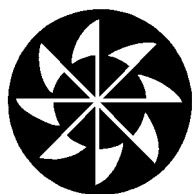


For
Librarians in
New Mexico



Hitchhiker

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BRIEFINGS

Difficult patrons. From policy to principles, and from chicken soup and comic relief: how WebJunction members handle difficult patron situations will be posted on the WJ website at <http://www.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=11084> during the month of August. "Difficult Patron Behavior: Success Stories from the WebJunction Community" are the shared responses to WebJunction's request for experiences librarians have had with difficult patrons and the ways they have managed them (see *HH* #1605).

Speaking Volumes about Talking Books. Kathy Barco, Youth Services Coordinator at the New Mexico State Library, visited over 40 libraries statewide in June and July and was continually amazed by the imagination shown by Youth Services librarians who brought the 2005 Summer Reading Program to life in so many creative ways. Talking Books/Los libros nos hablan/Naaltsoos Bahane' hólóní was TOUGH! However, through Sign Language, Braille, pop-ups and an almost infinite variety of hand-made books, etc., the children of New Mexico experienced some very innovative programs and activities. Her sincere admiration and appreciation goes out to all of you who grappled with this concept and turned it into such a fun and rewarding learning opportunity. Kathy said, "I was particularly impressed by the ways that you capitalized on the Braille on the book-marks! It's great to think that many children received their first exposure to Braille @ THEIR LIBRARY!"

Annual reports. The New Mexico State Library mailed Annual Report packets to public libraries the last week of July. The reports are due on September 15 and those of you responsible for returning the reports will once again be using Bibliostat to report the data. When you begin working on the report, please verify all of your contact information (including the library name) and your Federal Tax ID # to ensure that the State Library's records are correct. If you have any questions, please contact Geri Hutchins, Federal Programs Coordinator, or Sandy White, Public Libraries Consultant, toll-free at 1-800-340-3890; e-mail geral-dine.hutchins@state.nm.us or sandy.white@state.nm.us respectively.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual report training. Have questions about the Public Library Annual Report and using Bibliostat? Uncertain about answering questions in the Annual Report? Geri Hutchins, who is the Federal Programs Coordinator and Cassandra Osterloh, the Continuing Education Coordinator at the New Mexico State Library, will offer two workshops in different times and locations to guide you through the process and answer all of your Annual Report questions. They will address numerous elements in the report and talk about ways you can fill out the report with the most accurate information available. Participants should bring statistics and budget information needed to begin filling out the report. Attendees will be given time at the end of the workshop to work on the report. The offerings will be in:

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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✓ Socorro on Friday, August 19, from 9 a.m. till noon at New Mexico Tech, Skeen Library, Computer Classroom

✓ Santa Fe on Tuesday, August 23, from 1 p.m. till 4 p.m. at the New Mexico State Library, E-Classroom

Register online at <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/workshop.htm>. If you cannot register online, contact Jackie Dalmy toll-free at 1-800-340-3890, or e-mail jackie.dalmy@state.nm.us. Please note: food and drinks are not provided at trainings conducted or coordinated by the State Library.

Library courses. The University of New Mexico, College of Education will offer seven library-related classes for the Fall semester. These classes meet at the New Mexico Public Education Department's program endorsements. The offerings are as follows:

✓ EMLS 460/560 Organization & Administration
Fridays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.: 8/26, 9/17, 10/7, 10/21, 11/11
Chamberlin

✓ EMLS 425/525 Reference & Bibliography
Fridays 5:30-8:35 p.m.: 8/19, 9/2, 9/9, 9/23, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9
Langdale

✓ EMLS 451/551 Books & Related Materials:
Young Adults
Mondays 4-6:45 p.m.: 8/22-12/12
Rigby

✓ LLSS 443/544 Children's Literature
Eight sections are offered; please check the schedule

✓ MSET 365 Microcomputers in Education
Nine sections are offered; please check the schedule

✓ EMLS 391/ Problems Courses
LLSS 591 Credit and times to be arranged

✓ OLIT 543 Delivering Effective Presentations
Wednesdays 4-6:30 p.m.; 8/24-12/14

Registration may be handled through I-TEL-UNM or online <http://itel.unm.edu>. For more information, contact Leslie Chamberlin, Director, Tireman Library at ☎(505) 277-7260, e-mail saticoy@unm.edu.

Grow Your Own. The Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), will award five public libraries with grants of \$8,000 each to be distributed to staff for work toward obtaining a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies. The application deadline for this pilot program is December 1, 2005.

The scholarship terms require that \$6,500 be used directly for payment of tuition at the undergraduate level, or at an ALA-accredited library school graduate level, for as many staff as the recipient library chooses, and \$1,500 is to be used to support attendance for one or more of the selected scholarship recipients to attend PLA-sponsored continuing education.

"PLA recognizes that the institution is strategically positioned to best identify those employees with a commitment to librarianship, public libraries, and the community," said Clara Bohrer, PLA past-president and chair of the PLA Institutional Scholarship Task Force. "And, we know there is tremendous need for staff with the MLS. We are very pleased to provide libraries with resources to help them increase the number of public librarians by growing their own."

Scholarships will be made on a competitive basis. Applications will be reviewed by the PLA Institutional Scholarship Jury. Applicants will be notified of their status by February 1, 2006. Bachelor or master level courses taken between February 2006 and March 2008 are eligible for tuition reimbursement under this program. For criteria and application information, please visit PLA's website at <http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/scholarshipapp.pdf>.



PEOPLE NOTES

Helen McConnell, Senior Library Specialist at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo Library System Special Collections Library, has retired from the Albuquerque Library System. She worked in the Children's Room at Main Library for about three years, helped to open the Westgate Library and worked there for four years before joining the Special Collections staff where she has been for a little more than three years. Her library career began after teaching first grade, raising four children, helping run a bowling alley, and being a family educator for Head Start. She plans to return to her native Nebraska where eight of her ten grandchildren live.

The **staff of the Silver City Public Library** won the much coveted "Team of the Month" award for this year's Summer Reading Program. The Town of Silver City has had a Team of the Month and Employee of the Month award for many years as a way of recognizing the efforts of city employees. Across the Town departments, any employee can submit a name of an employee or a team (or both) for recognition of a job done very well. Usually a team will have achieved a group effort that reflects upon the service to another group, (such as another department) or the community. The Library staff spent hours beyond their regular work load to pull off the six-week program dedicated to the young people of Silver City and deserved recognition for the exceptional work they have done. The Town review committee agreed and awarded the Library the Team of the Month for July complete with a pizza party to be held anywhere the staff chose. Since it is difficult for all the staff to get away as a group, they asked that it be delivered, which allowed for the inclusion of the employed summer teens in the party. Peter Crum, who is Reference Librarian, told *HH*, "We put our "all" into the SRP this year, and it showed!"

JOBS

Two positions. The New Mexico State Library is seeking two energetic, self-starting, team-oriented, creative librarians in its Library Development Services Bureau: Public Library Consultant and Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator. These positions will be posted on the State Personnel Office's Job Bulletin <http://www.state.nm.us/spo> from August 8 through August 19.

✓ **Public Library Consultant.** Provides consulting and problem-solving assistance to full service public library and developing public library directors, boards and staff on both a scheduled and as-needed basis; administers the State Aid Grants Program; and administers the Public Library Annual Report submission process.

✓ **Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator.** Manages the multi-faceted Tribal Libraries Program that develops new libraries and enhances existing libraries and information centers at Pueblo, Apache, and Navajo tribal sites statewide through training, consulting, and grants. Supervises one FTE and up to seven contractors annually.

These are both Librarian-A classified positions and both require a Master's degree in Library or Information Science from a program accredited by the American Library Association, plus four years post Master's paid library experience. The salary range is \$14.435 to \$25.661 per hour. For more information about the positions, contact Ann Moore, Director, Library Development Services Bureau, ☎(505) 476-9720. See the SPO website (<http://www.state.nm.us/spo>) for application specifics and forms. The Job Interest Form (JIF), a résumé, and transcripts (unofficial OK) must arrive at the State Personnel Office, 2600 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507, by the closing deadline. **IMPORTANT:** In addition to the JIF, résumé, and transcripts sent to SPO, send or deliver copies of same and a cover letter to Heather Gallegos-Rex, Deputy State Librarian, New

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Two positions. New Mexico Junior College is seeking applicants for Library Assistant in the Circulation Library and in Government Publications.

✓ Library Assistant - Circulation. Checks library materials and equipment in and out of the automated system; maintains the circulation area; handles patron concerns regarding library records; works an overlapping shift, normally extending from noon to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Computer proficiency and a minimum of 30 college credit hours is required. Library work experience and/or course work in library and information sciences strongly preferred.

✓ Library Assistant - Government Publications. Maintains the state and federal government documents collection; processes print documents, microfiche, and maps; assists with annual document selection; assists with superseded titles and de-selection of other appropriate items; supervises and trains student workers. Computer proficiency and a minimum of 30 college credit hours required. Library work experience and/or course work in library and information sciences strongly preferred.

Position closes August 19. For application and detailed position information, please visit the website at <http://www.nmjc.edu>, call ☎(505) 392-5229, or come by the NMJC Human Resources Office located in the John Shepherd Administrative Center, 5317 Lovington Highway, Hobbs, NM. EEO/AA.