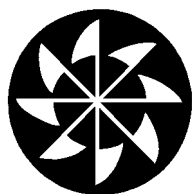


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TRIBAL LIBRARIES LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Tribal Libraries Institute this year will be a three day event held June 7-9, with its focus on cultural preservation in tribal communities. Sponsored by the Tribal Libraries Program at the New Mexico State Library and the Indigenous Nations Library Program at the University of New Mexico, it will be held at the Santa Fe Indian School in Santa Fe.

The focus on cultural preservation will serve to facilitate collaboration to address tribal preservation issues, visions, obstacles, and solutions to create a plan for meeting the needs of the community and promoting services. The Institute will promote a sharing environment and encourage networking among participants. Sessions will explore the following:

- Archives and Records Management
- Museums and Repatriation
- Language Preservation issues
- Historic Preservation issues
- And much, much more

In addition to the sessions, the State Library will provide meals and lodging at the Santa Fe Indian School campus for all attendees. The Institute will also include "behind the scenes" tours by School of American Research, State Archives and Records, and the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, a dinner reception with keynote by Dave Warren (Santa Clara Pueblo) at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, and entertainment by storyteller, Sunny Dooley (Navajo).

The Institute is inviting tribal librarians, education directors, archivists and records managers, museum staffers, and language and historic preservation-

ists, thereby extending the goals of the Institute to help improve services within tribal communities in New Mexico on their own terms.

For an application form, see <http://nm.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=13117>.

BRIEFINGS

BIEN! The Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN!) in southern New Mexico won the 2006 NCLIS Health Information Awards, announced by its sponsor, the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. State Librarian Richard Akeroyd and Dr. Holly Buchanan, the Director of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, presented the award to BIEN! leaders at a May 15 reception at New Mexico State University's Zuhl Library.

Awards were given to health information programs in the fifty states and the District of Columbia. Selection criteria included how well the program encouraged lifestyle improvement among the target population, the program's adaptability, collaboration with other community organizations, and how successfully the program was able to reach out to people with low information literacy skills.

Now in its seventh year, BIEN! is a unique multitype collaboration of public and academic libraries, hospitals, clinics and other health organizations. The number of partner institutions has grown from seventeen to twenty-eight. The BIEN! project was originally funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to the New Mexico State University Library. The project director was Sylvia Ortiz of the library. BIEN! is currently sustained by support from the Border Epidemiology and Environmental Health Center

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and the New Mexico Outreach Office of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission under the leadership of Dr. Hugo Vilchis. In addition to the NLM grant, BIEN! has received funding from the Paso del Norte Foundation and awards from the American Library Association and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. BIEN!'s mission is to increase access to quality health information in English and Spanish in the New Mexico-Mexico Borderland for consumers and health care providers.

Visit the BIEN! web page at <http://www.bien-health.org>. For more information, contact Norice Lee of the NMSU Library at ☎(505) 646-5091 or e-mail nlee@lib.nmsu.edu.

SRP kickoff. The First Lady of New Mexico, Mrs. Barbara Richardson, kicked off Lasting Impressions, the 2006 statewide Summer Reading Program on May 3 at the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos.

Over 40 second-graders from Aspen school were in the audience to hear Mrs. Richardson read Can I have a Stegosaurus, Mom? Can I? Please? by Lois Grambling. Following the reading, the First Lady answered questions on topics ranging from her pets (two cats: Jake and Squeaky), to her thoughts on possibly becoming First Lady of the United States ("I'm really enjoying being First Lady of New Mexico!")

Mrs. Richardson is a big supporter of literacy. This was the fourth year in a row that she has appeared at an event at a public library in New Mexico to draw attention to the start of the statewide Summer Reading Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libri's next deadline is July 15. Libri Foundation offers children's book grants for rural libraries. In an effort to encourage community involvement and reward local support of libraries, the Libri Foundation works with the library's Friends of the Library or other local organizations. The Friends, or other local sponsors, can contribute from \$50 to \$350 which the Foundation matches on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books through the Foundation's Books For Children program.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. (Please note: "rural" is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000.)

Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries which are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system. A library system may also apply if all the libraries in the system meet these requirements. Applications are accepted from school libraries only if they also serve as the public library.

A branch library may apply if the community it is in meets the definition of rural. If the branch library receives funding from its parent institution, then the parent institution's total operating budget – not just the branch library's total operating budget – must meet the budget restrictions. Please note: town libraries with total operating budgets over \$150,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over \$350,000 are rarely given grants. The average total operating budget of a Books For Children grant recipient is less than \$40,000.

Visit the Libri Foundation web site at <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>.

Delightful. The Southwest classic Delight Makers by Adolph Bandelier has been added to Project Gutenberg and is now available in two forms: as text only at <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/18310/18310-8.txt> or an HTML edition with all the pictures carefully scanned and descreened for highest quality at <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/18310/18310-h.zip>. The disclaimer makes the eBook available for the use of anyone anywhere at no cost and with almost no restrictions whatsoever. You may copy it, give it away or re-use it under the terms of the Project Gutenberg License included with this eBook or online at <http://www.gutenberg.org>.

PEOPLE NOTES

State Librarian **Richard Akeroyd** has been appointed to a three-year term on the U.S. Government Printing Offices' Depository Library Council. This



council advises the Public Printer of the United States on matters of policy related to the on-going administration of the Federal Depository Library Program. The State Library serves as a regional depository library for New Mexico. His term begins at the Council's meeting in October 2006.

He has also been invited to serve on a advisory committee to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This committee will provide advice and direction to the Foundation for strategy and policy development for its U.S. Library Program. He will attend the first meeting of this committee in June 2006.

Anne Lefkowsky has been named to be the new Director of the Library Development Services Bureau at the New Mexico State Library. Anne is currently Director for Collection Development at the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library System where she has worked since 1993, six years as Collection Development Manager, two years as Serials/AV Librarian, and five years as a reference librarian. She also worked for the Fort Bend County Libraries of Richmond, Texas. She received an undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico before attending graduate school at the University of Washington where she attained her MLS. Anne has made significant contributions to the development of WebJunction New Mexico since the beginning of that project, serving as a WJNM Tab Editor since 2004. Among other professional organizations, she is the current president of NMLA. Anne will begin her new position on May 22.

The new State Law Librarian is **Robert Mead**. He is an Albuquerque native, returning to New Mexico from the Law Library of the University of Kansas. He has his Doctor of Law (JD) from the University of New Mexico Law School and an MLS from Emporia State University in Kansas. He has been the Head of Reference at Kansas University Law Library for six years and a reference librarian at UNM Law Library for three years. He has practiced law in disability law, and written articles on disability law, elder law, and legal his-

tory.

JOBS

Youth services librarian. La Farge Library, a branch of the Santa Fe Public Library, is seeking applicants for Early Childhood Educator/Librarian. The incumbent is expected to plan and implement four "Books and Babies" programs at two library locations, provide outreach education programs, and assist in selecting books for library parenting collection. Requires a degree or certificate in early childhood/elementary education OR library science with family literacy experience. Five years experience as teacher or librarian in desired field is also required. Bilingual preferred. Send résumé and references to: Youth Services Director, La Farge Library, 1730 Llano St., Santa Fe, NM 87505. Closing date is June 1. For further information contact Susan Cantor at ☎(505) 466-6551 or e-mail susancantor@earthlink.net.

Librarian. The University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus is accepting applications for a Lecturer in Librarianship, a full-time, non-tenure track, year-round position. Anticipated starting date is August 1. This position is organized under the general direction of the Library Director, with the incumbent responsible for overall coordination of activities related to library public services, especially the library instruction program, reference, all promotional efforts such as maintaining the Library's web page, producing brochures and handouts, and writing articles for the faculty newsletter, circulation, serving as liaison to the teaching faculty, participating in college and community service, and professional development. Must have a Master's degree from an American Library Association accredited program with six months directly related experience in library instruction /or reference services, and excellent written communication skills. Desired qualifications include more than one year directly-related experience; college or high school teaching; experience in provid-

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