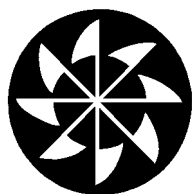


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## DIGITAL ARCHIVE PROJECT

The New Mexico State Library has been working to establish a digital archive for New Mexico. Why? Because as more and more of the publications – especially government publications – which librarians access through the Internet exist only in the ephemeral electronic realm, they appear only for a short while and then disappear from public view. The New Mexico State Library has acquired technologies that capture, preserve, and make these web-based government publications permanently accessible (both text and images) through the State Library's online catalog and through local library catalogs that participate in the Digital Archive Project (see <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/DigitalArchive.htm>).

The project started in response to the trends in state government towards web-based publication of their information. Since 1978 the State Publications Program, as head of the State Documents Clearinghouse, has been required by law to collect, preserve, and provide access to state publications published by New Mexico state agencies. As state agencies have turned to publishing their documents online rather than in paper, the challenge for the State Documents Program was finding ways to collect, preserve, and provide permanent access to those digital state documents – both for the collections at the State Library and for the 24 depository libraries around the State of New Mexico.

The State Library began digitally archiving state documents in 2003, providing access to these publications through an online catalog, SALSA. The accompanying digital document OCLC records are also sent to the 24 state depository libraries for inclusion in local online catalogs for local patron access to the full text/images of these documents.

The technology found to meet this challenge was

from OCLC in the form of their Digital Archive Project (see <http://www.oclc.org/digitalarchive>).

The Federal Depository Program saw similar trends towards publication of documents on the Web rather than in paper. Recognizing the need to preserve web-based publications of importance to New Mexico, the State Library started in 2004 to digitally archive fugitive federal documents that were of historical and current value to New Mexico and that were in danger of being lost to history once the documents were taken off of federal websites. This part of the Digital Archive project was instrumental in the State Library's being awarded "Federal Depository Library of the Year" in 2005 (see *HH* #1617).

This past year the Digital Archive saw the start up of partnering with other libraries and agencies in adding to the Digital Archive and its collections:

- Librarians from Highlands University, Eastern New Mexico University, University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, NMSU-Alamogordo, and New Mexico Tech attended a July 2005 State Library training workshop for the digital archiving and inclusion of local documents into local library collections.
- Federal Spanish Documents Collection with Las Cruces Branigan Library
- A pilot project with new OCLC digital archive technologies involving non-web based digital documents and collaborations with Department of Cultural Affairs museums, including Lasting Impressions exhibits, and Native America Picture Books of Change; the State Engineers Office; and the New Mexico History Library.

*HH* will have more articles about the ongoing Digital Archive Project and the opportunities it presents for New Mexico libraries in future issues.

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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## BRIEFINGS

**NM State Library among 15 finalists.** SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced that the Building Better Communities Awards committee has narrowed a list of approximately 130 nominated libraries down to 15 finalists seeking recognition for innovative uses of new technology to improve their user communities. Among these fifteen is the New Mexico State Library with its Digital Documents Archive Project.

The committee, consisting of independent library leaders from throughout Canada and the United States, will select five North American libraries to receive \$10,000 each for their creativity and accomplishments. Through the Building Better Communities Awards, SirsiDynix seeks to recognize library organizations that create better places to live, work, and learn, while encouraging libraries everywhere to follow the examples of these outstanding institutions.

The finalists are AtlantaFulton County Public Library in Atlanta, Georgia; Calgary Public Library of Calgary, Alberta Canada; Delaware County Community College Library in Media, Pennsylvania.; Hamilton Public Library in Hamilton, Ontario Canada; Hancock County Library System, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.; INFOhio, Columbus, Ohio; Kenton County Public Library, Covington, Kentucky; Lansing Public Library, Illinois; Memphis Public Library & Information Center in Memphis, Tennessee; North Carolina State University Libraries of Raleigh, North Carolina; New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, North Carolina; Scientific and Technical Information Center (STIC) of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, Virginia; Vick Knight Community Library, Elsinore, California; and Wichita Public Library in Kansas.

Award recipients will be announced at the upcoming American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, in the Oak Alley Room of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street. To learn more about the Building Better Communities finalists and the work in their communities, visit <http://www.sirsidynix.com/awards>.

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nology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities. SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and AsiaPacific.

**Patriot Act gag order lifted.** Executive Director George Christian of the Library Connection, a nonprofit consortium of 27 public and academic libraries in central Connecticut, spoke at a May 30 press conference at the New York City headquarters of the American Civil Liberties Union. He said, “I am relieved that a federal court has at long last lifted a Patriot Act gag order and allowed me to acknowledge that I am the recipient of a National Security Letter [NSL] on behalf of my organization, Library Connection.” The statement ended months of speculation that the Library Connection is the John Doe plaintiff in Doe v. Gonzales. Christian was joined by fellow “Doe” plaintiffs Barbara Bailey, Library Connection board president and director of the Welles-Turner Memorial Library in Glastonbury; Vice-president Peter Chase, director of the Plainville Public Library; and Secretary Janet Nocek, Portland Library director.

“Until this point, I never thought about what it would be like to have the right to speak freely taken away,” said Nocek, noting that the gag order meant “we were even taking a risk by consulting with lawyers.”

According to the plaintiffs’ original complaint, the FBI agent assigned to serving the NSL instructed a Library Connection official to have his attorney call the agent when the librarian indicated a desire to consult a lawyer. Chase told of his frustration at receiving the NSL even as “the government was telling Congress that it didn’t use the Patriot Act against libraries and that no one’s rights had been violated. I felt that I just could not be part of this fraud being foisted on our nation. We had to defend our patrons and ourselves, and so, represented by the ACLU, we filed a lawsuit challenging the

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government's power to demand these records without a court order."

"Because of the gag," Bailey said, "the government would not even allow us to attend the hearing in our case anonymously." Instead, the four "Does" watched the Bridgeport court proceedings in August 2005 on closed-circuit television in the Hartford federal building. Ultimately, she added, "Due to some sloppy redacting on the government's part, our identity was eventually revealed to those who took the time to plow through the court briefs."

The result proved even more awkward: The Justice Department remained adamant that the gag order was still in effect for national security reasons – a position DOJ attorneys maintained until after President Bush signed into law the reauthorized Patriot Act, which eases some of the original restrictions. In the meantime, Bailey had declined to accept the Connecticut Library Association's intellectual freedom award on behalf of John Doe, and Chase, who chairs CLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, turned down numerous invitations to speak about the Patriot Act lest he "inadvertently reveal that I was a John Doe." In one case, Chase refused to debate federal attorney Kevin O'Connor, whom Chase described as "traveling around the state telling people that their library records were safe, while at the same time he was enforcing a gag order preventing me from telling people that their library records were not safe."

The press conference, which was held four days after a federal appeals court declared the gag order moot, may be the first of many public appearances for the four. The board's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of using an NSL to obtain library records has yet to be heard. "We are in the process of discussing how to proceed from here with our attorneys at the ACLU," Christian told *American Libraries*, explaining that the group could not address any specifics because "we have only been ungagged to the extent that we can claim we received the NSL."

-- Source: ALA, June 2, 2006, <http://tinyurl.com/htee4>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Partnership award.** The New Mexico Coalition for Literacy announced in May that the New Mexico State Library has been chosen to receive the New Mexico Co-

alition for Literacy's Partnership award for 2005-2006. The award was presented to State Librarian Richard Akeroyd during the Coalition's Annual Meeting in Rio Rancho on June 2.

## JOBS

**Librarian.** San Juan College in Farmington is accepting applications for a Reference Librarian. This position reports directly to the Director of Library Services and is responsible for direct reference service and administrative support. Responsibilities include providing reference and electronic database services; participation in collection development; providing bibliographic instruction; coordinating serials collection; and conducting faculty in-service and patron library orientation services, and other duties as assigned. Requires a Master's degree in Library Science, a minimum of three years library experience, and experience with automated library systems, Web design, on-line services and traditional reference services. Salary is \$35,000-\$40,000. Open Until Filled; application review begins June 10. Contact San Juan College, Human Resources Office, 4601 College Boulevard, Farmington, NM 87402; ☎(505) 566-3215, FAX (505) 566-3521, or visit the website at <http://www.sanjuancollege.edu>. EOE/AA.

**Reference librarian (two positions).** Central New Mexico Community College, formerly TVI, has openings for two full-time Reference Librarians (Job #F0606-09 & -10); one position based at Main Campus Library and one based at Montoya Campus Library. These positions are under the supervision of the Associate Director of Libraries. They provide reference and research services to CNM students, faculty, staff, and the general public; participate in library instruction; serve as liaison with faculty in one or more divisions to help develop library collections; participate in the marketing of library services; supervise full-time staff and share library supervisory responsibilities in the absence of the Associate Director; serve on departmental and college committees; may oversee and supervise staff in circulation and media; may coordinate library instruction and oversee reference services. Fulfill other duties and assignments as appropriate to the Reference Librarian position. Requires a Master's degree in Library Science or equivalent and a minimum of one year directly

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related library experience, and the ability to relate to and interact with a non-traditional diverse employee and student population. Preferred qualifications include a demonstrated ability to communicate and interact effectively and tactfully with diverse populations, including students, faculty, and staff, as well as other library staff; working knowledge of automated library systems; ability to teach and use basic and advanced search techniques in locating information in both electronic and print formats; experience providing bibliographic instruction to students, faculty, and staff; ability to troubleshoot computers, printers, copy machines, and other library equipment; ability to use word processing, database, presentation, and spreadsheet software applications; experience and/or courses in library instruction and reference services; experience with new and emerging library technologies; experience creating and designing user-centered web pages; experience maintaining an Electronic Reserves (E-Reserves) service; and experience working in a community college library; supervisory experience. Will include some evening and weekend hours. May provide assistance at other CNM campuses. Salary is \$37,528 annually. Application consists of a completed CNM employment application, résumé, a letter of interest stating specifically how applicant meets all job requirements, and a copy of transcripts. Candidates may apply for both jobs simultaneously. All requested application documents must be received by CNM Human Resources by 5 p.m. July 14. To apply via the Internet go to <http://cnm.edu/hr/jobs>. 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; applications from candidates who bring diverse cultural, ethnic, and national perspectives to their creative work and teaching are welcome.