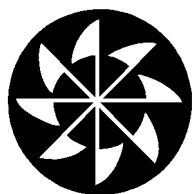


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## NM LIBRARIAN WINS YALSA AWARD

The 2006 YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) Sagebrush Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program was announced at the American Library Association (ALA) Mid Winter Conference. This year's winner is a New Mexican, Vaunda Nelson, the teen librarian at the Rio Rancho Public Library in Rio Rancho! Her six-week reading program called *Lights! Camera! Books! 2005 Teen Summer Reading Program* tied the theme of books and movies together with a fresh new take based on reading different genres and by the number of pages read by a teen. Through teen participation, Nelson and her Teen Advisory Group created a commercial promoting the reading program for each of the schools. The reading program used weekly raffle incentives as a motivator for the teen book reviews in which teens gave books stars as well as Oscar nominations for titles that would make great movies. Each week held a special program that incorporated the library collection and the theme of the summer reading program. Those of you who attended a Lasting Impressions SRP Workshop last November got to see Vaunda's "award winning" video. For more information see the announcement on the ALA website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/january2006/sagebrush.htm>.

The YALSA/Sagebrush Award provides \$1,000 to support the recipient's attendance at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference to be held in June in New Orleans. Each year the corporation offers a maximum of two awards that allow the winners to promote their local projects at the conference. Each winning project must promote reading or literature to teens in a significant, replicable program.

The YALSA/Sagebrush Award is selected by the YALSA Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee.

YALSA is the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA).

## BRIEFINGS

**El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros.** The New Mexico State Library is developing a webpage for this year's El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros events and programs, and would like to know about "Día" activities that your library is planning for April 2006. This information will be shared with others on the State Library's El Día website at <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/ElDia/eldiahomepage.html>. In the coming weeks, the website will feature "how-to" tips, a bilingual author list, an attractive bookmark template that is downloadable and customizable for libraries to pass out to their patrons, links to other websites for planning ideas, and mirror web pages in Spanish. If you attended last year's NMLA (New Mexico Library Association) pre-conference workshop on El Día programming, the State Library would also like to hear about what worked successfully for last year's event as well as what you may have planned for this year. Please send a brief description about your programs to Jonathan Duran, the State Library's webmaster, at [jonathan.duran@state.nm.us](mailto:jonathan.duran@state.nm.us) no later than February 28.

El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros was established in 1996 by author Pat Mora and is sponsored annually by REFORMA and the National Association for Bilingual Education to promote literacy, reading and books for children of all linguistic and cultural back-

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grounds. In 2002, the Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC) received a \$50,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to produce and disseminate a brochure for parents featuring a booklist by and about Latinos. ALSC, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), also is collaborating with the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking (REFORMA) and the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) on this effort (see the ALSC web site at <http://www.ala.org/alsc>).

El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) is observed annually on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for every child regardless of linguistic and cultural background. The celebration is cross-cultural and intergenerational.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Local author mystifies the library.** Judith Van Gieson will be the Albuquerque Tricentennial Authors Month Speaker on Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m., at Botts Hall in the Special Collections Library, 423 Central Ave. NE, (Corner of Edith and Central). "Since my heroine Claire Reynier is a librarian at UNM, I often make use of libraries in my books," she says, describing her topic, *Mystery in the Library*. "Not only are New Mexico's libraries excellent for research, they also make intriguing settings for mysteries. I'll talk about how local libraries have influenced my work."

For more information, call ☎(505) 848-1376. A list of events was published in *HH* #1626.

## PEOPLE NOTES

**Veronica Peynetsa** has been the Head Librarian/Director for the Zuni Public Library for 26 years. She recently resigned from this position due to health reasons. She asked *HH* to allow her to extend her appreciation to all those individuals who have helped or encouraged her to stay in the library profession for the

past 30 years.

At the New Mexico State Library they are Ann Moore, Mildred Walters, Robert Upton, Jean Whitehorse, Scott Sheldon, Cassandra Osterloh, Jackie Dalmy, Richard Akeroyd, Kathy Barco, Patricia Hewitt, Heather Gallegos-Rex, and Sandy White. Former State Library employees are Susie Sonflieth, Harold Bogart, Elaine Goodman, Karen Watkins, Patricia Frohlich, Dana John, Alison Freese, Aaron Wilson, and Valerie Nye. Other librarians include Charlene Greenwood, Joe Sabatini, Octavia Fellin, Barbara Billie, Mary Browder, Judy Asbury, Jeanne Gonzales, Elaine Wilsteter, Daryl Black, Alex and Marjorie Bloss, Jae Luree King, Mary Pat Kraemer, and Bonnie Briggs. NALSIG members are Maxine Zuni, Mary Alice Tsosie, Alana McGratten, Teresa Naranjo, Rose Vigil, Elizabeth Wacondo, Irving Nelson, Joyce Medina, Tamara Sandia, and Wanda Dozier. Ronnie would especially like to thank Ben Wakashige, Lotsee Patterson, and Tim Troy for providing the skills and opportunity to work in the library field.

"I know I am missing a lot of people," she said, "but my memory fails me and I apologize for not mentioning your name. Again my heartfelt thanks for your words of advice and encouragement."

## JOBS

**Librarian.** Western New Mexico University is recruiting for a University Librarian at Miller Library (Full Time/Exempt/Job Code 421). Under administrative direction, the incumbent plans, directs, supervises, and evaluates overall operations of the Miller Library to ensure timely and easy access to all requested materials and resources; plans, directs, supervises, and evaluates operations of the various service areas provided through the University's Miller Library including distance teaming, inter-library loan, government documents, reference and instruction services, cataloging, and acquisitions to ensure they meet the needs of the various library patrons; reviews current operational activities and plans and assesses strategies to improve and/or expand services within constraints of budget; works cooperatively with other library systems to discuss fea-



sibility of shared resources and services; works closely with Information Systems to integrate new applications and technologies that support library services; directs, manages, and supervises library faculty and staff for adherence to established goals, objectives, standards, and overall university mission; researches and implements training programs, both formal and informal; prepares and submits for approval annual operating, budgetary, and capital improvement plans to the Vice President for Academic Affairs; prepares and presents a variety of activity and statistical reports; actively participates and acts as spokesperson on behalf of the University's library at a variety of community and professional organizations, activities, conferences, and meetings; plans, develops, implements, and evaluates a variety of informational and educational programs designed to improve the understanding, efficient use of library materials in support of research projects; participates in a variety of departmental staff meetings to discuss issues/events; and performs other duties as assigned. Requires a Master's degree in Library Science with five years full time experience as a library administrator with two years supervisory responsibilities. Preferred qualification include three or more years experience as administrator in an academic library, second Master's degree or Ph.D.; proficiency in Spanish; experience with diverse groups; and experience with principles of continuous improvement strategies or assessment in academic settings. Salary is \$52,000 + DOQ. To apply submit a letter of intent, résumé, unofficial transcripts (originals required upon hire), and list of five complete references which include name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses if available to: Western New Mexico University, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 680, Silver City, NM 88062. Review of applications begins on February 15 and continues until filled. Minorities and women are especially encouraged to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, handicap, or national origin. WNMU is an affirmative action/equal employment opportunity employer.

**Librarian.** The City of Roswell has a position opening for Librarian I (#06-018) at the Roswell Public Library. Hours will vary according to schedule to include evenings, weekends, and holidays. This is a regular, full-time paying \$28,900.92 to \$36,885.71 per year. Open until filled. This is full-functioning professional library work. Work involves providing professional library expertise to a major library area such as cataloging and acquisitions, reference, adult or children's services. Work is performed in accordance with professional knowledge and standard library procedures. Employees are expected to make professional judgments based upon knowledge. However, a professional supervisor is available for consultation on the more difficult problems and for providing guidance on advanced library practices and techniques. Employees in this class do not supervise professional subordinates. However, they may lead and direct paraprofessional Library Assistants. Work of this class is supervised directly by the Library Director who reviews work for conformity to accepted professional standards through observation, spot-checking of work produced, conferences or private consultations. Work involves considerable contact with City employees and the general public. The incumbent must have knowledge of professional library principles, methods and techniques; considerable knowledge of cataloging principles and practices and the reasoning behind these practices; considerable knowledge of reader interests at varying educational and age levels; thorough knowledge of the library's collection and the related resources available to the community; considerable knowledge of general reference sources and information sources available; ability to communicate effectively; ability to drive City vehicles safely and efficiently; and ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the general public. Minimum requirements are either a Bachelor's degree, preferably a Master's degree, in Library Science from an ALA-accredited college or university; or graduation from an accredited four-year college or university preferably supplemented by sufficient library science credits to qualify as a major and two

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years' increasingly responsible advanced library experience. Necessary special qualifications include a valid Class D driver's license issued by the State of New Mexico and a satisfactory driving record; certification as a Grade II Librarian by the State of New Mexico within one year of date of hire; must be able to pass a rigid background investigation including work history, criminal records, driving records, and other records deemed necessary. The "Pre-Employment Release and Waiver" form must be submitted with the application. The application and waiver forms can be obtained on the City's web site at <http://www.roswell-nm.gov> or by calling ☎(505) 637-6268. If you require special accommodations, please contact the Human Resources Department at City Hall, 425 N. Richardson ☎(505) 624-6700, ext. 268.