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New Mexico Library Association

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ACRL vice-president - Camila A. Alire, dean of library services for the University of New Mexico, has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). She assumed office following the 2004 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Orlando.

WebJunction New Mexico Launches - New Mexico's version of WebJunction was unveiled on June 25th at the American Library Association in Orlando, Florida. WebJunction New Mexico follows the standard format as the national WebJunction page, but the content of the pages is filled with information that is relevant to librarians in New Mexico. The page was developed by the State Library, but editorial responsibility for the website content will eventually be shared by librarians around the state. The page provides links to educational opportunities, information about technology, and best practices for all library types. New Mexico is one of five WebJunction pilot states.

The Lordsburg-Hidalgo Public Library was listed in February on the National Register of Historic Places. Built during the Great Depression by the WPA, the library features New Mexico's signature Aztec-Pueblo architecture. The Lordsburg-Hidalgo Library is one of only two county libraries in the state.

The New Mexico Library Association is preparing for the 2005 annual meeting in Albuquerque. The 2005 annual meeting's theme is "Libraries Lend A Hand." Submissions for programs are being accepted now. The deadline for session proposals is August 31, 2004. Questions on proposals may be directed to Cassandra Osterloh: osterloh@unm.edu or 505-277-0675.