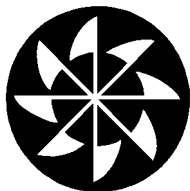


For  
Librarians in  
New Mexico



# *Hitchhiker*

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**FROM THE STAFF OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE LIBRARY,  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!**

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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## BRIEFINGS

**LBPH expands machine distribution.** The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), which is a part of the New Mexico State Library, administers a service in conjunction with the National Library Service (NLS) to bring recorded books on tape to New Mexicans who are unable because of visual or physical circumstances to read printed materials. For the most part, this is a direct service that sends books and the specially designed machines used to read them to its patrons through the mail. It is a free service for about 4,500 patrons throughout the state.

A number of public libraries regularly maintain small collections from LBPH for the convenience of the service's users. Now several of those libraries have agreed to keep extra units of the NLS playback machines so users of the tapes and machines can conveniently get replacements for faulty machines. Roswell Public Library and the Farmington Public Library are in the program so far. Both libraries have a limited number of playback machines on hand for registered patrons of LBPH. Principal contact at the Farmington library is Dori Molletti and at the Roswell library Rosie Larson.

This machine exchange program through public libraries is currently in its beginning stages in New Mexico but has been used widely and successfully in states such as Arizona. If you think it would be helpful to have your local library participate, contact John Mugford at LBPH, ☎(505) 476-9772, e-mail [john.mugford@state.nm.us](mailto:john.mugford@state.nm.us).

**Stop spam.** From Library Journal at <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6288152.html>. On December 14 and 15, U.S. public libraries and nonprofit organizations will be offered free anti-spam desktop software, donated by Mailshell, thanks to the nonprofit TechSoup's Third Annual "Stop Spam Today!" Campaign. TechSoup, at <http://www.techsoup.org/stock/default.asp>, calls itself "the technology place for nonprofits," and offers a variety of discounted or free products. Libraries should register before December 14, though existing TechSoup Stock customers can simply order from the Stop Spam at <http://www.stopspamtoday.org> page. Meanwhile, TechSoup is offering advice on how to fight spam at <http://www.techsoup.org/spam>.

**Get teens reading.** In just six weeks YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) will announce the winners of its 2006 Alex, Edwards, and Printz awards as well as the final choices for its 2006 selected lists. The awards announcement takes place at ALA's Youth Media Awards Press Conference at 8 a.m. on January 23 in San Antonio at ALA's Midwinter Meeting. To generate awareness and excitement for these awards, YALSA invites youth services librarians to get their libraries ready.

Here are a few suggestions:

- ✓ Create a display of prior Alex, Edwards or Alex winners.
- ✓ Join the discussion with other librarians and educators on [yalsa-bk](http://yalsa-bk) about what titles are likely winners. To subscribe to [yalsa-bk](http://yalsa-bk) (it's free), go to [www.ala.org/yalsa](http://www.ala.org/yalsa) and click on "Electronic Resources."
- ✓ Hold a mock Printz election and let your teens vote for which book they think will win in '06. For help planning this, post your question on the [yalsa-bk](http://yalsa-bk) discussion list.
- ✓ Plan a poster or bookmark contest. Once the winners are announced, have your teens design a poster or bookmark for the Alex, Edwards or Printz winners.

Stock up on awards seals for your Edwards and Printz books. They're available for purchase from the ALA online store at <http://www.alastore.ala.org> (ALA members get a ten percent discount). In the fall issue of YALSA's journal, *Young Adult Library Services*, you can read the awards speeches from the 2005 Printz winner and honorees and from the 2005 Edwards winner. Learn about the Selected Audiobooks Committee in the latest issue of *YAttitudes*, YALSA's online newsletter for members. To access it, click on the For Members Only tab at [www.ala.org/yalsa](http://www.ala.org/yalsa).

To learn more about these lists and awards go to <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists>. If you can't make it to the Midwinter Meeting to hear the announcements, YALSA will post the winners and new selected lists on the YALSA web site on January 23.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WebJunction 101.** Do you ever wish that you had a place to communicate with distant colleagues, trade

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ideas and best practices, and find information and resources to help you provide library service? *WebJunction New Mexico* is the answer. And this is your chance to learn how to use it. The New Mexico State Library is offering a hands-on class to orient you to the many features of the online community for library staff. It will get you started as you discover the array of information, discussion boards, online classes, advice, and connections with other librarians around New Mexico and the United States.

The first class will be held on January 13, 2006, in Albuquerque at the University of New Mexico, Zimmerman Library, FORD Room. There will be two sessions: one at 9 – 11:30 a.m. and a second one from 1 – 3:30 p.m. Each class is limited to 20 participants. This workshop is for library staff from all libraries (academic, public, school, special, etc.). Register online at <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/workshop.htm>. If you cannot register online, call toll-free 1-800-340-3890 or e-mail [DCA-NMSLLibraryTraining@state.nm.us](mailto:DCA-NMSLLibraryTraining@state.nm.us). Thanks to the New Mexico State Library, all workshops are free of charge!

Two more WebJunction 101 classes are being scheduled in Aztec and Clovis. Dates and times to be announced soon.

**Be a volunteer.** The New Mexico Coalition for Literacy (NMCL) is looking for help. The lending library is for NMCL's programs, tutors, and students and currently requires more attention than the staff has time to give. NMCL needs a couple of volunteers for six months in order to help the staff become self-sufficient and ready for full program use. The Coalition would like someone to volunteer to be a labeler, cutting and pasting labels, fixing labels to books, and shelving books; and a cataloger to look up new materials in Horizon/Dynix and OCLC (NMCL will teach this skill), updating, exporting, and importing materials from the Internet (if you are interested, this process is a résumé builder for future employment).

NMCL is a non-profit organization that serves volunteer adult and family literacy programs throughout the state of New Mexico. NMCL is not working in the field with volunteers serving students; rather, it funds and provides free technical assistance to these programs so that they can survive and grow. NMCL's Santa Fe office is comfortable, new, and has a pleasant atmosphere in which to work. It has plenty of parking and is

easy to find at 3209-B Mercantile Court, Santa Fe. Call ☎(505) 982-3997 for more information.

## PEOPLE NOTES

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces is pleased to welcome three new librarians to its staff. **Margaret Neill**, Operations Librarian and **Maura Mahoney**, Reference Librarian, come from New York, and **Lynette Schurdevin**, Circulation Supervisor, is from Minnesota. All three have moved to New Mexico to share their enthusiasm for library service and their creativity and innovative thinking with the people of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County.

## JOBS

**State Law Librarian.** New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library is accepting applications for the at-will position of State Law Librarian. Pay range OO, \$63,159 to \$82,160 per annum, DOE. Under administrative direction, by a Board of Trustees, has state-wide responsibility for policies and standards for access to legal information, judicial law libraries, and records management; supervises the staff and manages the work of the Supreme Court Law Library; oversees the operations of other judicial libraries to provide for effective access to legal information to the courts, the state and the public; plans, organizes, integrates, and coordinates the work and hires, trains, evaluates, and disciplines the staff of the Supreme Court law library; identifies and formulates policies and procedures for the efficient statewide administration of law libraries and records programs; coordinates statewide information policy and provision of information services to other state agencies, training of attorneys, library, and other court and legal staff in legal research and analysis; attends budget hearings and information meetings with the Legislative Finance Committee and Department of Finance and Administration representatives and provides testimony before a variety of legislative committees; serves on various committees to provide input regarding policies and procedures that affect the judicial libraries and state records; and maintains current knowledge of library science, computer applications, law, and safety technology through course work, professional meetings,

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and self-study. Must be a graduate of a law school that meets the standards of accreditation of the American Bar Association and have a Master's degree in Library Science with five years of experience managing administrative functions of a library, including three years of supervisory experience, three years of reference experience, and at least two years of law library administrative experience. Extensive training or equivalent experience in computer science and records management and practice as an attorney is preferred. Must have extensive knowledge of and ability to interpret case law, constitution and statutes, court rules, policies and procedures; extensive knowledge of legal research and the legislative process; detailed knowledge of the principles, methods, and techniques of records management, court functions, responsibilities and procedures; and knowledge of administrative, personnel, fiscal, management, planning, and research principles and methods, the functioning of state and local agencies, and library confidentiality and ethical standards. Knowledge of New Mexico law and some Spanish is preferred. Ability to design and prepare long range plans; draft policies and procedures that meet all legal requirements; draft and review legislation; draft and review contracts; perform legal research at the most comprehensive level; train others in legal research, computerized legal research, management skills, administrative and legal procedures and substantive law; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; persuade, motivate, and influence others and establish cooperative working relationships; maintain confidentiality and use discretion when dealing with sensitive information; develop and maintain working relationships with judicial, executive, and legislative agencies, and other libraries; and ability to develop collection of legal materials. Please submit a New Mexico Judicial Branch Application for Employment and proof of education by 4 p.m. on January 31, 2006, to The Administrative Office of the Courts, Human Resources Division, Attention: Amy Plank, 237 Don Gaspar Ave. Rm. 25, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2178. Application and job description may be obtained from the web at <http://www.nmcourts.com>. Additional information on benefits, working conditions and the position may be obtained by calling Amy Plank at ☎(505) 827-4956. Equal Opportunity Employer