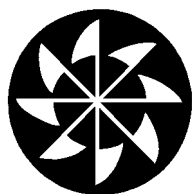


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PATRIOT ACT RENEWAL

With just two more votes than needed to meet a required two-thirds majority, the House reauthorized the USA Patriot Act on March 7, approving by a vote of 280-138 amendments passed a week earlier by the Senate to a bill revising the original act. The Senate had passed renewal legislation in an 89-10 vote on March 2. President Bush signed the legislation March 9, a day before the major provisions of the original bill were set to expire. (See American Library Association (ALA) report at <http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2006abc/march2006ab/Default6968.htm>.)

"Today marks, sadly, a missed opportunity to protect both the national security needs of this country and the rights and freedoms of its citizens," commented Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wis.), who led a December filibuster to block renewal, in a March 9 statement. "I vow to redouble my efforts to bring back the safeguards that the entire Senate agreed to last summer and enact the further safeguards contained in the bipartisan SAFE Act.

ALA President Michael Gorman criticized the act's renewal in a March 7 statement. "Our work on restoring privacy and civil liberties to library users is not over," he said, pledging that ALA will seek a stricter standard for Section 215 orders to require the FBI to limit searches of library records to individuals who are connected to a terrorist or are otherwise suspected of a crime. He added that ALA will also push for a provision allowing recipients of Section 215 orders or national security letters to meaningfully challenge the gag rule that keeps them from disclosing that they have received such orders.

Some legislators voted to pass the renewal despite their reservations – including Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who

introduced legislation (S. 2369) March 6 that he said "puts down a benchmark to provide extra protections that better comport with my sensitivity of civil rights." The bill includes amendments to Section 215 that would implement a three-part test to obtain a 215 order and would eliminate the mandatory one-year waiting period for judicial review of its nondisclosure requirement.

In a statement published by *ALAWON: American Library Association Washington Office Newslines* (March 8, 2006), ALA stated: "The House of Representatives voted (280-138) on March 7 to pass legislation reauthorizing the USA PATRIOT Act. In spite of years of work done by ALA members, our allies in the civil liberties arena, and dedicated Members of Congress, the legislation does not include most of the meaningful reforms we hoped would restore the privacy rights of America's library users.

It does, however, contain some reforms, including an explicit right to challenge a section 215 and 505 order and a requirement that the FBI Director (or Deputy Director) must personally approve any request for records from a library or bookstore.

We are encouraged by the pledges of several Members of Congress to continue working on reforms to Section 215."

For more information, see reports online:

✓ *Library Journal* <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6312996.html>

✓ ALA President Michael Gorman's response <http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/march2006/HousePATRIOTvote.htm>

✓ President Bush's comments at the signing ceremony <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/03/09/AR2006030901294.html>

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BRIEFINGS

Kellogg grant for Native American website. The New Mexico State Library received a \$100,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to continue and expand development of a web site in Native American languages. The web site is titled "Telling the Stories." It began as a project of the New Mexico State Library's Tribal Libraries Program in 2004. The goal of "Telling the Stories" is to represent all Native American language groups in New Mexico in at least one format – written, verbal, or visual. The project also aims to provide links to resources to assist Native American communities in the preservation of their language and the records and artifacts that document their cultural heritage.

These new grant funds allow the web site to serve as an important bridge to provide outreach to New Mexico's Native American communities on critical issues such as health, American Indian law, court decisions, tribal regulations, and the environment.

"It is part of a concerted effort to improve access for all Native American communities regardless of their language," said State Librarian Richard Akeroyd.

"Our goal is to have all of New Mexico's Native American language groups represented on the site by the end of the two-year project," Akeroyd said. The State Library will partner with the Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) in Santa Fe to implement the project.

ILI was founded as the Institute for the Preservation of the Original Languages of the Americas (IPOLA) by Joanna Hess in September 1992 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. ILI has a Board of Directors whose members are majority Native American. The Board's experiences in language work at various levels steer the program direction. A multidisciplinary corps of advisors is called upon to assist the Board of Directors and staff in programmatic, administrative, and fiscal matters. The Indigenous Language Institute recognizes the imminent loss of indigenous peoples' languages and acknowledges the individuality of indigenous communities. ILI facilitates innovative, successful community-based initiatives for language revitalization through collaboration with other appropriate groups and organizations, and promotes public awareness of this crisis.

Additional participants in the project include the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Indian Affairs

Department, and State Records and Archives.

San Juan College's new library. When San Juan College opens the new Learning Commons April 4, students and the Farmington community will have access to a library that will offer 60,000 print books, 25,000 full-text electronic books, special collections, and state-of-the-art technology. The Library will be a part of the new 33,000-square-foot facility, which also will house the community college's Student Activities department.

"The new Library not only offers a quiet place to study or research information, it also provides special collection rooms that contain a great deal of the area's history," explains Louise Bolton, San Juan College Director of Library Services. "For instance, the Southwest Room has more than 5,000 materials relating to the geography and history of New Mexico, Arizona, and Native Americans dating back to 1,000 A.D."

The Tom Carter Room houses more than 1,200 earth science materials from the Four Corners Geological Society. The Library also contains more than 4,000 bound journals covering a wide range of subjects including art, archeology, medical, dental, literature and the sciences – just to name a few.

From a technological standpoint, the Library will offer students the benefit of a self check-out system allowing them to check books out by simply scanning their college identification card and the book itself. This system also allows the staff to inventory books electronically, saving time. In addition, students will have the convenience of being able to check out laptop computers, which are on a wireless system. Students can use the laptops anywhere in the library for research or to look on the web to locate specific materials housed in the library.

"We're excited to have such a diverse high quality set of resources to help our students as they broaden their educational goals," Bolton says.

For further information about San Juan College's new library and the various online databases, log on to <http://www.sanjuancollege.edu/lib>.

Roswell Public Library Centennial. The Roswell Public Library will be celebrating 100 years of service on Sunday, April 2, from 2-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the Centennial Celebration festivities and the reception hosted by the Friends of the Library organiza-

tion. The afternoon will open with a Mayoral Proclamation and proceed to other special activities. These will include:

- ✓ “Books Through the Decades” - Displays in miniature by the members of the Los Pocos Locos Miniature Club featuring a book for adults and children for each decade that the Library has been in operation
- ✓ “Books Through the Decades” - A bibliography of popular titles that have been enjoyed in the past
- ✓ “Read Around the Roof” - A bibliography of books by authors whose names are featured on the outside of the Roswell Public Library
- ✓ “Music Through the Decades” - Live musical performances by local personalities
- ✓ Printing Press demonstrations on the 1895 Chandler and Price Platen Press donated to the Roswell Public Library in 2002 by the Thomas Joseph Hall family. The press came to Roswell by covered wagon and was used by Hall-Poorbaugh Press, Inc. from 1914 to 1997
- The Van of Enchantment - A traveling museum featuring “Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico”. The exhibit focuses on the history of New Mexico Printing presses and some of the people behind the presses, as well as the printing process. There will be books and collections of materials from the Press at the Palace of the Governors. It will also contain reading material; engraving, bindery, and letterpress tools; handmade and marbled papers; printing presses; handbills and examples of specialty books; California job cases with wood and metal type; posters, bookmarks, along with a listening station containing readings by Governor Bill Richardson; First Lady Barbara Richardson; John Nichols; N. Scott Momaday; Marsha Mason; Ali MacGraw; and Sister Mary Rosita Shiosee. The Van of Enchantment is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

On Saturday, April 22, at 2 p.m., southwestern author Michael McGarrity will speak at the Roswell Public Library. His series with Kevin Kerney as the main character debuted with the novel, *Tularosa*. The book was nominated for an Anthony Award, a Dilys Award and a Spur Award and was selected as one of the best books of the year by *Publishers Weekly*. McGarrity’s career in criminal justice serves him well as he turned to writing fiction about an ex-chief of deputies for the Santa Fe Police. McGarrity has received the New Mexico Governor’s Award for Excellence in the

Arts for Literature and the Western Writers of America Spur Award for the Best Western Novel.

The Friends of the Roswell Public Library will be hosting a reception following the program. Hastings will be providing books for purchase at the time of the program and Michael McGarrity will be available to sign his books. The Roswell Public Library Centennial Committee offers special thanks to the Friends of the Library, to the Library Foundation and to Hampton Inn for their support in bringing this program to the Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Infotrac survey. The Survey Team at the State Library (Janet Dombowski, Barb Myers, Geri Hutchins, Cassandra Osterloh, and Mark Adams) wishes to thank all those who took the time and made the effort to fill out our Statewide Magazine/Journal Database (see *HH* #1627). The Team received almost 100 responses and plenty of information to sort through. The Team would like to ask for your help with the User Survey. This is a short, five question survey designed to reach the non-librarian or patron user of Infotrac. If you know of any good patron candidates, please steer him or her to the link. This link “Click here to take survey” is found on the opening Infotrac webpage, upper right-hand corner.

PEOPLE NOTES

Ann Moore, who has served as the director for the Development Services Bureau at the New Mexico State Library, has resigned in order to accept a new position as Library Director of the Aspen Public Library in Aspen, Colorado. She was with the State Library for a period of a year.

Lori Grumet, library administrator for Branigan Memorial Library, has been named as interim director of public services while the City of Las Cruces conducts a nationwide search to permanently fill that job. Lori has been library administrator for the past five years and has been with the city for eight years. Prior to becoming library administrator, Grumet was technical services coordinator at Branigan. Grumet has a Bachelor’s degree in History from the University of Arizona and a Master’s degree in Library Science, also from Arizona.

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JOBS

Librarian. Los Alamos County has an opening for Senior Librarian – Technical Services Manager. This position has an annual salary of \$42,769 to \$64,153, and closes April 10 at 5 p.m. It requires a Bachelor's degree and five years library experience, including two years of supervisory work with budget responsibility, organizing, maintaining, and operating a district unit of a library. Must possess or be able to obtain a valid New Mexico Class "D" drivers' license within 30 days of employment; demonstrate proven public service experience; ability to use personal computers, and advanced software skills and specialized equipment; familiarity with Dewey Decimal System, Dynix,/Horizon, word processing, Internet searches and statistics. Preferred qualifications include an M.L.S. from an ALA accredited institution; familiarity with library technical services operations including acquisitions, cataloguing, serials, and preservation of library materials; experience with the operation and administration of an on-line integrated library system; ability to take a leadership role in implementation of library technology, including identifying future directions, as well as trouble-shooting hardware problems, and selecting and installing software programs; familiarity with professional library practices and principles, especially those affecting customer service; ability to serve as part of the library management team, including the skill of systems thinking; ability to coordinate and promote professional development of all levels of program staff; experience in designing, initiating, and executing projects; and experience in coordinating and leading project teams. A County application is required. Please note that the information from your résumé will not be used to determine if minimum qualifications are met. All qualifying information must appear on the application. Apply to the Human Resources Division, 2300 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, NM 87544 or call for an application at ①(505) 662-8040. The Los Alamos County website is at <http://www.lac-nm.us> and the job line is ①(505) 662-8039. (EOE)