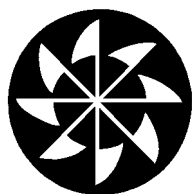


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STATE LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES

The New Mexico State Library is pleased to announce a lecture series, "Literary Passions: Southwest Authors and Their Publishers Speak at the New Mexico State Library." This lecture series is presented in conjunction with "Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico," an exhibition at the Palace of the Governors, and the concurrent exhibition at the State Library, "Library Legacy: A History of Printing in New Mexico. Co-sponsors for the lectures are the Institute of Museum and Library Services, New Mexico Book Association, NM Book Co-op, Palace of the Governors/New Mexico History Museum, and KNME-TV.

The lecture series opens May 9 with Judith Van Gieson and Don Bullis, who will talk about the formation of ABQ Press. It continues June 20 with Sallie Bingham and Jim Smith of Sunstone Press before taking a break for summer. On September 19, Father Thomas Steele and Dr. Charlie (Charles) Carrillo join Barbe Awalt of LPD Press. The series concludes with Joan Logghe and Jeff Bryan of La Alameda Press on October 24.

All four lectures are free and open to the public. They will be held at 5 p.m. at the State Library and will include displays of the participating publisher's books, author signings, and light refreshments. Featured books will be available for sale.

The New Mexico State Library is located at 1209 Camino Carlos Rey in Santa Fe. For more information, call ☎(505)476-9764.

May 9 lecture. The first lecture in the series features Judith Van Gieson and Don Bullis. These two authors have joined in a new enterprise to form ABQ Press, New

Mexico's newest publisher. They will offer a unique perspective of why, as established and well-known authors, they decided to start their own publishing company. They will both be available after the talk to sign their latest books: Van Gieson's Wolf Path and Bullis' Bulls Eye, as well as their old favorites. Van Gieson lives in the North Valley of Albuquerque and Bullis lives in Rio Rancho.

BRIEFINGS

Aztec online. The Aztec Public Library is now spotlighted in a big way! Leanne Hathcock, director of the Aztec Public Library, did a presentation in Boston for rural librarians in March. This workshop, cosponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Public Library Association, focused on strategies and skills that can help libraries build increased support and funding for their services including public access computing. Three rural librarians and two state librarians from every state were flown in for this conference workshop by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Leanne's topic was "Promoting Public Libraries: Using Data and Advocacy to Build Support and Funding" and she was one of three featured speakers that also included a panel of elected officials. All of the presentations, including Aztec's, are accessible through PowerPoint formats, online at the WebJunction web site, <http://webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=12801>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NM Library Foundation reception. Everyone is invited to the New Mexico Library Foundation reception during the New Mexico Library Association Annual

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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Conference at Farmington on Wednesday April 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. It will be held in the Gateway Museum at the Gateway Park. Come and enjoy wine, fruit, and cheese. Be sure to see the prizes for the drawings:

- ✓ Two Grey Hills rug
- ✓ Sterling silver storyteller necklace and ring set
- ✓ Basket of great goodies provided by Carmen Forsee of Backston Audio, Inc.
- ✓ Book 1 and 2, Paul Horgan's Great River: The Rio Grande in North American History

The tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. This helps to support grants which are awarded each year. The drawing will be held at the Friday evening storytelling event. You don't have to be present to win.

Salem, NM style. The Witches of Abiquiu by Malcolm Ebright and Rick Hendricks is the topic for a lecture and book signing on Friday, April 21, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Willard Reading Room of Zimmerman Library, UNM- Albuquerque Campus. It is sponsored by the Center for Southwest Research and Office of the State Historian.

"The little-studied witchcraft trial that took place at Abiquiu, New Mexico, between 1756 and 1766 is the center piece of this book. The witchcraft outbreak took place less than a century after the Pueblo Revolt and symbolized a resistance by the Genízaros (hispanicized Indians) of Abiquiu to forced Christianization.

"The Abiquiu Genízaro land grant where the witchcraft outbreak occurred was the crown jewel of Governor Vélez Cachupín's plan to achieve peace for the early New Mexican colonists. They were caught between the Pueblo Indians' resistance to Christianization and raids by nomadic *indio bárbaros* who threatened the existence of the colony. Thanks mainly to the governor's strategy, peace was achieved with the Comanche and Ute, the Pueblo Indians retained their religious ceremonies, and the Abiquiu Pueblo land grant survived and flourished.

"The Witches of Abiquiu is the story of a polarizing event in New Mexico history equal in importance to the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692."

Credit classes. Northern New Mexico College is offering two three-credit hour courses this summer. They are:

- ✓ LT 217 School Libraries. Meets for one week, June 12 through 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ LT 207 Basic Reference. Meets on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Begins June 17 through July 29.

Registration is May 31 and June 1. If you cannot register on either of the two days, call Isabel Rodarte at ☎(505) 747-2241 or e-mail irodarte@nnmc.edu to make other arrangements.

Librarian certification exam. It's that time of year again. The next public library certification exam will be held May 15. Certification examinations are given twice yearly. If you wish to take the exam in May, application forms and fees must be postmarked no later than April 14.

Librarian certification is directed toward public library directors. It is, however, available to those persons other than the library director should they wish it. The benefits to those persons is certification that they have had course work and/or study in library skills covered by the self study materials to qualify for certification. Being certified carries no additional benefits unless local communities and agencies have allowed for it within their own jurisdictions.

The exam is based on material presented for self study. The application form and a study guide, as well as more information regarding certification, can be found at http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/for_libraries_more.php?id=242_0_14_0_M30.

The exam will be given throughout the state, at locations to be determined after all applications are received. Fees for examination are \$10. For more information, contact Cassandra Osterloh, Continuing Education Coordinator, New Mexico State Library at 1-800-340-3890 or e-mail cassandra.osterloh@state.nm.us. Time for the exam will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (review session from 9-9:45 a.m.). Locations to be determined.

Upcoming Amigos Training in New Mexico. Amigos has scheduled the following training for New Mexico librarians and library staff. See the schedule of face-to-face and web-based workshops coming soon to a location near you at <http://www.amigos.org/learning/>



calendar. Or contact Chris Brown toll-free at 1-800-843-8482, ext. 2829, e-mail brown@amigos.org.

University of New Mexico, Zimmerman Library, Albuquerque

- ✓ May 23 - 24
Basic Book Repair
Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 1
- ✓ May 31
Basics of WorldCat Resource Sharing
Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 9
- ✓ June 1
WorldCat Resource Sharing Administrative
Functionality
Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 10

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro

- ✓ June 27
Introduction to Preservation Issues and Practices
Early Bird Registration Deadline: June 5
- ✓ June 28
Biological Agents of Deterioration: Mold & Pests
Early Bird Registration Deadline: June 6

PEOPLE NOTES

Susan Pinkerton of Doña Ana Branch Community College in Las Cruces is an *LJ* Mover & Shaker. In the online announcement (see <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6312498.html>) *Library Journal* explained that Susan was named for her work in bringing not only local students to the Doña Ana Branch Community College's library technology degree classes, but

by including students from across rural New Mexico by putting it entirely online.

"I drew on my marketing background and did everything I could to recruit students," she told *LJ*. She looked not only in New Mexico but nationwide. Since then, enrollment has tripled.

As important as the number of classes is their composition: 41 percent of the students are of Hispanic descent. Colleague Karen Stabler says that with New Mexico's large, Spanish-speaking population, "It's very important to train students with this ethnic background to better serve the citizens in the many rural communities." A large number of the students are the first in their families to attend college.

Since Pinkerton herself is writing a doctoral dissertation while holding down a full-time job, she understands her working students' time constraints. She encourages them to do "real-world projects so that what [the students] spend time on is actually useful to them," she says. "I've had them write technology plans or create marketing materials that are actually implemented." Pinkerton knows her graduates are prepared and eager for more professional responsibilities. She hopes MLS librarians will come to regard students like hers as capable, full partners in library service.

Susan's current position is Assistant Professor of Library Science, with a Ph.D. in Educational Management and Development. She takes a noncredit "fun" community education class every semester.

JOBS

Children's librarian. The Pueblo of Pojoaque Public Library is seeking an experienced Children's Librarian to serve as a contractual consultant for evaluating, weeding, and selecting sources for the children's collection. This is a part-time position. In addition, the librarian will be evaluating children's reference needs, making recommendations and helping establish children's services, including reference and programming. A written report will be required. Requirements include

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an M.L.S., at least three years experience working in a children's library, and a thorough knowledge of children's materials and selection tools. Experience with Native American sources would be helpful, but not required. Hours will be Saturdays 12-4 pm (not to exceed 100 in total), starting as soon as the position is filled through this September. The rate is \$20.00/hr. Please mail or fax resumes to Jill Conner, Library Director, Pueblo of Pojoaque Public Library, 37 Camino Del Rincon Ste. 2, Santa Fe, NM 87506; Phone: 505-455-7511, Fax: 505-455-0501, e-mail jconner@puebloofpojoaque.org.

Library technician. The City of Rio Rancho has an opening for a Library Processing Technician. Applicant should have knowledge of library processing procedures, materials, and equipment, and the ability to do repetitive tasks with consistent quality, strong computer keyboarding and data entry skills with a high level of accuracy; the ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of variables where standardization must prevail; and the ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram or schedule form. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age with high school graduation or general education degree (GED) and more than six months directly related work experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of education and relevant experience. Must have a valid New Mexico driver's license and an insurable driving record. All offers of employment are contingent upon successful results of a drug screen, criminal records check, and verification of an insurable driving record and if appropriate, a physical examination. For further information, please see the web site at <http://www.ci.rio-rancho.nm.us>. To apply you must complete an application online and fax to (505) 891-9183, or stop by Human Resources, 3900 Southern Blvd., Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.