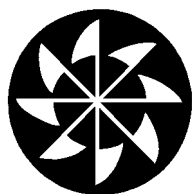


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WEBJUNCTION... NEW MEMBERS WANTED

WebJunction New Mexico (<http://nm.webjunction.org>) was launched in June 2004 at the ALA annual convention and is gaining in popularity as new features and resources are added to the site (see *HH* #1574). WebJunction New Mexico is the state site in partnership with WebJunction (see <http://webjunction.org>), the national website. In a recent report by WebJunction, New Mexico was ranked first in the nation for the percentage of library staff in the state registered on WebJunction.

At the upcoming NMLA annual conference in March, the keynote address will be delivered by Marilyn Mason, who will speak about the pioneering efforts of New Mexico in creating the WebJunction community. Ms. Mason is with the Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC) and Program Director of WebJunction. Previously she was Director of the Cleveland Public Library and Atlanta-Fulton Public Library. She also served as the Director of the First White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1979-80 and was appointed by President Clinton to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in 1999. She will be speaking at the NMLA Conference on Thursday, March 31.

BRIEFINGS

Support for adult and family literacy programs.

Since 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has increased the functional literacy of adults by providing grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to the ad-

vancement of literacy. The foundation funds nonprofit programs designed to serve adults or families in need of literacy services. Nonprofit organizations are invited to submit applications in one of the two following program areas: 1) Literacy instruction for adults, including Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL); or 2) Family literacy. Note: Organizations can only submit an application in one program area.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards grants in the amount of \$15,000 or less (with \$15,000 as the exception). The funds available through the foundation are dispersed throughout Dollar General's thirty-state market area based on the quality of proposals submitted. For fiscal year 2005-06, the foundation will award a minimum of \$1 million in grants through its annual RFP process to qualifying nonprofit literacy providers. The program is open to organizations that are recognized as nonprofit charitable entities with 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service; provide literacy-based programs and services to adults or families in the thirty states where Dollar General stores are located; have not received a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation more than once in the last two years; and have met all reporting requirements from their most recent Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant. See the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines and a list of eligible states at <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/518/dgeneral>. For additional RFPs in Education visit http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml. Deadline is April 8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Battle of the Books. The 2005 Battle of the Books

The Hitchhiker is available upon request on computer disc, cassette tape, in braille, or in large print. It may also be seen on the State Library WEB site: <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us>.

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will be held at Rio Rancho Mid-High on April 9 with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the actual battles commencing around 9:00. If you think you might be interested in participating in the Battle of the Books in the future, please check out the web site at <http://nmbattleofthebooks.org>. If you are going to the New Mexico Library Association Conference, there will be a brief program that includes a “mock” battle after the Kid Lit Lunch on Friday. You are also welcome to attend the event in Rio Rancho. Deadline is March 11. For those who are planning on sending a team to the Battle of the Books this year, check the web site for details.

Free grants workshops. The Santa Fe Community Foundation will sponsor two free workshops on grants research at the New Mexico State Library. To register, contact the Santa Fe Community Foundation at (505) 988-9715, ext. 6 or e-mail workshops@santafecf.org. For more information on the Santa Fe Community Foundation, please visit the website at <http://www.santafecf.org> or (505) 988-9715.

✓ Grants Research (Foundations) will be held on Thursday, March 17, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. It will be presented by Marjorie Kamine, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, College of Santa Fe. The workshop teaches how to use research tools available at the New Mexico State Library, including the Foundation Center CD-ROM collection. The focus is on foundation sources. (Limit 20 participants; one per organization)

✓ Grants Research (Governmental) will be held on Tuesday, June 7, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Richard C. Marchese of Resource Development Services will be the presenter. Learn how to look for federal and state grant opportunities, how to match the funder’s interests with the needs of your organization and the people it serves, and assess funding odds before writing a proposal. (Limit 20 participants; one per organization)

Up for grabs. TVI Libraries are discarding some older microfilm and microfiche, and is offering it to any library that is interested. The microfilm is a part of the Magazine Collection, produced by the Information Access Company. Covered magazines range anywhere from years 1980 to 1996. The collection is housed on three turntables. The microfiche consists of Newsbank from 1987 to 1997, as well as 32 magazine titles, rang-

ing anywhere from 1986 to 1996. If interested, contact Dan Kammer at (505) 224-5729, e-mail dkammer@tvi.edu.

Grant writing training. As it does each year, the New Mexico State Library will host grantsmanship training in New Mexico. The Grantsmanship Center’s (TGCI) signature Grantsmanship Training Program – the most widely attended training program in nonprofit history – is coming to Santa Fe on May 9-13. You and your staff are invited to attend this intensive five-day workshop. You will learn to...

✓ Identify the specific grantmaking foundations that support programs like yours – even in tough economic times

✓ Convince enough local companies to support your organization with money, goods, or services

✓ Connect with the decision-makers who dispense millions of dollars in state and federal grants every year

The Grantsmanship Training Program is geared to both novice and advanced grantwriters. It combines personalized instruction with practical “hands-on” exercises that takes you step-by-step through all the stages of writing a grant proposal. You will learn how to research available grants and how to negotiate with funding sources, both public and private. During the week, participants learn the TGCI writing format, team up with classmates to prepare and write a proposal, and investigate funding sources for their individual organizations. . If you choose, you may draft a proposal for your own organization during the workshop. Participants get to use the extensive materials in the State Library’s Foundation Center Cooperating Collection, a vital resource for New Mexicans looking for funding opportunities. Workshop graduates receive a one-year TGCI Membership, which affords follow-up proposal review and access to TGCI’s exclusive funding databases. All TGCI Membership services are included in the program tuition of \$825.

Because TGCI workshops are designed to address the current needs and program activities of each participant, enrollment is limited to 30. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$300,000. To register for the May 9-13 workshop, or to apply for a scholarship, contact the TGCI registrar toll-free at 1-800-421-9512 or enroll online at <http://www.tgci.com>.

PEOPLE NOTES

Bella Lucero of the New Mexico Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the New Mexico State Library is the recipient of the 2005 Julie Klauber Award. The award, named for Julie Klauber who was a national expert and leader on disability issues and instrumental in helping develop Keystone System's growing national presence, is granted to one volunteer or staff member who works with the Keystone library system, demonstrating outstanding service during his/her time with the library, and who will appreciate and benefit from attending the Keystone Users Conference. Bella has been a Readers' Advisor at the New Mexico Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for nearly seven years and has been an integral part of the library's development with the Keystone system. As the library's only English/Spanish speaking RA, Bella, a native of Santa Fe, is often called upon to serve the needs of the many Spanish speaking patrons in New Mexico. Additionally, her bilingual ability and willingness to serve has been helpful as the library strives to reach out to as many eligible patrons as possible. She is primarily responsible for over 4,000 individual patron accounts as well as interlibrary loan. This past summer, she was instrumental in promoting the Summer Reading Program to its most successful year to date.

During the last two years, Bella has been involved with the training of three Readers' Advisors as the library has gone through some staffing transitions. As this year's recipient she will receive airfare, hotel accommodations, and conference registration fees for the 2005 KLAS Users' Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Award Committee members selected Lucero from a field of six very worthy nominees.

The mother of seven children, Bella worked in retail services for a national department store in the Santa Fe area until that company went out of business. She then entered into the library service field, where she is a favorite among many patrons. She continues to work part-time time at a shop on Santa Fe's popular Plaza. As the library looks to transition to Keystone's Version 7 during 2005, Bella's recognition as a Julie Klauber Award recipient is both timely and deserved.

Leslie Monsalve-Jones has been featured in the January/February 2005 issue of Library Mosaics under the "Supporting Cast" column. Leslie is a library techni-

cian at the New Mexico State Library working part-time as an assistant in the State Documents section. She is also attending classes at Northern New Mexico Community College, studying for her Associate's degree in Library Technology. She has previous experience in records management and medical records. Leslie is Chair of the NMLA Paraprofessional Special Interest Group and a regional representative on the ALA/Library Support Staff Roundtable. She serves on the national REFORMA Executive Board representing eight chapters, including New Mexico.

Kevin M. Lancaster is retiring after 25 years of service at the State Supreme Court Law Library. Kevin began his career at Yale where he worked for three years as a cataloger before coming to New Mexico. He was with the University of New Mexico Libraries for a year before beginning his work with the Supreme Court Law Library in Santa Fe.

JOBS

Librarian. The State Supreme Court Law Library in Santa Fe has a job opening for Senior Associate Law Librarian. The Senior Associate plans, organizes, integrates, and coordinates the day-to-day work in the Supreme Court Law Library and must have law library expertise in collection management, planning, budgeting, and technical services. This is a classified position and operates under the direction of the State Law Librarian (the Library Director). It requires a Master's degree in Library Science or Library and Information Science, with five years of library work experience, five years of work in legal information services and legal research, and substantial law course work. Administrative work in a law library is required. A Juris Doctor is preferred. Library work which includes both reference and technical services is preferred. Serials management and original cataloging experience are preferred. The job requires knowledge of court functions, responsibilities and procedures. Applicants must be familiar with case law, constitutions, statutes, and court rules. The job requires knowledge of legal research and materials; the legislative process; administrative, personnel, fiscal, management, planning and research principles; the functioning of federal, state and local agencies; library confidentiality and ethical standards; reference proce-

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dures; library management; Library of Congress and American Library Association policies; AACR2 guidelines and schedules on bibliographic organization and database structure; and library computer applications. Knowledge of New Mexico law and Spanish language skill are preferred. The job requires the ability to organize, integrate and coordinate the work staff, available resources and library materials; analyze and solve library and patron problems; prepare detailed plans; perform legal research; train others in legal research, computer applications, library techniques and procedures; apply technology to library services; research, evaluate and use new methods and techniques for operational improvement; communicate effectively both orally and in writing using technical, legal and nontechnical language, as appropriate; and explain complex subjects and processes. The job requires the ability to be informative, responsive and courteous to patrons without giving legal advice; persuade, motivate and influence others and establish cooperative working relationships; maintain confidentiality and use discretion when dealing with sensitive information; use initiative and judgment in working independently while recognizing matters which should be referred to others; and exercise resourcefulness in addressing new problems. The job requires teamwork, flexibility and ability to work in a changing service environment. The job requires the ability to make presentations to and answer questions from governmental entities. Salary range is \$42,946 to \$56,367 (starting salary is based upon experience). Applications must include résumé or curriculum vita and cover letter with an e-mail address and telephone numbers. Applications must be received by February 28 at 5 p.m. E-mail applications to: libhev@nmcourts.com; applications may also be mailed to: Job Application, Supreme Court Law Library, P.O. Drawer L, Santa Fe, NM 87504-0318. Interviews are expected to take place March 1 to March 7, with starting date on or after March 28. No phone calls, please. The position is posted on the Supreme Court Law Library website at <http://www.fsccl.org>. This position is subject to the New Mexico Judicial Personnel Rules. In order to be considered for employment an individual must fill out the prescribed Employment Application Form. This may be done at any time prior to the interview. Those selected for an interview must provide proof of degrees, three references, and allow a background check. The State of New Mexico is an equal opportunity employer.