John Ross to Sign New Book

Author and Mexican correspondent John Ross will sign copies of his new book, *Murdered by Capitalism: A Memoir of 150 Years of Life and Death on the American Left*, on Monday, October 25, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the second floor of Branson Library.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. *Murdered by Capitalism* is both a personal memoir of six decades (Ross, continued on page 4)

On Tuesday, November 2, New Mexico voters will be given the opportunity to approve a $16.3 million statewide general obligation bond package. GO Bond Issue “C” will fund the purchase of library books and other materials. This 2004 bond proposal is endorsed by the State Library Commission and the New Mexico Library Association. Its appearance on the ballot was approved virtually unanimously last spring by the New Mexico State Legislature.

Funding for academic, public, school and state libraries is included. The bond issue, if passed, will provide $3.9 million for college and university libraries to supplement their acquisition budgets. This amount will purchase $50 worth of materials such as one to two library books for each full time student enrolled at a New Mexico college or university. The NMSU Library will receive approximately $680,000.

According to the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, “Academic books and journals are very expensive. Since these libraries are the heart of our learning community and support student learning and research, updated books and non-Internet journals are critically important to the quality of higher education in New Mexico.” For more information on GO Bond Issue “C,” please visit the New Mexico 2004 Library Books Bond Issue web site at [http://www.nmbooksbond.org](http://www.nmbooksbond.org). For information on the creative way that the Library solicited campus input on how to spend funding from the successful 2002 statewide GO bond proposal, see the article “Campus Reaps Benefits from 2002 Statewide Bond Issue” on page 2. — Jeanette Smith, Library Administration

Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes

The glass wall in Zuhl Library went down...

... the reference department was centralized in Zuhl Library...

... and the Branson Library Circulation Desk became an Information Desk.

For details of these changes and more, see page 3.
Campus Reaps Benefits from 2002 Statewide Bond Issue

When the Library sent out a call last spring to the main campus community asking for proposals to help build its collections, we had no idea what sort of requests we would receive. We weren’t sure whether we would receive enough proposals to expend the $587,758 awarded to us by the State of New Mexico through the successful 2002 General Obligation (GO) Bond Issue. We didn’t know which subject areas our users felt we should enrich and build on. We also wondered what types of materials — books? CDs? DVDs? videos? — our clientele felt would benefit the campus community. We wanted to have their input on the collections that were important to enhance, which types of materials we should collect and which subject areas needed to be built. In March, after all the proposals had been received, reviewed and evaluated, we were truly surprised and delighted by the result.

The 2002 Library GO Bond Proposal Initiative was a success. The Library received and funded proposals from a wide variety of subject areas ranging from organic chemistry to jewelry and metalsmithing to Islamic studies. We funded video and DVD collections to enhance teaching and learning in the areas of social work, anthropology, border studies, art, history, information literacy, nursing, opera, women’s studies and visual arts. We funded purchases of periodical back files to boost our serials collections in geography, mathematics, computer science, Latin American studies and psychology.

We funded small press collections in fiction and poetry, an electronic book collection of 5,475 titles covering all subject areas (see related article “E-Books Are Coming!” on page 1), a collection of books, films and microforms on the Ibero-American world from colonial times to present, and a collection of books and videos profiling American history in terms of the environment, its ecology, its borders and boundaries and its globalization and modernization. We funded an interdisciplinary collection of books on leadership, a broad-based book collection in medieval studies to support a new minor in that field and a companion collection of medieval texts in translation to support that same minor.

We funded a video and book collection focusing on all aspects of the visual arts including classic foreign and American films. We funded a well-researched collection of music scores, music CDs and videos on opera. We funded a ten–year span of electronic bibliographic back files to enhance access to scholarly research literature in the sciences and social sciences (see related article “ISI Back Files Provide Richer, Deeper Access to Research Lit” on page 4).

The Library received forty–six proposals totaling $1,335,404.43, originating from eighteen academic departments and five colleges. Of the proposals received, the Library was able to fund 90%, and 27% of those were funded at 100%. Approximately 30% of the proposals were funded at 50% or higher of the original request. The committee faced a major challenge in trying to fund as many proposals as possible while staying within its funding limit.

All of the requested items, all the books, the periodical back files, the music CDs, the CD–ROMs, the videos, the DVDs and the electronic books have been ordered. The Library is working hard this fall to get the materials processed, cataloged and made available to the public (see related article at right). Users will soon be able to search the online catalog by keyword with the phrase 2002 Bond Purchase to find all items in the catalog purchased with 2002 Library GO Bond monies.

On Tuesday, November 2, 2004, New Mexico voters will again have the opportunity to approve a statewide GO bond proposal. With the hope that this bond issue passes, the Library is looking ahead to sponsoring a similar campus competition. For suggestions on how the Library can further develop its collections to benefit the University community, or for questions regarding the 2002 Library GO Bond Proposal Initiative, please contact Susan E. Beck at (505) 646-6171 or susabeck@lib.nmsu.edu.

― Susan Beck, Reference & Research Services

Search the online catalog with the phrase 2002 Bond Purchase

Bond Process has Mysterious Side

We all know the sense of anticipation and excitement that occurs when we purchase a new book, CD, DVD or other item we truly crave. The proposal process for GO Bond monies provided that same feeling, that purchasing possibilities were endless, and long desired objects were finally obtainable. That’s the fun part of the library acquisitions process, but a lot of mysterious behind–the–scenes work goes into satisfying those desires.

The Library’s Technical Services Department is responsible for fulfilling those dreams, for purchasing and tracking all orders for new material and for processing materials upon arrival. The Department used the Bond project as an opportunity to try a few tricks to save time and money. Creating order profiles standardized purchasing data according to the nationally utilized MARC Format. Each item was ordered via a vendor’s web site and, in turn, the vendor electronically delivered a free, MARC formatted confirmation containing pertinent bibliographic and order information. The confirmations were imported into the library’s management system and purchase orders automatically created with data from the vendor records. For example, three hundred orders were loaded and generated a purchase order in less than five minutes!

Since each vendor–supplied record contains an identifier, it was possible to utilize Electronic Data Interchange invoicing. The vendor sent an electronic invoice which, when loaded, hooked onto the unique identifier, verified that the item was received and updated pricing to reflect discounts.

Time, money and trees were saved by eliminating paper documentation and the manual processing of purchase orders and invoices. Because the data was processed and stored automatically, tasks such as re–keying data were eliminated, the potential for errors was reduced and the flow of information improved.

― Ellen Bosman, Technical Services

Visit the New Mexico 2004 Library Books Bond Issue web site at: http://www.nmbooksbond.org
Gov Docs, Maps Services Here

Researchers with questions about federal government information and maps can now get assistance at a new Government Documents Unit on the second floor of Branson Library.

Documents staff, left to right: Debi Allen, Kirsten Clark, Wendy Simpson and students Selby Smith and Amber Stockton.

The Library is one of more than 1,000 academic, public and special libraries that participate in the Federal Depository Library Program, a program established by Congress in the early 1800s to allow the public free access to government publications. The Library became a federal depository in 1907, and it selects roughly 62% of items available from the Government Printing Office.

The Library’s map and atlas collection is housed on the second floor of Branson Library. The majority of maps have been acquired from government agencies such as the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Forest Service as part of the Library’s government depository collection. The atlas collection includes a number of historical, contemporary and specialized titles.

Reference hours in the unit during the fall semester are 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Help is also available at (505) 646–5791 and webref@lib.nmsu.edu.

Staff members are happy to provide instruction sessions to classes and groups on accessing federal government information. Any questions may be directed to Kirsten Clark, Reference & Research Services/Government Documents Librarian, at (505) 646–4385 or email kclark@lib.nmsu.edu. — Cindy Pierard, Reference & Research Services

Library Service Points Consolidated

Changes at several Library public service points, resulting from an effort to improve and centralize user services, went into effect on July 1. All reference services and collections formerly in Branson and Zuhl libraries were consolidated on the first floor of Zuhl Library. Staff that process federal government documents and maps were brought together in a new service unit in Branson Library that will also provide research assistance for these sources.

The Circulation Desk at Branson Library expanded its services, and it was renamed the General Information Desk. Assistance with periodicals will continue to be available at the periodicals service desk on the first floor west of Branson Library. Interlibrary loan/document delivery relocated to the first floor of Zuhl Library, and it was renamed Information Delivery Services to reflect a broader scope of services, including Pegasus delivery and pickup services for faculty and Ph. D. candidates.

All services of the Archives & Special Collections Department are now provided through a search room on the fourth floor east of Branson Library. The former Special Collections search room on the second floor east of Branson Library is no longer open. The combined Archives & Special Collections search room is open from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, see the related articles and photos in this newsletter, and contact Cheryl Wilson, Associate Dean, at (505) 646–1508.

Reference Centralized in Zuhl

On July 1, the Library centralized general reference services and collections on the first floor of Zuhl Library. The reference staff in Zuhl and Branson libraries was reorganized as one merged department in 2002. Since that time, staff members have been working at each other’s service desks and learning about each other’s collections in preparation for the migration to a centralized reference environment.

The move to a central service point will concentrate staff resources at the location where statistics indicate that the majority of questions are being asked, and it will allow for double-staffing during particularly busy times. Expanded shelving, including a new indexes/abstracts area, will provide additional growth space for the collection.

Although the Reference & Research Services Department staff will have fewer desk service hours during their work week, they will be devoting more time to instruction and collection development activities. Another goal for the department is to begin exploring new outreach models, something of increasing importance now that more researchers are doing their work outside of the physical library. This fall, several subject specialist librarians will begin offering office hours in the buildings where the academic departments they serve are located. The department is also investigating options for providing additional online reference services.

On-site assistance is still available to researchers working in Branson Library. Branson Library staff can help with finding materials in the stacks, conducting basic searches of the online catalog, finding journals and performing basic PC and printing functions. They can also refer research questions to the subject specialist for that area or call the appropriate service area on behalf of a researcher with a quick question. Database handouts in the literature racks may also be used for quick assistance with searching and outputting records from library databases.

For other questions, please stop by the Zuhl Library reference desk or contact staff by phone at (505) 646–5792 or via the online web reference form at http://lib.nmsu.edu/webref/index.html. A researcher who would like more in-depth assistance with a project may also schedule an appointment with the subject specialist for his/her area at http://lib.nmsu.edu/depts/collserv/sel-liai.html.

Questions or concerns about the centralization of reference may be directed to Cindy Pierard, Head, Reference & Research Services Department, at (505) 646–7010 or cpierard@lib.nmsu.edu or to Cheryl Wilson, Associate Dean, at (505) 646–1508 or chwilson@lib.nmsu.edu. — Cindy Pierard, Reference & Research Services
Music Streams into Library

After years of planning, organizing and purchasing materials, the Library now proudly offers to its users the opportunity to listen to a variety of music online. More than 1,700 music CDs have been “streamed” into MP3 files and made available on-site in the Library and NMSU’s Music Department through their computers.

Music Department faculty and the Library’s music selector, Gary Mayhood, made the initial choices for the CD acquisition. The majority of the purchases, funded by a gift from the Hansen Estate, were selected to support the curriculum of the Music Department. Included in the initial CD purchase were the complete works of J.S. Bach and W.A. Mozart as well as works ranging from solo instrumental pieces to great symphonic and choral works, art songs and operas, band music, and popular music from rhythm and blues to classic rock.

After being cataloged, the CDs were shipped to San Diego for streaming into MP3 files by Streamload.com. The MP3 files are now stored at Streamload’s offices in San Diego where they can be accessed via the Library’s computers. Once the CDs were streamed, they were sent back to the Library and can be now checked out at the Circulation Desk in Zuhl Library.

Since the initial gift of funding for the CDs, the Library has received additional CDs as gifts, including a substantial number of CDs from KRWG-FM radio and funding from the Regis Guest Memorial Endowment for the purchase of jazz, blues and classic rock music materials. CDs were also funded by gifts by individuals and by two grant awards that included the purchase of CDs for mariachi and popular Southwest Border music. These additions to the collection include hundreds of newly purchased opera recordings through the 2002 state General Obligation Bond, more than 100 mariachi CDs, more than 200 reggae CDs, hundreds of classical music CDs, and hundreds of popular music CDs including New Age, jazz, big band and world music.

What more wonderful gift to the Library and to all its users than the gift of music! Thank you one and all for your generous support of the Library and the curriculum of the Music Department. So grab your ear phones and come to the Library and have a listen! — Gary Mayhood, Technical Services

ISI Back Files Provide Richer, Deeper Access to Research Lit

The Library recently added back files dating from 1985 to its two Institute of Scientific Information (ISI) database subscriptions, SciSearch and Social SciSearch. Both databases are primary tools for researchers to gain access to more than 5,000 of the world’s leading scholarly journals in the sciences and social sciences. Up until this summer, NMSU faculty, students and staff only had access back to 1993 for SciSearch and back to 1996 for Social SciSearch. Because these two databases are heavily used by researchers campuswide and because of their interdisciplinary focus, the addition of coverage back to 1985 will have a broad and beneficial impact on the campus community.

What makes these two databases unique among the library’s research database collection is that they are citation databases. A citation database allows users to track article citation patterns, showing relationships between researchers who may or may not be working in similar fields. By following a citation trail, one can track the evolution (ISI continued on page 11)
Mesilla writer and historian Mary Taylor was honored at the June 2 meeting of the Rio Grande Historical Collections Society for her contributions to the preservation of New Mexico history and her part in making possible the Rio Grande Historical Collection (RGHC’s) Durango Microfilming Project. Taylor, who was born in El Paso, has donated many of her research papers and early Mesilla Valley photographs to the RGHC.

Her most noteworthy endeavor was bringing to light the valuable New Mexico documentation located in the Historical Archive of the Archbishopric of Durango, Mexico, which led to the RGHC’s Durango Microfilming Project. Taylor discovered a wealth of largely unknown historical material pertaining to New Mexico while doing research in the Durango cathedral in the late 1970s. Working with Father Antonio Diaz in Durango and former RGHC director Austin Hoover, the Durango Microfilming Project was conceived, leading to the production of more than 1,000 reels of microfilm between 1992 and 2002.

Taylor’s new book on the history of Mesilla, published by the NMSU Museum, will be in bookstores this fall. — Dennis Daily, Archives & Special Collections

For those with a passion for literature, Southwestern writers and their writings are as precious as the unique Southwestern landscape. In the early 1970s, a group of booklovers asked themselves how they could promote Southwestern authors and make the love of books, especially books of the Southwest, take off like wildfire across New Mexico.

In 1971, these questions led to the formation of the New Mexico Book League, one of the earliest and most influential and successful American book clubs. Dwight and Carol Myers, an Albuquerque couple with an informed passion for books and roots in the publishing industry, began the New Mexico Book League.

In forming the League, the Myers embraced an ambitious set of goals: to popularize reading in New Mexico, to promote books and advance the availability of books across the state, to champion Southwestern writers and to sponsor events and create new forums to enrich New Mexico’s cultural life.

Book Talk sowed the seeds of literary transformation. Book Talk was widely read by Book League members and hundreds of others, and it became such a respected source on Southwest literature that its full archive is housed today at the libraries of New Mexico State University, the University of California at Berkeley and Yale University. Famed bookman Jack D. Rittenhouse called Book Talk, a simple newsletter, was the League’s powerful tool, and it sowed the seeds of literary transformation that League members had dreamed about. Every few months, writers — many of them luminaries such as Rudolfo Anaya, Tony Hillerman, Peggy Pond Church, Marc Simmons and Frank Waters — contributed the literary reviews and essays that made up each new issue of the publication.

For the upcoming year of 2005, the Library has created an evocative, large calendar of black-and-white photographs that provide haunting glimpses into New Mexico’s past, featuring landscapes, towns, buildings, and other spots that were once significant, but are now no longer with us. Washed away by floods, eaten up by mines, blown away, or simply abandoned, these landmarks exist only in our memories, our imaginations, and in the documents and images of the Library’s Rio Grande Historical Collections.

For more information on how to obtain the Rio Grande Historical Collections 2005 calendar, contact Lesley Mackay at (505) 646-3642 or lmackay@lib.nmsu.edu. — Lesley Mackay, Library Administration
National Awards Go to Border Health Information Projects

Two borderland library health information projects have been honored with national awards from the American Library Association (ALA). Both awards were written up in the September issue of American Libraries magazine. The Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN!), a partnership of twenty-one libraries and health agencies, was named the 2004 ALA/Information Today, Inc., Library of the Future. The Library of the Future Award recognizes an individual library, library consortium, group of librarians or support organization for innovative planning for, applications of, or development of patron training programs about information technology in a library setting. Norice Lee, the first chair of the BIEN! executive board, accepted a citation of achievement and a $1,500 cash award on behalf of BIEN!

An ALA Carnegie-Whitney award for $5,000 was received by BIEN!’s first project director, Sylvia Ortiz. Carnegie-Whitney awards provide support for the preparation and publication of library resource guides. Ms. Ortiz, Norice Lee and Cindy Watkins will prepare a guide to border health information in English and Spanish targeted for use by community health workers, librarians, health educators, the public, students and researchers. The guide will be distributed in the borderland through BIEN! partners, and ALA Publishing will have first consideration for national publication.

BIEN! was originally envisioned by Norice Lee and Carol Brey of the El Paso Public Library. Its mission is to create opportunities to improve the health of residents of the borderland by providing health information in all formats in English and Spanish. The network has provided computers, electronic health information resources and user training in southern New Mexico, west Texas and Palomas, Mexico, for more than four years. Visit the BIEN! web site at http://www.bienhealth.org. For more information, contact Norice Lee at the Library at (505) 646–5091 or Sylvia Ortiz at (505) 646–7481.

Library Welcomes New Staff

DJ Chavez joins the Library Administration staff as a Records Specialist. She came from Truth or Consequences to NMSU as a student in 1970. She has worked on campus for thirteen years, including ten years spent with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. DJ loves her four–legged furry kids — horses, dogs and cats — and enjoys crafts, the outdoors and reading.

Connie Horn is an Administrative Secretary III with the Library Administration. She attended NMSU in the 1960s and received an associate’s degree in paralegal studies from Cuyamaca College in El Cajon, California, in 1999. She worked in a law office before coming to the Library. Connie enjoys knitting, writing and reading, especially reading letters from her grandchildren.

Martha Andrews has joined Archives & Special Collections as Processing Archivist for the Hobson–Huntsinger University Archives. Martha comes to NMSU from The Madeira School, a girls’ boarding and day preparatory school in McLean, Virginia, where she planned and implemented an institutional archives program.

A graduate of Wellesley College with a B.A. in art history, Martha received her MLIS with a concentration in archival studies from the University of Pittsburgh. Martha has a particular interest in archival awareness and outreach programs. A lifelong art collector, Martha also enjoys playing the piano and supporting the musical careers of both her children. She is presently collaborating on a research project on college and university alma maters.

Classified Staff Receive Bonuses

Seven Library classified staff members received $500 bonuses last spring from the Library’s Classified Staff Bonus Program. The program rewarded staff for exceptional performance above and beyond an employee’s normal scope of duties.

The staff members are: Genevieve Bauer, Technical Services; Grace Gonzales–Small, Technical Services; Jenny Lockwood, Technical Services; Sandra Padilla, Access Services; Barbara Peale, Technical Services; Jivonna Stewart, Access Services; and Marti Torres, Library Administration.
Library Staff News Briefs

Joe Becker was promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor.

Cindy Watkins was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Library Dean Elizabeth Titus was elected the chair of the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries. She was also elected chair of the Fund Raising and Financial Development Section of the American Library Association’s (ALA) Library Administration and Management Association.

Susan Beck of Reference & Research Services was elected member-at-large of the Instruction Section of the ALA Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

Norice Lee of Access Services received an ALA presidential appointment to the ALA Presidential Advisory Committee. She also chairs the ACRL Virtual Meeting Task Force and is a member of the ACRL Task Force to Revise the Guidelines for the Preparation of Policies on Library Access to Resources, Facilities and Services.

Kate Manuel of Reference & Research Services will give a presentation at NMSU’s October 2004 Distance Education Conference. The title of her presentation is “Introducing Information Literacy to Distance Education Students: A Modular Approach.”

Jeanette Smith of the Library Administration received an ALA presidential appointment to the Advisory Committee of ALA’s American Libraries magazine. She was also appointed to the ALA Membership Committee.

Library Faculty Publications

Hylen, Jan, “The top ten reasons a library media specialist is a teacher’s best friend,” The Clearing House 77 (May/June 2004): 219–221.


Kate Manuel: Teaching Information Literacy to Gen Y

Kate Manuel’s research on the distinct learning characteristics of Generation Y is known far beyond the NMSU campus. As Instruction Coordinator at the Library, Kate designs instructional materials and model lesson plans for introducing information literacy and information research to students in the Library’s two information literacy courses, LSC 111 and LSC 311, and elsewhere on campus. She has published extensively in the areas of information literacy, electronic publishing, assessment and matching instructional style to student learning styles.

While she was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Nebraska in April 2004, Kate guest lectured on “The instant messengers, the cell phone and the file sharers: an educator’s guide to Generation Y.” She shared her insights on what makes contemporary 17– to 19-year-olds different and distinct, and ways to modify existing instructional materials and methods to more closely match their strengths and needs.

Gen Y students have a positive outlook toward life

While Gen Y students are oriented toward images, not linear text. They have a desire for customized experiences and choices. They have a low threshold for boredom and an unwillingness to memorize. Lecture is an especially ineffective instructional technique for Gen Y students. They prefer kinesthetic, active learning. Promoting opportunities for peer learning is a wise strategy because Gen Y students usually find peers more credible than teachers, compared to students of earlier generations. Like all students, they learn more effectively when taught in accordance with their learning style preferences and when their world views are acknowledged.

Since 1999, Kate has published nine articles on information literacy instruction in journals such as Science & Technology Libraries, The Reference Librarian and Academic Exchange Quarterly. She has also published ten book chapters and given twenty-three regional and national conference presentations. In addition to her research on students, she has also studied faculty attitudes toward collaboration in library instruction. Formerly, a physical science librarian at California State University, Hayward, Kate joined the Library faculty in 2001. For more information, please contact her at (505) 646-6932 or email kmanuel@lib.nmsu.edu. — Jeanette Smith, Library Administration

Online Info Lit Class a Success

The Library offered its popular Information Literacy course, LSC 311, online for the first time this summer. The course, which teaches students how to identify their information needs, locate appropriate information sources and evaluate the material they find, has been offered each semester in the traditional classroom format for several years.

Cindy Watkins, Life Sciences Librarian, and Mardi Mahaffy, Humanities Librarian, collaborated to provide the course during the first summer session in a strictly WebCT environment. While the majority of the twenty-eight students were located in the Las Cruces vicinity, others hailed from remote locales, with one attendee residing as far away as Maryland. — Mardi Mahaffy, Reference & Research Services
Drop In to a Fall Library Workshop

Each semester the Library offers drop-in workshops. Anyone can attend; advance registration is not needed. These workshops, developed by librarians, cover information-related topics and address questions that they see students having at the reference desk, problems that faculty find in student research and other timely issues.

Workshops allow ample opportunities for hands-on work with the information services or sources discussed in the session. Most workshops last approximately sixty minutes, and students get one unit of attendance that instructors may count towards extra credit points. For more information about the services of the NMSU Library Instruction Program, visit http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction or contact Kate Manuel, Instruction Coordinator, at kmanuel@lib.nmsu.edu or (505) 646-6932.

Advanced PowerPoint Techniques
Make your presentations stand out by using advanced features such as sounds, animation and slide transitions. We will discuss when effects are useful and enhance the presentation — and when less is more.
Wednesday, 20 October, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

Agriculture & Life Sciences Literature: Research Strategies
This workshop is aimed towards students and faculty who want to improve their skills in searching for information in all areas of agriculture and life science research. Coverage will include search techniques and strategies, appropriate databases and other sources.
Thursday, 30 September, 2:00–3:30 p.m., Branson Library Electronic Classroom

APA Citation Style: The Basics
Do you need to write a paper or do a presentation that cites sources using APA (American Psychological Association) style? Wonder what APA style is? Wonder how to get your citations formatted properly? This workshop will explain the basics of APA citation style and give you lots of opportunities to practice.
NOTE: This workshop is intended for those who are still somewhat new to using APA citation style. Help and instruction for those with more advanced questions will be available at a separate session.
Wednesday, 13 October, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

AND REPEATED ON
Thursday, 21 October, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

AND REPEATED ON
Wednesday, 10 November, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

AND REPEATED ON
Tuesday, 16 November, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

CBE Style
Tuesday, 19 October, 1:00–2:00 p.m., Branson Library Electronic Classroom

Demystifying Congressional Information
The United States Federal Government is the largest publisher of information in the world, and the majority of this information is produced by or at the request of the United States Congress. In this workshop, learn about the different types of Congressional publications and the basic sources for finding Congressional information.
Wednesday, 27 October, 3:00–4:00 p.m., Branson Library Electronic Classroom

Getting the Most out of Google
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How much do you really know about using America’s favorite web search engine? This workshop will help attendees go from entering 1–2 keywords in the basic search box to maximizing their use of Google (http://www.google.com). It will cover:
• Advanced Search options in Google
• Commonly used Google search commands
• How Google determines relevance of results
It will also introduce:
• Google tools, search as the toolbar, desktop and browser button
• Special Google search services (calculator, phone and address information, street maps and more)
• Other new and exciting Google–related things
Wednesday, 29 September, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

Government Information Basics
Do you need to find a government document for your research paper, but don’t know where to start? Did you read about a recently released government report and would like to find a copy, but don’t know where to look? Attend this workshop to find answers to these questions! We will discuss search techniques for finding government information in both print and online forms, as well as learn to use key government document resources.
Tuesday, 5 October, 3:00–4:00 p.m., Branson Library Electronic Classroom

Latin American Literary Criticism
Explore many library resources for finding literature and criticism on Latin American writers. Topics covered will include:
• Specialized reference books
• Searching tips for the NMSU Library Catalog
• The Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI Online)
• The Handbook of Latin American Studies Online
• The MLA Bibliography
• CLASE/Periodica
Thursday, 23 September, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

Navigating the Library
With its seven floors spread over two buildings and its multiple service desks, the Library can be confusing for many people. This workshop teaches you how to navigate the Library’s physical space by knowing what services are provided where, learning the basics of reading Library of Congress classification numbers and providing helpful insider “tips” on how to get about. It builds on the basic tours of the Library buildings but does not discuss the Library’s electronic resources.
Monday, 20 September, 12:00–1:00 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

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Opening the Vault: Using Primary Resources from Archives & Special Collections
This workshop is directed towards students, faculty, and other users who wish to learn to use primary resources in research. Coverage will include using online databases, finding guides and related materials.
Thursday, 14 October, 2:00–3:30 p.m., Archives & Special Collections Search Room (4th floor of Branson Library)

Using Microsoft PowerPoint for Effective Presentations
This workshop covers the basics of using PowerPoint such as using the design wizard, adding text, graphics and background themes. The session will also answer basic questions about compatibility of the different versions. The session will be geared toward the novice who has little to no experience using the software.
Monday, 11 October, 6:00–7:00 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

Searching Techniques
This workshop introduces basic searching techniques that all researchers should know — searching techniques that work across different catalogs, databases, and search engines. Topics addressed include capitalization, phrase searching, requiring or excluding words, truncation, wildcards, nesting and Boolean operators, limits, field searching, and proximity commands. There will be ample opportunities to practice using these search techniques!
Wednesday, 22 September, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

AND REPEATED ON
Thursday, 23 September, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Branson Library Classroom

AND REPEATED ON
Sunday, 26 September, 7:00–8:00 p.m., Zuhl Library Electronic Classroom

AND REPEATED ON
Monday, 27 September, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Branson Library Classroom — Kate Manuel, Reference & Research Services

Online Tutorials Announced
Faculty, particularly those teaching WebCT or distance education courses, may want to take advantage of some newly developed or revised online instructional materials. Developing instructional materials to introduce online and distant students to the library and information research remains a major focus of the Library Instruction Program.

A new tutorial on “Periodical Articles: A Guide to Evaluating, Obtaining, and Citing Periodical Articles” (http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/articles/articles.htm) explains how to evaluate and cite articles found full text in the Library’s article databases. It also shows how to go from a citation or abstract of an article to the full article in print or online. Questions after each screen of text allow students to check their understanding of the information presented.

“The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly” (http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/eval.html) introduces students to common criteria used for evaluating Web sources — accuracy, authority, objectivity, currency and coverage. Four sets of sample pages for comparison help students to practice their evaluation skills.

Subject-specific online instruction is also available for government, nursing and health sciences:


• “Library Research Basics for Nursing Students” http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/courses/nursing.htm

• “Library Research for Health Science: An Online Guide” http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/healthsci/tutorial.html

Please contact Kate Manuel at kmanuel@lib.nmsu.edu or (505) 646–6932.
— Kate Manuel, Reference & Research Services

Student Wins Poster Contest
Ray Lara, an NMSU senior majoring in English, correctly named all six of the authors pictured in the Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros poster in a contest held in April at Zuhl Library. In commemoration of the International Day of the Children and of the Book, the book display and contest were sponsored by the Library and the New Mexico chapter of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking.

From pictures and small clues, contestants were asked to name six writers who have contributed to the Hispanic/Latino literature of the Southwest: Gary Soto, who has written many children’s books as well as poetry; Denise Chavez, Las Cruces native, novelist and performance writer; Joe Hayes, bilingual writer of children’s books and folk tales; Pat Mora, El Paso native and children’s writer who helped start Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros in the U.S.; Rudolfo Anaya, retired University of New Mexico professor and writer of Chicano literature; and Ricardo Aguilar Melantón, NMSU professor, translator, poet and novelist of border life.

Ray brought his son, Santiago Lara, when he came to pick up his attractive poster, which was produced by the American Library Association. When asked who his favorite authors are, Ray said that he enjoyed the work of Denise Chavez and Gary Soto as well as Langston Hughes. — Irene Shown, Reference & Research Services

Visit the Library Instruction web page at http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction
Seventeen Research Databases Now Available

This summer the Library added seventeen much-needed research databases to its collection. Most of them are concentrated in the sciences; however, several are in the social sciences. The Library now subscribes to Business Source Premier from EBSCO, currently the largest full text business database with coverage for some titles dating back to the 1920s. Another major acquisition is INSPEC, the primary database of scholarly literature covering the fields of physics, information technology, electrical engineering and computer sciences.

The new databases feature Article Linker, a program that links the article citation to its full text equivalent if available through one of the Library’s full text databases or electronic journal subscriptions. Where the full text equivalent is not available, Article Linker provides links to the online catalog and interlibrary loan to give users other options for finding the article. All of the Library’s databases are available to NMSU main campus students, faculty and staff from on and off campus at http://lib.nmsu.edu/article.shtml. For more information, contact the Reference & Research Services staff at (505) 646-5792.

Science databases

Agricultural & Environmental Biotechnology Abstracts
Access to 135 publications from 1993 to the present in the fields of agriculture and biotechnology.

Aquatic Pollution & Environmental Quality
Access to 5,289 publications. This database focuses on research and policy on the contamination of oceans, seas, lakes, rivers and estuaries. Indexing from 1990 to the present.

Conference Papers Index
Provides citations to papers and poster sessions presented at major scientific meetings around the world. Subject emphasis since 1995 has been in the life sciences, environmental sciences and aquatic sciences, while older material also covers physics, engineering and materials science.

Ecology Abstracts
Indexes research publications from 1982 to the present on resource and ecosystems management and modeling, the impact of climate, water resources, soil, and man on the environment, and growing environmental problems such as depletion, erosion and pollution.

Digests of Environmental Impact Statements
Detailed abstracts of all the hundreds of environmental impact statements issued by the United States government from 1985 to the present.

Environmental Engineering Abstracts
Covers the world literature pertaining to technological and engineering aspects of air and water quality, environmental safety and energy production. More than 700 primary journals are thoroughly indexed and abstracted. More than 2,500 additional sources, including monographs and conference proceedings, are also monitored for relevant articles.

Health and Safety Science Abstracts
Provides a comprehensive, timely survey of recent work relating to public health, safety and industrial hygiene. Indexes 1,033 periodicals from 1981 to the present.

Human Population & Natural Resource Management
Coverage includes relevant papers, reports, books and reviews from standard peer-reviewed scientific journals from 1995 to the present. Material from conference proceedings and hard-to-find gray literature has also been summarized.

Industrial & Applied Microbiology Abstracts
Significant findings and practical applications from 539 journals in agricultural, food and beverage, chemical and pharmaceutical industries are indexed from 1982 to the present.

INSPEC
Indexes scientific and technical journals, proceedings, books and dissertations in the fields of physics, information technology, electrical and electronic engineering and computer sciences from 1969 to the present. Updated weekly.

Risk Abstracts
Provides a comprehensive source for interdisciplinary perspectives in this evolving field ranging from public and environmental health to social issues and psychological aspects. Indexes 736 research publications from 1990 to the present.

Toxicology Abstracts
Covers issues from social poisons and substance abuse to natural toxins, from legislation and recommended standards to environmental issues. Indexes 291 research publications from 1981 to the present.

TOXLINE
Produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine, TOXLINE provides bibliographic citations and abstracts from the journal literature in all areas of toxicology, including chemicals and pharmaceuticals, pesticides, environmental pollutants and mutagens and teratogens. Updated monthly from the last five years to the present.

Water Resources Abstracts
Contains abstracts from journals, conferences and reports covering engineering, scientific and environmental perspectives on water resources. Coverage spans 1967 to the present.

Social Sciences Databases

Business Source Premier
Provides access to nearly 3,800 scholarly business journals, including full text for more than 1,100 peer-reviewed business publications. Coverage includes virtually all subject areas related to business. Updated daily.

Linguistics & Language Behavior Abstracts
Covers all aspects of the study of language including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics and language acquisition. Provides citations to articles from 1973 to the present.

National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts
Contains summaries of more than 140,000 criminal justice publications, including federal, state and local government reports, books, research reports, journal articles and unpublished research. Not exactly new for the NMSU Library but this version features enhanced functionality.

Social Services Abstracts
Provides bibliographic coverage of current research focused on social work, human services and related areas, including social welfare, social policy and community development. Abstracts and indexes more than 1,406 serials publications and includes abstracts of journal articles and dissertations, and citations to book reviews from 1980 to the present. Updated monthly. — Susan Beck, Reference & Research Services
of a theory, reveal patterns of knowledge development and point out seminal works on a topic. For example, researchers might search for an influential article in their field and then discover not only whose work influenced the writing of the influential article but also which researchers have cited the influential article since its publication.

SciSearch and Social SciSearch are based on Science Citation Index and Social Science Citation Index, two print indexes produced by ISI/Thomson. The Library subscribes to these two citation databases via Los Alamos National Laboratories, which has developed its own interface to the data. ISI/Thomson also provides access to the same data through its own interface, Web of Science. Overall, the extension of back file access to the mid-1980s provides NMSU main campus researchers, be they students, faculty or staff, richer and deeper access to the research literature. — Susan Beck, Reference & Research Services

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"Everyone’s final authority on books of the West, and especially the Southwest."

The subjects of Book Talk articles were eclectic, but essential: blacksmitbing in the Hispanic community, the Southwest novel, a visit with Georgia O’Keeffe, the adobe aesthetic, women in publishing, novel, a visit with Georgia O’Keeffe, the Hispanic community, the Southwest.

The New Mexico Book League continued until 2002, thanks to the dedication and leadership of Dwight and Carol Myers. In 2004, the League began to transfer all its records and donated $13,500, the remainder of the funds it had collected from membership dues and other revenue sources, to the Library’s Rio Grande Historical Collections. The Library is most grateful for these gracious and valuable gifts. To learn more about the New Mexico Book League and Book Talk, contact Steve Hussman, Head of the Archives & Special Collections Department, at shussman@library.nmsu.edu. — Lesley Mackay, Library Administration

This fall the Library is adding thousands of electronic books, or E-books, to its catalog. Very soon, users will have the opportunity to read and check out books online via the Library’s catalog through a collection from netLibrary that comprises some 5,475 titles in the sciences, social sciences, humanities and business. But you don’t have to wait for all the E-book records to be added to the Library’s catalog if you want to read one of those new E-books today.

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— Susan Beck, Reference & Research Services

EREIC Update

The U.S. Department of Education is in the process of overhauling ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), the world’s largest education database. In March 2004, the Department awarded a five-year contract to the Computer Sciences Corporation and its sub-contractors to begin work on the new ERIC. CSC served for many years as the contractor for the ERIC Processing and Reference Facility, which built and maintained the database and ERIC Thesaurus.

On September 1, ERIC will introduce a new web site. It will contain the current ERIC database with items from 1966 to 2003. Users will be able to refine searches using the ERIC Thesaurus and ERIC identifiers and also use features such as “show more documents like this one” and “save my searches.” On October 1, ERIC will introduce free-of-charge full text non-journal ERIC resources. These will include more than 105,000 full text documents dating back to 1993 previously sold through the ERIC Document Reproduction Service (EDRS). EDRS is scheduled to shut down on September 30.

The ERIC database will continue to add non-journal resources as well as full text journal articles when there is copyright permission. Full text files will require the Adobe Acrobat Reader version 5 or higher. Materials that are not available free of charge will be accessible through links to commercial sources.

Currently, no new materials are being accepted by ERIC until the new database is ready later in 2004. Items that were submitted through December 2003 will be added to the database. In December, resources from 2004 will be added. Items may be submitted to ERIC later in 2004 when the web site lists the new procedures. The final set of ERIC documents on microfiche has arrived at the Library and it is currently in the filing cabinets in Zuhl Library. There will be no more microfiche. Members of the Steering Committee and the content experts are listed on a link from the ERIC home page (http://www.eric.ed.gov/). — Stay tuned!

— Jan Hylen, Reference & Research Services

You can search by subject, author, full text phrase or title
Bill Boehm, the Curator of Unpublished Materials in the Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department, attended the Modern Archives Institute in College Park, Maryland, from June 7 to 18. The intensive two-week session was held at the National Archives’ newest facility outside Washington, D.C.

The institute was conducted by the staff of the National Archives, many recognized as experts in their field of study. Practical issues discussed included records management, collection appraisal and manuscript processing. In addition, the classes covered specialized topics such as the handling of maps, cartographic records, still photographs and motion pictures, as well as discussions of management and ethics. Also included was a visit to the Library of Congress and its Manuscript Division, where participants visited with scholars at work or attended informational sessions within their fields of interest.

Changes to the program during the session made for interesting adjustments. The Ronald Reagan funeral that took place in Washington, D.C., on Friday, June 11, closed all federal offices, so the class was not able to visit the newly refurbished Rotunda at the original National Archives building in downtown Washington as originally planned.

Later, during an unexpected break in class time, participants visited the area in the National Archives that is currently handling the records of former President Richard Nixon. Though unavailable for the general public at the present time, the “Nixon Project” is currently processing thousands of documents, artifacts and other effects of the 37th President, and it offered a rare glimpse into a fascinating period of U.S. history.

The content and quality of the material presented at the institute will serve to improve the New Mexico State University Library’s effectiveness in handling manuscript collections and related materials. — Bill Boehm, Archives & Special Collections