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To celebrate National Library Week, TechSoup Stock and Mailshell are sponsoring the "Read Books, Not Spam!" campaign to help U.S. public libraries protect themselves against spam. In recognition of the value of public libraries, on April 20, all U.S. public libraries are eligible to order a free, full year of Mailshell anti-spam desktop software for each employee (visit *http://www.techsoup.org/stock*). In addition, the TechSoup website will provide informative articles for libraries to learn more about spam and how to have a safer, spam-free computing environment. TechSoup Stock is a nonprofit service of TechSoup that offers donated and discounted technology products for libraries and nonprofits from leading technology providers at low administrative fees.

Registration is required to receive the donation. If you have pre-registered your library on TechSoup Stock, you can just visit the TechSoup Stock website on April 20 at *http://www.techsoup.org/stock/spam/libraries.asp* to place your order. This completely free offer is available for one day only: April 20, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

TechSoup Stock must be able to pre-qualify your organization as an eligible U.S. public library. To pre-register, follow these two steps:

✓ Download and complete the special Mailshell Anti-Spam Donation Pre-Qualification Form (PDF) at *http://www.techsoup.org/stock/spam/prequalform.pdf*

✓ Fax your completed form to (415) 633-9444. If your library is a 501(c)(3) organization, please also fax your library's 501(c)(3) letter of determination from the IRS.

If you have ordered from TechSoup Stock before, no additional registration is necessary to participate. Note: TechSoup Stock conducts a thorough qualification process to ensure that all organizations participating in our donation programs are qualified U.S. public libraries with a 501(c)(3) designation or FSCS ID.

"Read Books, Not Spam" is more than free software. It is an educational campaign to help libraries manage the negative effects of spam on their organization. TechSoup.org offers helpful articles and resources on topics such as how to avoid being a spammer and how to prevent spam (visit *http://www.techsoup.org/spam*).

BRIEFINGS

Music donation. Los Alamos County Libraries is celebrating National Library Week, April 10-16, with the acquisition of a new collection. The family of Los Alamos native Bryan Johnson has assembled and donated a superb collection of chamber music (sheet music) to Mesa Public Library. The new collection, which is available for checkout by library patrons, is housed at the Reference Desk at Mesa Public Library. After April 16, it will be available also by Interlibrary Loan for use only within the borrowing library.

The Bryan Johnson Memorial Chamber Music Collection (BJMCM Collection) was created in memory of Bryan Edward Johnson who was born February 7, 1949, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Bryan moved to Los Alamos with his family in January 1951, living here until he graduated from Los Alamos High School in 1967. Bryan excelled as a violin soloist and orchestral musician. He was concertmaster of the 1967 NM All-State Orchestra, performed at the White House as

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a member of the US Marine Orchestra, and performed with the National Symphony Orchestra until his death. His life ended abruptly on July 4, 2001, near his home in McLean, Virginia, the victim of a road-rage driver.

Bryan's greatest love in music, however, was chamber music. Bryan Johnson's sister, Kay Newnam, and his mother, Joan Cox, along with their husbands, Brian Newnam and Arthur Cox, have gathered several hundred works for small musical ensembles to create this unique collection, the core of which was from Bryan Johnson's personal library. In addition to well-known chamber music by Beethoven, Brahms, Debussy, Dvorak, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Ravel, Schubert, Schumann, Shostakovich, and Tchaikovsky, the collection includes lesser known compositions such as the *Bagatelles for String Quartet* by Alan Hovhanness, Schubert's *Octet for Strings and Winds*, Beethoven's *Septet for Strings and Winds*, Joaquin Turina's *La Oracion del Terero*, and the incomparable *Verklarte Nacht* by Arnold Schoenberg. For the entire listing of titles, please go to the Popular Lists tab in the online Library Catalog, *http://library.lac-nm.us*.

Growing up in Los Alamos, Bryan and his sisters, Kay Newnam and Sally Bustamante, were all taught violin by the gifted teacher, David Cole. It was David who introduced Bryan and his sisters to the world of chamber music. In recent years, Bryan, David, and David's cellist/violinmaker wife, Anne, along with an assortment of other musicians, were well known for their chamber music evenings that would stretch into the pre-dawn hours.

Bryan's friends and family remember a strong, capable, and gentle man who lived life broadly and passionately. Throughout his life, he loved to play chamber music with friends and developed a keen interest in collecting fine violins and bows. He was an exceptionally dedicated violin teacher who nurtured hundreds of young people throughout his life.

Please join Mesa Public Library in celebrating National Library Week with the inauguration of this marvelous collection honoring one of Los Alamos' native sons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

El día de los niños/El día de los libros. ALSC, the Association for Library Services to Children, is very pleased to announce that it is now the official National center for El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Day of the Child/Day of the Book). For libraries and librarians, every day is Children's Day/Book Day, but the annual celebration on April 30 gives us an opportunity to come together on a nationally recognized occasion to commemorate children, families and reading. Through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which ALSC just received, ALSC once again is offering brochures (in both English and Spanish) for your use in the library. They are available free of charge. Further information about the Día project, visit the web site at http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alsc.htm. To request brochures, please contact Linda Mays toll-free 1-800-545-2433 x1398, or e-mail *dia@ala.org*.

Training questionnaire. In order to provide great training to the New Mexico public library community, Cassandra E. Osterloh, the Continuing Education Coordinator, at the New Mexico State Library is conducting a training needs assessment. Please fill out the online survey at *http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=80733982905* by April 30. It should take no more than ten minutes. The information collected will help Cassandra to begin planning and arranging classes and workshops for the next year. If you have any questions regarding this survey or training, please contact Cassandra at *costerloh@stlib.state.nm.us* or ✆(505) 476-9724.

Need legal advice? Law Access New Mexico is a free telephone advisory service for low-income New Mexicans to help solve legal problems. The hotline handles all cases over the telephone; it does not provide ongoing legal representation. The helpline's civil legal services are available statewide for families up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline (about $38,000 for a family of 4). The helpline is open 9 - 3 weekdays. Just call toll-free 1-800-340-9771 or if you're in Albuquerque call 998-4LAW. Se habla Español. If your library would like brochures or a poster please e-mail *lawaccess@lawaccess.org*.

Literacy training. Voz and the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy are presenting a two day student leadership training for students and practitioners on May 13-14.

The VALUE Core Student Leadership training is an in-depth training with all of the information administrators, tutors, and students need to start or strengthen student leadership. It is free for all New Mexico Literacy and ABE programs. The Coalition will pay the expenses for one practitioner and two students from interested programs. This includes hotel, mileage reimbursement, and meals. Space is limited at the training, so the Coalition will sponsor student/practitioner teams from nine local programs. These spaces will be given first-come, first served. The VALUE training has been presented in California, Massachusetts, Texas, Vermont, Washington DC, and Delaware, with excellent reviews and responses. Please contact Will Grant, VALUE's trainer in New Mexico, if you have questions, at ✆ (505)989-1699, e-mail *BlastGrant@aol.com*.

WebJunction NM focus group. Public library directors and staff are invited to participate in a focus group on Monday, April 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the State Library in Santa Fe to learn how WebJunction New Mexico works for you. You don't need a technical background for your observations to be useful.

OCLC, with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, developed the WebJunction website to help libraries who provide computers for public use. The New Mexico site is the result of a pilot project for five states (New Mexico, Connecticut, Iowa, Colorado, and Washington) to create state specific access points. After two years of operation, WebJunction needs your help in assessing the site, especially the perspectives of front-line librarians who work with the public and computers.

To register, please contact Jackie Dalmy at the New Mexico State Library's toll-free number, 1-800-340-3890, or e-mail *jdalmy@stlib.state.nm.us*. You will receive reimbursement for mileage costs and a light lunch will be provided. Whether or not you've used WebJunction before, we hope you'll spend a few minutes before you come to familiarize yourself with its current contents. Visit the site at *http://nm.webjunction.org*.

PEOPLE NOTES

Teresa Y. Neely was named the new director of Zimmerman Library on the University of New Mexico main campus. Neely comes from the University of Maryland, where she was the head of Reference at the Albin O. Kuhn Library and Gallery. Prior to that she was an assistant professor and reference librarian at Colorado State University Libraries where she held several positions. Neely holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from South Carolina State College and received her MLS and Ph.D. degrees from the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. Neely's research and scholarly interests include diversity, information literacy, instruction, staff training and development, reference services, and management issues. Her publications include: "Diversity Now: People, Collections and Services in Academic Libraries," co-edited with Kuang-Hwei (Janet) Lee-Smeltzer, "In Our Own Voices: The Changing Face of Librarianship," co-edited with K.K. Abif and "Sociological and Psychological Aspects of Information Literacy in Higher Education." Neely recently completed a book with ALA Editions, titled Information Literacy Assessment: Standards-Based Tools, Surveys and Best Practices.

The University of New Mexico is honoring **Mary Alice Tsosie**, outreach and liaison librarian with the Indigenous Nations' Library Program at University Libraries, for outstanding student service. Tsosie will be recognized for her work in helping to create a positive environment for Native American students at UNM, particularly in her capacity as the KIVA Club's advisor. The mission of the KIVA Club is to preserve the cultural values of American Indian students by promoting education, emphasizing cultural growth and awareness, and providing a safe social environment. Tsosie has embodied these ideals in her service to Native American students.

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JOBS

Library director. The Town of Cochiti Lake is seeking applicants for Library Director. The successful candidate must have a Bachelor's degree and administrative experience. A comparable combination of education and experience will be considered; State of New Mexico Library Certification is desirable but not required. The successful candidate must have the ability to use a variety of print and electronic resources such as automated library systems, CD-ROM, be knowledgeable in the use of computers and the Internet; demonstrate skills in positive interaction consistently with all individuals encountered in the workplace, including co-workers, Town staff, volunteers, Assembly members, and members of the community. The Library Director is responsible for all aspects of the library operation including circulation, collections, maintaining the electronic catalog, and recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers; participating in development of additional funding for the library; utilizing continuing education resources to keep procedures current; managing the library budget and being accountable to the Town for conformity with the Town's fiscal procedures. The Library Director reports to the Town Administrator and to the Library Board for policy concerning the operation of the library. Salary is $23,382 plus benefits annually for 30 hours a week. To apply, submit a letter of application along with a current résumé complete with names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three individuals knowledgeable of the candidate's work experience. Send materials to Mary Wheeler, Town Administrator, 6515 Hoochaneetsa Blvd., Cochiti Lake, NM 87083. Review of applications begins May 6 and will continue until the position is filled. A complete position description can be obtained from Ron Herrera, Town Clerk, a ✆(505) 465-2421.