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## President's Letter

From Jean Hatfield

### The only thing constant is change

Fall is the time of year when we become most mindful of how rapidly the seasons can change (at least those of us who live in the northern climates!) And no matter what we do to prepare ourselves, the first sudden drop in temperature comes as a shock. But then we settle in to our "cold weather" routines of putting on a coat in the morning and wearing long-sleeved shirts and we don't think much more about it.

So it is with the many changes that we face in the workplace and in our professional and personal lives. People move in and out of our lives with regularity. New products come on the market, are tested and sometimes purchased. New procedures are written to keep up with current modes of thinking. New strategic plans are written. A change in top level administrators may change attitudes or ways of doing business. A renovation or new building is often a welcome change.

But any of these changes can come as a shock, just as the first cold snap does. No matter how well we prepare ourselves, we become suddenly stressed with the by-products of the change. We have work to do to make sure the change becomes comfortable for us. We find our gloves and ice scraper. We get our furnaces and cars tuned up. We start planning for the holiday events.

And in our workplace we have to face changes the same way. The initial implementation of a change may cause a shock to our day-to-day

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# Welcome to MPLA

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work. The person we always relied on to lend a hand is no longer there. The new automation system makes life easier in some ways but takes some retraining of our fingers and eyes to make sure we are doing it correctly. The new administrator has some visionary ideas that will mean throwing out old, comfortable ideas. The new building is beautiful to look at but we can't remember where we stored the extra tape.

So we have work to do to make sure the changes become comfortable for us. We find good trainers and staff to help us through the rough spots. We hold meetings and get our attitudes tuned up. We plan celebrations of our successes.

As with all organizations, MPLA will continue to go through some changes. A new president will take office in November. A new Board will begin meeting and making decisions that may pave the way for visionary ideas or new ways of doing things. And it may come as a shock to some people. But everything changes eventually no matter what the climate is. We just have to prepare ourselves, find what we need to get by, tune up our attitudes and celebrate when we can.

Thank you for allowing me to be the President of MPLA for the past year. This past year has brought some interesting changes and I look forward to more changes in MPLA in the future. **Because ready or not – change will come!**



To register for the  
NLA/MPLA Conference  
November 5-8, 2003  
go to

[http://www.nevadalibraries.org/  
Conference03/index.html](http://www.nevadalibraries.org/Conference03/index.html)

Billie Dixon

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# Conference Highlights

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Mountain Plains Library Association  
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## Lake Tahoe Resort

Look for pictures of the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe at <http://www.laketahoehyatt.com/>. Basque food, a cruise on Lake Tahoe, twenty-four hour entertainment and a great conference, besides!

The 2003 Nevada Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference will be held November 5-8, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort and Casino, located on the shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe. Dine in one of the hotel's restaurants, work out in the health club, or have a massage in the Stillwater Spa. The Casino offers 24/7 gaming including slots, video poker, blackjack, craps, roulette, and a complete sportsbook. A complimentary shuttle bus is available to transport guests throughout the mountain community of Incline Village.

The Nevada Library Association secured 1999 room rates for the conference. A standard room with single or double occupancy will cost \$99 per night, a considerable discount from the normal rate. Suites and lakeside cottages are also available, and the special rates extend two days before and two days after the conference. Hyatt Reservations (1-877-875-5036).

For the complete conference schedule and registration form see <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/Conference03/index.html>



## Cheewa James

### **"Climb Off Dead Horses"**

Nationally known corporate trainer, keynote and motivational speaker Cheewa James will be presenting an inspirational, humorous and exciting presentation at NLA/MPLA on Thursday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.



Don't miss this event! "Climb off Dead Horses: Mastering Change."

As one client said, "When Cheewa is on, the electricity and energy kick in! We learn, we enjoy, we grow."

Cheewa is a sought after speaker, having worked with associations, businesses and corporations across the United States and Canada. She is known for her presentations on leadership, dealing with change and finding a balanced life style.

With a name like Cheewa, you know there has to be something different going on...and there is!

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## Free GPO Access Pre-Conference Workshop

A free workshop on using the databases of GPO Access has been added to the list of program offerings on Wednesday, November 5. Sponsored by the Mountain Plains Library Association Government Documents Section, the workshop will be conducted by personnel from the U.S. Government Printing Office. Participants will receive hands-on training in using GPO Access to search the Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, Congressional publications, laws, finding aids, Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government for Kids, and STAT-USA.

The workshop will be held at the Getchell Library Computer Lab on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is required as seating is limited. Directions to the University will be provided upon registration. There is no charge for the workshop.

To register, contact Patrick Ragains, Business and Government Information Librarian; Phone 775-784-6400 ex 309; FAX 775-784-4398; ragains@unr.edu



## Special Events

**A Literary Evening at Lakeside!** Don't miss the conference's kick off event on Wednesday November 5. With its panoramic view of Lake Tahoe, the Hyatt's Lakeside Ballroom is the perfect setting to spend a late afternoon with an eclectic gathering of local and national authors.

**Cruise the pristine waters of Lake Tahoe on a paddle wheeler!** Thursday, November 6. Get aboard the Tahoe Queen paddle wheeler for a two-hour, daytime cruise along the shores of Lake Tahoe!

**Presidents' Reception and Basque Buffet Dinner.** Friday, November 7. Enjoy this unique dinner followed by award presentations and an authentic Basque dance group.

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She says it best herself: "My father is Modoc Indian and my mother is German." Although addressing contemporary issues Cheewa often uses Native American thinking to illustrate a point. She creates a feel for diversity in a very subtle way.

A former television anchorwoman and reporter, Cheewa is the recipient of seven UPI (United Press International) awards. She has been awarded the National Golden Mike Award for excellence in television production and is currently a Sacramento PBS on-line talent. Also an accomplished author, Cheewa has nearly 150 articles in print.

This program is presented by A.C.T.I.O.N., an NLA interest group for library support staff. Paddy Harrigan, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and Florica Hagendorn, Henderson District Public Libraries are Co-Chairs.



Conference pricing will be honored through October 5, 2003, but attendees are encouraged to book early to secure a room. The room block is filling quickly. Reservations can be made via the Web at <http://laketahoe.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mpla> or by phoning Hyatt Reservations (1-877-875-5036).

In order to obtain conference room rates, attendees must use the designated website or mention the conference when contacting Hyatt Reservations by phone.



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## MPLA Featured State

# *New Mexico*



### *New Mexico, the "Land of Enchantment"*

New Mexico is a land of plains, plateaus, and mountains, and is famous for the great variety and magnificent colors of its scenery. Much of the land is used for livestock grazing. Manufacturing and other urban-based economic activities are carried on in only a few cities. Tourists, attracted not only by the scenic beauty of New Mexico's deserts and mountains but also by the rich Native American and Spanish cultures that distinguish the state, have become an important part of the state's economy.

Much of New Mexico is reminiscent of an earlier time. Examples are its Native American festivities, its adobe villages, and its many remnants of pre-Columbian and Spanish architecture. However, New Mexico also played a role in the development of the atomic age. With the explosion of the first atomic bomb at the Trinity site at White Sands Proving Grounds in 1945, New Mexico became an important center for nuclear research and development.

The region north of Mexico was named Nuevo Mexico by a Spanish explorer in the 1560s. The name was translated and applied to the United States territory organized in 1850 and later to the state when it became the 47th member of the Union on January 6, 1912. New Mexico is called the Land of Enchantment. Santa Fe is the capital of New Mexico. Albuquerque is the largest city.

New Mexico is proud of its tri-cultural heritage, which is evident in its cuisine, architecture, languages, and cultural events. Native Americans, Hispanics, and Anglo-Americans each contribute to the unique culture that is New Mexico.

Many Native Americans, comprising 9.5% of the population, reside on six reservations and in 19 pueblos. They are the fourth largest Native American community in the United States. The three major Native American cultures are the Navajo, Pueblo, and Apache. Traditional arts and crafts are a source of income for the pueblos and are sold to both tourists and local residents. The newest source of income for many reservations in New Mexico is gambling. Large casinos have been built on these lands and are becoming a significant contributor to the Native American economy.

Hispanics represented 42.1% of the state's population in 2000. The exploration and conquest of present-day New Mexico by the Spanish and, later, the Mexicans, introduced a culture that continues to influence the character of New Mexico.

Anglo-Americans are the third component of the tri-cultural character of the state. Whites comprised 66.8% of the state's population in 2000. This percentage included many of the Hispanics, who are classified as being of any race. In recent decades, other ethnic groups have settled in New Mexico. In 2000, blacks constituted 1.9% of the population, Asians were 1.1%, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders were 0.1%. Those of mixed heritage or not reporting race were 21%.

New Mexico, the fifth largest state, covers 121,598 square miles, including 234 square miles of inland water. (Yes, we do have water!) The state's highest point is Wheeler Peak at 13,161 ft, and the lowest is Red Bluff Reservoir at 2,842 ft.



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## *New Mexico Annual Events*

New Mexico's traditions are preserved in its numerous Native American ceremonials, Spanish festivals, and rodeos. Popular events include:

- ◆ Santa Fe Fiesta commemorating the city's conquest by the Spanish in 1692
- ◆ New Mexico State Fair in September in Albuquerque
- ◆ International Hot Air Balloon Festival in October in Albuquerque
- ◆ Hatch Chile Festival in September
- ◆ April Talking Picture Festival hosted in Taos which features an international film festival and media literacy forum
- ◆ Deming Duck Races
- ◆ Bernalillo Wine Festival, Labor Day weekend
- ◆ Whole Enchilada Fiesta
- ◆ International Mariachi Concert in Las Cruces in October
- ◆ Native American dances include:
  - Harvest Dance at Jemez Pueblo's Fiesta of San Diego in November
  - Sun Dance at Taos Pueblo's Fiesta of San Geronimo in September
  - Shalako Ceremonial is performed by the Zuni in early winter
  - International Ceremonial held in Gallup each August with as many as 30 ethnic groups



## *Top 10 Attractions in New Mexico*

1. Santa Fe
2. Carlsbad Cavern
3. Taos Ski Valley
4. Sandia Peak Tramway, Albuquerque
5. Chaco Culture National Historical Park, San Juan Basin
6. The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, Chama
7. International UFO Museum, Roswell
8. Billy the Kid Museum, Fort Sumner
9. White Sands, Alamogordo
10. Gila Cliff Dwellings



## *International Balloon Fiesta*

Most people take advantage of New Mexico on the ground, but avid balloonists seize opportunity in the air. Year-round hot-air balloon events occur statewide in Albuquerque, Gallup, Farmington, Taos, Angel Fire, and White Sands National Monument near Alamogordo. The grand daddy of them all is in October when Albuquerque hosts the International Balloon Fiesta. Thousands of spectators watch in the early morning hours as hundreds of balloons take off in the "Mass Ascension." The festival began in 1972, and since that time has grown to become the world's largest hot air balloon event. Contests include Key Grab (where pilots race to inflate, ascend, and be the first to grab the keys suspended from the 30-foot 'keypole') Field Target (where balloonists attempt to drop an object onto a ground target from high altitude) and Time & Distance competitions. Balloons of innovative shape and design can be seen every year. Some are comical, while others may be clever and charming floating advertisements for their sponsors.

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## *The New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries*

The New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL) is a very active organization and provides a forum for the discussion of common goals and communication among the academic libraries of New Mexico. It shares resources, services, and information for the benefit of students and faculty in New Mexico's higher education institutions, and search for solutions to common problems. It worked hard for the state-wide bond issue that provided \$16 million for academic, public, and school libraries.



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## *Charlene Greenwood*

### New Mexico Library Association Rep to MPLA

Charlene was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in nearby Herndon, Virginia when it was a small suburb. She attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg and the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. In 1967 she came to New Mexico for a year or two. Now 36 years later she still resides in Albuquerque and still loves this “Land of Enchantment.”

Her father, who was a devoted library user, always wanted her to become a librarian and she told him “no way.” Then she got a summer clerical job while still in high school in the Washington, D.C. Public Library. She worked there in various capacities for three summers. She then decided to become a school librarian.

She started with the Albuquerque Public Schools in 1967 and retired in 1997 with almost 26 years (with time off to have children). She started working in a high school and then changed to elementary where she worked in four schools mostly in low socioeconomic areas. She even did stints as a substitute which was a real learning experience. In 1989 after receiving a Masters in Educational Administration from the University of New Mexico she moved into “Central Office” and finished her career there as the Director of Library Services. The district was the 27th largest in the U.S. and had 120 schools. She was involved in district library acquisition, cataloging, training, four special district libraries, hardware and software maintenance, a graphics department, a radio station, and two television stations.

Upon retiring she became more active in the New Mexico Library Association – becoming vice president and then president. She had served in various other capacities since 1990. She became the first NMLA representative to MPLA in 1999.

She also thought she would do a “little” consulting in retirement and has been working primarily with the NM State Library – Tribal Libraries Program for three years. This involves traveling to the Pueblo libraries and helping in various capacities. The largest project has been helping them become automated. This meant a lot of retrospective cataloging. She loves this work and also the travel that it entails.

In her “spare time” she has become consumed with scrapbooking albums with preservation in mind. She has about 40 years worth to do. Also there are 16 grandchildren which means lots of pictures. And of course as a librarian she loves to read.



### *The New Mexico Library Association is in its 80<sup>th</sup> year and...*

- Is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the support and promotion of libraries and the development of library personnel.
- Provides opportunities for professionals to meet with other professionals.
- Serves as a connection to colleagues and interested citizens working to enhance the availability and quality of library service throughout New Mexico.
- Sponsors an annual conference which brings nationally prominent figures and recognized experts to present ideas relevant to libraries and their management.

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## *Quotable Facts about New Mexico Libraries*

- ❖ Public libraries reported that the number of books and serials in their collections total 4,096,360 items. Audio materials numbered 117,069 and the number of videos totaled 71,812.
- ❖ The number of registered library cardholders in the state numbered 1,021,800.
- ❖ Public library staff answered more than 1,002,568 reference questions.
- ❖ Total number of library materials that were borrowed by public library customers totaled 8,052,815. If people had to purchase those items, it would cost them approximately \$24,000,000!
- ❖ The typical weekly number of users of electronic resources in public libraries total 68,106.
- ❖ Computer workstations dedicated for public access use at public libraries in New Mexico numbered 968 - approximately 731 Internet-ready computers available for the general public.
- ❖ The average school library books and audio-visual expenditures per New Mexico Student in 1999 averaged \$10.84
- ❖ The average age of elementary school library materials dates around 1978; for middle/junior high school library collections, the average age dates 1981; and the average age for high school library collections dates 1982.
- ❖ In 2002, approximately 43 percent of school library media staff is certified.
- ❖ Research shows that teaching information and library skills significantly contribute to students scoring 10-18% higher on standardized tests than schools without such programs.

### *New Mexico Library Tidbits*

- \* 70 Public libraries
- \* 750 School libraries
- \* 160 Special libraries
- \* 44 Academic libraries
- \* 5.2 books average circulation annually for every resident from public libraries
- \* \$16 million for public, school, and academic libraries passed in a recent state-wide election
- \* Albuquerque has the state's largest public library
- \* The Albuquerque/Bernalillo Library System is using Smart Cards
- \* Farmington is about to open the newest library
- \* Keith Curry Lance of the famous "Colorado Study" completed a study of school libraries in New Mexico.



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- Produces a newsletter to keep people up to date on places, trends, and opportunities throughout the state.
- Supplies continuing education grants which enable members to attend workshops.
- Has a legislative network promoting library legislation concerning funding, network development, confidentiality of circulation records, and other issues important to libraries.
- Recognizes outstanding efforts by librarians, trustees and friends through an awards program.
- Is the backbone of statewide planning efforts, including the Coordinated Library Systems of New Mexico, which will help to build cooperative resource sharing among libraries.
- Bestows the "Land of Enchantment Book Award" to promote reading and library awareness among children.



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## *New Mexico State Library History*

From “New Mexico State Library: Sixty Years of Service 1929-1989”  
by Daryl A. Black

It is not clear when the first “public” library came into existence in New Mexico, but at the Territorial Convention in 1849, precise instructions were given to the delegate representing NM in the Congress of the United States. They stated, “That he ask the necessary appropriations from Congress for the erection of territorial and county buildings; for a library at the capital for the use of the government...” However, an article written in the November 14, 1863 *New Mexican* describes what may have been the first library located in the territory’s capital:

*“Our post master, has opened, adjoining the post office, a reading room, in which he has a choice selection of books, Spanish, and English, scientific, historical and miscellaneous. He receives weekly, from the states, by mail and express, a full supply of magazines and newspapers. His rooms are very pleasant and elegantly fitted up. His enterprise is a new one in Santa Fe. It is very different from the fandangos, and much less expensive...The one occupies the feet and lower sentiments, the other the intellect and higher nature. The one brings a person in contact with ‘all sorts’ of the living, and the other with the thoughts, knowledge and reasonings of the ‘mighty dead’...In the reading room and library, the intellectual princes, great thinkers and wise men, discourse through their works, to the mental, proud and immortal being of man’s nature.”*

The introduction of the railroad brought more people and more interest in libraries to the state. These fledgling collections were being established independently from the State Library Extension Service which was developing long a separate evolutionary line.

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In 1909, the New Mexico Education Association passed a resolution calling for the establishment of school libraries. The Board of Education saw the potential of sample books distributed by publishers as a way of creating a free core collection for shipment to schools. "Traveling libraries" or boxes of these books were sent to schools as early as 1909. They were sent for a two month period to any teacher who would guarantee shipping charges.

The Federation of Women's Clubs were boxing books from their own library extension service headquarters at the University of NM. By 1921, there was heavy demand and the search began for legislative funding.

The New Mexico Library Association had been formed with assistance from the ALA in 1929. One of the first major pieces of legislation the Association considered was a proposal to officially establish the State Library Extension Service. Thus, the State Library Extension Service was at long last a reality (Housed in the Museum).

From these early beginnings has evolved a state library that now has:

- A new building with 100,000 square feet opened in 1998
- A staff of 60 within 7 bureaus
- Bookmobiles serving the rural areas with 132 stops
- Books by mail offered to rural residents without library services
- SALSA (System-wide Access to Libraries in State Agencies) Consortium Project that is the online catalog of shared resources
- Technology Institute – Thanks to a U.S. Library Training Program Grant for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
- Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has launched its own recording program
- A great web page
- The Hitchhiker Newsletter – weekly through e-mail and hard copy
- State-wide youth reading program
- PR especially for "Celebrate New Mexico's Libraries Month" – April

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### *The New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries*

In February 1999, State Librarian Ben Wakashige asked leaders in the education and library profession to come together to create a task force to discuss the status of libraries in New Mexico's schools. Since that time library supporters from throughout the state have come together and accomplished amazing things:

- \* Conducted a survey to determine the status of school libraries
- \* Supported a survey by Keith Curry Lance that aligned with his well known findings in the "Colorado Study"
- \* Created standards for school libraries through the NM Library Association
- \* Developed curriculum for school libraries
- \* Created an award for outstanding school libraries given by the NM Library Association
- \* Worked toward a state-wide bond issue that gave \$7.7 million for school libraries (of \$16 million for school, public, and academic)

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# Famous New Mexicans

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## Actors and Artists

Michael Blake - Author of *Dances with Wolves*  
Neil Patrick Harris - Doogie Howser, M.D.  
Greer Garson - Academy Award Winner  
William Hanna - Cartoonist  
Bill Mauldin - Political Cartoonist  
Demi Moore - Actress  
Burl Ives - Musician  
Michael Martin Murphy - Western singer  
Mike Judge - Creator of Beavis and Butt-head  
Georgia O'Keeffe - Well-known artist  
Peter Hurd - Painter, famous for portrait of LBJ  
Buddy Holly - Musician  
Roger Miller - Singer/Songwriter  
Henrietta Wyeth - Member of Wyeth family of artists  
Bo Diddly - Singer/Songwriter  
Vivian Vance - Actress-  
Sidekick of Lucille Ball  
Glen Campbell - Singer  
Slim Pickens - actor  
John Denver - Singer  
Val Kilmer - Actor



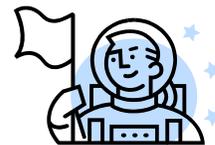
## Athletes

Nancy Lopez - Golf Hall of Fame with LPGA  
Ben Abruzzo & Maxie Anderson - Balloonists  
Al, Al, Jr. and Bobby Unser - Famous race car family  
Steve Ontiveros - Pitcher with the Oakland A's  
Mike Smith - Nation's top jockey  
Ralph Kiner - National League Home Run King/  
New York Nets announcer  
Jim Everett - Football Player San Diego Chargers  
Don Meredith - Former Dallas Cowboy  
Bobby Foster - Former World Heavyweight  
Champion  
Cathy Carr - swimmer, Olympic medalist, swim-  
ming hall of fame inductee.  
Trent Dimas - Olympic Gold Medal Gymnast  
Jim Plunkett—Oakland Raider Quarter-  
back  
Roger Staubach - Quarterback for  
Dallas Cowboys



## Space Program and Science

Harrison J. Schmitt - Moon  
walker & former U.S.  
Senator  
Clyde Tombaugh - Discovered Pluto  
J. Robert Oppenheimer - Head of Manhattan  
Project which developed Atomic Bomb  
Robert H. Goddard - Developed world's first  
liquid-fuel rocket  
Murray Gell-Mann - Scientist who coined the  
term "quark"  
Milton Livingston - Built Cyclotron-the first atom  
smasher  
Edgar D. Michell - Apollo 13 Astronaut



## Native American Authors and Artists

N. Scott Momaday - *House Made of Dawn*  
R.C. Gorman - Navajo artist  
Simon Ortiz - Acoma Pueblo poet  
Leslie Marmon Silko - Laguna Pueblo author of  
*Ceremony*  
Luci Tapahonso - Navajo Poet  
Maria and Julian Martinez - Famous San  
Ildefonso potters  
Pablita Velarde - Santa Clara Pueblo painter  
T.C. Canon - Award winning artist  
Allan Houser - Award winning sculptor

## Hispanic Authors and Artists

Rudolfo Anaya  
Patrocinio Barela - Woodcarver  
Maria Benetiz - Flamenco dancer  
Edward Gonzales - Artist  
Fray Angelico Chavez - *My Penitente Land*

## Other New Mexican Authors

Richard Bradford - *Red Sky at Morning*  
Willa Cather - *Death Comes for the Archbishop*  
Tony Hillerman - Award winning author

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- Tribal Libraries Program is unique and the first of its kind in the nation to provide specialized library development services to tribal communities on a state-wide basis
- Consulting services
- Technical support to provide on-site trouble shooting and training
- Librarian certification
- Magazines online for public libraries and middle and high school libraries
- State aid to public libraries
- Online reference questions

**Mission:** *The New Mexico State Library assures that all New Mexicans have the information they need, when and how they need it. Its motto is "Leadership, Service, Access."*

Established by the State Legislature in 1929, the New Mexico State Library has a unique leadership role among the state's various libraries: public, school, tribal, academic, and special. Using state and federal financial aid, library consulting services, technical and informational backup support, training, and professional development, the State Library encourages local library service. It also extends direct service to those portions of the state's population that require special assistance, such as library service to rural areas and the visually and physically impaired. The State Library holds state and federal documents with information about government and government programs, Southwest resources, and collections of materials of special interest to other libraries, state agencies, and the general public.



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Paul Horgan - *Great River-The Rio Grande in North American History*  
Oliver LaFarge - Pulitzer Prize Winner for *Laughing Boy*  
John Maddox Roberts - Author of 'Conan the Barbarian' series  
Mark Medoff - *Children of a Lesser God*  
John Nichols - *Milagro Beanfield War*  
Jack Schaefer - *Shane*  
Marc Simmons - Author & Historian  
Teresa Kalab Smith - Author and illustrator of over 20 children's books  
Judith Van Gieson - Mystery Novel Author  
Lew Wallace - *Ben Hur*

### ***Old West Characters***

Buffalo Bill Cody - Showman famous for his wild west show  
Gen. John (Blackjack) Pershing - Served as cavalry officer in the 1880's  
Gen. Douglas MacArthur - World War II hero  
Elfego Baca-Wild west lawman  
William Bonney—"Billy the Kid" - New Mexico's most infamous outlaw  
Pat Garrett - Lincoln County Sheriff who killed Billy the Kid

### ***Other Famous New Mexicans***

Ralph Bunche - Nobel Peace Prize winner  
Manuel Lujan, Jr. - Secretary of Interior during Bush administration  
Miguel Trujillo - Isleta Pueblo activist-campaigned to win Indians the vote  
Richard Wetherill - Leader of first expedition party to excavate Chaco Canyon  
Katherine Ortega - Former U.S. Treasurer  
Ernie Pyle - World War II correspondent  
Ralph Edwards - Gave Truth or Consequences its name  
Conrad Hilton - Founder of the Hilton Hotel chain  
Ernest Thompson Seton - Author, naturalist, artist, co-founder of the Boy Scouts  
Francine Neff - Secretary of the Treasury, Nixon administration  
Smokey Bear

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# Around the MPLA Region

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## Arizona



### **Chandler Public Library Director Karen Drake Retires -**

Karen Drake, Chandler Public Library Director, recently retired after 27 seven years of service to her community. A reception celebrating her many accomplishments and contributions to her community was held on August 7. Marybeth Gardner, Chandler Public Librarian, paid a glowing tribute to Drake, emphasizing how Drake was so creative and inspired creativity in others. Gardner began her remarks with a quote from Robert Frost, "Create and stir other people to create." The Library's new coffee shop, *Pages*, was dedicated to Karen at the end of the festivities.

Ms. Drake was the driving force behind the "One Book Arizona" project, which has become an annual event in the state. She also was a champion for literacy activities in her community. The next phase in her life involves a new consulting business that will focus on assisting non-profit organizations with planning, organizational and program development, grant writing and administration, fund development, and board training.

### **Chandler Public Library Opens Coffee Shop -**

The Chandler Public Library's Downtown branch recently became the first public library in the Phoenix area to have its own coffee shop, *Pages*. In addition

to coffee and other specialty drinks, *Pages* also sells homemade fudge, gifts, greeting cards, and school supplies in an atmosphere that has given the local Starbucks some competition. Operated by the Friends of the Chandler Public Library, *Pages* sold over 400 cups of coffee during its first two weeks of operation. The new shop was the result of a partnership between the Friends and the City of Chandler. The City paid for renovations to the Downtown library, while the Friends provided the funding for the coffee makers, etc.

### **Scottsdale Public Libraries Named Best City Service -**

Readers of *Scottsdale Life Magazine* recently named the Scottsdale Public Library System the best "City Service." The City's recycling and garbage pick-up ranked second, followed by police services.

### **\$1.5 Million Donation to Benefit University of Arizona Library School -**

A \$1.5 million gift commitment to the University of Arizona Foundation has been established through the estate plans of Duane and Linda Whitaker. The gift is part of "Campaign Arizona," the University's \$1 billion fund raising effort. The Whitaker's contribution will be used to create three endowed professorships in the University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS). Linda Whitaker is a 2002 SIRLS graduate and is a

project archivist in Special Collections at the main library. Her husband, Dr. Duane Whitaker, graduated from the U of A medical school in 1979. He is a faculty member at the University of Iowa College of Medicine and a strong supporter of the University of Arizona. "I am thrilled by the Whitaker's incredibly generous gift. It will ensure that we are able to bring people who are at the top of the library and information sciences field to the University of Arizona," said SIRLS Director Brook Sheldon.



## Colorado

### **Colorado Association of Libraries Endorses ALA Patriot Act Resolution -**

At their meeting on August 1, 2003, the members of the Executive Board of the Colorado Association of Libraries unanimously voted to endorse the ALA resolution on the USA Patriot Act.

### **Bookworkers Guild Holds Annual Conference in Denver -**

The Guild of Bookworkers, a not-for-profit membership organization that promotes the book arts, will hold its annual national conference, *Standards of Excellence*, in Denver, Oct. 23-26, 2003. For more information contact Karen Jones at [dk5jones@comcast.net](mailto:dk5jones@comcast.net) or 303/458-5944. For more information on the Guild see <http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/gbw>

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**24/7 Virtual Reference Debuts** - On September 2 the "AskColorado" collaborative virtual reference service was launched for all Colorado citizens and students to use. Library staff throughout Colorado have been working together for more than a year to make the vision of 24/7 online library reference service a reality. So far, 43 public, academic, school and special libraries are involved in this project, with a goal of answering over 10,000 questions in the first year. To access "AskColorado" go to <http://www.askcolorado.org>.

**National Award for YA Reading Program** - The Pikes Peak Library District was one of 25 winners of the Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults award given by YALSA for the 2002 Summer Reading Program, "Xtreme." The program will be written up in the next edition of the book by that name and the library will receive the award at ALA next year.

**Elizabeth Morrissett, 82, Dies** - Elizabeth Morrissett died in Boulder, Colorado on July 19. Beginning her career in 1945, she worked at Antioch College, the University of California at Berkeley, University of Colorado, Auraria Library in Denver, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology in Butte, Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage, and at the Alaska State Library in Juneau until 1991. She was a founding member of the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association.

Among her professional interests were civil rights, peace, the environment, and access to government documents.

**Newspaper Project Receives Grant** - The Colorado Digitization Program (CDP), Colorado State Library and Colorado Historical Society received a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$120,000 to begin the process of digitizing Colorado's historic newspapers from 1859-1880. Initially forty-four newspapers representing more than 50,000 pages will be included in Colorado's Historical Newspaper Collection.

The project will use Olive Software's ActivePaper ArchiveT that is specifically designed to handle historic newspapers. It is the intent of the project partners that Colorado's Historical Newspaper Collection will eventually include papers through 1923, a total of 1,640,000 pages. The Collection is being created from the microfilm collection held by the Colorado Historical Society.



**One-Book - One Lincoln** The Nebraska Library Commission will host one of the "One Book--One Lincoln" book discussions. The discussion of Ann Patchett's novel, *Bel Canto*, will be held at the Nebraska Library Commission. Nebraska library staff and board members are encouraged to join other members

of the community in discussing *Bel Canto*.

"One Book - One Lincoln" is a community reading program co-sponsored by Lincoln City Libraries and the Lincoln *Journal Star* newspaper. The program encourages all adults in Lincoln and Lancaster County to read and discuss the same book at the same time. The goal of the program is to encourage reading and dialogue by creating a community wide reading and discussion experience. In the fall of 2002, thousands of Lincolnites read *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf. For 2003, Ann Patchett's award-winning novel *Bel Canto* was selected for the second city-wide reading experience. Copies of the title are available at Lincoln City Libraries in hardback, paperback, large type, Spanish, audiocassette, and compact disc formats.

**Panhandle Library System Provides LearnATest Database** - All public libraries with online access in Nebraska's Panhandle Library System will receive a free one-year subscription to the LearnATest database, paid for by the System. This is a community resource that provides sample tests for patrons taking exams for a variety of positions, or for those wishing to improve math and grammar skills. High School librarians will be able to refer their students to the local public library. The LearnATest database contains the same materials available in test preparation books, and includes time restrictions, scoring

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an feedback. After one year, the library may decide whether to continue the subscription.

**Law Librarians Present Workshop** - On August 1, law librarians at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln's Schmid Law Library presented two sessions of a workshop entitled: "Basic Legal Reference & Collection Development for Public and Correction Librarians." The 3-hour workshop addressed questions such as: What are the basics of legal reference? How do you read a legal citation? What's on the Internet that could help you assist patrons involved in legal research? What legal resources should you have in your reference collection?

**Patriot Act Workshop** - On October 14 and 15 at the Alliance Public Library and Oshkosh Public Library, respectively, Pam Scott from the Nebraska Library Commission will present a program on the USA Patriot Act. In addition, Ms. Scott will also address topics such as confidentiality and privacy policies. This presentation is offered in response to questions librarians have such as: Has my institution addressed the USA Patriot Act in policy and procedure? Has my institution taken a privacy audit? What should my staff and trustees be doing to address these areas and others related to privacy?

**Grant for Wireless Mobile Network** - The Nebraska State Records Board awarded the Nebraska Library Commission a \$25,000 grant to purchase a wireless mobile network and implement Community Informa-

tion Technology Fairs in rural Nebraska. A network of 12 laptop computers is expanding training opportunities to the more remote, less populated parts of the state as well as being integrated into other training opportunities. The wireless mobile network was first introduced to library personnel, community members, and state legislators at the 2003 Nebraska Library Association Legislative Day in Lincoln. Since then, the equipment has been used in a variety of workshops, training sessions, and recently in Community Information Technology Fairs.

**Western Trails Project** - The Western Trails collaborative grant project, which helps bring together collections of artifacts, documents, maps, photographs and publications, is in full swing. Nebraska local participants have created master images for their artifacts and documents. They plan to complete their projects this fall by creating images for Web viewing, as well as thumbnail images and metadata records for the Nebraska database. To read more about the Nebraska Western Trails Project, see: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/westertrails/about.html>

**Nancy Busch Takes Position with University of Nebraska Lincoln** - Nebraska Library Commission Deputy Director Nancy Busch recently resigned her position with the Library Commission to serve as Associate Dean and Professor of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Busch served as the Commission's Deputy Directory

since 1989, and was Nebraska's first regional library system administrator, directing the Panhandle Library System from 1978 to 1983.

**Many Faces, One Voice... Enriching Our Profession** will be the theme of the 2003 Nebraska Library Association (NLA)/Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) conference held in Omaha on October 29-31. Additional information about the conference can be found at <http://www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2003/>.

**Carol Connor Honored for 25 Years as Library Director** - Carol J. Connor, Lincoln City Libraries Director, reports that she has NOT retired, as announced in an August issue of *LJ Hotline*. Rather, the Library Foundation held a reception in honor of her 25th Anniversary as Library Director. "It was a great day!" she said, "but it was not my retirement....I'm still here and will be for a while."

**Technology Training Institute** - The Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) will be holding a Technology Training Institute on Saturday, September 20 at South Sioux City Middle School. Sessions will cover: Search Training: Online Databases; Digital Video & Editing with iMovie; Library Web Page Development for Beginners; and Get Inspired with Inspiration. For more information see: <http://nema.k12.ne.us/techinformation.pdf>

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# Nevada

## *Nevada Census*

**Information Online** - Historical information about Nevadans from the 1860 to 1920 Federal Census is now available to the public online at the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs website: [www.NevadaCulture.org](http://www.NevadaCulture.org).

Nevada is the first state to have all its federal manuscript census data available electronically. The State Historic Preservation Office, an agency of the Department of Cultural Affairs, worked with Associate Professor Ken Fliess at the UNR Anthropology Department for nearly a decade to complete this project. Unlike other indexes that simply list people's names, this database includes all the information recorded by the census enumerators. It is possible, for example, to identify everyone from a certain ethnic group or track people who lived at a specific property. Students and educators will find this new resource useful.

"Nevada is known for having a dynamic demographic history because of its economy and its growth patterns," Dr. Fliess said. "The state's population has grown and declined more dramatically than in most if not all states. The comprehensive encoding of this information creates remarkable opportunity for research."

The first documentation of the western half of the Great Basin occurred in 1860 when it was part of the Utah Territory.

Southern Nevada, at the time part of New Mexico Territory, escaped the attention of the census enumerators who neglected to cross the Colorado. The 1890 census was destroyed in a warehouse fire in 1921, so this project does not include that year. The project includes information on about 310,000 people documented in 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920.

**Washoe County Law Library, Reno** - The Washoe County Law Library is offering a new Internet resource aimed at helping people access legal information and a guide to free and low-cost legal services. The website contains information about consumer and business law, financial issues, employment and disability law, family law, government benefits and dispute resolution, among other topics. It also contains research tips, legal definitions and a place to find legal forms and a listing of more than 50 agencies that provide some type of legal service or help with law-related issues.

The legal information can be found at: [www.co.washoe.nv.us](http://www.co.washoe.nv.us). Click on "Departments" and then "Law Library." The site, Legal Electronic Assistance for Nevadans or LEAN, is listed under the Resources heading

**Western Nevada Community College, Carson City** - The new Joe Dini Library and Student Center at Western Nevada Community College will not open until the spring semester, leaving time for the library staff to move all its supplies into the

new building over the winter break. The 35,000-square-foot building was funded by the 1999 Legislature and will be the college's first free-standing library and student center. The bottom floor of the building will be the student center with a weight room, lounge, Internet cafe and game room. The top floor of the building will be dedicated to the library, converting it to 23,000 square feet from the 8,000 feet it now occupies. Box lights in the ceiling allow sunlight to filter in indirectly so as not to damage any of the books or materials. The center of the library leads to a window that stretches from floor to ceiling with a view overlooking Carson City.

**Las Vegas Clark County Library District Chosen Gale/LJ Library of the Year** - The Las Vegas - Clark County Library District serves 1.5 million people with only 24 branch libraries. The reason LVCCLD can spend 20 percent on materials and invest heavily in technology is that it is a newer system with fewer libraries, which means less expense and fewer service points per circulation.

Because of their expressed demand in the planning process, citizens can now apply and get a library card, browse the catalog, request to borrow and renew items from the collections, search licensed databases and sources, access their own individual accounts, and ask reference questions online from any computer with Internet access.

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The LVCCLD web site received awards from the Technology Business Alliance of Nevada for its integration with the library's service program. LVCCLD will be the first in the nation to install a kind of reserve software on the library system that will interface with credit and debit cards so library users can use them to pay for printing, fines, rentals, and the like.

LVCCLD has a long tradition of aiding staff development and of supporting the growth and promotion of staff members. The heads of the divisions of LVCCLD for public services and collection development are "home-grown" professionals who started as pages. The library district contributed to their MLS degrees. It provides funding for staff to study for both BAs and the MLS.

The major challenges to its library are the instant growth and great diversity of Las Vegas and Clark County. The population increased 100,000 in the month during the judging of this award. It is increasingly diverse. That growth and diversity create heavy demands. The library, now organized to be fast and flexible, knows how to study the desires of a changing population and how to change fast to meet them.

***Off the Wall & Online, Las Vegas*** - *Off the Wall and Online: Providing Web Access to Cultural Collections* is the theme of a conference to be held November 4-5, 2003 The Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The two-day conference presented by the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) is a pre-conference to the Museum Computer Network's 2003 Conference. It will explore digitization for collections management and education in museums and other cultural institutions of all sizes. It is designed for museums and other cultural institutions that are digitizing or planning to digitize collections for collections management, education, or both. The conference is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). NEDCC also receives financial support for its field service activities from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The conference is co-sponsored by the Museum Computer Network, the Historic New Orleans Collection and the Balboa Art Conservation Center. Registration information for the conference is available on NEDCC's Web site at [www.nedcc.org](http://www.nedcc.org).

## North Dakota

***Bird Watching in Two Libraries*** - Alfred Dickey Public Library in Jamestown and Carrington City Library are among the beneficiaries of an effort to get children started on the pleasures of bird watching. Birding Drive Dakota and the Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge donated

birding books, CDs, and binoculars to both libraries.

***Bismark Library Raises \$700,000*** - In 2001, Bismarck, Public Library began a campaign to raise one million dollars. Although it turned out to be unfortunate timing due to the World Trade Center attacks and the volatility of the markets, the campaign has raised \$700,000. Despite being short of the original goal, Library director Tom Jones and the library foundation board decided to close out the campaign. As Jones said, "You can't run a campaign forever... we're pleased to have a good base to work with. It's positive for the library because it is publicly funded and to have this kind of private support is a good step."

***Minot Public Holds Harry Potter Day*** - The Minot Public Library hosted Harry Potter Day in June to celebrate the release of the fifth Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J.K. Rowling. Children's Librarian Paulette Nelson dressed up as a witch and organized a variety of activities for Harry Potter fans.

***Writing Family History Seminar*** - The Garrison Public Library and Centennial Book Committee cosponsored a seminar for writing family history on June 18. Cathy A. Langemo and JoAnn B. Winistorfer, authors of *Tracing Your Dakota Roots: A Guide to Genealogical Research in the Dakotas*, led the seminar and discussed oral interviewing techniques, approaches for writing a history, organizing materials, and more.

***Electronic Document Project Begins*** - Currently over seventy state agencies are publishing documents over the Internet because of greater accessibility and cost efficiency. Since preserving these documents is imperative to the state, the North Dakota State Library has begun using an automated webspider to retrieve important documents from the Internet. The State Library received a grant from the North Dakota Library coordinating Council in 2002, to purchase a computer with sufficient memory. Project coordinator is Virginia Bjornes. When the documents are retrieved, they will be cataloged and made available for

viewing on the North Dakota State Library's online catalog at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>

***Historical Society Sale*** - The State Historical Society of North Dakota held its 11<sup>th</sup> annual sale June 3-5 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. Items for sale included unique collectibles, prints, books, posters, and magazines, dating from the 1800s to the present. Some items were individually priced and others were sold by silent auction. Proceeds will be used to purchase materials for the collection of the State Historical Society.

## Oklahoma



***“Read Y’ALL” Literacy Campaign*** - The Read Y’All state-wide literacy campaign, which kicked off in April with a poster of Governor and Mrs. Brad Henry, will soon be releasing a second poster featuring the rock music group *The Flaming Lips*. T-shirts and pins are also available. Contact the Oklahoma Library Association for more information see [www.oklibs.org/](http://www.oklibs.org/).



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**Library Association Archives Consolidated** - The Oklahoma Library Association (OLA) archives, which have been scattered among several locations for many years, are about to find a new home. An agreement with Oklahoma State University (OSU) has been approved by the OLA board that will bring all of OLA's accumulated records together in a documents annex of the OSU library in Stillwater.

**Planning for Centennial** - 2007 will be the centennial of both the state of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Library Association (OLA). OLA's Centennial Committee has been hard at work since 2001 on plans that will make Oklahoma libraries a vital, visible part of the state celebration and will also give OLA a memorable celebration a beginning to a new century. A Centennial Endowment Committee was created during the past year with the goal of raising one million dollars by 2007. Of that amount, \$750,000 will be for an endowment fund to help fund prominent conference and workshop speakers, scholarships, continuing education and leadership development programs, forge partnerships, and respond quickly to major changes and challenges. \$250,000 will go toward providing a permanent home office for OLA.

**Copyright and Other Workshops** - Among the coming workshops planned by OLA is "Copyright Law in the Digital Age," featuring national copy-

right authority Laura Gasaway. Three sessions will be offered: December 10, at the Norman Public Library; December 11, at the Stillwater Public Library; and December 12, at Rose State College in Midwest City. Attendance is limited, so early registration is advised. Other planned workshops include: "Storytelling @ Your Library," November 19, in Tulsa; and "The Database Do-Si-Do: How to Make Electronic Resources Your Library Partners," January 30, at Rose State College in Midwest City. Check the OLA web site for more information: [www.oklibs.org/](http://www.oklibs.org/).

## South Dakota



On August 16, Rapid City Public Library presented a program featuring Spearfish school librarian Sheila Hansen. Sheila spoke in Washington, DC this spring about how a visit to the Holocaust Museum has affected her life. Two years after visiting the museum in 1995, she went to Europe and visited concentration camps. She used these experiences to be a leader in Holocaust education. She also created a book, *Testimonies from the Midwest: SD WWII Veterans and the Concentration Camps*. Sheila, along with her classes, spearheaded the project "Fallen Sons and Daughters of South Dakota in WWII," a series of volumes telling the stories of more than 2000 South Dakota casualties.

**A New Hampshire Book Connection, You Say?** - Nancy Cayford, Dublin, NH, is a retired artist who founded the Friends of the Ogallala Lakota, a nonprofit organization working to improve life for Native Americans on the Pine Ridge reservation. The Friends have collected books for nine libraries on the Pine Ridge reservation for the past two years. This fall, they are ready to ship more than 3,000 books in time for the new school year. About one quarter of the books have Native American themes. Books are checked against a web site, [oyate.org](http://oyate.org), to insure the books are not offensive children's literature. In an article published in the *Sioux Falls Argus Leader* (August 17, 2003), Cayford comments that she hopes these efforts will help children to dream of what could be and what they could do.

**Summer Reading Celebrations** - Libraries across the state completed their summer season with parties and performances.

The Grace Balloch Memorial Library, Spearfish, presented *A Dragon Mystery*, a "Dragons are Too Seldom" Puppets Production.

Rawlins Public Library, Pierre, hosted Calamity Jane (Glenda Bell) and Barbwire (Barb Fisher) and their historical Western show.

The joint Arts Council/State Library program, Solo Artists in Libraries (SAIL) had another successful year with actor Tom

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Roberts, poet Candy Hamilton, textile artist Greta Bodogaard, clay sculptor, Randall Blaze, and singer Gordy Pratt (Fabulous One Guy) among the artists conducting workshops for children in area small libraries.

**State's First Lady supports Reading** - South Dakota's First Lady, Jean Rounds, declared her support for the Laura Bush program, encouraging parents to "Reach Out and Read." She has been traveling around the state with the Governor's "Capitol for a Day" program, visiting city libraries and conducting story-times for area children. Afterward, she hands out little cloth goodie bags to all of the children that participate.

**"One-Book" Program for South Dakota** - South Dakota's Center for the Book announced a new program, "All South Dakota Reads." This is based on the "One Book" concept, aimed at getting the entire state reading the same book. The book selected is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. Books and speakers are made available to local libraries that wish to participate. This program has been well received with over 25 libraries signing up to participate on very short notice. Look for this program to grow in coming years.



**State Librarian Retires** - Amy Owen, Utah State Librarian has retired after 35 years of service. Among her accomplishments

are the reorganization of the State Library Division in 1987, author of "Exploiting Information Technologies," a chapter in *State Library Services and Issues* edited by Charles McClure, joint author of ALA library planning manual, *Planning and Role Setting for Public Libraries*, and leadership of a 3-year study of Utah's public library facilities, the *21st Century Library Needs Assessment*. She served as President of various organizations including the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), the Utah Library Association (ULA), and the Board of Trustees of the Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR). She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) and served as chair of the Utah Humanities Council.

## Wyoming



**Laramie County Library Receives National Award** - The Laramie County Library System (LCLS) recently received a national honor for its service to teens and young adults. Presented by the Young Adult Library Services division of the American Library Association, the library is one of only 25 winners selected from around the country to receive recognition for the Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults Project.

LCLS won for "Home Pages," a young adult book club for homeschoolers. The program began at the library in January

2002, providing opportunities for home school students and their families to participate in activities that support home school curricula including book discussion groups, author visits and special programs.

The library will receive a cash stipend and be included in the fourth edition of the book "Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults," set to be published in the spring of 2004. "Home Pages" was created through an identified need to offer programming for homeschooled teens that supplemented home curriculums, familiarized them with literature outside of their normal studies and introduced library services and materials. Participants meet monthly September through May to discuss the selection or join a special program. When an author or guest speaker visits, the young adults explore the process of writing at a professional level or create artwork related to a specific title. The award was started by the ALA in 1993, with funding from the Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust.

**Karen Lange at Laramie County Community College** - Karen Lange is the new Director of the Laramie County Community College Library. She began her library career in high school, working for the Riverton Branch Library. After earning her MLS from the University of Denver, she worked at Sheridan College, the Denver Research Institute, Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado,

and 13 years at the University of Wyoming.

**Wyoming Inventors Database** - The *Outrider*, a publication of the Wyoming State Library, reports that the newly completed Wyoming Inventors Database makes Wyoming one of only two states with all of its patents in a searchable database. It contains 4,719 patents issued to persons within the current Wyoming boundaries from 1867 to July 2003. The first patent on the list belongs to Capt. Anson Mills, a soldier in the 18th Infantry stationed at Fort Bridger, Utah Territory. The patent was issued on Aug. 20, 1867, for an improvement to cartridge belts. The database will be updated monthly and can be searched by name, city and date. Subject or title searches may be added later. The database can be accessed at [cowgirl.state.wy.us/inventor](http://cowgirl.state.wy.us/inventor).



Judy Zelenski edited this issue of the MPLA Newsletter, filling in for regular Editor Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson who is on maternity leave.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS-2003

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| Sept. 24-27 | <b>North Dakota</b> Library Association Conference, Bismarck             |
| Oct. 1-4    | <b>Wyoming</b> Library Association Conference, Sheridan                  |
| Oct. 15-17  | <b>South Dakota</b> Library Association Conference, Sioux Falls          |
| Oct. 16-19  | 2nd Annual <b>Colorado</b> Association of Libraries Conference, Keystone |
| Oct. 29-31  | <b>Nebraska</b> Library Association/NEMA Conference,                     |

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## UPCOMING MPLA CONFERENCES

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| <b>2003:</b> Nov. 5-8   | North Lake Tahoe (joint with Nevada Library Association) |
| <b>2004:</b> Oct. 20-24 | Denver (joint with Colorado Library Association)         |
| <b>2005:</b> Nov 5-8    | Jackson Hole (joint with Wyoming Library Association)    |
| <b>2006:</b>            | No joint conference--transition year                     |
| <b>2007:</b>            | Albuquerque (joint with New Mexico Library Association)  |

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## Beta Launch - US Public Library Geographic Database

Libraries that are interested in geographic information systems (GIS), are invited to be beta testers for the US Public Library Geographic Database (PLGDB) available through [www.geolib.org](http://www.geolib.org).

The PLGDB includes:

- the locations of 16,000 public libraries;
- select data sets from the US Census best describing potential and actual library customers;
- library use statistics from the National Center for Educational Statistics.

Features listed under 'Coming Soon;' include the ability to print a map of any location in the US; glossaries and metadata; the 'Quicksearch' and search by radius functions. Through libraries' reviews, the most valuable augmentations, enhancements and corrections can be prioritized. There is a feedback button on the opening map page, that provides area for comment. The website will include more information about the latest status and data releases of the National Public Library Geographic Database.

Florida State University's GeoLib Program [www.geolib.org](http://www.geolib.org), is developing the PLGDB. The FSU's Information Institute, [www.ii.fsu.edu](http://www.ii.fsu.edu), partnered on this project. The project is sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. ♦

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