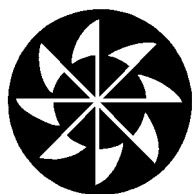


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# Hitchhiker

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## SUMMER READING WRAP-UP

The 2005 season of summer reading programs has come to an end. Comments from libraries around the state about how their programs worked and experiences that they wished to share are coming back to the State Library. Here are a few of them.

Wanda Dozier of Santa Clara Pueblo Community Library took a group of kids to see the printing presses at the Palace of the Governor's Museum, especially New Mexico's first printing press, as part of the "Talking Books" Summer Reading program. The Palace of the Governor's "Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico" was tied into this year's State-wide Summer Reading Program.

When Joyce Pittam of the Woolworth Community Library in Jal heard that the State Library had suggested the "Talking Books" theme for the reading program, she was a little apprehensive. But once they got started on it, they had a blast. "It seemed like the programs were so easy to plan around the theme, and the possibilities were absolutely limitless. The user-friendly CD, the workshops, the presentations at the NMLA conference, and the emails on the listserves helped us plan and execute another successful reading program. All of those things really make our job a lot easier and so much fun. We planned three of our four "fun programs" around things we had gained from the workshops. I look forward to what's in store for next year!"

"Adding Braille to the bookmarks was a plus for our patrons," reports Bella Lucero, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the New Mexico State Library. "Our young patrons all enjoyed the summer reading program and are looking forward to receiving their certificates. The poster and bookmarks were great."

Carlsbad Public Library made use of booktalking, Braille, ASL, and audio books as aspects of the Talking Books theme. Though the program was scaled back drastically to accommodate a library remodeling project which prevented holding programs on site, about half the usual number of children still registered to read and earn prizes. Children's librarian Cassandra Arnold said that it was sweet to watch the youngest patrons use the new Prize Wheel to determine reading prize choices. "Their faces were pictures of anticipation as they breathlessly waited to see which color the arrow would point to when the wheel stopped spinning," she said. "The kids' favorite prize for Talking Books – cherry flavored wax lips!"

Programing at the Bayless Power Library (at the Boys and Girls Club) of Farmington Public Library included Helen Keller and Louis Braille, with readings about modern children with hearing or seeing disabilities. Venaya Yazzie said, "The 2005 Talking Books summer reading program featured using the 'talking books' theme in the literal sense. Our summer program thus involved making handmade books, including: pop-up books, flip books, Braille books, Mad Lib books, fingerprint character books, rebus books, and poetry books. The idea behind the making of these books was that by making and completing the books, the children were able to "talk" about the book by either reading it or by discussion of "how, why and when" it was made. We also introduced members to the language of Braille and will continue to implement activities focused on the language. At each program we learned sign language and did a different technique for a pop-up page. The children enjoyed the games we played with the sign language and the fun pop-ups we learned to make. I created a pop-up page for each biography. We all had a great time."

The Masonic Lodge in some locations got

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involved in the summer reading programs by donating bicycles that the libraries could use as reading incentives. In Eunice the local Masons donated four bicycles to be given away at the certificate party, and one of the Masons was on hand to present them on the day of the party.

The Masonic Lodge of Belen furnished nine bikes for the Summer Program give-away at Bosque Farms Public Library. With three sizes of bikes displayed in the library and each with a “stuffed bear” person on it... a very small patron noticed that the bikes were in a different place each time he came in and asked “How come the bikes don’t stay in the same place?” Sophita Kyhnsen reportedly answered “Because the bears ride them all over the library at night!” “Oh! OK!” was all she heard...(what fun)!

For the first time Socorro Public Library tried luring teens into the summer program. Having the mountain bike prize that the Masons donated helped. There were about four teens that were voracious readers and one of them won the bike in a raffle. Jeanne Griffith says she hopes they will come in during the school year.

One of the winners of the bikes at Los Lunas Public Library has been coming into the library since she was real little. She lost her father last year and they live with the grand parents. Judi Y. Riley-Bensley said that her grandmother was so grateful and stated that the library has been such a positive influence on her girls. “It really made us feel good and we were so happy to see one of our regular patrons win.”

Ami Segna of Alamogordo Public Library reported that during the month of June the library had more items checked out AND more new cardholders than any month in the history of the library!

Carol Day, at the Marshall Memorial Library in Deming, said, “I will remember this Summer Reading Program as the one in which the children were especially helpful and co-operative. I had no lack of willing hands when setting up for the programs and even more important, when it was time to clean up afterward. (NOTE: This was our first SRP in our new building!)”

## BRIEFINGS

### Banned Books Week is September 24 - October

1. The ALA website information for this event can be

found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.htm>. Here is an event planned for Albuquerque at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System. Judith Krug, Director for the American Library Association’s Office of Intellectual Freedom, is the keynote speaker in a panel discussion on censorship of literature, the Patriot Act and media reform. This event will be held on Saturday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library, 501 Copper Ave, NW, Albuquerque 87102; ☎(505) 768-5141. Judith will also be speaking at a reception at Page One Bookstore, SW corner of Juan Tabo and Montgomery Ave, NE on Saturday, September 24, at 7 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thomson Gale workshop.** This workshop will cover the Thomson Gale databases available to New Mexico libraries through New Mexico State Library such as Business and Company Resource Center, Expanded Academic ASAP, also resources for students K-12 and many more. Also, this workshop will include an introduction to the new PowerSearch. PowerSearch is a platform feature that provides users with the ability to search across multiple periodical products, custom products, and Gale’s Virtual Reference Library (VRL). The instructor is LuAnn Harrison, training consultant for Thomson Gale. Attendees should include any library staff, volunteers, and anyone who assists in finding information online and would like to learn more about the Gale databases available through New Mexico State Library. Workshops will be held on the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, November 1, in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library

✓ 9-11:30 a.m.

✓ 1-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, in Socorro at the New Mexico Tech, Skeen Library

✓ 9-11:30 a.m.

✓ 1-3:30 p.m.

Register online at <http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/workshop.htm>. If you cannot register online, call toll-



free 1-800-340-3890 or e-mail [DCA-NMSLLibraryTraining@state.nm.us](mailto:DCA-NMSLLibraryTraining@state.nm.us). All workshops are free of charge. Please note: food and drinks are not provided at trainings conducted or coordinated by the State Library.

**2005 New Mexico Data Users Conference.** The Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) at the University of New Mexico is presenting the 7th annual New Mexico Data Users Conference on November 3 at the University of New Mexico (UNM) Continuing Education Conference Center in Albuquerque on Thursday, November 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Speakers are from a variety of organizations: BBER and the Division of Government Research, both at UNM; the U.S. Census Bureau; Albuquerque Public Schools; and New Mexico Voices for Children. The conference will feature a plenary session, nine breakout sessions and a luncheon presentation. Plenary topics include 2010 decennial census reengineering; an overview of what the Census Bureau does during the nine years between the decennial censuses; a census products update; and an overview of BBER and Census Bureau population estimates. Breakout sessions include details about methods used by BBER to estimate population; analysis of map patterns in demographic data; gross receipts tax data for community economic assessment; the American Fact-Finder web site and decennial census concepts; working poor families in New Mexico, the state of working New Mexico, and Kids Count data; how small business can profit from census information; details about the Census Bureau's American Community Survey; the use of community data for educational decisions and education data that are accessible to the community; and data sources and techniques for analyzing local economies. Larry Waldman from BBER will be the luncheon speaker, presenting a review of New Mexico's recent economic performance and a short-term economic outlook.

In general, the conference will provide attendees with background information about complex socio-economic databases and a sense of how these data are applied in practical situations. Over the years, the Data

Users Conference has become a valued learning experience for businesses, government agencies, service organizations, information providers, and students. Sessions begin in Ballroom C at the UNM Continuing Education Conference Center, 1634 University Blvd. NE. Ample and free parking is available at the Center. Registration is \$45 per person and includes all conference materials, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and a luncheon buffet. For more information and a registration form go to BBER's web site at <http://www.unm.edu/~bber/conference.htm>, or call ☎(505) 277-8300 or 277-3038.

**Offerings.** The online magazine *Santa Fe Poetry Broadside* (see the Web at <http://www.sfpoetry.org>) has published an anthology of poetry selected from the website from 1998-2004. The book is *Just Outside the Frame: Poets From the Santa Fe Poetry Broadside* edited by Miriam Bobkoff & Miriam Sagan. Española, N.M.: Tres Chicas Books, c2005. Some of the poets included are Margo Chavez-Charles, Stella Reed, Melissa White, Leo Romero, John Brandi, Renée Gregorio, Carol Moldaw, Lorraine Schechter, Jay Udall, Laurie Macrae, Donald Levering, Barbara Riley, Kathleen Newroe, J. B. Bryan, Rebecca Seiferle... (Mmmm. There's 55 of them in all. Miriam Bobkoff would like some copies to find homes in New Mexico libraries, and would be happy to give them for free. If you are interested, she asks that you send a mailing address. Reach her by contacting Miriam Bobkoff, Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501; ☎(505) 955-6832 or e-mail work: [mkbobkoff@santafenm.gov](mailto:mkbobkoff@santafenm.gov), personal: [mbobkoff@cybermesa.com](mailto:mbobkoff@cybermesa.com). The cataloging record is available at <http://catalog.ci.santa-fe.nm.us/search/t?SEARCH=just%20outside>.

**Offered.** The National Endowment for the Humanities recently announced the third "We the People Bookshelf," a new set of classic books for young readers on the theme of "Becoming American." Through its partnership with the American Library Association, the Endowment will offer complete sets of the "We the People Bookshelf" to thousands of school and public libraries.

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ies across the country. These libraries will explore the theme of “becoming American” through public programs for young readers in their communities. The Endowment’s announcement may be found on the NEH website at <http://www.neh.gov/news/archive/20050908.html>. Applications for the Bookshelf will be accepted online beginning immediately, through January 17, 2006. Libraries may also collaborate with other (non-library) organizations to develop and deliver programs, and some of you might be interested in initiating these collaborations. Guidelines and application materials are available on the NEH website at <http://www.neh.gov/wtp/bookshelf/becomingamerican-guidelines.html>.

## JOBS

**Archivist.** The Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, is seeking a full-time Archivist. This position will be dedicated to the assessment, evaluation, and recommendations of archival needs for the school. Requirements include an MLS from an accredited college or university and a minimum of three years of experience handling archives or special collections, and knowledge of archive standards and procedures. Please send a cover letter, résumé by September 30 to IAIA HR, 83 Avan Nu Po, Santa Fe, NM 87508, fax 505-424-0505 or e-mail [humanresources@iaia.edu](mailto:humanresources@iaia.edu). Include CIB if claiming Indian preference. This position is a twelve month appointment. Continued employment will depend on availability of future funding. Salary minimum is \$38,500 DOE and comprehensive benefits package.