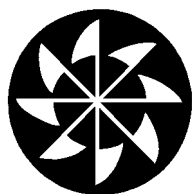


For  
Librarians in  
New Mexico



# Hitchhiker

May 8, 2006

## FIRE IN UNM LIBRARY

A late-night fire on Monday, May 1, gutted a basement periodicals room in the Zimmerman Library at the University of New Mexico. According to a report by Olivier Uyttebrouck in the May 2 Albuquerque Journal, the vintage 1938 building is not equipped with a sprinkler system for fire suppression. Fire codes for building of that age do not require sprinkler systems, and library officials pointed out that such systems can cause more damage in libraries than they prevent.

Heat activated the automatic alarm system. About 60 firefighters had to make their way through thick smoke to reach the blaze feeding on newspapers and journals in the basement room. Library official said that about 70 students and staff were inside the library at 10:50 p.m. when the fire was discovered. No one was injured and the fire was brought under control by about 11:50 p.m.

*The Daily Lobo* reported on Tuesday that State Fire Marshal John Standefer said an investigation was ongoing about whether the fire on Sunday was caused by a person, where it started, and when the building will be safe for public access.

The room housed about 3,000 periodicals titles, some of them dating to the late 1800s. Library officials were unable to offer a date when Zimmerman might reopen. Lori Gallegos, writing for the *Daily Lobo*, reported that university officials were allowed into the library for an inspection on Tuesday, a day after the fire. Provost Reed Dasenbrock sent an e-mail late Tuesday night to UNM students, faculty, and staff saying the library would be closed for the rest of the semester. Dasenbrock said fire crews had not declared the building safe for use, and engineers were continuing to assess damages to the structure of the building.

After going in the library's basement, Provost Reed Dasenbrock found that the ceiling was burned and bookshelves were collapsed. Capt. Mike Paiz, a spokesman for the Albuquerque Fire Department, said everything in the periodical section was "pretty much destroyed," on Monday, but after the inspection, Dasenbrock said only about 10 percent of the periodicals had been burned.

He said nothing irreplaceable had been burned. "We have no information at this time to suggest that any manuscripts or rare books or anything irreplaceable was damaged. That is because they were located on the other side of the building from where the fire started." Although the book collections looked intact, Dasenbrock said the University does not know the degree of smoke or water damage. "There may be more extensive damage than at this point," he said.

Even if old journals had been burned, the University could probably get them again, he said, although they might only be able to be obtained on microfiche.

The fire occurred during finals week, a critical time for library users. Camila Alire, dean of UNM's libraries, assured students and faculty that the University's library system would be able to provide the usual library services at the other libraries in the system.

## BRIEFINGS

**Groups/Resource Sharing in New Mexico.** The New Mexico State Library is exploring the possibility of subscribing to OCLC's Services for Groups (<http://www.oclc.org/groupservices/default.htm>) as a basis for statewide resource sharing in New Mexico. This project will be Phase 2 of implementation of the long-term goal of developing a New Mexico Library Portal. The implementation and continuing development of WebJunction

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New Mexico (see <http://nm.webjunction.org/do/Home>) was Phase 1.

Presently the State Library is evaluating the cost projections to determine feasibility and some possible cost-sharing models. All New Mexico libraries – public, academic, tribal, school, and special – may choose to join the Group, and receive the benefits of OCLC's Worldcat database for searching, cataloging, and inter-library loan. Patrons and staff will be able to search the New Mexico Group catalog over the Web at no charge, even if your library is not yet in the Group. OCLC has plans to add a Remote Circulation feature to the ILL module in the near future. Staff training on all Worldcat features will be provided to libraries as they elect to join the Group.

Two meetings are being planned for discussing this topic. You are invited to attend the meeting of your choice to learn more and give your input on your needs and concerns. Library staff from all areas of your library are invited to participate: reference, cataloging, ILL, and administration. Staff from OCLC and Amigos Library Services will be on hand to answer questions. The first is on ;

✓ Tuesday, May 23, from 1-4 p.m. at the Taos Convention Center, El Taoseno Room, and

✓ Wednesday, May 24, at the Socorro Public Library on also from 1-4 p.m.

Please note that these meetings are scheduled to coincide with the Youth Participation @ Your Library training which is being presented at the same venues from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please view the State Library's Training Calendar at [http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/TrainingCalendar.htm?id=161\\_0\\_14\\_0\\_M30](http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/TrainingCalendar.htm?id=161_0_14_0_M30) for details of these workshops.

If you are interested in learning more about the Group Project, but are not able to attend one of the meetings, please contact Richard Akeroyd, State Librarian, at ☎(505) 476-9762, or e-mail [richard.akeroyd@state.nm.us](mailto:richard.akeroyd@state.nm.us), to arrange a conference call, or to schedule a visit by State Library staff to your area.

**The Talpa Community Center Library.** The Talpa Community Center Library has been open since November 1, 2005. The volunteer staff has sorted, cataloged, and placed the many books that have been donated by the community on the shelves. The Center

is still accepting book donations.

This year the Center held an open house on April 29 and 31. Volunteers and donors were honored for their contributions. The library is now open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the summer activities will be held for children: storytelling, ceramics, and other craft projects. The children's section is in need of bean bags in order to make a reading area for them. You may contact Marie Judy or Charlene Gonzales at the Community Center ☎(505) 751-1014 or by mail at HC78 Box 10511, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557.

**Battle of the Books.** Where do almost 2,000 New Mexicans celebrate reading? At the annual Battle of the Books competition! Parents, grandparents and siblings support the elementary and middle school readers who come from all over the state to Rio Rancho Mid-High. At the last Battle, seventy-one elementary schools sponsored B of B groups, with 448 fourth through sixth grade students reading from the Battle of the Books list. Sixty-four elementary teams competed in the four rounds Saturday morning, April 29. Thirty middle schools from across New Mexico brought students, with 149 sixth through eighth grade participants. There were 24 middle school teams.

Over 100 volunteers give of their time and energy and read books for the Battle of the Books. Students enjoy the excitement of competition as well as the delight of great books.

The B of B steering committee is looking for volunteers. For more information see the web site at <http://www.nmbattleofthebooks.org>.

### Elementary Booklist 2007

Armstrong, Alan  
Birdsall, Jeanne  
Birney, Betty

Clements, Andrew  
Collins, Suzanne  
Creech, Sharon

DeFelice, Cynthia

Fleischman, Sid

Whittington  
The Penderwicks  
The World According to  
Humphrey  
The Report Card  
Gregor the Overlander  
Granny Torrelli Makes  
Soup  
The Ghost of Cutler  
Creek  
Whipping Boy



Giovanni, Nikki  
Gordon, Amy  
Hannigan, Katherine  
Harlow, Joan Hiatt  
Hillerman, Tony

Kehret, Peg  
Martin, Ann

O'Conner, Barbara

Ritter, John

Rockwell, Anne

Winkler, Henry  
Woodson, Jacqueline

Rosa  
The Gorillas of Gill Park  
Ida B: and Her Plan  
Thunder From the Sea  
The Boy Who Made  
Dragonfly

Spy Cat  
The Meanest Doll in the  
World

Fame and Glory in  
Freedom, Georgia

The Boy Who Saved  
Baseball

They Called Her Molly  
Pitcher

Holy Enchilada!  
Show Way

Ryan, Pam Muñoz  
Walker, Sally M.

Baseball  
Becoming Naomi León  
Secrets of a Civil War  
Submarine

## PEOPLE NOTES

**Kathy Barco**, recipient of the 2006 Leadership Award from the New Mexico Library Association and Youth Services Coordinator at the New Mexico State Library since September 10, 2001, is leaving the State Library to return to the exciting world of children's librarianship. Her last day in the office will be Friday, May 19. Kathy, who along with Valerie Nye, a former State Library public library consultant, recently co-authored the book Breakfast Santa Fe Style, has accepted a part-time children's librarian position. Says Kathy: "Aside from freeing me up from the 10 or so hours I now spend commuting from Albuquerque to Santa Fe and back every week, this will allow me to work on my next book. More information on that will be released by the publisher soon. In addition, I'll be teaching a four-week course for UNM's Continuing Education Division in the Fall 2006 semester called Booktalking: The Humane Alternative to Book Reports. I'll miss all the great friends I've made libraries around the state, particularly in Youth Services. You've all made a lasting impression on me!"

## JOBS

**Librarian.** The City of Santa Fe has an opening for a Librarian, assigned to Cataloging/Technical Services. The librarian in this position catalogs materials in a variety of formats using MARC, AACR2, DDC22, LCSH, and Bibliographic Formats and Standards; oversees authority control processing; works with the Library Technical Services Director on outsourcing projects, re-class projects, retrospective conversion, and catalog database cleanup; works at Reference Desk and/or assists

## Middle School Booklist 2007

Armstrong, Alan  
Bartoletti, Susan

Bauer, Joan  
Bolden, Tonya  
Bruchac, Joseph  
Collins, Suzanne  
DuPrau, Jeanne  
Giff, Patricia Reilly  
Grant, Vicki  
Hale, Shannon  
Ma, Yan  
Meyer, Carolyn

O'Dell, Scott  
Paolini, Christopher  
Peck, Richard  
Perkins, Lynn Rae  
Rawls, Wilson

Ritter, John H.

Whittington  
Hitler Youth: Growing Up  
in Hitler's Shadow

Best Foot Forward  
Maritcha  
Code Talker  
Gregor the Overlander  
City of Ember  
A House of Tailors  
Quid Pro Quo

Princess Academy  
The Diary of Ma Yan  
Patience, Princess  
Catherine

The King's Fifth  
Eldest  
The Teacher's Funeral  
Criss Cross  
Where the Red Fern

Grows  
The Boy Who Saved

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**School librarian.** Rio Rancho Public Schools has an opening for a Librarian at Puesta del Sol Elementary. This position is for the 2006-07 school year. Visit the web site at <http://www.rrps.net> for complete listing and information regarding this job. Application forms may be obtained or requested from Human Resources, Rio Rancho Public Schools, 500 Laser Road, Rio Rancho, NM; ☎(505) 896-0667, Ext. 131 or 190) or downloaded from website. EEOE