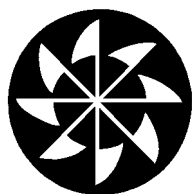


For
Librarians in
New Mexico



Hitchhiker

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GO BOND 2006

Governor Richardson signed SB 301 which provides for \$3 million each for academic, public, and school libraries (\$9 million total). This legislation authorizes the bonds to be on the ballot in November and must be approved by the voters. As with the 2004 GO Bonds, the Higher Education Department will administer the academic library bond funds, the State Library will administer those for the public libraries, and the Public Education Department will administer the funds for the school libraries.

GO Bond 2004 provided public library \$5,832,000, almost double the current (pending) GO Bond 2006.

The Governor also signed SB 639 which includes a provision for the extension of the authorized expenditure period for the 2004 GO Bond funds for public and academic libraries through June 30, 2008 (see Section 162 on page 59 of SB 639).

Proposed rules for the GO Bond distribution funds.

The New Mexico State Library Commission will hold an open hearing in Farmington on April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the New Mexico Library Association Annual Conference. GO Bond Distribution Funds are an issue with major policy and operational implications for the State Library. It is therefore very important that the Library Commission hear from a broad representation of the library community as part of its decision-making on this issue.

Please plan to attend this important hearing. The State Library will distribute background information on this subject prior to the hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, please send your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions to the State Librarian at *richard*.

State Library Commission members:

Catherine M. Smith, Chairperson
Member, Department of Education
Mimbres, New Mexico
Date Appointed: January 1, 2003
Term Expires: June 30, 2007

Michael A. Puelle, Vice-Chairperson
Public Member
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Date Appointed: January 1, 2003
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Hayes A. Lewis
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Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Term Expire: June 30, 2007

Karen McPheeters
Professional Member
Farmington, New Mexico
Date Appointed: January 1, 2003
Term Expire: June 30, 2009

Eddie Richardson
Public Member
Lovington, New Mexico
Date Reappointed: June 30, 2004
Term Expires: July 1, 2010

Mary G. Storm
Professional Member
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Date Appointed: June 1, 2004

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BRIEFINGS

Gates Foundation Hardware Upgrade Grant (HUG).

The Gates Foundation has approved a grant application for \$529,500 that the New Mexico State Library submitted to improve access to computers and the Internet for the state's public libraries (see *HH* #1632). This grant to New Mexico covers all of the public and Pueblo libraries that received Gates PCs in 1999 and 2000. The Gates Foundation has made separate grants to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library System and the Navajo Nation Chapters. The State Library will administer the grants. Details on how to apply and local requirements will be mailed during the month of May.

Those libraries that did not receive Gates grants in 1999 and 2000 will be eligible to receive funds from some unspent Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds. These are funds that were originally granted to library construction projects but were never used. Grants from these LSCA funds will allow these libraries to receive the same number of PCs as if they were eligible for the Gates HUG grants. The grant application and requirements will be exactly the same as those for the Gates HUG grants.

At the same time, using these same LSCA funds, the State Library will be offering a Technology Enhancement Grant Program. Applications; details and requirements will be mailed in May. If you have questions about any of the above, please contact State Librarian Richard Akeroyd at ☎(505) 476-9762, e-mail richard.akeroyd@state.nm.us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nuestras acequias DVD. Rivers and Birds, a nonprofit organization that promotes natural resource conservation through education and biological research to help maintain our land-based cultural traditions and natural heritage here in New Mexico, is offering a new film to school libraries and others. *Nuestras Acequias* won the 2004 New Mexico Governor's Film Cup and the Spirit of New Mexico Award. It follows the acequias as they weave down the hills and across the fields of Northern

New Mexico, revealing an important cultural tradition of our state.

Rivers and Birds is offering the *Nuestras Acequias* DVD to libraries for \$20 per DVD, plus \$3 shipping. It is suitable for viewers in age from 10 years old through adult. This film intimately portrays positive youth leaders and elders in their New Mexico villages honoring water, farm culture, and acequia tradition.

This film evolved out of Rivers & Birds' nine-day Watershed Learning Project which the organization presents to public school fifth grade students. Six out of the nine days, the students participate in field investigations to learn how water ties our community together. Rivers and Birds is also developing an adventure-based second grade Water Conservation Education Program for second grade students. Last year it presented the Watershed Learning Project to 26 fifth grade classes and took these classes out on 144 field investigations. Rivers and Birds involves many organizations that come into the class room to discuss water issues. Proceeds from the sale of the DVD's support our conservation education efforts with public school children.

Please contact Rivers & Birds at P.O. Box 819, Arroyo Seco, NM 87514, or FAX your order to (505) 776-1197. Make checks payable to Rivers & Birds. VISA or MC accepted by phone at ☎(505) 776-5200.

PEOPLE NOTES

Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan would like friends and colleagues to know that in December she returned to the Los Alamos County Public Library System as Library Manager. She left Los Alamos for eight months to be a law librarian at the New Mexico Supreme Court Library, but greatly missed the public library arena, the Los Alamos Community and library staff, and is very happy to be back.

Marjorie Hlava, of Access Innovations, Albuquerque, was made a fellow of the Special Libraries Association. She is so well-known and respected among her SLA peers that she was nominated as a Fellow by six individual members! As president of Access Innovations, Margie has been a driving force behind the development of technologies and services for the library and information profession. A 30-year member, her deep roots in

SLA and other organizations have contributed greatly to that cause. But her passion for the profession shines clearly through her record of service as a volunteer leader in SLA: president of the SLA Rio Grande Chapter; service on 8 SLA committees, some of them two or three times; service on the SLA Board of Directors twice; and a representative to two outside organizations for SLA.

With Jonathan Duran's departure from the New Mexico State Library where he served, in part, as the coordinator for WebJunction New Mexico (WJNM), **Cassandra Osterloh** has been appointed to be the Interim Coordinator for the WJNM program. Cassandra has been involved with a variety of WebJunction and WJNM projects for some time now, and is very knowledgeable about all aspects of WJ and how it works.

JOBS

Director of Library Services - Alamogordo. New Mexico State University at Alamogordo has an opening for Director of Library Services. This is a 12-month full-time position (#2005014430); salary commensurate with education and qualifications. Qualifications required are a Master's degree from an ALA accredited school of library and information science (in hand by hire date); a minimum of one year of full-time related professional experience; must possess high degree of people, problem solving, and interactive skills; ability to supervise personnel and function effectively in a highly energetic multi-cultural environment; experience providing original and copy cataloging of library acquisitions using appropriate cataloging utilities and providing reference services; evidence of effective fiscal resource management; knowledge of principles and practices of organization and administration, community college mission, academic library philosophies and procedures; collection development and acquisitions; OCLC Connexion Client and integrated library systems such as Endeavor/Voyager; and ability to communicate effectively in written and oral form. Preferred previous administrative experience in a college or university library; experience providing information literacy instruction; strong background in the use of information technologies, such as web development tools, information managements tools, and online databases;

and a willingness to live in service area (Otero County). Benefits include group medical and hospital insurance, group life insurance, long-term disability insurance, state educational retirement, workers' compensation, sick leave, annual leave and unemployment compensation. Opportunity for educational advancement. Submit letter/résumé to Human Resources Office Room CB202, NMSU-Alamogordo, 2400 N. Scenic Drive, Alamogordo, NM 88310; ☎(505) 439-3697. Review of applications will continue until filled. Complete applications consist of a signed letter of application, detailed résumé, and the names and addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (if available) of three appropriate references who may be contacted. Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions also are required. Incomplete, emailed, or faxed applications will not be considered. Photocopy of transcripts is sufficient for applications; however, offer of employment is contingent upon verification of eligibility for employment in the United States and upon receipt of two official transcripts from each regionally accredited degree-granting post-secondary education institution. NMSU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Director of Library Services - Grants. New Mexico State University at Grants is seeking applications for Director of Library Services. Required qualifications are a Master's degree of Library Science from a regionally accredited institution, which must have been awarded by date of employment; and a minimum of one year related experience managing a library or unit of a library. Review of applications will begin on May 1. Position is open until filled. A complete application consists of a signed letter of application, a detailed résumé, a set of all post-secondary transcripts (photocopies of transcripts are sufficient for applications; however, offer of employment is contingent upon verification of individual's eligibility for employment in the U.S. and upon presentation of official transcripts of all post-secondary education), and a list of three current professional references (include titles, addresses, and day-time telephone numbers). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Reply to Joanna Torrez, RE: Directory of Library Services Search Committee, New Mexico State University at Grants, 1500 Third St., Grants, NM 87020. See <http://www.nmsu.edu/jobs> for a detailed description or contact Joanna Torrez at jotorrez@nmsu.edu or ☎(505) 287-NMSU. Incomplete applications

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Librarian. Los Alamos County has an opening for Senior Librarian - Technical Services Manager. This position has an annual salary range of \$42,769 to \$64,153, and closes April 14 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, cataloging, 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 ☎(505) 662-8040. The Los Alamos County website is at <http://www.lac-nm.us> (look for the link to "Jobs" in the sidebar) and the job line is ☎(505) 662-8039. (EOE)