

Librarian's Teaching Informs Her Research



Alfred and Anna Schaaque of Brady, Texas, spent a little quality time with "Stan," the famous T-Rex at the entrance to Zuhl Library.

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A journal article by Library faculty member and instruction coordinator Theresa Westbrook has been selected nationally as one of the top twenty articles on library instruction for 2010.

Her article "Proficiencies for Instruction Librarians: Is There Still a Disconnect Between Professional Education and Professional Responsibilities?" written with Sarah Fabian of Eastern Michigan University, was published in *College & Research Libraries* (November 2010): 569-590. It was among more than two hundred articles evaluated by the Top 20 Committee of the American Library Association's Instruction Round Table (LIRT).

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Library Instruction Coordinator Theresa Westbrook wrote an award-winning article about library instruction.

Social Media Initiative a Team Effort



First row, left to right: Wendy Simpson, Teresa Roberts, Kristina Martinez. Second row, left to right: Elizabeth Flores, Cecelia Carrasco, Jeanette Smith. Photo, Dean Wilkey

The Library now has a Facebook page and a Twitter account! The links to these pages are found on every Library Web page (<http://lib.nmsu.edu>) in the navigation bar. The energetic team that is establishing the Library's presence on these social media is called **@nmsulibrary**.

Team members are Wendy Simpson, Cecelia Carrasco, Elizabeth Flores, Jeanette Smith, Kristina Martinez and Teresa Roberts (chair). **@nmsulibrary** is here to connect and share valuable, fun and interesting information with NMSU alumni, students, faculty, staff and beyond. So the next time you're logged into your Facebook or Twitter accounts, be sure to "LIKE" or "Follow" the Library. For more information, contact facebook@lib.nmsu.edu.
-Teresa Roberts, Systems



<http://lib.nmsu.edu>

Molly Molloy: Un Honor Muy Merecido



Molly Molloy.
Photo, Theresa Westbrook

Her work documenting homicides in Mexico was featured in stories by the *Texas Tribune* and *In These Times*, as well as the nationally-syndicated radio program *Democracy Now!*

Molloy collaborated with journalist Charles Bowden and film-maker Gianfranco Rosi on the award-winning documentary film, *The Sicario—Room 164*, which premiered at the Venice Biennale last September and continues to garner praise. The film provides a first-hand account of the life of a hit man for the Juárez cartel and was also the basis for the 2011 book, *El Sicario: The Autobiography of a Mexican Assassin*, which Molloy translated and edited with Charles Bowden (available at the NMSU Library, call number: HV 6535.M42).

In June, Molloy received the José Toribio Medina Award. The award, given by the international Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM), honors outstanding contributions by SALALM members to Latin American Studies. Molloy was recognized for her Frontera list, an email list with more than 800 subscribers, which documents violence and homicides in Mexico, particularly Ciudad Juárez. The Frontera list (<http://groups.google.com/group/frontera-list>) was hailed as "the most comprehensive, up-to-date source of narco-related violence on the U.S.-Mexico Border" by SALALM Awards committee chair and University of Puerto Rico professor Victor Federico Torres. The Library congratulates Professor Molloy on her significant achievements.—Cindy Pierard, Reference & Research Services

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The Committee noted that Westbrook's article exemplified its criteria of quality writing, useful research and stimulating ideas. In 1993, Diana Schonrock and Craig Mulder investigated the Association of College and Research Libraries' (ACRL) proficiencies for instruction librarians. Westbrook and Fabian revisited the earlier study and sought to answer four questions: (1) Are the current *ACRL Proficiencies for Instruction Librarians* perceived to be relevant to practitioners? (2) Where are librarians acquiring these proficiencies? (3) Where do librarians think they should acquire these proficiencies? (4) Are librarians now acquiring these proficiencies in library school more often than they did in 1993?

The authors found that the proficiencies remain relevant to the practice of librarianship, but that librarians are more apt to acquire these proficiencies outside library school. Moreover, the individual proficiencies are at least as important as the ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards. Since librarians, in general, do not acquire teaching skills in library school, library administrators would do well to provide opportunities for continuing, professional education for instructional staff.

Visit the June 2011 LIRT Newsletter at <http://fleetwood.baylor.edu/lirt/lirtnews/2011/jun11.pdf> (pp. 14-19) for an annotated list of the Top 20 articles. For more information contact Westbrook at (575) 646-3079 or twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu.—Jeanette Smith, Library Administration

Finding Government Information

The U. S. and New Mexico government information collections are now combined into the Government Documents & Maps Unit, located on the first floor west of Branson Library. Both of these collections date back to the early 1900s, and a few publications are from the late nineteenth century.

Mardi Mahaffy is serving as the Interim Government Documents & Maps Librarian.

To find the government information reference desk, turn left from the Branson Library entrance and walk all the way to the back wall. Then turn right and you will be facing the government information reference desk.

Most of the federal government collection is to the left of the desk. Documents reference and the rest of the collection are accessible through a door to the right of the desk. A large percentage of the collection may be checked out of the Library. Please don't hesitate to ask for help at the desk.

U.S. Federal Documents



N.M. State Documents

The state documents collection is immediately accessible through a door just to the left of the main Branson Library Service Desk as you walk into the Library. State documents are filed by Library of Congress call number J 87.

The map collection is divided between an alcove just off the state documents and some file drawers in the Documents reference area near the desk. Maps are filed under Library of Congress call number G. Be sure to take a look at the brand new floor globe in the corner of the map case area.

The government information reference desk at Branson Library is staffed from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the Documents desk at (575) 646-5791.

In, Out & About the Library



Norice Lee

- Effective August 1, Norice Lee is the Interim Associate Dean. A national search will be initiated to fill this position permanently.
- Effective August 16, Dr. Laurence Creider is the Interim Department Head for Archives & Special Collections. A national search will be initiated to fill this position permanently.
- An external review team visited campus April 17 through 20. Their report on the Library is available at <http://lib.nmsu.edu/externalreview/>. The purpose of the review is to assist the Library in addressing challenges and to provide guidance on strategic directions.
- Most of the Technical Services Department staff members have relocated to the second floor west of Branson Library. The Bindery and Quality Control units remain on the first floor east of Branson. Branson's first floor east is now primarily used as the Branson East Storage area for selected older bound journals and indexes. Ask at the Branson Service Desk for assistance with binding theses and dissertations.
- The Library has joined two new multi-type library consortia, LYRASIS and Portico, and it will continue its membership in Amigos Library Services. These consortia provide opportunities to assure perpetual access to electronic resources as well as optimal pricing for databases and efficient document delivery. Visit LYRASIS at <http://www.lyrasis.org/>, learn about Portico at <http://www.portico.org/> and visit AMIGOS at <http://www.amigos.org/>.
- For listings of Library events, visit the Library News Web page at <http://lib.nmsu.edu/sites/libnews/> or the Library Events page at <http://lib.nmsu.edu/events/>.

Library Shifts Tons of Books

The Library's "Big Shift" of books and journals, begun during Spring Semester and continued during the summer, is still underway. The shifts are occurring to address floor load and shelving capacity issues.

All Library users are encouraged to ask for help in finding materials. Staff at the service desks in both Branson and Zuhl libraries are happy to assist you.



The Library's hardy and busy shelving team recently completed the move of eighty-two tons (stretching two miles end-to-end) of materials to Branson Library's newly established Branson East Storage Area. These pre-2000 bound journals in the disciplines of H (Business), JX (Political Science) and Q-QD415 (Science, Mathematics, Computer Science, Astronomy, Physics and Chemistry) must now be retrieved by Branson Library Service Desk staff. In another big component of the "Big Shift," books with call numbers HA-HJ (Business) have been moved from Branson Library and are now shelved on the second floor of Zuhl Library.



The "Big Shift" shelving team remains in good spirits while completing its mammoth task.

New books in Branson Library are shelved in a temporary area on the fourth floor west of Branson Library, and are being integrated into the general collection as the shift progresses. Materials are currently being moved from the Branson third floor west to the Branson second floor west. U.S. government documents and New Mexico state documents are now located together on the first floor west of Branson Library. Ask at the Government Documents & Maps Unit Desk for assistance with government materials.



Student employees move New Mexico state documents from Zuhl Library to the first floor west of Branson Library.

Microforms and the media collection are located on the first floor west of Branson Library.

Shift "alerts" will continue to be reflected in the Library's online catalog (<http://libcat.nmsu.edu/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=libcat>) as changes occur. In some cases the location change in the catalog may still be pending.

For more information, contact the Branson Service Desk at (575) 646-3101 or the Zuhl Service Desk at (575) 646-6910.



Rio Grande Historical Collections



RGHC staff members, left to right are: Florence Kone (student assistant), Charles Stanford and Jennifer Chavez.

The Rio Grande Historical Collections (RGHC) is one of five units in the Archives & Special Collections Department. Its stated purpose is "to acquire, preserve, and make available for research records of organizations, personal papers and other unpublished materials which document the cultural heritage and history of New Mexico and the Southwestern experience."

Established in 1972, the RGHC was one of many similar repositories founded in American universities during the early 1970s. In response to new movements in historical inquiry, these repositories began to collect the sorts of manuscript materials that their caretakers judged important and useful in the study of their regions' histories. Besides the obvious benefit to historians, the diverse collections in the RGHC may be of use to amateur and professional researchers in the social and physical sciences, genealogy, activism, creative writing and a host of other areas.

One of the central tasks for the personnel of this unit is *processing* collections: taking a quantity of boxes full of papers and folders, putting them into a useful order, cleaning them up if necessary and writing descriptive guides called *finding aids*. A finding aid typically gives brief biographical information about the creator(s) of a set of records or manuscripts, an overview of the subjects and dates represented in the records and a list of boxes and folders.

Finding aids for most of the RGHC's collections can be browsed or searched on the Rocky Mountain Online Archive, a tri-state consortium located on the Web at <http://rmoa.unm.edu>. Most manuscript collections that have not yet been arranged or described are also open to research. Researchers can consult manuscripts in the Caroline E. Stras Reading Room on the fourth floor of Branson Library. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are not required but can be scheduled by calling (575) 646-3839 or emailing archives@lib.nmsu.edu.

Charles B. Stanford, the Processing Archivist in charge of the RGHC, enjoys helping researchers find hidden treasures. A native of Utah by way of Minnesota, he received his master's degree in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh in 2006.

Charles fuels his strenuous processing work with Renaissance-style drinking chocolate and hibiscus tea. In his spare time he pursues quixotic dreams of writing novels and songs. If you ask Charles nicely he will be glad to show you his small collection of manual typewriters, and might even write something for you with a hand-cut quill pen.

Library Specialist Jennifer Chavez processes and arranges materials for the Rio Grande Historical Collections, including manuscripts, photographs and memorabilia. Jennifer also provides support to patrons in archival reference. Away from the Library, she enjoys spending time with her family, painting, music and hiking.

With more than 450 processed manuscript collections and many more still awaiting description, a full list of the RGHC's holdings cannot be given here. Some of the prominent collections are:

- The **Amador Family Papers**, which show the commercial, social and cultural interests of a wealthy Hispanic family of Las Cruces during the Gilded Age
- The **Las Cruces Urban Renewal Agency** records, which document the radical redesigning of downtown Las Cruces in the late 1960s
- Multiple collections of surveying companies, including the **Land Group and the Donald Wiese Company**
- A rich selection of records from women's clubs and other organizations devoted to civic service, philanthropy, cultural enrichment and recreation, including the **WIA Las Cruces Woman's Club**, the **Progress Club of Las Cruces** and the **Woman's Aladdin Club of Anthony-Canutillo**
- Documents of the literary history of New Mexico, including papers of prominent regional authors and publishers such as **Eugene Manlove Rhodes** and **Cinco Puntos Press**

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- Ellen Bosman, "Libraries and Research Centers," in *Great Lives from History: Jewish Americans* (Pasadena: Salem Press, 2011): 1356-1359.
- Ellen Bosman, "Organizations and Societies," in *Great Lives from History: Jewish Americans* (Pasadena: Salem Press, 2011): 1361-1365.
- Ellen Bosman, "Web Site Directory," in *Great Lives from History: Jewish Americans* (Pasadena: Salem Press, 2011): 1330-1333.
- Liz Miller, "Resource Description and Access (RDA): An Introduction for Reference Librarians," *Reference & User Services Quarterly* 50 (Spring 2011): 216-222.
- Molly Molloy and Charles Bowden, *El Sicario: The Autobiography of a Mexican Assassin* (Gardners Books, 2011).
- Cary Osborne, "Albert B. Fall and Eugene Manlove Rhodes: On New Mexico Statehood," *Southern New Mexico Historical Review* 17 (January 2010): 8-13, at <http://www.donaanacountyhistsoc.org/HistoricalReviewTwoHistoricalReview2011.pdf>.
- Cary Osborne, "Information-Seeking Behavior of Novelists in Archives," *Journal of Western Archives* 1 (2010), Article Four, at <http://digitalcommons.usu.edu/westernarchives/vol1/iss1/4>.



NMSU senior Luis Mora received assistance from Luci Ortiz at the "Where's My Class?" table during the beginning of NMSU classes in August.

SciFinder/Chem Abstracts: Its History and Its Cost

SciFinder is one of the Library's most highly used databases. It provides access to a wide variety of research information that includes chemistry as well as aspects of chemistry in biology, agriculture, mathematics, astronomy, biotechnology, medicine, engineering, material science, physics, metallurgy, geosciences, archaeology, economics, history and education. In addition to providing access to over 10,000 journals, patents, conference papers, technical reports, books, dissertations and reviews from many authorities, this unique resource also provides in-depth information on millions of chemical substances.

One can find detailed information on syntheses, experimental and predicted property data, formulae, structures, sequences and spectra, as well as regulatory information and commercial availability of chemical substances.



SciFinder producer and vendor, *Chemical Abstracts Services* (CAS), a division of the American Chemical Society (ACS), had combined and cross linked five databases (CAplus, a comprehensive database of bibliographic records; CAS Registry, a database of registry numbers and information of chemical substances; CASREACT, a chemical reaction information database; CHEMCATS, a database of commercial sources of chemicals; and CHEMLIST, a database of regulatory information of chemicals) and the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE database along with several advanced search and analytical tools to create *SciFinder* as a comprehensive research discovery tool.

By the end of 2009, access to *SciFinder* underwent a notable change. CAS announced its intention to cease supporting the desktop client (*SciFinder Scholar*) that the Library had subscribed to since 2000, and introduced a Web version known as *SciFinder* or *SciFinder Web*. CAS provides users with training options to rapidly get started with *SciFinder*. Its user friendly graphical interface and reliance on natural language searching are especially helpful to beginners. NMSU users adopted the new version without major difficulties.

As Millennial-generation users prefer, *SciFinder* now has browser-based access any time from anywhere. Besides desktops and laptops, it also can be accessed on Apple iPad and other Internet-capable hand-held devices. Access from off-campus is via the proxy server as with all other Library databases. *SciFinder's* contents get updated automatically without the need to install/update software as was necessary with the client version. Unlike the client version, however, the Web version requires a one-time registration for each user. This security measure protects the university's account from unauthorized access, and it also is a way to collect usage statistics for individual users. The Web version has many of the features that the client version already had along with several new capabilities to support current scientific research trends. The interface provides readily available useful links and analysis tools. Researchers can create search alerts on their topics and receive weekly email updates.

One can also create tags to references of interest and share the links with colleagues. A user can save search results and export to a personal computer or EndNote. Users from around the world now can connect with each other and with the CAS support services through Web 2.0 social networking tools Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter to share ideas and experiences.

Although an indispensable resource, *SciFinder's* major negative aspect is its soaring cost. For this reason, the Library can only offer access to two simultaneous users. Therefore, *SciFinder* cannot be included in courses for classroom use. It is used entirely in research by scientists and graduate students. Further, in spite of frequent user requests, the Library is not able to afford the "*SciFinder* Substructure Module" (SSM) part of the database that allows chemical substructure searching and related tools.

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The origin of *SciFinder* more than 100 years ago was an affordable print publication called *Chemical Abstracts*, freely available in library stacks. *Chemical Abstracts* began as an all-volunteer academic undertaking to document research publications in both theoretical and applied chemistry. In 1906, CAS initiated this journal and from its first issue on January 1, 1907, it had international coverage, and included many sub-disciplines of chemistry and patent documents. It was free to ACS members, and non-members paid a subsidized price of \$6.00.

Many committed and diligent volunteer chemists worked hard to develop this ambitious project. Its evolution through the 20th century faced many challenges. Following World War II, there was a shortage of volunteers to handle the growing volume of chemistry literature. Keeping up with the work was difficult in the days before computers, and more volunteers joined from other countries to keep the project going. CAS also faced critical financial difficulties in keeping up with the increasing output of literature. During such hard times, Evans J. Crane, who served with great commitment as the editor of *Chemical Abstracts* from 1915 to 1958, saw this publication continue to grow and develop into an innovative abstracting and indexing journal.

In the mid-1960s, with the advent of technology, the work began to be automated. While producing the print *Chemical Abstracts* issues more efficiently, a computer readable database was created that led to the "Chemical Abstract Services Online Service" in 1980. This allowed librarians to carry out command-based searches of the CAS Registry database for users. From then on through several more development pathways, in 1995 CAS introduced the client software interface called *SciFinder*, an online research tool to give users direct access to its databases. Full back-files of *Chemical Abstracts* going back to 1907 were digitized, re-indexed and added to *SciFinder* database, and users began to search and access articles online. *SciFinder* became the electronic version of *Chemical Abstracts* with enhanced access information and with added research supporting tools.

The Library carried print *Chemical Abstracts* volumes 1 through 132 that covered 1907 to 2000. Although this publication was published in print until 2009, the Library ceased to purchase it when it acquired access to the *SciFinder* client version in 2000. In early 2011, when the Library was selecting print items to discard to overcome space limitations, *Chemical Abstracts* print volumes (1907-2000) were selected to be discarded. Over time, due to the availability of information via *SciFinder*, the usage of print volumes became insignificant. Chemistry faculty agreed to discard print volumes while emphasizing to the Library that *SciFinder* is critical for current research at NMSU.

Prior to *SciFinder*, the print *Chemical Abstracts* was available in academic libraries to all users, who could walk in and access this resource for free. Today, *SciFinder* Web is restricted only to university affiliated scientists and students who have registered. The transition of CAS from what began as an all-volunteer academic undertaking to document chemistry and related literature at an affordable price to a professional corporate product that provides access to literature as well as much more useful chemical information and tools that efficiently support research (but so costly that most academic libraries can hardly afford it) indicates that CAS had developed into a large profit-making entity within the non-profit ACS. This unfortunate state of affairs prevents tax payer-funded research information from being well disseminated and impedes the progress of science.

Recently we have seen a significant increase in open access chemistry and related information. Promisingly, the scientific community seems to be slowly adopting open access models for publishing. The emergence of the National Institute of Health's *PubChem* open-access chemistry database and the *DrugBank*, a chemical, pharmacological and pharmaceutical open-access database, are good indications that there can be academically sound, affordable open access databases in the future that can replace current costly resources. As science librarians, it is necessary that we support scholarly communication initiatives that make scientific information more accessible.—Nirmala Gunapala, Reference & Research Services

Library Welcomes Armando Gomez



Armando Gomez

Armando (Mando) Gomez has been hired to work in the Library's Technical Services Department as a Library Specialist in charge of the Bindery. He has two associate degrees, one in Applied Science Electronics Technology and the other in General Studies. He plans to return to school for his bachelor's degree in Surveying Engineering.

Mando is no stranger to the Library. He was a student employee at Branson Library for four and a half years, first in Periodicals and then in Circulation.

Mando was born and raised in Las Cruces. Away from the Library, his hobbies include going to the gym, playing basketball and spending time with his nephew.

At the Library, he can be reached at (575) 646-5446 or mando07@lib.nmsu.edu.



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Library Faculty News

- Paula Johnson received an award from the Library Dean's Faculty Research Fund to analyze the quantitative/qualitative citation of NMSU engineering students, 1999 and 2009.
- John Sandstrom is very active in the American Library Association (ALA). He chairs the ALA Office of Outreach and Literacy Services Advisory Committee and he chairs the Diversity Council of the ALA Office on Diversity. He gave a presentation at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans entitled "Librarian MBA - Budget and Finance." He was a moderator for a discussion, "Diversity is for Everyone," and he led the discussion of "Planet FURLOW: Getting Back in the Game After Being Laid Off."
- Mardi Mahaffy and Ingrid Schneider presented "Reaching Readers: Utilizing Podcasting to Share Book Recommendations" at the New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) Annual Conference in Albuquerque in April.
- Ellen Bosman gave the keynote address at the Northern Colorado Faith Library Network summer workshop on "The Future of Church Libraries."
- John Sandstrom is the Border Regional Library Association publicity chair. He is also the president of the El Paso Chapter of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking. He moderated a panel at the 4th REFORMA National Conference in Denver in September.
- Ingrid Schneider co-presented a preconference workshop, "Introduction to Metadata," at the NMLA Annual Conference. She also co-presented "Going Metadata on a Budget" at the 2011 Transborder Regional Library Forum/FORO Transfronterizo de Bibliotecas in July in Austin, Texas.
- Paula Johnson co-presented "Authentic Measures: What Students Say About Outcome Assessment" with Patti Wojahn and Matt Moberly at the New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference in Albuquerque in February. Paula also presented "What About the Graduate Students? Library Workshops for a Sometimes Overlooked Population" at the NMLA Annual Conference in April.

David Baldwin Retires

David Baldwin recently retired from the NMSU Library. He served as Associate Dean of the Library from 2008 to 2011.

Previously, he was the Associate Dean for Reference and Instruction at the Iowa State University Library. He also worked at the University of New Mexico Libraries as the director of administrative services, the director of the Fine Arts Library and the director of Zimmerman Library.

During his tenure at NMSU, Dave focused on "The Library as Place," making significant improvements to both Branson and Zuhl libraries.

Dave equipped the first floors of both libraries with modular furniture which permitted quiet, private spaces as well as larger group study/work/computer spaces. Both libraries received new paint and carpeting in these spaces, vibrant colors in Branson and earth tones in Zuhl. The changes, very popular with students, were based on Library user input.

Dave wrote *The Complete Guide for Supervisors of Student Employees in Today's Academic Libraries* (2007), co-authored with Daniel Barkley, and he published several other books on library human resource management. He received his master's degree in library science from the University of Iowa in 1974.

The Library wishes Dave well in his retirement. For more information, contact the Library Administration at (575) 646-1508.



David Baldwin

Relax in the Relaxation Room

Did you know that relaxation is a skill that you can improve? With practice, you can train your mind and body to respond to stressful situations more calmly. Now you can learn how to do this at the Library.

The Relaxation Room, located in Room 127 in Branson Library, is open Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The room is open to NMSU students, faculty and staff, with preferential scheduling given to students.



The Relaxation Room offers a range of free services, including a massage chair and biofeedback, to help you practice relaxation and feel more refreshed.

These mind-body medicine devices use feedback from your body to help you learn to control certain body responses, such as brain activity, blood pressure, muscle tension, heart rate and breath rate. Once you learn to recognize and control these responses, you can use biofeedback to help treat a wide range of mental and physical health problems. Biofeedback may help your overall health and sense of well-being.

The Relaxation Room is co-sponsored by the Library, the NMSU Counseling Center and NMSU's Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education (WAVE) Program.

For more information, contact Sandy Newsome at the Counseling Center at (575) 646-2731 or email newsome@nmsu.edu.

Celestial Controversy Marks Fifth Year



Left to right, Library staff members Leilani Horton, Gary Mayhood and Genevieve Bauer protested for Pluto in 2006.

Pluto was reclassified from planet to dwarf planet by the International Astronomical Union five years ago on August 24, 2006.

A good-natured protest march from mid-campus to Zuhl Library on September 1 of that year reaffirmed NMSU's affection and support for its own Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered Pluto in 1930.

At the program ending the march, the astronomer's widow, Patricia Tombaugh, was given a replica of Pluto.

Library Dean Elizabeth Titus provided background on the Library's Tombaugh Papers, given by the Tombaugh family in 2001.

Dr. Herbert Beebe of NMSU's Astronomy Department explored the scientific repercussions of the reclassification and emphasized the research value of the letters in the Tombaugh Papers in understanding Tombaugh's career.

Several Library staff members participated in the march. One of them, the late Gary Mayhood, a Library faculty member and music subject specialist, noted that Pluto was celebrated in the arts as well as the sciences. Pluto was not included in the orchestral suite *The Planets* by Gustav Holst simply because the composition was written from 1914 to 1916, before Pluto was discovered. The omission was remedied when Colin Matthews wrote a new movement honoring Pluto. Dedicated to Holst's daughter, the work was first performed in 2000.

Astronomers joined together worldwide to protest the reclassification. Said Dr. Bernard McNamara, also of NMSU's Astronomy Department, in 2006, "The debate is not over."

A joint memorial introduced into the New Mexico legislature by Representative Joni Marie Gutierrez in 2007 stated, "As Pluto passes overhead through New Mexico's excellent night skies, it (will) be declared a planet."

Newsman Brook Stockberger summed it up in an August 21, 2001, *Las Cruces Sun-News* article, "Here in the Wild West, we circle the wagons. Pluto will always be a planet—not a dwarf one—to us."

Keep up with what's new at the NMSU Library!
Visit <http://lib.nmsu.edu/webfeeds.html>
to subscribe to an RSS feed for Library news.

Jenny Lockwood Receives Carl Faubion Award



Jenny Lockwood.
Photo, Dean Wilkey

Library employee Jenny Lockwood received the 2011 Carl Faubion Outstanding Library Staff Employee of the Year Award in a ceremony at Zuhl Library.

Lockwood, a Library Specialist II in the Acquisitions Unit, was recognized for her overall contributions to the Library, particularly in the area of electronic serials. She provided valuable feedback during the selection of the Library's Electronic Resource Management System and worked with the team that launched the system and the federated search product OneSearch.

The Carl Faubion Award is presented annually to an exempt or non-exempt NMSU Library employee who exemplifies excellence in customer service, exceptional contributions to the library, innovation and creative thinking in problem solving or contributions which have reduced operating costs or resulted in administrative efficiencies.

The award was made possible by former NMSU President James E. Halligan and Mrs. Ann E. Halligan, who established the Carl Faubion Memorial Endowment for the Library in 2007. The endowment was established in memory of the late Carl Faubion, Mesilla Valley farmer and former NMSU regent.

For more information, please contact the Library Administration at (575) 646-1508.

Employee Service Awards Announced

NMSU Employee Service Awards recognizing a total of 105 years of service by nine Library staff members were awarded in University and Library ceremonies last spring. Honored employees are:

Twenty Years

Mike Mitchell
Jivonna Stewart

Fifteen Years

Veronica Gomez

Ten Years

Donna Burkholder
Jenny Lockwood
Graciela Martinez
Elizabeth Titus

Five Years

Samantha Barrio
Teresa Roberts

Library Bonus Awards Announced

Eleven members of the Library staff were recognized by the Library's Bonus Program in an awards ceremony at Zuhl Library.

The program rewards staff for exceptional performance above and beyond the normal scope of duties. Receiving the \$500 awards were:

Non-Exempt Bonus Award

Jivonna Stewart
Yolanda Chacon-Valle
Luci Ortiz

Exempt Bonus Award

Christopher Landt
Teresa Roberts
Dean Wilkey

Team Award

Jivonna Stewart
Deborah Parker
Donna Burkholder
Mary Chavarria
Edward Flores
Samantha Barrio
Christopher Landt
Teresa Roberts

Library Receives NMSU Best Practices Outcomes Assessment Award 2011

New Mexico State University's Outcomes Assessment II Committee, which focuses on student life, recently awarded the NMSU Best Practices Outcomes Assessment Award 2011 to the NMSU Library.

The Library also received this award in 2009.

The committee said that the award is presented to a department or unit that exemplifies the spirit of assessment outside the classroom. The Library received the award for its work in re-evaluating modifications it had made in the use of space in order to determine if the changes were beneficial.

The award was accepted on behalf of the Library by Interim Associate Dean Norice Lee and Reference & Research Services Department Head Cindy Pierard at NMSU's Fall 20011 convocation ceremony. For more information, contact Library Dean Elizabeth A. Titus at (575) 646-1508.



Norice Lee and Cindy Pierard with Outcomes Assessment Award 2011.



Celebrate the Freedom to Read during Banned Books Week September 24 through October 1, 2011

For more information, visit the Library's Web page at
<http://lib.nmsu.edu>
or contact Ingrid Schneider at (575) 646-4707.

Read Out

September 28 Read Out, 11 a.m., in front of Zuhl Library

Speaker's Series on Censorship

October 3 Dr. Stephanie Taylor, 10 a.m., 4th Floor Branson Library

October 10 Molly Molloy, 10 a.m., 4th Floor Branson Library

October 17 Bobby Byrd, 10 a.m., 4th Floor Branson Library

October 24 Alex Sanchez, 10 a.m., 4th Floor Branson Library

Community College Library News

NMSU-Alamogordo

Eric Green is the new Library Director at NMSU-Alamogordo's David Townsend Library. Eric came from Colorado in April, where he worked for that state's Community College System for 6 1/2 years. He also spent ten years at the Denver Public Library. He previously worked at the library of the Smithsonian Institution, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund Library and the Federal Reserve Law Library in the District of Columbia. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone West Africa from 1989 to 1990. Eric invites visitors to Alamogordo to come by for a visit to the campus library.

NMSU-Carlsbad

Using existing resources and the creativity of library staff, NMSU Carlsbad created a space for information literacy training within the library. Each semester, the librarian and student workers work together to introduce electronic resources and teach database research skills to first semester students. The new space is comfortable and versatile. Students are invited to schedule use of the area for viewing media or interactive group projects. A new Web site is being designed for the campus and the library, to be released soon.

Doña Ana Community College

DACC library staff members Sara Finch, Yubao Li and Ken Keeton, have been rotating visits to DACC's satellite centers at Gadsden and Sunland Park for the last semester. Librarians visit Gadsden on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Sunland Park on Thursdays. These visits are in addition to any classroom visits requested by faculty. To make librarian assistance even more available to students, Virtual Services Librarian Ken Keeton has implemented several online tools, the newest being text and chat services. Please text the library at DACC-811 or 322-2811 for information or chat via Meebo from the library's home page. Both services are available during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., rolling into an email service after hours.

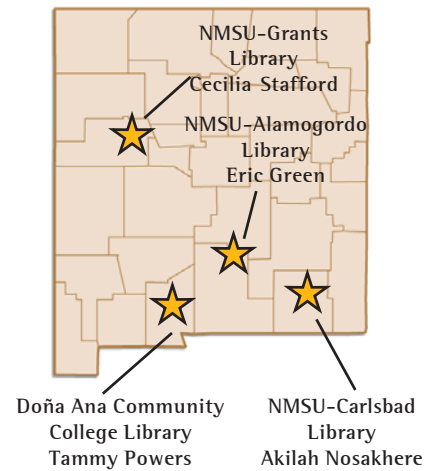
DACC also added a fiction collection at both Las Cruces campuses. "Books You'll Love" was a February kick-off event to preview these new materials managed by Collection Development Librarian Dean Thompson. More information is available at <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/library/news/newfiction.shtm>. Dean Thompson and Tammy (Welch) Powers also received five year service awards at the DACC STAR awards in May.

NMSU-Grants

After a three-month closure for energy-saving renovations, the library reopened to users on March 15. Over the spring and summer, staff continued to settle into the space, which had a few major interior rearrangements. Taking advantage of the new open floor space, staff placed comfortable arm chairs, coffee tables, current newspapers and a nice plant in the reading area. There is a higher rate of traffic in the library and usage patterns have changed. Before the renovation, most users came to the library for computer use. Now staff members observe daily use of the individual study carrels along the exterior windows, and the new comfortable reading area attracts numerous daily users. Green upgrades include use of renewable materials, including a bamboo ceiling at the new entrance; replacing single pane aluminum windows with new windows; use of perforated blinds to reduce heat gain; use of low VOC paints and sealants; recycling 75% of construction waste; carpet with backing made from recycled tires; and new efficient lighting features

The library recently received fifteen new computers, thanks to the campus Title V Grant. Three more computers are slated for the area soon along with attractive, recycled computer tables. The library received the new computers since it is open for student use more hours than any other campus computer lab location.

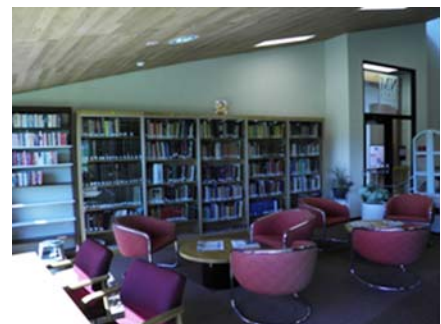
Margaret (Peggy) Leslie began work as a Library Assistant on May 23. She is interested in learning as much as she can about libraries, and is dedicated to students and community users. On September 5, Library Director Cecilia Stafford celebrated her fifth anniversary at NMSU-Grants.



Eric Green, Alamogordo.
Photo, courtesy Eric Green



Information literacy training, Carlsbad. Photo, Jose Cabrera-Zuniga



New reading room, Grants.
Photo, Cecilia Stafford

Library Awarded SBCI Grants

Two projects of the New Mexico State University Library were awarded funding through the mini-grant program of NMSU's Southwest and Border Cultures Institute.

Molly Molloy was awarded \$2,487.45 for a project to add intellectual value to the Library's Ivan Schulman/Evelyn Garfield Collection, a unique resource for Latin American literary scholarship.

Mardi Mahaffy and Sarah Baker were awarded \$4,000 for the April 2012 Dia de los Ninos program. The Dia celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.



The Southwest and Border Cultures Institute (SBCI) resulted from a successful five-year challenge grant awarded to NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences, the Library and the University Museum by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The SBCI promotes humanities research, education and outreach, with special emphasis on understanding and maintaining the unique multicultural heritage of this region. For more information, contact Jeanette Smith at (575) 646-7492.

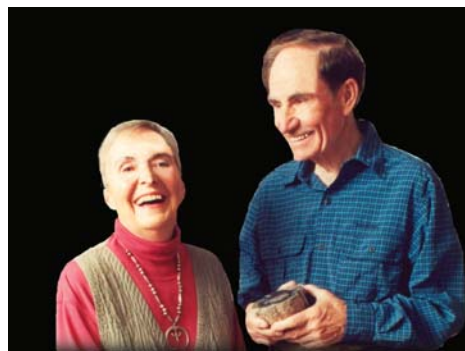
Library Receives McKee Gift

The Library received a gift of \$7,500 from the Robert E. and Evelyn McKee Foundation of El Paso. The gift will be used for the purchase of current engineering reference materials for the Library's collection.

Robert E. McKee is remembered as the "master builder" who built major structures in El Paso as well as Los Angeles, Dallas, Atlanta and other cities.

Acquisition of the engineering resources will be conducted by Engineering Librarian Paula Johnson. For more information, please contact Johnson at (575) 646-7251.

Zuhls Honored at NMSU Commencement



Herbert and Joan Zuhl.
Photo, University Communications

Herbert and Joan Zuhl, major donors for whom Zuhl Library is named, were awarded honorary degrees at New Mexico State University's Spring 2011 Commencement. The newest NMSU Library building, which opened in 1992, was called New Library until 2000, when the Zuhls pledged a \$3 million naming gift for Zuhl Library.

In 1990, the Zuhls moved to Las Cruces from Manhattan, where they had a business that crafted and sold large polished pieces of petrified wood, bringing many pieces of their collection with them. Many specimens from the world-class Zuhl Geological Collection of petrified wood, fossils and minerals have been showcased at Zuhl Library since 2000. A matched pair of amethyst "cathedrals" grace the entrance to the Zuhl Classroom. Some new pieces recently put on display at the Library include a 170 million-year-old Ichthyosaurus (shark) fossil in the Library Conference Room on the second floor.

The Zuhl collection is also exhibited at the Zuhl Geological Collection Museum at NMSU's Alumni and Visitors Center, as well as in the Department of Geological Sciences in Gardiner Hall. Come to Zuhl Library to see the collection in person or visit <http://www.nmsu.edu/zuhl/> for a virtual tour.

Librarians Present Metadata Workshops

Quality metadata is key to the discoverability of digital resources. As digital collections become more prevalent, and the ability to create digital collections becomes available to smaller institutions, it is vital that cultural heritage professionals receive training in providing quality metadata for their resources.

To meet the need for training in New Mexico, Ingrid Schneider, the Library's Metadata & Authority Control Librarian, teamed up with colleagues from the University of New Mexico to provide basic metadata training to the state's cultural heritage professionals for little to no cost. The resulting workshop covers basic information on metadata, detailed information on the Dublin Core Metadata Scheme and information on the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting.

The workshop, which began in March 2010, has been conducted for cultural heritage professionals in the northern and southern sections of the state, for members of the New Mexico Library Association, members of the UNM Information Technology Department and members of the Border Regional Library Association. In addition, Ingrid and one of her colleagues did a presentation on the workshop and what they've learned from conducting it at the 2011 Transborder Regional Library Forum/FORO Transfronterizo de Bibliotecas in Austin, Texas, in July. If you would like more information on the workshop or upcoming dates, please contact Schneider at (575) 646-4707 or ingschne@nmsu.edu.—Ingrid Schneider, Technical Services

What's Special About the Library?

The New Mexico State University Library is proud of its dedicated staff, research collections and helpful services. In addition, unique historical resources, a notable geological collection, artworks on display and award-winning faculty members are just a few of the many things that distinguish the NMSU Library from all others. Here is just a sampling of what's special about the NMSU Library:

- Since 2000, the Zuhl Geological Collection has graced every floor of Zuhl Library and is showcased elsewhere on campus as well. The bulk of the world-class collection is composed of petrified wood ranging in size from twigs and stems a few centimeters long to logs over a meter in diameter. Although there are specimens of wood from all over the world, most come from three regions in the United States. The collection also contains a large number of fossils of invertebrate and vertebrate animals, including trilobites, corals, ammonites, insects and fish. "Stan," a cast of a female T-Rex dinosaur, is a familiar face at the entry to Zuhl Library. An ancient shark fossil is a recent addition to the collection. The collection also features minerals and rocks from throughout the world, including two beautiful large pieces of amethyst. The collection is on permanent loan from donors Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Zuhl, who also gave a \$3 million naming gift for Zuhl Library. Visit the Zuhl Geological Collection at <http://zuhlcollection.nmsu.edu/>.

- Photographs from the Thomas K. Todsens Papers (Ms0223) were added to the photograph database on the Web site of the NMSU Library's Archives & Special Collections Department to make them accessible to a worldwide online audience. The collection consists of more than 2,000 images, the bulk of which are historic postcards of New Mexico from 1910 through the 1950s. Covering every geographic portion of the state, these postcards comprise a very complete photographic portrait of New Mexico's communities during the early statehood period. A large group of the postcards depicts the Mexican Revolution, Pancho Villa's raid on Columbus, New Mexico, and General John Pershing's expedition into Mexico. The photographic database, located at <http://archphotos.nmsu.edu/> can be searched by keyword and a variety of other access points. Visit the Library's Archives & Special Collections Department at <http://lib.nmsu.edu/depts/archives/>.

***The Library has unique historical resources,
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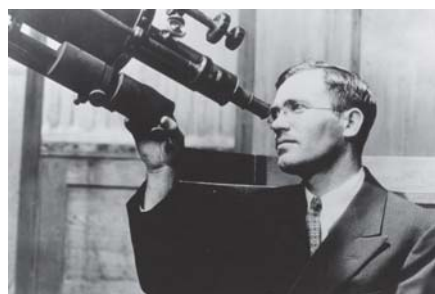
- Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh's lengthy and distinguished career included research on natural earth satellites and on Mars as well as his discovery of Pluto in 1930. The Tombaugh family donated Dr. Tombaugh's papers to the NMSU Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections in 2001. Mrs. Patricia Tombaugh said that the family felt that the Library was the appropriate place for Clyde's papers because he had a very close association with NMSU lasting for more than forty years. Included among his papers are materials concerning Tombaugh's early career at Lowell Observatory and White Sands Missile Range. The papers are significant not only for their documentation of Tombaugh himself, but also for evidence of the history of astronomy, physics and related sciences. Of special interest is Tombaugh's correspondence with prominent astronomers and space scientists, including Werner von Braun and Carl Sagan. See an online display about the Tombaugh Papers at http://archives.nmsu.edu/exhibits/tombaugh_website/. (Special, continued on page 13)



Young Austin Martinez admires "Stan," the resident T-Rex of Zuhl Library.



Historic postcard, Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, circa 1940s. Photo, Archives & Special Collections



Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh at his telescope. Photo, Archives & Special Collections



"Old Mesilla" mural in Branson Library by New Deal artist Tom Lea
Photo, NMSU Library

• Zuhl and Branson libraries are not only home to large collections of books and other information resources, they also display a number of notable works of art. Library visitors can admire two murals in Branson Library, "Conquistadores" and "Old Mesilla," painted by Tom Lea, a distinguished El Paso artist and author. Lea painted the murals in 1934 as part of the New Deal arts projects. They were originally painted for exhibition in Young Hall, NMSU's first library building. They were removed from Young Hall in 1951, hung for a time in Milton Hall and then were in storage for many years awaiting repair and renovation. The paintings were restored in 1996 by Randall Ash of Denver thanks to funding from the Stockman Family Foundation. The restored murals are now displayed proudly in the lobby of Branson Library. "Conquistadores" was painted first. It presents several views of the first hundred years of New Mexico history, emphasizing the colonizing efforts of DeVargas and Oñate. The Conquest, the Pueblo revolt of 1680 and the Reconquest are all depicted. The second painting, "Old Mesilla," depicts historical events in and around the Mesilla area in the 19th Century such as the Gadsden Purchase and agricultural fields.



Molly Molloy, pictured with J. Paul Taylor, as she receives NMSU's Social Justice Award. Photo, NMSU Library

• Latin American and Border Studies Librarian Molly Molloy is known nationally and internationally for her work with the online Frontera List at <http://groups.google.com/group/frontera-list/topics>. The list is used widely by congressional staff and U.S. and Mexican human rights groups. In the absence of an official count, she has taken on the task of keeping and reporting statistics obtained from newspaper reports on the daily and cumulative count of the murders in Mexico's deadliest city, Ciudad Juárez. She also includes text from U.S. and Mexican newspapers with translations and commentary. Molly said, "Ten years from now, people are going to ask 'What happened in Juárez?'" Molly's research, featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, on National Public Radio and in many other media sources, has given her a deep understanding of the crisis in Juárez. In 2009, she was awarded the prestigious New Mexico State University Social Justice Award at the J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium, and in 2011, she received the Jose Toribio Medina Award from the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials. She provided an appendix of news reports for Charles Bowden's 2010 book *Murder City* (Nation Books) and co-edited with Bowden the 2011 book *El Sicario: The Autobiography of a Mexican Assassin* (Gardners Books). This summer Molly testified as an expert on the violence in Mexico at a hearing in a federal capital murder case.



Martha Andrews displays her award winning book, one of New Mexico's 100 Best. Photo, Susan Beck

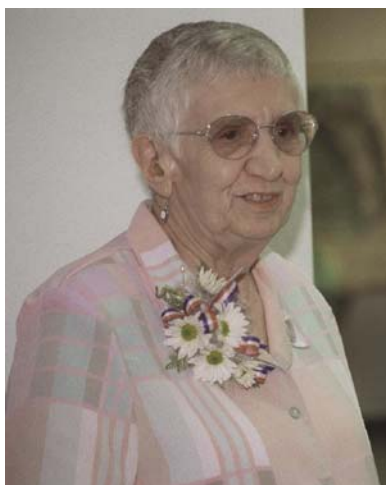
• University Archivist Martha Shipman Andrews' 2008 book *The Whole Damned World: New Mexico Aggies at War 1941-1945* (Rio Grande Books/NMSU Library) is among the titles listed as the 100 Best New Mexico Books. The list was announced in 2011 by the New Mexico Book Co-op in time for the New Mexico Centennial in 2012. The books were voted on by authors, librarians and the public. There are classic books on the list as well as relatively new books. *The Whole Damned World* appears on the list with such classics as *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya, *A Thief of Time* by Tony Hillerman and *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. *The Whole Damned World*, edited by Martha with an introduction by Dr. Richard Melzer, consists of approximately 250 letters written to Dr. Daniel Jett by former students serving in all branches of the services and every theater of World War II. Daniel B. Jett, NMSU Dean of Engineering from 1938 to 1947, was fondly known as "Dad" Jett. Jett carried on a personal correspondence with hundreds of young men and women called up to war. These letters boosted morale among the serving soldiers and nurses overseas and stateside. The entire collection of 5,000 letters is held by the Archives & Special Collections Department. *The Whole Damned World* was awarded the Caliente Award from Reading New Mexico in 2009, and was a winner in the 2009 New Mexico Book Awards (Best History Book and Best New Mexico Book) and a finalist in the 2009 National Best Book Awards. It is available at local bookstores and online at Amazon.com.

In Memoriam: Christine Buder Myers

Christine Buder Myers, NMSU Library retiree, passed away June 16 at La Posada Hospice. Chris joined the Library staff in 1962 as Circulation Librarian and retired from the Library in 1985. During her tenure in the library, she held the positions of Social Sciences and Business Librarian and Head of Reference.

As the Library's first Special Collections Librarian, she developed the New Mexico and Southwestern book collections.

Chris had a passion for New Mexico history and in 1983 compiled the book *New Mexico Local and County Histories, a Bibliography* that was published by the New Mexico Library Association.



Christine Buder Myers

She served as President of the Doña Ana County Historical Society from 1983-1987. Chris was active in the New Mexico Library Association and served as its president during 1975-1976. She also served as President of Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in 1997-1998 and was active in preparing the monthly book sales.

Upon moving to the Good Samaritan Village, Chris continued her volunteer work by assisting with the building of the library collection for the facility. Chris's passion for libraries and history continued throughout her life.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 25, at the Good Samaritan Village. Please contact Kristina Martinez at (575) 646-3642 to celebrate Chris's life through the Library's Honor With Books Program.

Honor With Books Program

The Library has successfully launched its Honor with Books Program, creating a special way for people to honor friends and loved ones with a gift that gives back and lives on in perpetuity by funding a book purchase in the subject area of their choice.

Giving levels range from \$100 to \$10,000. The new book will be cataloged and added to the Library's collection, and an electronic bookplate with customizable wording is added to the book's online catalog record.

This allows people all over the world to see and celebrate the memorial, accomplishment or special occasion. The catalog is searchable by the honored person's name, making the gift more recognizable and special.

If you are interested in honoring a special person in your life, whether it is a graduate, friend, professor, family member or colleague, please contact Development Officer Kristina Martinez at krismart@nmsu.edu or (575) 646-3642.—Kristina Martinez, Library Administration

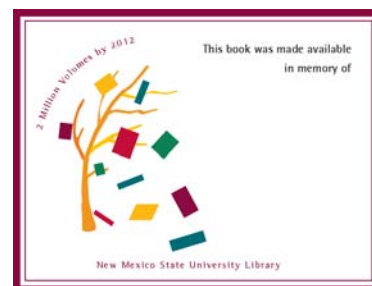
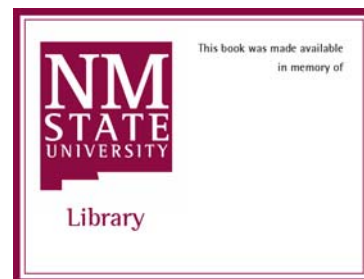
New Women's History Digital Resource Announced

This summer, the Library added *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000* to its growing collection of electronic resources.

Women and Social Movements provides students and scholars access to documents and publications relating to the social history of women as well as a digital archive of federal, state and local Commissions on the Status of Women publications published between 1961 and 2005.

This resource also includes an online edition of the five-volume biographical dictionary, *Notable American Women*, a chronology of U.S. women's history and a dictionary of social movements and organizations.

This excellent resource was made available with funding from the Library's Caroline Strass Endowment. For more information, contact Susan Beck at (575) 646-6171.—Susan Beck, Reference & Research Services



Pete V. Domenici Video Premiered

A new video, titled simply *Domenici*, documenting the career of retired Senator Pete Domenici was premiered at this year's annual Senator Pete V. Domenici Public Policy Conference held on August 31 and September 1.

Produced by Chris Schueler of Christopher Productions of Albuquerque, the video documents Pete Domenici's senatorial career using interviews, old videos and photographs, many from the Domenici Archives housed in NMSU's Branson Library.

The archivist and staff identified photos in the archival holdings that depicted various events in the thirty-six years Domenici served in the U.S. Senate. Several hundred photos were then scanned to DVDs and thumb drives for use by the producers. Many of them flashed on the screen as bridges between the segments of the video, while others were featured in the story.

For more information, please contact chris@christopherproductions.org or visit www.christopherproductions.org.—Cary Osborne, Archives & Special Collections



Dr. Jesus Barquet helped celebrate the centenary and works of Cuban author Jose Lezama Lima at the launch of a Library exhibit in May.

In Memoriam: Linda Blazer



Linda Blazer

Linda was known nationally for her work with the Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections, especially her research on the Faithists, a Utopian group that founded Shalam Colony in the Las Cruces area in 1884. Not only did Linda process the Faithist/Oahspe archival collection, during the 1990s she located and interviewed the descendants of the original colonists, who were living by that time throughout the U.S. Her comprehensive scholarly *Shalam Colony Bibliography* is available at <http://archives.nmsu.edu/exhibits/shalam2/shalam7.html>.

Linda was a devoted mother to her son Jason, as well as a faithful member of the Church of Religious Science, where she managed the church library and bookstore for many years. She gave generously of her time and talents to many causes, including the New Mexico Library Association, the Society of Southwest Archivists, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and an international exchange student organization. Linda's contributions to her profession and community were numerous. Her family requests that memorial gifts be directed to Big Brothers/Big Sisters or to the Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections.

NMSU Library retiree Linda Blazer passed away on May 8, 2011. A longtime resident of Las Cruces, Linda was born in Gallup and grew up in Clayton, New Mexico.

She joined the faculty of the NMSU Library in the early 1970s after earning a master's degree in library science in Seattle.

Linda worked in Acquisitions and then in Archives, where she served as the Assistant Archivist for many years.

A born archivist and historian, she was deeply versed in area history. Her book *Building the Future: A History of Engineering at NMSU, 1888-1988*, was published in 1989.

Student Appreciates the Library

The Library's Reference & Research Services Department recently received a graduation announcement from a former student employee, Amanda Shearin, who worked in the department between 2003 and 2006.

Amanda received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree with honors from the University of New Mexico. A note attached to the announcement read:

Dear Reference Librarians,

I know it has been a while since I've worked with y'all, but I wanted to let you know that I survived Lobo land!

The research skills I acquired while working at the library have been invaluable while doing medical research. That will stick with me throughout my career!

Thanks for all your guidance!
Amanda



Amanda Shearin



Who Is This Masked Librarian and What is She Doing?



Who is this masked librarian and what is she doing?

Sometimes it is necessary that librarians go above and beyond their job duties. Such was the case when water damage occurred to a set of bibliographies in Branson Library.

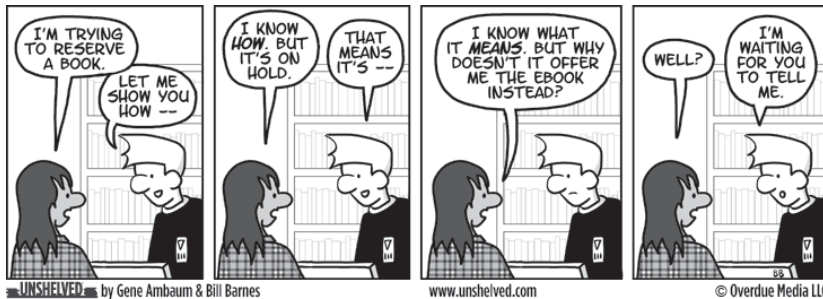
Fortunately, the ten moldy volumes were found by helpful students, and bagged. But because the materials were bagged in black bags, Library staff members were not able to see the barcodes, call numbers or titles of the pieces to be able to withdraw them.

Enter librarian Liz Miller, cataloger extraordinaire, with her gas mask, which she brought from home. With Technical Services Department head Ellen Bosman, also masked and gloved, Liz bravely opened the bag and read each barcode, call number and title to Ellen, who recorded the information. The materials were returned to the bag and discarded.

Staff members then took the list and removed the volumes from the Library's online catalog, thanks to the recorded information—and to not one, but two resourceful masked librarians.—Jeanette Smith, Library Administration

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