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## Library Adds New Electronic Classroom

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**The Branson Hall Title V Classroom** is nearing completion in time for New Mexico State University's Fall Semester. An area on the third floor east of Branson Hall has been renovated with funds from a U.S. Department of Education Title V campus-wide grant from the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program. The new electronic classroom will serve primarily to teach NMSU faculty members how to incorporate teaching technologies into their curricula. A schedule of classes will be announced. The menu of possible teaching technologies includes Microsoft Powerpoint, WebCT, Microsoft Front Page and Adobe Illustrator, among others. If you are interested in particular software, contact (Electronic Classroom...continued on page 10)



*New Branson Hall Title V electronic classroom nears completion. Photo, NMSU Title V Project.*



*Librarian's cat is commemorated in endowment gift. See story on the Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children's Literature Endowment on page 6. Photo, Helen Barber.*

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## Library Accepts John Cotton Dana Library Publicity Award



Left to right: Jeanette Smith and Dr. Elizabeth A. Titus accept the John Cotton Dana Award from Harold Regen, the president of the H.W. Wilson Company. Photo, H.W. Wilson Company.

The New Mexico State University Library was the only academic library among nine winners of the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award, the most prestigious award of the American Library Association (ALA). The award, sponsored by the H.W. Wilson Company, a publisher of library resources, commemorates the public relations skills of **John Cotton Dana**, the eleventh president of the association. The awards ceremony took place on June 18, 2001, at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

The Library's award-winning campaign celebrated the \$3 million naming gift for Zuhl Library, given by **Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Zuhl** in 2000, and associated publicity and festivities. The John Cotton Dana contest is open to all libraries in the world. There are about 150 entries per year. Award winners provide a publicity scrapbook and display that are showcased at the ALA Annual Conference.

## Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Services Web Page Has New Look

by Karen Stabler, Professor, Access Services, [kstabler@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:kstabler@lib.nmsu.edu)

The new and improved NMSU Library Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Services (ILL/DDS) request page (<http://libcgi.nmsu.edu/ClioWeb/Inside>) made its debut in August. ILL/DDS is available to provide research materials for faculty, students and staff of NMSU who are in good standing with the Library. (All non-NMSU users in the Las Cruces area should contact the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library for service.)

This new page is the direct result of the generosity of **Dr. Raul Valdez**, a professor in the NMSU Department of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences. Dr. Valdez included \$1,000 in funding for ILL/DDS services in a successful federal grant application that enabled the Library to purchase software to improve the request page. "The Library deeply appreciates the contribution of Dr. Valdez, and encourages all other campus departments to include the Library in their funding proposals," said **Dr. Elizabeth A. Titus**, Dean of the University Library. (Interlibrary...continued on page 10)



Library user Julie Moore (foreground) and Dr. Raul Valdez check out the new and improved Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Services web page. Photo, Mike Mitchell.



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## Participant in "Salt of the Earth" Strike To Speak at Library Program in October

by Portia Vescio, Instructor, Southwest and Border Research Center, [pvescio@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:pvescio@lib.nmsu.edu)

**Lorenzo Torrez**, a New Mexico labor activist, will visit the New Mexico State University campus on Monday and Tuesday, October 15 and 16, 2001. The Library will sponsor a program featuring a talk by Torrez, followed by a screening of the 1954 film *Salt of the Earth* about the Empire Zinc Strike in Hurley, New Mexico. Torrez, one of the actual participants in the strike, has a small role in the film. During his visit to campus, Torrez will also speak to several classes about his labor experiences.

Born in Gila, New Mexico, Torrez began working in mining camps at the age of 16 and continued working in them for the next 25 years. In 1950 his unit of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union went on strike for better wages and working conditions from the Empire Zinc Corporation. The strike ended successfully for the miners in February 1952.

During the strike Torrez became associated with the Communist Party and has remained affiliated with it. Currently living in Tucson, Arizona, he is active in politics, and with his wife, Anita, runs the Salt of the Earth Labor School.

Torrez has donated his personal papers and book collection to the NMSU Library Southwest and Border Research Center. The papers are available for use by researchers in the Rio Grande Historical Collections, and the books will be cataloged for Special Collections.

For more information regarding Lorenzo Torrez's visit to campus, please contact **Molly Molloy** at 646-6931 or [mmolloy@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:mmolloy@lib.nmsu.edu) and watch for news releases on the program. For information regarding the use of the Lorenzo Torrez Papers, please contact archivist **Portia Vescio** at 646-4746 or [pvescio@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:pvescio@lib.nmsu.edu).



*Lorenzo Torrez, New Mexico labor activist, will visit NMSU October 15 and 16, 2001. Photo, Rio Grande Historical Collections.*

### Mary Baker Eddy Exhibit Scheduled

An exhibit entitled "*This is woman's hour...*" *The Life of Mary Baker Eddy* will be displayed from October 1 through October 12, 2001, on the second floor balcony of Branson Library. The exhibit, created by The Writings of Mary Baker Eddy organization of Boston, is a smaller traveling version of a large multi-media exhibit first shown at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, New York. The campus community and public are invited. For more information, please contact **Cheryl Wilson** at 646-1508.

## Mila Smith Retires

**Mila Smith**, a Library Technician in Branson Reference, retired in July 2001. Mila began her employment at NMSU in 1986 with the College of Business. After working there for six and a half years, she came to the Library.

After a family holiday in Colorado, Mila plans to spend her retirement working in her church library, enjoying her grandchildren and spending more time with friends and family. The Library staff thanks Mila for her many years of service and wishes her well in her retirement.



*Mila Smith enjoys the flowers outside Branson Library. Photo, Mike Mitchell.*

## Library Welcomes New Staff Members

**Deborah Parker**, a new Library Technician in Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery, has previous experience in the Albuquerque, Dayton Montgomery and Loudon County public library systems. She has a degree in history and political science from Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia. She is the mother of three recent NMSU graduates who received degrees in education, microbiology and geology. Deborah enjoys hill walking in her spare time.

**Kimberly Miller** is a new Library Technician in Branson Circulation. She has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California, Davis, and has worked or volunteered in a variety of office, library, museum and classroom settings. Her spare time is spent hiking with her son, Scott, and their dog, Codie. She also enjoys ice skating, raising dogs, rappelling and aerobatics.

**Kate Manuel**, the new Instruction Coordinator librarian, comes to NMSU from California State University, Hayward, where she taught information literacy courses and distance education students. Kate has a master's degree in library and information science from Catholic University and a master's degree in classical studies from Duke University. Her research interests include student learning styles, techniques for assessing student learning, and electronic preprints. For fun, she enjoys hiking, rock climbing, jewelry-making and following professional football.

**Joe Becker** is the new head of the Acquisitions Unit in the Technical Services Department. He is a 1999 graduate of the University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science, where he obtained his master's degree in library science through distance education. This is Joe's first full-time library position; he previously worked as a part-time librarian for the Interhemispheric Resource Center, a nongovernmental organization in the Silver City area. Prior to his arrival at NMSU, Joe owned and operated Silverado Woodworks, a cabinet-making shop in the Silver City area. His research interests include library resources for distance education and electronic ordering processes. In his spare time, he enjoys cycling, camping and woodworking.



*Photo at left; left to right: Kimberly Miller, Deborah Parker, Kate Manuel and Joe Becker are new Library staff members. Photo, Mike Mitchell.*

**Dr. Charles Townley** spent three weeks in Beijing, China, planning a course in knowledge management with **Geng Da Qian** of the Department of Information Science at Beijing Normal University.

**Cindy Watkins** and **Susan Beck** were selected as participants in the week-long New Mexico Library Leadership Institute held in Santa Fe the week of June 4, 2001.

**Monica Kirby** was elected treasurer of the New Mexico chapter of REFORMA, the national association to promote library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking.

Library staff members were honored at a Library service award ceremony in April 2001 (see photo at right). 5 year award: **Joe Chavez, Deanna Valdez, Marv Wiburg**; 10 year award: **Gary Mayhood, Mike Mitchell, Jivonna Stewart, Marti Torres, Charles Townley**; 15 year award: **Helen Barber**; 20 year award: **Wylene Saunders**.



*Left to right, first row: Jivonna Stewart, Helen Barber, Deanna Valdez; second row: Charles Townley, Mike Mitchell and Marv Wiburg were honored for their years of service to the Library. Photo, Jeanette Smith.*

## Helen Barber Retires

**Helen Barber**, the Reference Collection Coordinator in Zuhl Library, retired in July 2001. Helen, who holds master's degrees in Library Science, Botany and English, attained the rank of full professor.



*Helen Barber is pictured with the sculpture "Quest for Knowledge" outside Zuhl Library. Photo, Mike Mitchell.*

She worked from 1962 to 1965 as a reference librarian at Cornell University, and also worked at the University of Southern California and the University of Nebraska. Since 1967, Helen has been affiliated with The Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography, a project at the University of Southern California.

Helen came to NMSU from Nebraska in 1985 at the suggestion of her cat, **Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius** (see related story on page 6) who suggested a move to warmer climes. Helen notes that she has deeply enjoyed her work with the English and Philosophy departments at NMSU. She received a service award during the 1990s from the Department of English.

Helen recently established the Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children's Literature Endowment for the purchase of award-winning children's literature. Titles will be selected from American Library Association Notable Children's Books, Caldecott and Newbery Medal winners and other sources, including bilingual children's books.

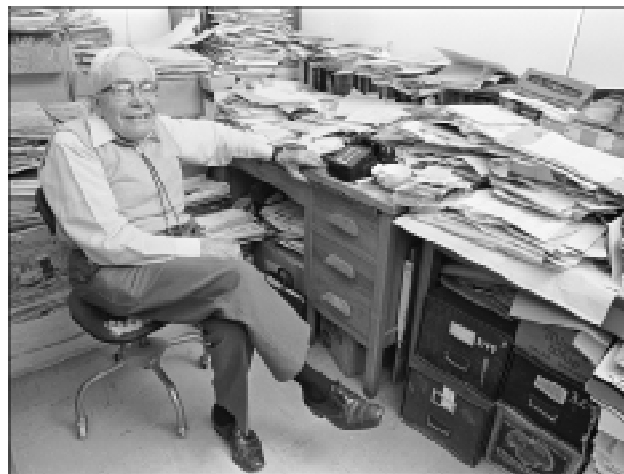
The Library staff thanks Helen for her many years of service and wishes her well in her retirement.

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## Dr. Herb Beebe Establishes Tombaugh Archive Fund

**This spring**, the Rio Grande Historical Collections was fortunate to receive a gift of the unpublished papers of **Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh** from the Tombaugh family. Dr. Tombaugh is the discoverer of the planet Pluto. The collection is comprised of 150 boxes of papers, including Dr. Tombaugh's letters to his family and letters to and from other astronomers, and a large quantity of other materials. The collection deserves to be arranged, described and made available to the academic community and the public.

The salary of a temporary processing assistant has been provided for six months by a \$8,500 grant from the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board. **Dr. Herbert A. Beebe**, a NMSU professor emeritus, has generously established a fund to continue the processing for an additional six months and to provide funds for preservation supplies for and conservation treatment of these valuable and fragile materials.



*Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh. Photo, NMSU Communications.*

Gifts are being accepted for the Clyde W. Tombaugh Archive Project from all interested parties. Please make your check out to the NMSU Foundation and note that the contribution is for the Clyde W. Tombaugh Archive Project (fund 69033). Send in care of the NMSU Foundation to P.O. Box 3590, Las Cruces, NM 88003. For more information, please contact Dr. Beebe at 646-1699 or **Jeanette Smith** at 646-7492.

## Librarian Establishes Children's Literature Endowment

**The Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius** Children's Literature Endowment was recently established by Library retiree **Helen Barber** in memory of her cat (see cover photo as well as related story on page 5). According to Helen, Alpha was a pale yellow domestic shorthair of Abyssinian physique "who taught his human to observe the world through the eyes of a cautious but very courageous feline."



Once this fund is fully endowed, the annual earnings will be used to purchase award-winning children's books and other quality literature to enhance the circulating and reference collections at the New Mexico State University Library. These books are to be accessible to all users of the University Library to provide enlightenment and enjoyment for pre-school children through high school students and their families and others young at heart.

The Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children's Literature Endowment is the third endowment on the NMSU campus named after a cat. Gifts are being accepted for the Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children's Literature Endowment from all who have known and loved, or been loved by, special cats and children. Please make your check out to the NMSU Foundation and note that the contribution is for the Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children's Literature Endowment (fund 89015). Send in care of the NMSU Foundation to P.O. Box 3590, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

For a gift brochure, please contact **Jeanette Smith** at 646-7492 or pick one up at the Library.

**Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Bauer**, the parents of Library staff member **Genevieve Bauer**, have generously donated \$4,330 for the purchase of equipment and supplies to enable the Library to construct phase box containers. These protective boxes will house over six hundred books in the Library's collection that have been deemed valuable enough to be retained but are too fragile and brittle to be rebound. By protecting these fragile books in phase boxes, the Library will be able to begin the restoration process and place these materials back on the shelves. Protecting these materials will ensure their continued accessibility for generations to come. Library staff were delighted with Mrs. Bauer's visit to the Technical Services area of the Library to view the materials awaiting phase boxes. Phase boxes constructed in-house will provide the Library considerable savings on future bindery costs. The Library will then be able to rescue more materials from the ravages of time and use. For more information on the Bauer Phase Box Project, please contact **Gary Mayhood** of Technical Services at 646-7490 or [gmayhood@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:gmayhood@lib.nmsu.edu).

A \$4,000 award to the Library by NMSU's Southwest and Border Cultures Institute will enable the Library to identify and acquire secondary research tools to assist scholars performing research in the Library's Durango Microfilm Collection and to conduct related public programming activities. The microfilmed archive of primary documents from the Archdiocese of Durango, Mexico, is housed in the Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections. This is the first year that awards have been made by the Institute. While the Library holds some of the works needed to support research use of the Durango Microfilm, much more needs to be identified and acquired. Specific titles in subject areas such as religion, paleography, history and geography will be identified. Materials will be acquired from in-print and out-of-print sources in the U.S., Mexico, Spain and elsewhere. Project directors are **Dr. Laurence Creider** of Technical Services and **Molly Molloy** of the Southwest and Border Research Center. For more information, please contact Dr. Creider at 646-4707 or [lcreider@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:lcreider@lib.nmsu.edu).

The Library has received a two-year \$127,893 award from the National Endowment for the Humanities to create a comprehensive and current bibliographic database of almost 12,000 graduate theses and dissertations addressing American Indian topics. Theses and dissertations are the largest single source of primary research information about Native American peoples. By expanding access to this research information, the project will facilitate the work of tribal libraries collecting information on their own tribe and region. It will encourage improved quality in research and scholarship on American Indian topics, and it will increase opportunities for cross-cultural research. The project will build on two previous works by **Frederick and Alice Dockstader**, published by the Museum of the American Indian in 1957 and 1974. The project is intended to address NMSU diversity and state-wide service goals as well as the Library goal of providing user-focused products and services. **Dr. Charles Townley**, project director, will work with an advisory committee of nationally known scholars and librarians to create the bibliography. A register of current research will provide information about American Indian research in progress. "I have wanted to do this project for fifteen years," said Townley. "It will be a great advance in American Indian scholarship and strengthen NMSU's role in the Native American community." For more information, please contact Dr. Townley at 646-7121 or [ctownley@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:ctownley@lib.nmsu.edu).

The Library has been awarded \$20,000 by the Southwest Center for Environmental Research and Policy (SCERP). The funding will support the preparation of a web-compatible relational database containing bibliographic and related information on SCERP-funded research publications. The Library is happy to be a partner in SCERP's effort to work with stakeholders along the entire U.S.-Mexico border to develop short- and medium-term solutions to environmental problems that affect the ten million people who live in the region. **Karen Stabler** of Access Services is the project director, and **Tim McKimmie** of Branson Reference will serve as key personnel. For more information, please contact Karen Stabler at 646-6172 or [kstabler@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:kstabler@lib.nmsu.edu).

An award of \$903 to the Library from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation will enable the Library to upgrade, update and expand its collection of manufacturing engineering resources. The project director is **Joanna Szurmak** of Branson Reference. The Library also received an SME Library Award in 1998. For more information, please contact Joanna Szurmak at 646-7486 or [jszurmak@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:jszurmak@lib.nmsu.edu).

## Giving to the Library

- The entire Las Cruces and Dona Ana County area benefits from having a research library of the caliber of the NMSU Library. Perhaps you or your children have borrowed books or used journals from our collection, accessed the world of electronic information from our home page, had a question answered by a reference librarian, used our special and unique research collections or attended one of our instructional sessions or special presentations.
- As a center for lifelong learning, the Library endeavors to provide the highest quality information and instruction to our community. As major changes occur in how information is accessed, the Library plays an important role in bridging the gap between technology and users. Our services add value to information by helping you find exactly what you need when you need it.
- However, the cost of providing this excellence in services and resources is rising, and costs greatly exceed allocations. Private support is necessary for preserving and enhancing the quality of the Library. Now more than ever we need your generous assistance. No gift is too small. We hope that you will be among our loyal Library supporters and friends this year and in the future. Thank you for your support!

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\_\_\_ 69473 Zuhl Geological Collection  
\_\_\_ 69005 Rio Grande Historical Collections  
\_\_\_ 69032 Border Health Information  
and Education Network (BIEN!)  
\_\_\_ 69033 Clyde Tombaugh Archive Project  
\_\_\_ 89015 Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children's  
Literature Endowment  
\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

Please make your check payable to the NMSU Foundation and mail to the NMSU Foundation at P.O. Box 3590, Las Cruces, NM 88003. Thank you!

Susan Beck, Norice Lee and Anne Moore co-authored "Navigating by Thumb: Using the Rules of Thumb Approach to Teach Electronic Research Skills" in *New Learning Environments*, edited by Linda Shirato (Ann Arbor: Pierian Press, 2001): 21-32.

Susan Beck and Nancy Turner co-authored "On the Fly BI: Reaching and Teaching Students from the Reference Desk," *The Reference Librarian* 72 (N.Y.: Haworth Press, 2001): 83-96.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Titus is the author of "A Recommended Methodology for Determining the Disparity Between Women's Salary Levels and Those of Men in the Librarian Professorate in an Academic Library Setting," in *Advances in Library Administration and Organization*, vol. 18, edited by Edward D. Garten and Delmus E. Williams (NY: JAI, 2001): 123-173.

## Library Introduces Web-Based Calendar

by Kate Manuel, Assistant Professor  
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**Have you ever** wanted to check the time or location of one of the Library's classes or programs from home? If you are a faculty member, have you ever wanted to take care of scheduling a library instruction session or use of the Library's electronic classrooms right when you remember that you need to do this, say, at 3 a.m., when you are at home in your pajamas?

If so, the Library's new web-based calendar system is just the tool for you. You can access the calendar by going to the Library's web page at <http://lib.nmsu.edu>, clicking on the link "About Our Library" and then going to "Library Calendar."

The calendar lists events scheduled in the Library Associates Room, the Branson Hall Electronic Classroom and the Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom. Once the Branson Hall Title V Classroom (see story on page 1) is ready for use, events there will also be listed. For each event, you can see the time and location, a brief description of the event and the name and email address of the person responsible for it.

NMSU Faculty can also use the calendar to submit requests (Calendar... continued on page 10)

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# Preserving the History of New Mexico Agriculture and Rural Life 1820-1945

by Tim McKimmie, Associate Professor, Branson Reference, [tmckimmi@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:tmckimmi@lib.nmsu.edu)

**The history of agriculture** in New Mexico involves river and range. Historically, many horticultural crops were grown here. As settlers established towns around the Rio Grande Valley, the fertile soil, abundant sunshine and good water made it possible to grow a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Today, when one thinks of agriculture in New Mexico, chile and cattle are likely to come to mind as well as alfalfa, cotton, pecans, onions and grain crops. Ranching has also figured prominently in our history, and more recently there has been a great expansion of the dairy industry in New Mexico.

The romantic tradition of acequias permeates the literature of rural life in New Mexico. These small irrigation ditches were often the center of rural communities. Even small rivulets were channeled so that water could be used for crops. The work of cleaning the ditches, leveling the fields and apportioning the water was shared, and became a central focus of rural life in northern New Mexico. Beginning in the early 1900s, dam construction permitted irrigated agriculture on a grand scale, and by 1930 more than 500,000 acres were irrigated. The Rio Grande, Pecos and San Juan rivers are the primary waters from which surface irrigation is used. Today the growing population of the state exerts increasing demands on scarce water resources.

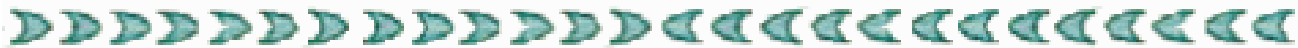
The literature of agriculture and rural life in New Mexico ranges from stories reminiscing about days gone by, ranching and rodeos, acequias and struggles between the poor and land barons, to changes wrought by railroads and dam building, and the effects of disasters such as the dust bowl. Materials include books, government documents, extension publications, newspapers and farming journals. These materials are an important part of the history of New Mexico. Our culture and agriculture are intricately intertwined. Many of these materials are rare and deteriorating, and are in need of preservation.

In July, 2000, a Library project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities began to identify and preserve the literature of agriculture and rural life in New Mexico. Phase I, the identification of important historical materials, has been completed. A list of titles identified may be found on the Library web page at [http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/ag/Ag\\_history/NM\\_Ag.htm](http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/ag/Ag_history/NM_Ag.htm). The project encompasses the years 1820-1945 despite the fact that a great deal of New Mexico history was written after 1950. Older materials, however, are in more need of preservation.

Many of the monographs reviewed in this project will deal with rural life in the west. *My Life on the Frontier* by **Miguel Antonio Otero** (1935), *Buckboard Days* by **Sophie Poe** (1936) and *No Life for a Lady* by **Agnes Morley Cleaveland** (1941) are examples of this type of literature. Periodicals dealing with New Mexico history and rural life include *New Mexico Magazine*, *New Mexico Historical Review* and *El Palacio*. Periodicals such as *New Mexico Stockman* as well as publications of the New Mexico Wool Growers Association encompass the literature of the livestock industry. (Preserving...continued on page 10)

*Photo at right: Rachel and Jack Newberry cut alfalfa on their farm in the Picacho area, Mesilla Valley, ca. 1920. Virginia Newberry Taylor Collection. Photo, Rio Grande Historical Collections.*





Please support the **Southwest and Border Cultures Institute Fund for Library Acquisitions**. The Library is in its final year of effort to match three to one a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant for the establishment of the Southwest and Border Cultures Institute, a partnership of the Library, the University Museum and the College of Arts and Sciences. This fund supports acquisitions for the unique and rare **Rio Grande Historical Collections, Special Collections** and the **Borderland Collection**. For more information, call **Jeanette Smith** at 646-7492 or **Dr. Elizabeth A. Titus** at 646-1508.



### Electronic Classroom...

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**Sylvia Ortiz**, Library project director, at 646-7481 or [sortiz@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:sortiz@lib.nmsu.edu) and offer your suggestions.

Additionally, the classroom will be used to support the Library's instruction program which includes course-specific library instruction sessions and the Library's for-credit information literacy course, LSC 311. The new classroom is the third electronic classroom in the Library, joining the Branson Hall Electronic Classroom and the Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom. For course-specific instruction contact **Kate Manuel**, Instruction Librarian, at 646-6932 or [kmanuel@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:kmanuel@lib.nmsu.edu), and she will arrange for a session.

### Interlibrary...

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Improvements in the ILL/DDS request page allow users to:

- View their past ILL/DDS requests
- View the status of their current ILL/DDS requests
- View the status of their renewal requests for ILL/DDS
- Enter their personal information directly on the request form

On the login page, users enter the fifteen digit number on their NMSU ID card and their full email address. Persons already registered with ILL/DDS will be automatically sent to the main menu. Persons not registered will be directed to a registration page. After their registration has been processed, they will be able to order materials.

### Calendar...

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for classroom use. There is a link to submit an event in the upper right-hand corner. Faculty may use the Library's electronic classrooms for their own classes provided the usage complies with the Library's "Policy for the Appropriate Use of the NMSU Library Electronic Classrooms" (<http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/policy.htm>).

If you want to schedule a session for your class with a librarian, it is easiest to send an email directly to that librarian or to **Irene Shown**, Zuhl Library Reference Assistant, at [ishown@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:ishown@lib.nmsu.edu). (For a list of librarians by subject area, see <http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/librarian.html>). The calendar reflects the hard work of Irene as well as **Christopher Landt** of the Library Systems Office. Few libraries have so sophisticated a calendar system -- or one that is so accessible to viewing by anyone, anywhere -- so check it out and use it!

### Preserving...

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Phase II of the project, currently underway, involves microfilming approximately 550 book and magazine titles. Microfilm is currently considered the best method of preservation. Once filmed, these materials will be cataloged and made available to researchers or libraries through interlibrary loan or purchase. Completion of the project is scheduled for July 2002.

## Muggles and Magic

by Jeanette Smith, Professor, Library Administration, [jcsmith@lib.nmsu.edu](mailto:jcsmith@lib.nmsu.edu)

**Recently**, a friend told me that she had been invited to a **Harry Potter** costume party and needed some advice on what to wear. Since she was not familiar with the Harry Potter books, I advised her to go as herself and announce that she was a Muggle.

Muggles, as Harry Potter fans know, are ordinary humans who live outside the world of magic that Harry and his friends Hermione and Ron study at Hogwart's School.

The fascination of today's children with the Harry Potter novels reminds me of my own childhood reading patterns. I read everything from Archie and Veronica comic books to cereal boxes to **Charles Dickens**. I remember finding gems in my parents' home library such as "Rappacini's Daughter." Only much later did I learn who **Nathaniel Hawthorne** was. In the sixth grade, I read *The Merchant of Venice* and memorized the poem "The Lorelei" by **Heinrich Heine**.

In junior high, I began reading *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*, which published science fiction and fantasy as well as mystery stories, and remember well the classic time travel story "Vintage Season" by **C.L. Moore**. Through my teenage years, I devoured the works of **H.G. Wells** and the sci-fi anthologies edited by **Anthony Boucher**. **J.R.R. Tolkien's** *Lord of the Rings* marked my debut into the world of epic fantasy, a world that is still alive and well in the famous "Wheel of Time" series by **Robert Jordan**.

Whether you bury your nose in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Eye of the World*, Hawthorne, Dickens or Shakespeare, enjoy your venture into the magical world of reading, and go there often. Hogwart's School is as real as New Mexico State University -- only a Muggle would disagree.

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### Words Wanted

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