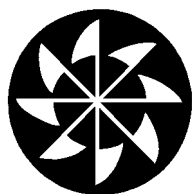


For
Librarians in
New Mexico



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NEW GATES GRANT

The Gates Foundation will return to New Mexico through a grant of \$529,500 to improve access to computers and the Internet for public libraries. The grant, which will be administered by the New Mexico State Library, is meant to upgrade computers in the public libraries that received equipment from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the years 1997 through 2000.

The grant is part of the foundation's U.S. Library Program, which supports the efforts of public libraries to offer free access to computers, the Internet, and digital information in communities throughout the United States. Due to technology advances, upgrades to software and hardware now are required to ensure that all libraries are able to sustain the initial investment in connectivity for their patrons. Grant funds will be used for replacement of hardware such as CPUs, monitors, keyboards, and related equipment. Funds also can be used for upgrades to software, support services, and for installation and configuration.

Many New Mexicans rely on library computers to do research for school or work, take distance-learning classes, find health information, communicate with family and friends, and keep up with current events. In communities with lower incomes, libraries often provide the only Internet access.

"Our community libraries are a precious, but often under appreciated resource. We are pleased that this grant will provide library patrons with efficient technology," said Stuart Ashman, Secretary of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

"Computer and Internet access have become one of the key services that library patrons demand most," said Richard Akeroyd, State Librarian. "It is critical that our libraries have the resources necessary to sustain this service so that our libraries can help New Mexico citizens access the information they need to live engaged, successful lives."

The grant from the foundation is not meant to replace

existing state or local government funding. The foundation hopes to be a catalyst for additional partners from both the private and public sector to support libraries and assume the challenge of providing broad public access to information technologies. This one-time hardware upgrade program is designed to help communities more easily sustain investments in libraries and public access computing in the future.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to promote greater equity in four areas: global health, education, public libraries, and support for at-risk families in Washington State and Oregon. The Seattle-based foundation joins local, national, and international partners to ensure that advances in these areas reach those who need them most. The foundation is led by Bill Gates's father, William H. Gates Sr. and Patty Stonesifer.

BRIEFINGS

Literary map poster. The New Mexico State Library would like to announce this year's Celebrate New Mexico Libraries poster and bookmarks which have been mailed to libraries throughout the state earlier this month.

This year's poster is a literary map that features about 200 authors who have lived in or set their works of fiction in many of our towns, cities, villages, and pueblos in New Mexico. It is not intended to be a comprehensive historical document but rather a tool for enrichment, pleasure, and general knowledge about authors and literary events set in New Mexico.

The theme, "Words and Books Leave Lasting Impressions," reflects the State Library's two-year collaboration with the Museum of New Mexico's exhibit at the Palace of the Governors, "Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico" and the State Library's exhibit, "Lasting Impressions: A Library Legacy." Both exhibits are open through February 7, 2007. The Palace of Governor's exhibit is free on Sunday's for New Mexico residents with a valid I.D., and the State Library's exhibit is also free to the public from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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The State Library's Office of Marketing and Communications would like to take this time to thank two retired librarians who provided the foundation for this endeavor: Susan Sultemeier, with 25 years of service with the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System) and Betty Reynolds, retired New Mexico Tech Library Director. They have compiled an extensive bibliography of New Mexico fiction and other genres including children's literature and poetry. For the complete list of authors and their works, please visit http://www.geocities.com/suzys_lists.

p.s. – Due to space restraints, names that appear on the map were arranged to spread them throughout the state. Additional authors appear in a list to the right of the map, under town names or general topics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grantsmanship training. The Grantsmanship Center's (TGCI) signature Grantsmanship Training Program is coming to Santa Fe, May 8-12. Hosted by the New Mexico State Library, this intensive five-day, "hands-on" workshop takes you step-by-step through all the stages of writing a grant proposal. 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 have the opportunity to use the extensive materials in the State Library's Foundation Center Cooperating Collection, a vital resource for New Mexicans looking for funding opportunities. Program tuition of \$825 includes a one-year TGCI Membership, which affords follow-up proposal review and access to TGCI's exclusive funding databases. The workshop is geared to both novice and advanced grantseekers. In the past, there has been a good mix of library, government, and nonprofit staff.

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 organizations with annual budgets of less than \$300,000. To register for the May 8-12 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>. If you have questions about local facilities and arrangements, please contact Janet Dombrowski, Reference Services Manager, New Mexico State Library, at ☎(505) 476-9714 or e-mail janet.dombrowski@state.nm.us.

Online Spanish reference. The New Mexico State Library is pleased to announce the availability of *La Nueva Enciclopedia CUMBRE*, an online Spanish-language reference

resource. A one-year subscription is being funded by the State Library and begins now through March 21, 2007. All public, school and academic libraries in New Mexico are eligible to provide this new service to their library customers.

Cumbre is a product of Grolier Online/Scholastic Library Publishing, a division of Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education, and media company. *La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre* is a comprehensive online Spanish-language reference resource that comprises 19,000 articles, 7,500 images, hundreds of tables and fact boxes, as well as many special features.

What sets the program apart is that *Cumbre* contains two distinct learning portals. The first, a suite of products designed for fluent Spanish speakers, includes an encyclopedia and a news archive culled from Spanish language media around the world. The second, designed specifically for children and Spanish language learners, is the *Cumbre Aula de español* ("Spanish classroom") – an environment which includes simplified articles on topics related to the Spanish-speaking world, in addition to other features to support Spanish-language learning. *Cumbre* includes a text-only version (for people with disabilities), bilingual Help and About pages, print/email functionality, and much more.

To access *Cumbre* you'll need to set up an account with Grolier Online/Scholastic. Go to website at http://gi.grolier.com/golla/short_nmex.html. For additional information or if you have questions, please contact Mark Adams, Electronic Resources Librarian at the State Library, toll-free at 1-800-477-4401 or e-mail mark.adams@state.nm.us.

JOBS

Desktop publisher. The New Mexico State Library is seeking a full-time desktop publisher. Primary responsibilities will be to maintain and troubleshoot web pages and also assist in creating marketing collateral materials (annual reports, brochures, flyers, posters, bookmarks, etc). Must be knowledgeable in Microsoft Office environment and with web and design development tools such as Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, and have working knowledge of html. Excellent skills in typography, design and layout, scanners, digital cameras, and possess above-average proofreading skills. Must be able to collaborate effectively in a team environment and manage multiple projects and deadlines. The salary range is \$12.157 to \$21.613 per hour. The position is due to be posted on the Jobs Bulletin of the State Personnel Office (SPO) website at <http://www.state.nm.us/spo> beginning March 27 through April 7. A Job Interest Form and résumé must be submitted (a résumé template is available on the SPO website). In addition, a copy of transcripts (unofficial



OK) must be mailed or delivered, not faxed, to arrive at the State Personnel Office, 2600 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507, by the closing deadline. In addition to the forms sent to SPO, copies of the Job Interest Form, résumé, transcripts and a cover letter must be mailed or delivered to Heather Gallegos-Rex, Deputy State Librarian, New Mexico State Library, 1209 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM 87507 during the open recruitment period. For more information about the position contact Renee Payne, Marketing Director, State Library, at ☎(505) 476-9728 or e-mail renee.payne@state.nm.us.

Three positions. New Mexico Highlands University is advertising three positions for the University Library. They are as follows:

✓ **Library Associate – Reference Section.** The Library Associate for Reference provides information and access services to support the academic and research needs of the University community. This staff member works at the reference desk, including evenings and weekends, taking charge of the Library on a rotational schedule with the reference staff. Working independently of the head of the division, the associate will assist in the teaching and promotion of the use of the library services and facilities. This includes tours and coordination of staff development training and an inventory of all resources provide monthly reports; assist in the creation and/or revision of policy and procedure manuals; and assist in the completion of library projects as assigned. A commitment for reading job-related information and research concerning aspects of library development, publication, and involvement in library associations is expected. Performs any other Library related activity as instructed by the Head of Public Services. Requires a Bachelor's of Science or a Bachelor's of Arts degree from an accredited university. Preferred bachelor's degree in library science or a bachelor's degree in a related field and/or two years of paraprofessional library experience. Required knowledge includes use of bibliographic library databases, Windows based operating systems, and Microsoft office products; research skills; excellent analytical, problem solving, and organizational skills; strong interpersonal and communication skills, both oral and written; and a commitment to working in a team environment as well as commitment to diversity, continuous improvement, and the university philosophy. Salary

range (Salary Band: 103) is \$25,071-\$29,144.

✓ **Assistant Librarian/Head of Collections and Instruction Division.** The Assistant Librarian is responsible for the library's resources (monographs, periodicals, electronic, online databases, and artwork) and for providing instruction for students, faculty and staff which supports the academic and research needs of the University community. The librarian collaborates with faculty in all aspects of the collection development. Under the general direction of the Associate Library Director, the Head of Collections and Instruction Librarian oversees acquisitions, serials, and graphic arts. The librarian coordinates the Freshman Seminar Library Component, teaches the library component and conducts orientation tours. Also, the librarian conducts class bibliographic instruction. A commitment for reading job-related information and research concerning aspects of library development, publication, and involvement in library associations is expected. Performs any other Library related activity as instructed by the Director or Associate Director of Library and Information Services. Requires a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from an American Library Association accredited university. Preferred experience includes a minimum of four years professional academic library experience in collection development and/or bibliographic instruction. Required knowledge of information technology; Windows based operating systems and Microsoft office products; ability to evaluate and select instructional resources; ability to present information in a class situation; analytical, problem solving and organizational skills; strong interpersonal and communication skills; supervisory experience; and a commitment to working in a team environment as well as commitment to diversity, continuous improvement, and the university philosophy. Working some nights and weekends is required. Salary range (Salary Band: 105) is \$44,014-\$51,166.

✓ **Assistant Librarian/Head of Cataloging and Systems Division.** The position facilitates access to the Library's resources by providing descriptive bibliographic records, managing databases, and overseeing all library technology systems. Under the general direction of the Library Director, the Cataloging and Systems Librarian supervises subordinate personnel; develops and maintains online databases including the integrated library automation system, develops and maintains the library web site; provides support

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for student and staff computers; facilitates the library's information systems for programs and services for faculty, students, and staff; participates in planning and implementing new and upgraded applications, e.g. computer software, databases, etc.; and co-teaches the library component of the Freshman Leadership Courses. A commitment for reading job-related information and research concerning aspects of library development, publication, and involvement in library associations is expected. Performs any other Library related activity as instructed by the Director or Associate Director of Library and Information Services. Successful candidates must possess a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from an American Library Association accredited university. Preferred experience includes a minimum of four years professional library experience in classifying, cataloging library resources, and experience in integrated library automation systems, Innovative Interfaces; and/or a minimum of two years experience in technology, Internet management, and installation and management of software programs. Must have knowledge of systems generated reports; knowledge of windows based operating systems, Microsoft office products, networking, and Internet; ability to write HTML and/or use a web editing program (DreamWeaver preferred); cataloging ability using national cataloging standards and bibliographic databases; excellent analytical, problem solving, and organizational skills; strong interpersonal and communication skills; supervisory experience; and a commitment to working in a team environment as well as commitment to diversity, continuous improvement, and the university philosophy. Salary range (Salary Band 105) is \$44,014-\$51,166.

Job descriptions are meant to be general guides to the duties and responsibilities of the job and are not intended to list every possible task an employee may be called upon to perform. Deadline: Positions are open until filled. Interested applicants must submit an essay (no more than one page) briefly outlining personal and professional commitment to the strategic plan of New Mexico Highlands University; letter of interest; résumé, names/addresses/telephone numbers of three professional references. For more information or for an application packet contact New Mexico Highlands University, Human Resources, Head of Cataloging/Systems Division Search, Box 9000, Las Vegas, NM 87701. For disabled access or services, call ①(505) 454-3242 or TDD #(505) 454-3003. EOE.