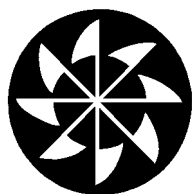


For
Librarians in
New Mexico



Hitchhiker

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2005 LEGISLATION

The 2005 Legislature is in session. The last day bills may be introduced is February 17. To follow legislative activity on these and all other bills in the legislative process, visit the Legislature's website and Bill Locator at <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/default.asp>.

State Aid. The New Mexico Municipal Librarians Association has taken the lead in requesting an increase in the amount of state support for public libraries through the State Aid to Public Libraries appropriation. The current annual appropriation of \$350,000 has remained static over the past three years while the number of books, electronic databases, and other library materials has dramatically increased - e.g., 5,118 fiction titles were published in 2003, an increase of 935; 6,217 juvenile titles were published in 2001, versus 8,790 in 2003, and increase of 25,513. At the same time the overall population served by New Mexico's public libraries has increased by 300,000 according to the 2000 Decennial Census. With static or declining local book budgets and funds obtained from a static State Aid Program, libraries are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain currency. HB 185, introduced by Rep. Danice Picraux (D-Albuquerque) would fund and additional \$1,250,000 to state aid funding.

Here is a library bill summary compiled by Joe Sabatini of the NMLA Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee, inclusive of bills introduced up until February 2.

House Bills

HB 113 - Beam; \$660,000 to enhance the UNM Health Sciences Center library and to support information tech-

nology

HB 185 - Picraux; \$1,250,000 for public library State Aid funding

HB 336 - Picraux; County Gross Receipts Quality of Life Tax

HB 349 - Cordova; to providing for allocations of school library funds

House Capital Outlay Requests

HC 2 - Luna; \$1,000,000 to the Belen Public Library phase 2 renovation and reconstruction

HC 46 - Foley; \$100,000 to plan for the construction of a library in Tularosa

HC 60 - Madalena; \$74,000 to purchase library books and educational technology for San Diego Riverside Charter School - Jemez Valley

HC 135 - Foley; \$500,000 to plan, design, construct and remodel the oil library in Roswell

HC 141 - Wallace; \$100,000 to plan, design, and construct a library addition in Jemez Springs

HC 152 - Hobbs; \$100,000 for Lomas-Tramway library improvements in Albuquerque, including landscaping, drainage, and interior finishes

HC 207 - Balderas; \$150,000 to plan, design, and construct an addition to the Fred Macaron Library in Springer

HC 241 - Stapleton; \$10,000 to purchase library books for Whittier Elementary School in Albuquerque

House Memorials

HM 15 - Arnold-Jones; for a study making computer network administrators a category of instructional support providers.

Senate Bills

SB 475 - Altamirano; \$30,000 to develop reference section about prostate cancer at the New Mexico State

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Senate Capital Outlay Requests

SC 13 - Beffort; \$100,000 for the Lomas-Tramway (Albuquerque) library improvements, including landscaping, drainage, and interior finishes

SC 45 - Campos; \$158,000 to plan, design, and construct a library in Anton Chico

SC 61 - Beffort; \$150,000 for Estancia swimming pool and public library parking construction

SC 78 - Komadina; \$250,000 for the Loma Colorado Library construction in Rio Rancho

SC 80 - Komadina; \$350,000 for Rio Rancho Esther Bone Library flood protection

SC 81 - Komadina; \$385,000 to plan, design, and construct a parking facility adjoining the new library in Rio Rancho

SC 87 - Nava; \$1,200,000 to plan, design, and construct a building for the Valley community library in Anthony

SC 123 - Harden; \$150,000 for Lomas-Tramway library improvements, including landscaping, drainage, and interior finishes

SC 125 - M. Sanchez; Revision of Bosque Farms Library addition - changes to library upgrade

SC 128 - B. Sanchez; \$25,000 for library books for the Susie R. Marmon Elementary School in Albuquerque

SC 131 - M. Sanchez; \$1,000,000 for phase 2 construction of an addition to and renovations on the public library in Belen

SC 157 - Altimirano; \$54,900 to plan, design, and construct infrastructure improvements to the public library in Socorro

SC 158 - Altimirano; \$500,000 to plan, design, and construct improvements and an expansion to the public library in Bayard

SC 167 - Altimirano; \$100,000 to construct improvements to the public library in Gila

SC 320 - Altimirano; \$193,710 for library infrastructure improvements at Western New Mexico University

SC 324 - R. Martinez; \$100,000 to plan, design, and construct a library addition in Jemez Springs

SC 353 - Feldman; \$100,000 to plan, design, and construct a library addition in Jemez Springs

SC 385 - Payne; \$75,000 for improvements to the library at Eldorado High School in the Albuquerque

SC 392 - Fidel; \$54,900 to plan, design, and construct

infrastructure improvements to the public library in Socorro

SC 416 - R. Martinez; \$90,000 to plan, design, and construct improvements to the community library in the Pueblo of Santa Clara

SC 439 - Robinson; \$15,000 for purchase of library books for Emerson, Hawthorn, La Mesa & Hayes E.S. & Van Buren M.S. Albuquerque

SC 511 - Payne; \$75,000 to plan, design, and construct improvements to the Eldorado H.S. cluster libraries in Albuquerque

SC 567 - Cisneros; \$70,000 to plan, design, construct, equip, and furnish improvements for the library in Questa

BRIEFINGS

Native American website. *Telling the Stories* is a new web site for the Native American communities in New Mexico to communicate information in written, spoken, and visual formats in their own languages. Developed by the New Mexico State Library's Tribal Libraries Program through a grant to the Indigenous Language Institute in Santa Fe, *Telling the Stories* is intended to contribute to the preservation of New Mexico's Native American language and culture by providing links to resources, tools, and educational opportunities that are available to assist Native American communities to language and cultural preservation programs. It will also provide descriptive information about the various divisions of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, as well as other agencies of the New Mexico State Government that have the responsibility to collect, preserve, and disseminate records and artifacts documenting the state's cultural heritage.

The goal of *Telling the Stories* is to represent all of the state's Native American language groups. The primary audience is the 71 tribal communities of the Apache, Navajo, and Pueblo people of New Mexico. It will contain descriptive information about New Mexico historic, language, and cultural preservation agencies, links to resources for language preservation and linguistic preservation, and links to resources for cultural and historic preservation, including museum, archival, anthropological, and archaeological organizations and institutions. It will also contain descriptive informa-



tion about each tribal community as determined by the communities themselves, presented in the format of their choice. Access to selected web-based resources of interest to Native American communities – for example, community health information, American Indian law, court decisions and federal regulations affecting tribes, water, and environmental information resources – will make the site valuable to tribal members.

The *Telling the Stories* project will be developed over a three-year period. Phase One, which began in July 2004, focused on the creation of the initial website, with the site going live on February 1. Phase Two, running from July 2005 to June 2006, is a second version of the website, with additional material and languages. Phase Three is planned to include all of the languages and tribal identities. The homepage of the site will be presented in English with options to select a language of choice, and leading into the secondary and tertiary pages using those languages. You may visit the website at <http://www.tellingthestories.org>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NMLA Library Legislative Day. The New Mexico Library Association will hold its annual Library Legislative Day on Wednesday, February 23. Legislative Day is organized by the library association to bring librarians from around the state to ask legislators for their support for issues important to the library community during the legislative session. Those participating will meet at 8:30 on Wednesday morning for a briefing at the New Mexico State Library before going to the Roundhouse at the State Capitol at 10 a.m. This year there will be no organized lunch. The official day will end with the press conference at noon. There is still time to register to be a participant. Contact Elizabeth L. Haskett at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, (505) 768-5195, Fax: (505) 768-519, e-mail ehaskett@cabq.gov.

MPLA Leadership Institute @ Ghost Ranch. If you

are an emerging leader, the Mountain Plains Library Association wants you to be primed for a great library career, and is ready to assist you. The MPLA Leadership Institute is scheduled for Sunday, October 23 through Friday, October 28, 2005, at Ghost Ranch (that's north of Santa Fe). Three to four mentors and thirty candidates will be selected from 12 states as participants. The Institute Leader will be Maureen Sullivan.

Requirements are for candidates who have an MLS or equivalent master's degree relevant to the library field, more than five years and less than 20 years post-master's work in a library related job, are employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region, are current member of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations; have a record of experience (including non-library) that demonstrates leadership potential. To apply online and more information visit <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership>. Application deadline is May 20.

PATRIOT Act survey. At the beginning of January, researchers working for the American Library Association sent out letters inviting a sample of public and academic libraries to participate in a web survey assessing the impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on America's libraries and library patrons. If your library received a letter requesting your participation in the Web-based survey, please take the time to do so. Even if your library has no law enforcement activity to report, your participation is vital to the accuracy of the study. ALA will appreciate your prompt participation in the survey. For more information, contact Denise M. Davis, Director, Office for Research & Statistics, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2795; or (312) 280-4273, e-mail dmdavis@ala.org.

JOBS

Librarian. The City of Rio Rancho has a position for Librarian (Homework Center). This is a full-time position with a hiring range of \$13.92 - \$19.28 (mid point)

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DOQ. The librarian in this position develops, maintains, and weeds the Power Library print and non-print collections, staying within budget guidelines; provides reference services and readers' advisory services to young adults and children, and serves on the adult services reference desk as assigned; plans and implements Power Library Programs for young adults and children, coordinates with the recreation center staff on cooperative programs; recruits, schedules, trains, and evaluates volunteer homework helpers and Homework Center Clerk; stays current with the latest issues, authors, trends, and genres for young adults; participates in maintaining and planning physical space designated for young adults; establishes a good working relationship with area schools and youth organizations to promote library use and partnership activities; participates in professional activities, meetings, and workshops, and shares expertise with other professionals on the statewide level; troubleshoots and maintains Homework Center's internet access, PCs, and other equipment; and serves as needed for emergency response and recovery. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university and more than one year related experience in library services, or an equivalent combination of education and relevant experience is required. In lieu of a degree, the incumbent must possess sufficient prior work experience in progressively more responsible positions during which the skills and abilities to perform all the essential functions have been amply demonstrated at a consistently competent level. Ability to operate a personal computer to access Internet libraries and use word processing and spreadsheet applications; ability to write reports, business correspondence, and procedure manuals; ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers, customers, and the general public; good written and verbal communication and public relations skills; A New Mexico Library Certificate is required and must have a valid New Mexico driver's license and an insurable driving record. Preferred qualifications are a Master's degree in Library Science and experience working with groups of youth ages 10 to 14 in a library setting. Please send application and résumé to The City of Rio Rancho, ATTN: Human Resources, 3900 Southern Boulevard, Ste. 207, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. In accordance with the Military Selective Service Act all male applicants between the ages of 18 and 26 are required to present proof of registration. Offers of employment are contingent upon successful results of a drug screen and criminal records check, and if appropriate, a physical examination and verification of an insurable driving record.