Reference Unites

Reference and research services provided at the reference desks in both the Branson and Zuhl library buildings are now united in one department. Within the Reference & Research Services Department, subject specialists in the subject areas of life sciences, business, the arts, humanities, education, Latin American studies and the social sciences are available to work with both faculty and students in reference and research, library instruction and development of the Library’s collections.

Service is available at 505–646–5791 (Branson) or 505–646–5792 (Zuhl) or visit the web site at http://lib.nmsu.edu/depts/reference/. Students enrolled in programs offered at a distance through NMSU can get reference assistance toll free at 866–835–9826. For more information about the Reference & Research Services Department, contact Susan E. Beck, Interim Department Head, at 505–646–1711 or at susabeck@lib.nmsu.edu. -- Susan Beck, Reference & Research Services

Grants Received

The Library received a grant of $5,200 from the Southwest and Border Cultures Institute to acquire a portion of the manuscripts of poet Keith Wilson. Portia Vescio is the project director. The Library received a gift of $2,500 from the Robert E. and Evelyn McKee Foundation of El Paso for the purchase of current engineering materials for the Library’s collection. NMSU’s International Programs Office has contributed $1,000 for the purchase of books on the teaching of English as a second language. The Library is sincerely grateful to these generous donors.

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Lunar Legacy Project Flies High

Apollo 11, the first manned mission of the NASA space program, landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. More than six hundred million people watched as Neil Armstrong took the first steps on the moon. Thanks to the Lunar Legacy Project, records of this historic event were donated to the Library’s University Archives and are now available for use by researchers. Comprised of two linear feet, the collection contains an archaeological inventory of items left behind by astronauts, correspondence, news articles, oral histories and photographs. Notable items include a list of artifacts on the moon and their locations, a copy of the Agreement Governing the Activities on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies and an interview with former astronaut Frank Borman.

The Lunar Legacy Project is an effort by New Mexico State University, in conjunction with NASA and the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium, to preserve the archaeological information and the historic record of Apollo 11, and to eventually preserve Tranquility Base as a World Heritage Site. The project was first conceived in NMSU anthropology professor Beth O’Leary’s 1998 graduate seminar on cultural resource management. Students Ralph Gibson and John Versluis posed the question whether the federal preservation laws they were studying would apply to artifacts left behind on the moon. O’Leary asked them to research it, and NMSU history professor Jon Hunner soon joined them in their work. In December 1999, the team received a grant from the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium and began researching an inventory of artifacts left on the moon, a prerequisite for submitting a National Historic Landmark nomination. In preparing the nomination, the team discovered that there was not a full inventory of items left behind by the Apollo 11 astronauts. A 1969 NASA press release contained an inventory of 25 items; the Smithsonian had a list of about 60 items. The Lunar Legacy team compiled a list of more than 106 items.

In 1967, the United States signed a United Nations treaty governing activities on the moon that states that the nation that launched the object into space or to the moon retains jurisdiction over the object. The Lunar Legacy team interprets this to mean that the United States still has jurisdiction over the items left behind by Apollo 11. Neither NASA nor the federal government is willing to pursue preserving these properties on the moon at this time; however, the team feels strongly that the site must be preserved before it is destroyed. For more information on the archival records, please contact Portia Vescio at 505–646–4746 or pvescio@lib.nmsu.edu. -- Portia Vescio, Southwest and Border Research Center
Four Staff Members Retire

John Freyermuth is retiring after more than twenty-six years in acquisitions, collection development and as a part-time reference desk assistant. He worked as a student assistant while earning a double major in Russian and German, and his translation abilities were often called upon. John has supervised gifts and exchange, and he assisted with building the Latin American collection, analysis of the Library’s collection, and compilation of new book lists. He enjoyed working with the undergraduate collection and acquiring award-winning titles. He co-authored Chihuahuan Desert Gardens: A Native Plant Selection Guide.

John met his wife Carolyn when she worked at the Library. They have two daughters, Chandra and Meg. John enjoys running, tennis, and bravely participated on the Library’s only ever softball team in 1999. During retirement John plans to write short stories, look for native plants, win the lottery, and build the world’s greatest research library containing works in unknown languages.

Vita Montano’s career has included more than twenty-three years of library service in Las Cruces. She was most recently the unit head, Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Service (ILL/DDDS). Vita began at the University Library in 1978 as a library technician, spending seven years in ILL. In 1985, she transferred to the Doña Ana Branch Community College library. In 1988, she relocated to Germany, where she worked for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools and the Army. Returning to the University Library in 1991, she worked in Special Collections, then transferred to ILL, which became ILL/DDDS.

While working, Vita earned an associate’s degree in arts & sciences, a general studies certificate, and a bachelor’s degree in sociology. Vita applauds the efforts of the hard-working and dedicated ILL/DDDS staff and student workers. She says that it is time for this chapter to close and a new one to begin. She looks forward to hanging out with her husband, Max, spending more time with her family, and developing her creative and artistic side.

Karen Stabler is retiring after thirty-four years of academic librarianship. While at the Library, she served as Interim Associate Dean, the Head of Information Services, and Head of Access Services. Karen authored many articles and book reviews published in peer-reviewed journals. She has been active in national, regional and state library organizations, holding both elected and appointed positions. In addition, she received several library grants. She organized several exchange programs for Mexican librarians to visit the Library.

Her special honors have included being selected by the British Council to study libraries in Northern Ireland, selection to be a participant in the Institute on Digital Library Development held at the University of California, Berkeley, and receiving the New Mexico Library Association Community Service Award. She is very proud of the fact that three of her staff members have earned or are working on advanced degrees in librarianship, several others are working on degrees at NMSU, and one is running for a national office in the American Library Association.

Austin Hoover has retired after twenty-eight years as director of the Library’s Rio Grande Historical Collections (RGHC). Austin began with the fledgling program in 1974, just two years after its creation. His achievements are well known and respected throughout the state, where he traveled widely to meet with donors and to give presentations to local organizations.

Under Austin’s direction, the RGHC undertook such projects as the Durango Microfilming Project, a cooperative effort with the Archdiocese of Durango, Mexico. He was also the driving force behind the Rittenhouse Photographic Survey, a plan to photograph significant sites and structures of New Mexico before they disappeared.

During his years with the RGHC, Austin greatly expanded the collections of the Rio Grande Historical Collections and helped to preserve New Mexico’s history and heritage. His efforts earned him the Hall of Fame Award from the Doña Ana County Historical Society in 1999.

Karen Stabler

Library Staff News

The Library welcomes two new employees. Lesley Mackay is the new Development Officer. Esther Ramirez is the new Administrative Secretary II. Both work in the Administrative Office.

Susan Beck, the interim head of Reference, was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor as of July 1, 2002.

Suzanne Mancillas was awarded $12,000 for graduate study in librarianship specializing in Hispanic/Native American Resources at the University of Arizona Knowledge River Program.

Monica Kirby received an appreciation award from NMSU’s American Indian Program.


Kate Manuel, “Information Literacy Across the Curriculum,” Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX) of the West, Eugene, Oregon.


Kate Manuel, “Applying Classroom Research Methods to Library Instruction,” 31st Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use, University of New Brunswick.

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Fall Workshops Set

Each semester the Library offers drop-in hour-long workshops, open to anyone, on timely information topics. Advance registration is not needed. Students get a certificate of attendance that instructors may count towards extra credit. All sessions, except those noted otherwise, are in the Zuhl Electronic Classroom.

APA Citation Style: Citing sources using the American Psychological Association style. Sept. 25, 3:30–4:30 p.m.; Nov. 21, 3:30–4:40 p.m.

MLA Citation Style: Citing sources using the Modern Language Association style. Sept. 26, 3:30–4:30 p.m.; Nov. 20, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Using the ERIC & PsycINFO Databases: The main databases for education and psychology. Oct. 2, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Library for University Faculty & Staff: Services that the Library provides to you as a staff or faculty member. Oct. 4, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

FirstSearch & InterLibrary Loan: ILL/DDS forms, policies and procedures, and more. Oct. 7, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Branson Library Electronic Classroom.

Advanced Web Searching: Specialty Search Engines & the Invisible Web. Is there a better way to find information on your topic on the Web? Oct. 9, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Using the Lexis–Nexis Database: This is a mostly full-text database with general news, company news, and legal, financial and medical information. Oct. 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Web Resources for Education: Learn about a wide-range of resources covering a wide range of education topics. Oct. 17, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Effective Library & Information Research Assignments: A Workshop for Faculty: Addresses how the Library and teaching faculty can work together to create and implement research assignments for better student learning. Nov. 11, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

For additional workshops and brief Library tours, check the Library’s web site for Fall Semester 2002 at http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/workshops.htm or contact Kate Manuel, Instruction Coordinator, at 505–646–6932 or kmanuel@lib.nmsu.edu. -- Kate Manuel, Reference & Research Services

Multimedia Classroom Popular

In 2000, NMSU received a campus-wide Title V grant from the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program of the U.S. Department of Education. As a partner in the grant, the Library built a state-of-the-art electronic classroom on the third floor of Branson Library to be used for faculty training in the use of electronic teaching technologies. In May, the Library sponsored a two–day workshop on using Macromedia Dreamweaver software as a classroom and research tool. The workshop, attended by thirteen faculty members, was taught by Marlo Brown, Web Information Coordinator of the Northside school district in San Antonio.

The classroom is a fully functional multimedia classroom furnished with seventeen HP laptop computers. Plans are being made to convert it to a wireless system. To reserve the classroom, click on “Library Room Calendar” at “About our Library” from the Library’s home page. For more information or to make a suggestion for a workshop, contact Library Title V supervisor Sylvia Ortiz at 505–646–7481, sortiz@lib.nmsu.edu, or Michael Dougherty at the Title V office, 505–646–6547, michael@nmsu.edu. -- Sylvia Ortiz, Reference & Research Services

Chilean Librarians Pay Visit

Two Chilean librarians spent five days at the Library in May as part of a training and development program sponsored by the Chilean higher education ministry and LASPAU: Academic and Professional Programs for the Americas, an independent institution based at Harvard University. The visitors came from two different regions of Chile. Marianela Vivanco is director of the Universidad de Atacama library (http://www.uda.cl/) located in the desert north of Santiago. Ivette Chesta is the head of electronic reference services at the Universidad Católica de Temuco (http://www.uctem.cl, located in the forested southern part of the country). More than thirty Chilean librarians spent a week at different libraries in the U.S. and Canada, and then met for a three-day seminar at Harvard to share and reflect upon their experiences and attend specialized workshops and tours.

Latin American Specialist Molly Molloy organized activities to exchange information about library practices. Ivette and Marianela met with Dean Elizabeth Titus, who led an architectural tour of the two libraries, focusing on adapting existing facilities to growing collections and rapid technological changes. Dennis Daily of the RGHC gave an introduction to digitizing original materials. Archivist Portia Vescio gave a presentation on web page design and mounting online archival exhibits. Kate Manuel, Instruction Coordinator, discussed the development of information literacy standards, course–integrated instruction, the implementation of credit courses and technologies for electronic classrooms. Susan Beck, Interim Head of Reference, and Molly Molloy, discussed reference services and collections and demonstrated the electronic classrooms. Steve Jeffries of ICT led a workshop on web page development. Vita Montano and the Interlibrary Loan staff demonstrated current ILL/DDS technology.

The visitors also attended presentations by several candidates for Library and campus positions, as well as a Library reception and a tour of White Sands National Monument. Feedback indicates that the program provided beneficial personal and professional experiences useful to the participants as they develop and improve services in their own libraries. Molly Molloy will continue to work on follow–up and evaluation of the program with the organizers at Harvard and LASPAU. For more information, please contact Molly at mmolloy@lib.nmsu.edu or 505–646–6931. -- Molly Molloy, Reference & Research Services
**Poetry Winners Announced**

The two winners of the Library's poetry contest are announced. Kimberly Miller and Gloria C. Vasquez, both of Las Cruces, will receive gift certificates for dinner for two. In the Library's online catalog, contestants found consecutive headings such as titles, subjects or keywords that formed a poem. The poems were judged in a blind review for originality, substance, cohesiveness and format by three members of the newsletter's editorial board. Because so many wonderful poems were entered in the contest, all entries are being published by the Library in a flyer distributed with the library newsletter and available as well at both Branson and Zuhl libraries. -- Jeanette Smith, Library Administration

| Each | Each | Each man in his time | Each mind a kingdom |
| Lucky dog | My dog Skip | in its own way | in its ordered place |
| We think the world of you | - Kimberly Miller | Each | Each |

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| Lucky dog | My dog Skip |
| We think the world of you | - Gloria C. Vasquez |

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**Exhibit Displayed in Cleveland**

Cleveland, New Mexico, that is! The Rittenhouse Photographic Survey of the Rio Grande Historical Collections (RGHC) is currently on display at the Roller Mill Museum in Cleveland, New Mexico, in Mora County, through October 31, 2002. The only flour mill of its size and type restored to operating condition for demonstration purposes in the southwestern United States, the museum played a prominent role in Mora County's wheat farming industry in the first half of the 20th century. The exhibit highlights the work of the late Jack Rittenhouse, a prominent Southwestern bookseller and historian who documented endangered sites and structures throughout the Southwest in the 1950s because of his concern that no photographic record existed. The RGHC first presented the Rittenhouse Exhibit to the public in 1994. It has displayed the photographs in subsequent shows at junior colleges, libraries and other New Mexico institutions.

The RGHC is enlisting volunteers to adopt a part of the state to document and preserve on film in the spirit of the original Rittenhouse venture. For details, please contact Bill Boehm at 505-646-3839 or wboehm@lib.nmsu.edu. For more information on the museum and the exhibit, contact Dan Cassidy at 505-387-2645 or dancas@nnmt.net.

-- Bill Boehm, Southwest and Border Research Center

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**Collections in both Branson and Zuhl Libraries have been moved to new locations.** In Branson Library, the business collection was shifted to the second floor under the supervision of Kimberly Miller. Kimberly notes that there are 6,286 linear feet of books in the business collection, and that well over one mile of books was moved from third to second floor. In Zuhl Library, the reference biography section, formerly shelved separately, was interfiled with the main reference collection under the supervision of Irene Shown. Come and check out the new locations!

- Seventeen Native American students from throughout the U.S. attended a Bureau of Indian Affairs water resources technician training program on the NMSU campus in June. Sponsored by the BIA and NMSU's Dept. of Civil and Geological Engineering, some of the sessions with trainer Julie Moore took place in the Library. Kate Manuel created handouts for the group.

The seventeen-partner Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN) has a new lead agency. For more information, please contact Dr. Hugo Vilchis-Licon of the Border Epidemiology and Environmental Health Center at 505-646-7966. The BIEN! web page remains at http://www.bienhealth.org/. The Library is a founding member and former lead agency of BIEN!

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