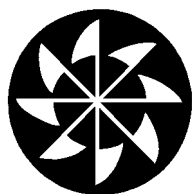


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BOOKMOBILES' GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

New Mexico State Library has designated June as the Bookmobile Program's 50th anniversary celebration month. Bookmobiles have been on New Mexico's highways, visiting the state's rural villages and ranches since 1956, bringing to rural citizens without their own local libraries the books and information services they depend on.

"Bookmobile service has been a core component of the many library and information services that the State Library has provided to the citizens of rural New Mexico over the years," said State Librarian Richard Akeroyd. "With the adoption of new technologies, we plan to expand and enhance these services well into the future."

"Bookmobiles are a cultural life-line to the remote parts of our state," said Secretary Stuart Ashman, Department of Cultural Affairs. "The arrival of the bookmobile in our rural places is an event, dependable and valued."

Bookmobiles from the New Mexico State Library make regularly scheduled stops in 134 communities in 29 counties; log almost 80,000 miles per year, and have approximately 22,400 registered users who check out over 134,000 items.

The Rural Bookmobile program is divided into four regions, headquartered in Cimarron, Tucumcari, Silver City, and Los Lunas. The custom-built and specially equipped buses carry approximately 4,000 books each, plus audiotapes, magazines, videos, CDs, books on tape, and large-print materials. They are loaded for their runs from the larger library collections housed in their home offices and provide interlibrary loan and reference service.

During the month of May, bookmobile staff distributed flyers to announce the upcoming celebration. To commemorate the June celebration, each bookmobile office is sending press releases to their local media outlets, and will pass out 50th Anniversary bookmobile magnets along with a library card to the patrons on the bookmobiles. Each bookmobile also received an elegant official proclamation from Governor Richardson designating June 2006 as the celebratory month for the 50th anniversary.

The celebration is not only for the first 50 years of bookmobile service but also to introduce technology that will expand the ways that the bookmobiles reach their customers in the next decades. Beginning in June, bookmobile patrons will be registered and receive a barcoded library card with a smaller version key-card. The library cards will be functional later this summer or early fall. For now the cards are to introduce the next 50 years as well as to begin to get patrons accustomed to the change of using the integrated library system (ILS) designed by Learning Access Institute and Willem Scholten, the consultant for the system.

BRIEFINGS

Friendly aliens. "The Aztec Public Library has made the most out of a reported 1948 UFO crash," said *Library Hotline* in the May 1 issue. The report tells how the library, the Friends, and other local partners have turned the incident into a meaningful event and lucrative venture. Using the media-grabbing interest generated by the crash, which has been the subject of a History Channel documentary, reports by Danish and Japanese television, National Public Radio, and others, the library's director, Leanne Hatchcock, has built on the energy year by year since 1998, adding new events

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and attractions to old ones.

This year you are invited to participate in these Aztec Public Library sponsored events:

- ✓ 1st Annual Archaeoastronomy Symposium - June 10, <http://www.azteclibrary.org/archaeo.htm>
- ✓ 6th Annual Alien Run Mountain Bike Competition - July 1, <http://www.aztecufu.com/bike/bike.htm>

For more information contact the Aztec Public Library at ☎(505) 334-7657.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library Certification exam results. Congratulations go to the following people who passed the Librarian Certification exam that was held May 15.

Grade I

Wendy Lonewolf, Margarita Valdez-Stehle, Nanette Sanchez, Suanne Bryden, Pamela Paternoster, John Groman, Julie Christie Trujillo, Virginia Padilla, Cynthia Crespín, Jennifer Coleman, Aniceta Tyrrell, Ellen Ashe, Sheila Ann Morrissey, Lisa Bayne, Matthew Ryan Love, Tracey Dean, Alberta Chavez, and Ana Pacheco.

Grade II

Evelyn Walker, Dolores Tellez, Laneé Lujan, Carlos Gonzales, Mark Robert Mumper, Amanda Davis, Dennie Rene Thompson, Judi Y. Riley-Bensely, Mark Wolf, Judith L. Miller, Carol Ann Bowman, and Annette Montoya.

The Librarian Certification Exam takes place twice a year. Information on the exam as well as the application and study guide is available on the New Mexico State Library web site at http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/for_libraries_more.php?id=242_0_14_0_M30. For information or questions about Librarian Certification or the exam, contact Cassandra E. Osterloh, Continuing Education Coordinator, Library Development Services Bureau at the New Mexico State Library ☎(505) 476-9724 or toll-free 1-800-340-3890, e-mail cassandra.osterloh@state.nm.us.

Children's literature class. Children's Literature -- LLSS 544-350 (#08084) will be offered at the gradu-

ate level on the main campus of the University of New Mexico this summer. It meets M,T,W from 2-4:30 p.m. for the six-week session. Don Zancanella will be the professor. Registration may be handled through I-TEL-UNM or <http://itel.unm.edu>. For more information, please contact Leslie Chamberlin, Director, Tireman Library, at ☎(505) 277-7260 or e-mail saticoy@unm.edu.

New courses on WebJunction New Mexico. WebJunction is offering 14 courses created and facilitated by the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences through WebJunction New Mexico (<http://nm.webjunction.org>). LE@D courses were developed by recognized subject matter experts as a result of needs assessment surveys that gathered input from a broad range of library administrators, staff, and supporters from libraries of all sizes and locales.

The courses are part of the school's LE@D (Library Education @ Desktop) program. Using the learning management system WebCT, the courses are self-paced yet facilitated. They require one to two hours to complete. Facilitation includes participating in discussions and exchanges between students, answering posted or e-mailed questions about the use of WebCT, and posting recommended external resources related to course topics.

The UNT LE@D courses are free to registered WebJunction New Mexico members. Once you register for a course, you will be sent a separate user name and password within one business day from WebJunction. After receiving the user name and password, you will be able to sign into WebCT and take your class.

The available courses are:

- ✓ Copyright Basics for Libraries
- ✓ Grant Writing Basics
- ✓ Harnessing the Internet
- ✓ Improving Co-Worker Relationships
- ✓ Improving Your Communications Skills
- ✓ Info-Age Etiquette
- ✓ Library Privacy & Confidentiality: Law and Policy
- ✓ Managing Difficult Patrons with Confidence
- ✓ Nutrition Information: Saturate Your Knowledge, Not Your Fat Intake
- ✓ An Overview of RFID Technology
- ✓ Providing Excellent Customer Service in a Multi-Cultural Environment



- ✓ Reaching Teenagers
- ✓ Using Databases
- ✓ Volunteers: Recruitment, Development, and Supervision

WebJunction New Mexico is an online community where library staff can share ideas, solve problems, take online courses - and have fun. To register (it's free) go to the web site at <http://nm.webjunction.org>.

PEOPLE NOTES

After serving since 1981 as the director of the Eunice Public Library, **Peggy Suter** is retiring. She will be replaced by **Tara Parker**. Tara has been with the library for 19 years as the children's librarian, and as Associate Director for the last several years, but of course, in a small library, she has been involved with every aspect of its operation. Peggy's last working day is August 1. About her career as the library director, she told *HH*, "I wouldn't have known what to do without the help of the State Library."

JOBS

Two positions. Farmington Public Library is now accepting applications for Youth Services Librarian and Reference Librarian. Job descriptions and required applications are available from the City of Farmington, Personnel Division, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM 87401; ☎(505) 599-1132 or online on the web site at http://www.fmtn.org/city_government/human_resources/44/current_job_openings.html. For information about the Farmington Public Library, see the web site at <http://www.infoway.org>. Position closes June 30, 2006 at 5:00 PM. AA/EOE

Library director. Central New Mexico Community College, formerly known as Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute (TVI), is seeking applications for

the position of Director of Libraries. This is a regular full-time position (Job Number: F0605-28) with salary based on experience and credentials within CNM guidelines. It falls under the direction of the Associate Vice President for Instructional Support Systems, and provides leadership for the development, administration, and oversight of all systems related to library services including, but not limited to: public service programs, facilities, equipment needs, library budget planning, collection development, materials selection, acquisitions, technical services, and computer operations for all CNM campus libraries. It provides overall supervision and evaluation of all full-time and part-time staff including professional staff; participates in Learning Resources Department staff meetings, and serves on community and Institute wide planning committees. Works with faculty to provide specific course related materials and instruction. Assists in outcomes, assessments, and evaluation of effectiveness of library operations; participates in reference services, library orientations, and bibliographic instruction at Main Campus Library; develops, monitors, and administers a budget; researches, writes, submits, and administers grant proposals for library acquisition and resources; provides direct supervision of Associate Directors of Main and Montoya Campus Libraries, Technical Services Librarian, Library Applications Administrator, and general supervision of all Library operations staff. It is an exempt position requires a minimum of forty (40) hours per week. Generally, schedule is Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Will include weekend and evening hours. This position is currently based at Main & Montoya campus, however, location changes can occur based on the needs of the college. Requires a Master's degree in Library Science and three years directly related management experience in a medium sized library; experience in supervision of professional and paraprofessional staff; and the ability to relate to and interact with a non-traditional diverse employee and student population. Preferences include a working knowledge of current trends and experience with library automation systems; experience in serving adult learners; experi-

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ence meeting educational needs of a multicultural community; ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing with diverse populations, individually or in groups; demonstrated team building and facilitation skills; and experience using word processing, database, spreadsheet, and presentation software. All requested application documents must be received by CNM Human Resources by 5 p.m. on June 16. To apply, applicants must submit a CNM employment application, résumé, letter of interest stating specifically how applicant meets job requirements, and a copy of transcripts. To apply via the Internet go to <http://www.cnm.edu/hr>. The CNM Human Resources Office is located at the Main Campus in the “A” building on the Northwest corner of Coal Ave. and Buena Vista Dr.; the mailing address is 525 Buena Vista Dr. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106; ☎(505) 224-4600; Fax (505) 224-4611. CNM is an Equal Opportunity Employer. CNM welcomes applications from candidates who bring diverse cultural, ethnic, and national perspectives to their creative work and teaching.