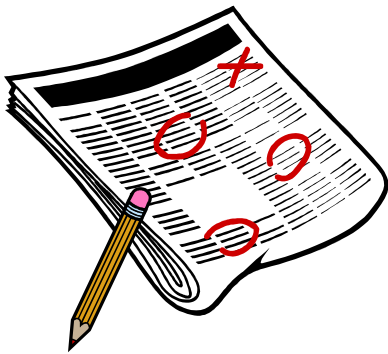


**Interview Questions & Reviews** — Helps people prepare for job interviews by providing actual interview questions and other details on specific employers from previous interview candidates.

**Company Reviews** — Helps people understand the pros and cons of working for a particular employer, as well as what the culture is like and what makes the employer unique.

For those of you not familiar with [glassdoor.com](http://www.glassdoor.com), they have created a **free library partnership program**. All you need to do is add Glassdoor as either an online database or as an internet link for your library. Learn more about the free Library Partnership Program by going to [http://www.glassdoor.com/about/forLibraries\\_input.htm](http://www.glassdoor.com/about/forLibraries_input.htm)

**Project Compass, WebJunction** is helping public library staff around the country to better serve the needs of the struggling workforce.



Working with library trainer and consultant Pat Wagner, WebJunction has developed a series of five short video presentations in which Pat shares her knowledge and experience on some key topics that will help library staff help their patrons. Project Compass says to think of them as “**learning tapas**” or small chunks of information to be consumed when staff has the time and the appetite.

The five videos titles are:

- 1) **A Guide to Job-Hunters: One Size Does Not Fit all**
- 2) **You Want to Help, and the Clock is Ticking**
- 3) **Bright Shiny Things: Social Media and Job Hunting**
- 4) **Nothing Up My Sleeve? Job-Hunting Scams**
- 5) **Keeping One’s Cool in Difficult Times**

Here’s the link to the presentations: <http://il.webjunction.org/workforce-resources/-/articles/content/106222327>



**The NM State Library** has compiled a comprehensive set of links to employment resources for New Mexicans. Topics: job hunting publications, hand books, resume help, career counselors, work permits for youth, and resources available in select NM towns. Go to <http://nmstatelibrary.org/online-resources/unemployment-resources>.

## BRIEFINGS

**Books for School Libraries.** Many public libraries across the state work closely with their local school library. Here's an opportunity to share information with a fellow librarian, or to use this grant information as an entrée to make a new professional contact.

**The Snapdragon Book Foundation**, founded by a former librarian, offers grants that put books in kids' hands at public, private, and special schools. Grants range from \$500 to \$20,000 and are aimed at school libraries serving disadvantaged children.



Applications are being accepted through April 15. Go to <http://www.snapdragonbookfoundation.org/index/Apply.html> for the 2011 Snapdragon Book Foundation Application.

**Civil War Program Grant.** The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) are now accepting applications for **"Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War,"** a reading and discussion program in America's libraries. Public libraries are invited to apply online through **April 19** by visiting [www.ala.org/civilwarprograms](http://www.ala.org/civilwarprograms).



In June, 50 public libraries will be selected to host the reading and discussion series and receive support materials from the NEH and ALA. The program grant includes:

- ④ A \$2,500 grant to support program-related expenses
- ④ 25 sets of three titles: including *"March"* by Geraldine Brooks, *"Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam"* by James McPherson, and a forthcoming Civil War anthology of historical fiction, speeches, diaries, memoirs, biography and short stories.
- ④ Promotional materials, including posters, bookmarks, and folders to support local audience recruitment efforts.
- ④ Training for the library project director at a national workshop, where they will hear from the project scholar, expert librarians, and organizers, and receive a program planning guide, materials and ideas.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Free Periodicals.** The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library system is offering a variety of periodicals to libraries in the state. The full list is available at <http://www.cabq.gov/library/documents/HitchhikerSerialsHoldingList.pdf>. Please note that some are bound volumes, while others are microforms.



Email Kevin Unrath ([kunrath@cabq.gov](mailto:kunrath@cabq.gov)) if you would like to have any of these for your library – they will be reserved based on the order in which responses are received: first come, first served. Please note that you will need to make arrangements to pick them up by February 28, 2011, at the Main Branch of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System. They are not able to ship them due to staffing and budgetary shortages. If you have any questions, please call Kevin at 505-768-5174.

**Free Slide Equipment.** The Bunting Visual Resources Library (formerly Bunting Memorial Slide Library) at UNM has the following slide equipment available, free to a good home on a **first come, first-served basis until they are gone, or until Feb 15.**

- 33 – 80 slot Kodak Universal Slide Carousels
- 31 – 80 slot Kodak Universal Slide Carousels
- 3 – 80 slot Universal-type slide carousels
- 3 – 100 slot rotary slide trays
- 1 – 140 slot slide carousel
- 12 – 38 slot slide holder

Contact Cindy Abel Morris, Manager at [cdabel@unm.edu](mailto:cdabel@unm.edu) or 505-277-6415.



### **Summer Educational Institute (SEI) for Visual Resources and Image Management.**

Cindy Abel Morris, who submitted the information about the free slide equipment in the previous story, also wants to announce the following educational opportunity to be held June 7-10, 2011, at UNM Albuquerque.

This intensive 3-day workshop will feature a curriculum to offer in-depth training that often is not found in library and information science degree programs. Expert instructors will cover intellectual property rights, digital imaging, metadata and cataloging, the application of social and new media in visual resources, the product environment, strategic planning,

professional development, and future directions for the professions. For complete details go to <http://www.vrafoundation.org/sei2011/>.

**Native American Library Services Basic Grants.** The 2011 Native American Library Services Basic Grant guidelines are available. Federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations may apply for these grants in either the Basic or the Basic with Education/Assessment Option categories.



These noncompetitive grants are designed to support traditional core library services in tribal communities across the country. The supplemental Education/Assessment Option provides funds for continuing education opportunities for library staff and on-site library assessments. Please note that IMLS now publishes the Basic Grant guidelines separately from the competitive Enhancement Grant guidelines.

In 2010, IMLS supported 31 tribes with Native American Library Services Basic Grants and 190 tribes with Basic Grants with Education/Assessment Option, for a total of \$1.5 million. These grants funded myriad programs, from expanding library collections, to enhancing computers and Internet access, to providing important cultural programs as well as after-school activities for teenage youth.

Marsha L. Semmel, Acting Director, IMLS, invites interested applicants to read over these guidelines, contact IMLS staff with any questions, and consider applying for funding. **The application deadline: March 1, 2011.** Applicants must apply through Grants.gov (see [www.imls.gov/grantsgov](http://www.imls.gov/grantsgov) for more information).

**NMLA Pre-Conference.** The New Mexico Library Association is promoting a pre-conference session, "**Bullying, Censorship and Discrimination: Barriers to Intellectual Freedom.**" It's scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, from 9 am to 4 pm. You can register online at <http://www.nmla.org/store/page6.html>.

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## PEOPLE NOTES



Welcome to **Luli Sanchez** who is the new library director at Tatum Community Library. She replaced Carol Glover who retired in

December 2010. Luli is a familiar face in Tatum -- she previously worked at the library for nine years, then took a three-year vacation and attended New Mexico Junior College. She has previous experience working on the Summer Reading Program and looks forward to serving the community.

**Placitas Community Library (PCL)** writes to let us know that the two PCL co-directors have stepped down -- **Rebecca Watson-Boone** has retired and **Anne Frost** will shift to focus on adult programming and community relations.

On January 1, 2011, PCL welcomed new library director **Marian Frear**. Marian has a Masters in Library/Information Science from the University of Washington (Seattle), and has worked as a medical librarian in Portland, Oregon and at Lovelace in Albuquerque. She also has been a public librarian in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo Library System and a school librarian at the Montessori of the Rio Grande Charter School (Albuquerque). She worked with the 2010 Census at a supervisory level running a field crew that performed quality checks. As a librarian, Marian has experience in the areas of collection development, children's services, reference, cataloging, and the help/circulation desk. She also has worked with computerized databases, and has been responsible for managing and supporting a staff. She and her family live in Albuquerque.

More background on PCL...everyone at PCL is a volunteer. There are about 64 Placitas area residents who volunteer and keep the library a vibrant, supportive place for not just patrons but for all community members.

**Director Resigns.** On January 21, 2011, **Leanne Hathcock**, resigned from her position as director of the Aztec Public Library. **Karen Lozier** is acting director and can be reached at [klozier@aztecnm.gov](mailto:klozier@aztecnm.gov). See job posting below.



## JOBS

**Library Director.** The City of Aztec has an opening for a Library Director. This is a regular full-time position requiring attendance at City meetings and some travel. Salary range DOE \$48,692.00 - \$51,667.00. A cover letter, application and resume are required. Position open until filled.

The Library Director is responsible for overseeing direct operations of the Aztec Public Library by providing a quality collection that meets the needs of the public; envisions and interprets community needs, develops new programs and services.

Qualifications/Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Library Science, Library and Information Science, Applied Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Organizational Management or closely related field. Master's degree in Library Science preferred. Five years experience in professional library management, with at least two years of supervisory experience required. A comprehensive knowledge of public library philosophy, practices, services, procedures, budgeting and applicable state law. Thorough knowledge and demonstrated competence in library automation. Strong technology background (computers, relevant software and internet research). Excellent written and oral communication skills. A detailed job description and application can be found on the City website [www.aztecnm.gov](http://www.aztecnm.gov). Mail complete application package to: City of Aztec, Attn: Rosanne Gonzales, Human Resources, 201 W. Chaco St., Aztec, NM 87410. Benefits include paid vacation, holidays, and sick leave; public employee retirement; health, life, disability insurance. The City of Aztec is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer.



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