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### **Suzanne Mancillas Named Knowledge River Scholar**

Suzanne Mancillas, a member of the New Mexico State University Library classified staff, has been accepted into Knowledge River, a center for the study of Hispanic and Native American information issues at the University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science. Knowledge River scholars receive a \$12,000 fellowship and full tuition support for one year. The program affords Mancillas the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in information resources and library science with a focus on Hispanic and Native American issues. Her interest in librarianship as a profession began with her employment at the NMSU Library and her studies in the library's electronic information literacy course, LSC 311.

Knowledge River is an innovative graduate level program that incorporates cultural authenticity into newly designed courses specifically geared to the needs and interests of Native Americans and Hispanics. Besides learning up-to-date skills in librarianship, participants can pursue specialties in Heritage Centers (combined library/museum/archival service) or in the Digital Divide (helping communities deal with inequities in the uses of information technologies). After receiving professional library education enhanced by cultural awareness, Knowledge River graduates are encouraged to help members of their communities use information and technology to improve their lives.