STATE LIBRARY BUILDING NAMED FOR FORMER GOVERNOR

On Friday, December 12, Governor Bill Richardson renamed the building that houses the New Mexico State Library and the New Mexico State Records and Archives the Garrey Carruthers State Library Building. Garrey Carruthers, presently the Dean of the College of Business Administration and Economics at the New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, was governor of New Mexico from 1987 through 1990.

In a formal ceremony, Governor Richardson stated, “There is no New Mexican more deserving of such an honor and no building more appropriate to name for Governor Carruthers than the State Library. It’s a place of learning, history, knowledge, and imagination—all things close to Governor Carruthers’ heart. He was a key reason we were able to pass the two constitutional amendments implementing true educational reform in New Mexico.”

Carruthers studied agriculture at NMSU and went on to earn a Master’s degree in Agricultural Economics and a Ph.D. in Economics at Iowa State University before returning to NMSU to teach. He was called upon by President Gerald Ford to serve as a White House Fellow and President Reagan named him as Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

He returned to New Mexico to run for Governor in 1986. He won, becoming the first Republican Governor in 16 years. After leaving office, he founded the Cimarron Health Plan, starting with 170 doctors and 4,000 members. Cimarron has since grown into one of New Mexico’s key HMOs with nearly 150,000 plan members.

BRIEFINGS

Memorial “Affirming Civil Rights and Liberties.” At the regular and special legislative sessions in 2003, New Mexico narrowly missed enacting a memorial that protects against the unconstitutional effects of the federal USA Patriot Act (see HH #1489, #1500, #1508). The New Mexico Library Association has joined the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and dozens of other organizations to mobilize as a statewide coalition in support of the civil liberties memorial. The next Coalition in Support of Civil Liberties/Civil Rights meeting will take place Saturday January 10, at 1 p.m. in the IBEW meeting room on 4921 Alexander Blvd. NE, (West of I-25 & North of Montaño), Albuquerque. Speakers will address the importance of the memorial and will strategize about the upcoming session.

Preparations in 2003 put these groups in good standing for getting the memorial through the New Mexico Senate at the regular legislative session in January 2004. On the final day of the special legislative session, the New Mexico House of Representatives passed a memorial “Affirming Civil Rights and Liberties; Declaring Opposition To Federal Measures That Infringe On Civil Liberties.” The memorial, introduced by Rep. Max Coll, passed with a 38-22 vote. Peter Simonson, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico, applauded the passage of the memorial and explained that “this is a crucial moment in the struggle for civil liberties. Evidence is emerging that the Department of Justice did not need the powers it claimed under the USA Patriot Act, and that many of those powers are now being used in garden-variety criminal cases rather than to protect us against terrorism.”

This memorial critiques the USA Patriot Act
(USAPA) and asks state authorities to refrain from violating civil rights in anti-terror investigations. It declares the House’s belief that the government should protect the public from terrorist attacks in a rational and deliberative fashion. It states that national security and preservation of liberty are not in inherent conflict. This memorial does not interfere with the ability of law enforcement to investigate and arrest for terrorism. It only asks that authorities carry out those functions in observance of the rights under the New Mexico and U.S. constitutions.

The memorial’s passage in the House this past fall is in step with sentiments across the country. In the midst of the holiday season by mid-December, over 230 communities across the nation had passed pro-civil liberties, anti-USA Patriot Act resolutions. In October of 2002, Santa Fe was the first community to do so in New Mexico. This trend continued as resolutions were passed in: Socorro, Rio Arriba County, Taos, Aztec, Farmington, Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Grant County, Los Alamos County, Bayard and most recently Silver City. People are currently working to pass resolutions in Valencia County, Las Cruces and Gallup. Professional associations have passed resolutions in New Mexico as well, including the: American Association of University Women, New Mexico Library Association, and the New Mexico Municipal League.

Shenna Bellows of the National ACLU Safe and Free Campaign has worked with the coalition to help promote the memorial. In October, she came to New Mexico to do a series of radio and press interviews and to meet with legislators to promote the bill. She brings us insight from what is going on at the national level and recently had this to say, “This was a tremendously successful year on the part of activists. Just one year ago, not a single bill had been introduced that would have in any way addressed the USAPA. As a direct result of resolutions all over the country and as a result of people from librarians to gun owners to liberals to conservatives speaking out against the federal government’s power grab, we saw not just one bill but multiple bills (at least 15) that in some way addressed different aspects of the USAPA. Perhaps most significantly, the SAFE Act was introduced with three Republican co-sponsors: Craig (R-ID), Crapo (ID), Sununu (NH)) and four Democrats: Durbin (IL), Wyden (OR), Feingold (WI), and Bingaman (NM). The SAFE Act demonstr-
New Mexico declare its opposition to infringements of civil rights in the name of “anti-terrorism.”

**Tips on successful management of meetings.**
Start off the year right by considering some new meeting techniques. Valerie Nye, Public Library Consultant with the Library Development Services Bureau at the New Mexico State Library wanted to share the following tips on successful management of meetings with Hitchhiker readers.

- **The Agenda** – A week before a meeting, call upon the board or committee to submit items for an agenda. Have written agendas for every meeting and distribute them before the meeting. Make note on the agenda the items that require an action or decision during the meeting. Consider creating a timed agenda that lists a time period next to every agenda item so that meeting participants know approximately how much time has been allotted for each item. For example: introductions- 5 minutes, reports- 10 minutes, discussion of new library building- 30 minutes.

- **Prepare** – Instead of reading reports and minutes at the meeting, distribute written reports and minutes prior to the meeting. During the meeting reports and minutes can be discussed and approved, but time can be saved when participants have read the material ahead of time.

- **Ground Rules** - Working with your committee or library board, create a list of ground rules the group agrees to abide by during every meeting. Ground rules allow groups to discuss controversial or difficult issues in an understanding environment. Ground rules might include: stick to the agenda, challenge the idea not the speaker, respect the views of others, come to meetings prepared, disagree with respect, every one participates.

- **Parking Lot** – A parking lot is a list of issues that are “parked” on a list to be added to the next meeting agenda or to be addressed by a committee. During meetings, people often begin to discuss ideas or issues that are not on the agenda. In order to acknowledge the speaker and his or her ideas, create a parking lot for these ideas to they can be discussed at a later date.

- **Evaluation** – Following each meeting have the participants evaluate how the meeting went. The group should list the positive aspects of the meeting and the aspects they would like to see changed for the next meeting. Evaluations can and should touch on every aspect of the meeting. For example: the moderator kept the meeting going on time, we need a bigger meeting space, coffee should be available during the meeting, and I didn’t get the agenda that was mailed to me.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**E-Rate applications due.** Libraries planning to apply for E-Rate telecommunications funding for Year 2004 have only until February 4 to submit their Form 471. January 7 was the last possible date to post Form 470 online in order to meet the 28-day filing requirement and to submit a complete Form 471 by the window closing date. Those who posted the Form 470 online by that date are reminded that they must still accomplish all of the following on February 4:

- Select a service provider
- Sign a contract (except for non-contracted tariffed and month-to-month services)
- Submit a complete Form 471.

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), which administers the E-Rate funds, requires that the following materials associated with Funding Year 2004 Forms 471 must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on February 4, or postmarked on or before February 4, 2004 in order for the request to receive consideration as inside the window. These materials are:
The Form 471 itself (whether online or paper)
✓ The Block 6 certification of the Form 471 with the signature of the authorized person (whether online or paper)
✓ The Block 5 certification of any Form 470 cited in a Funding Year 2004 Form 471 with the signature of the authorized person (whether online or paper).

If you submit your Form 471 or your Form 471 certification on paper, you are advised to keep proof of the date of mailing. If an application is placed in a drop-off box, the postmark date may be after the drop-off date if the last pickup of the day has already occurred. For more information, please refer to Proof of Postmark or Delivery http://sl.universalservice.org/reference/ProofPostmarkDelivery.asp posted in the Reference Area of the USCA web site.

For additional information, go to the USAC web site at http://sl.universalservice.org or call toll-free 1-888-203-8100.

Opera display. Mesa Public Library is hosting an exhibit by the Santa Fe Opera of costumes, props, objects, set maquettes, and design materials including working drawings, renderings, and photos from recent productions. During the month of January, materials from Cosi Fan Tutte, The Magic Flute, Intermezzo, An Italian Girl in Algiers, Katya Kabanova, Madame Mao, Tosca, and The Marriage of Figaro will be presented. This will be a great opportunity for library patrons, community members, and visitors to have a first hand look at what goes into making the rich and enchanting illusion of a world renowned opera production. Take a “back stage tour” while visiting this exceptional show on the third floor at the Mesa Public Library Gallery.

There will be several lectures/gallery talks by Santa Fe Opera Technical Director Paul Horpedahl and staff members available for visitors of all ages to attend. Dates and times will be announced. There will also be an opening reception and gallery talk on Thursday, January 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. Don’t miss this great exhibit, which will run from January 6 through 31. The gallery will be open during regular library hours: Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.