“The Library Show”
Gets on the Road

The Library has installed large screen monitors in Branson and Zuhl libraries to provide important information about Library services, collections and programs in slide, video and news marquee formats. The system also regularly shows cable television, and can communicate emergency information.

In September, the Library appointed a working group to explore and make recommendations on an electronic information system for the Library. All library departments were represented in the group. Members of The Library Show Team are Norice Lee of Access (Monitors, continued on page 4)

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Space: A Library Odyssey

Library Dean Elizabeth Titus has appointed a task force to gather data on how Library spaces and facilities are utilized and to make recommendations on how the Library can make improvements in both Branson Library and Zuhl Library to help students succeed. The task force members are Dave Baldwin, Cindy Pierard and Norice Lee.

During Fall Semester, students were asked to provide their comments on library space on flip charts in both libraries. Many very useful comments were compiled from those charts. Students were also asked to complete a brief survey which provided helpful information. Another activity involved having student employees photograph areas of the libraries at set times during the day and night in order to document how present spaces and facilities are actually used. All three of these activities yielded valuable information about Library spaces and facilities.

The task force learned that above all, students want quiet study spaces. This is consistent with other libraries’ studies, but it is good to have it confirmed on this campus. Users look to the Library to provide a place where they can study in comfortable spaces without interruptions. The students also want more comfortable furniture, more electrical outlets for their laptops, group study spaces and more computers. Comments were also made on the need in Branson Library for more color and inviting spaces.

The task force is working with the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction interior designers on developing its recommendations, and at the same time there are projects underway to replace all of the signs in both libraries. The goal is to make improvements in both libraries that will help NMSU students and others make the best possible uses of the libraries’ spaces and facilities. For more information, contact Dave Baldwin, Associate Dean of the Library, at (575) 646-1508 or dbaldwin@nmsu.edu.— Dave Baldwin, Library Administration

It was standing room only as fifty people watched Barack Obama’s inauguration on The Library Show monitor in Zuhl Library. The monitor in Branson Library attracted a crowd as well.
Martha, I've just finished reading The Whole Damned World, which I found to be fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable. It took me a while to get through it all, but it was certainly worth the effort.

During my career at NMA&M from 1945-49, I met many of the regular Aggie students and ASTP attendees whose letters were reproduced in your book and who came back to finish their education after the war.

I entered college as a 17-year-old freshman in the fall of 1945, when, as I recall, the student body consisted of about 600 youngsters. My mother had wanted me to study for the diplomatic service, but Dad Jett talked me into an engineering career instead, for which I have been eternally grateful. My tuition that first year was $75 per semester.

Then, in the spring and fall semesters of 1946, the GIs started to hit the campus in large numbers. I spent many a Friday and Saturday night at El Patio in La Mesilla, listening to the stories that my older roommates and suitemates in the Freshman Dorm and Kent Hall told about their war experiences. They bought the beer for us wide-eyed, under-aged listeners, so they would have an audience for their stories....

By the way, you've listed Jonathan Justus Norris, my brother-in-law, as having served in New Guinea, because that's where he was when he wrote the single letter you've reproduced in your book. Actually, he was involved in nearly every island-hopping campaign between Australia and the Philippines as a beach master, offloading men, vehicles and materiel in the face of heavy enemy fire.

Jon and his fellow troops were on the high seas between the Philippines and Japan when the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. When they arrived in Yokohama Harbor, shortly after the cessation of hostilities, he said that the tides were so fearsome that they could hardly get their vehicles unloaded, even without facing enemy fire.

He said that it would have been a total slaughter of the U.S. troops, if the war had still been going on. He was stunned to see that there were seven lines of enemy fortifications, in depth, ranging back from the beaches, with
Work Begins on Historic Water Records

Charles Stanford, Rick Hendricks and two student assistants in Archives & Special Collections have begun to process the Elephant Butte Irrigation District records held in the Library’s Rio Grande Historical Collections (RGHC).

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID), organized in 1918, replaced the old Elephant Butte Water Users Association which had been formed in 1904 to assure an adequate supply of irrigation water to local farmers. With the completion of the Elephant Butte Dam in 1916, it became necessary to pay back the U.S. government for the building costs. EBID was formed to manage the repayment of the debt as well as to continue the mission of its predecessor.

As a quasi municipality and subdivision of the state, EBID operates with broader powers than a water users association would have. In 1971, EBID paid off the construction debt, and since then has owned the canals and irrigation systems used by its members.

Throughout its existence, EBID has played a vital role in managing local water resources, and its records offer an untapped reservoir of information about several important historical periods and events relating to water, agriculture and urban growth in the Mesilla Valley.

In 1984 the RGHC acquired a large amount of records from EBID that had been kept in unstable conditions. These were arranged and a finding aid prepared with funding from NMSU’s Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI). Since that time, archival standards and practices have evolved, and the Library has received much more material from EBID. The old finding guide needs to be updated, and the new material needs to be arranged and integrated into the main collection.

The Archives & Special Collections Department received funding in 2006 from the Salopek family that enabled the hiring of two student assistants and the purchase of supplies. Student assistants Katelyn Attanasio and Cynthia Renteria have been working on the project since October 2008.

Library Donor Esther Chávez Cano Wins Freedom and Human Rights Awards

Last November, the Lannan Foundation sponsored a panel discussion in Santa Fe to open the photography exhibit, “The History of the Future,” that featured the work of writers and photographers documenting the land and people of the border region. When Juárez photojournalist Julián Cardona spoke about the unprecedented wave of violence that claimed more than 1600 lives in 2008, an audience member asked “What can anyone do in the face of such horror?”

Panelist Charles Bowden then asked my companion in the audience, Esther Chávez Cano, to stand and said, “Esther runs Casa Amiga, a shelter in Juárez that helped more than 27,000 women and children last year. If she can do that for the victims of violence, there must be something the rest of us can do if we just decide to get up and do it.”

Esther makes an impression when she stands up—she is tiny, graceful, modest, beautiful and angry about the situation in her city. Her deeds and her voice far outweigh her physical body and strength. It is not easy to build a non-governmental organization in Mexico, especially one that points out the government’s failure to protect its citizens. Local government and business entities had tried to impede the creation of Casa Amiga, fearing that a public focus on violence suffered by women in the city would discourage industrial development that relied on the labor of thousands of young women in factories called maquiladoras.

As Esther said in her address in Mexico City on December 12 after receiving the National Human Rights Award, “Events of extreme brutality define the daily life of my city.” But she does not just “speak truth to power.” Since Casa Amiga opened in February 1999, more than 80,000 women, children and men have received direct therapy or have participated in violence prevention classes.

In early December, the Lannan Foundation presented Esther with its prestigious Cultural Freedom Award for her work to address the effects of violence against women and children in Juárez. Since the early 1980s, when she came to the border after retiring from her career in Mexico City as an accountant, Esther has worked tirelessly for women’s rights and human rights. Casa Amiga has become a model, both nationally and internationally, for empowering victims of violence.

The Lannan Foundation also announced the awards in an advertisement in The New York Times (visit http://www.lannan.org/lf/bios/detail/esther-chavez-cano/). As with other cultural and social reformers, Esther’s work has long been recognized more outside of Mexico than inside.

However, on December 12, 2008, she traveled to Los Pinos, the presidential palace in Mexico City, to receive the National Human Rights Award (Premio Nacional de los Derechos Humanos) from President Felipe Calderón. The president recognized “her brave work to denounce crimes (Chávez, continued on page 5)
Thanks to the Library’s Many Supporters

Spring Semester is off to a great start at the Library. Although I have been out on maternity leave for eight weeks, the generosity of the supporters of our Library has not ceased. The Library continues to benefit from the gifts that have been given to such important causes. Each and every dollar and donation counts as we continue to provide our students, faculty and staff with the research materials needed to succeed.

Listed below are the names of a few people who have given generously to the Library, whom we would like to thank. We also want to thank each and every person who has donated a book or even a dollar to any of the Library funds or campaigns, including the 2 Million Volumes by 2012 Campaign and the Round Up Digitization Project. Thank you so much for your continued support. The Library would not contain its wealth of information, provide study places for students and quiet nooks for reading and be able to preserve historical resources without your continued support. Thank you!

- Bud and Kathy Hagerman created an endowment to support the processing of their family’s collection and added additional materials to their collection
- Edward and Jo Ann Sears continue to generously support the Caroline Stras Endowment for Women’s Studies
- The Honorable and Mrs. Edgar Foreman continue to support the Library’s general fund by giving to the Library Associates Endowment, which is used to support any Library needs under the Dean’s discretion
- Jari and Douglas Grimm continue to build the Donald Casad Bennett Endowment for Mesilla Valley Collections
- Dr. and Mrs. Humboldt Mandell added to the Mandell/Casad Family Endowed Library Fund
- The Leonard and Bonnie Douglas and Betty Rose Douglas Rios Memorial Endowment, used to help purchase books that benefit students in the College of Education, continues to grow through the gifts of Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Robert Hartsell, as well as Mr. and Mrs. John Cordova
- The Honorable John Paul Taylor helped support the Rio Grande Historical Collections with a gift to be used towards the processing of the Mary Daniels Taylor papers
- The Rio Grande Historical Collections has benefited greatly through the gifts of Mr. Leland Gile and Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Thomas
- Dr. Richard Davies donated his collection of film scripts, which will be very useful for students in the Creative Media Institute

For more information, contact Kristina Martinez at (575) 646-3642 or krismart@lib.nmsu.edu.
— Kristina Martinez, Library Administration

Library Receives Soul of a People Grant

The Library has been awarded a $2,500 grant from “Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers’ Project,” a collaboration of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association and Spark Media.

The funding will support programming on the New Deal WPA Writers’ Project. A kickoff community program will be held at the Branigan Cultural Center on April 4. The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is also a project partner, and NMSU’s Dr. Jon Hunner will be the project scholar. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico has pledged an additional $1,000 in support for the project.

The project directors are Mardi Mahaffy and Sylvia Ortiz of Reference & Research Services. For more information, call (575) 646-6925 or (575) 646-7481.
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against women in Juárez that has been essential to wake up the society, the authorities and public opinion worldwide about the cases of women victimized by violence.... Esther's lifelong commitment to safeguarding the rights of citizens is necessary to transform Mexico into a more just nation.” The official declaration recognizes “her distinguished trajectory of 16 years in the effective promotion and defense of human rights, especially those of women, with emphasis in the cases of the murdered women in Ciudad Juárez.”

Esther says that these awards are a great honor and bring with them an enormous responsibility to the entire community to continue to work for change. One Juárez resident told her that he felt the national human rights award had been given to all of the citizens of Juárez, that it encourages all citizens to struggle against the city's violence. However, Esther has few hopes that the situation will improve in the near future. More than 150 murders were reported in Juárez in January 2009, beginning the second year of unparalleled violence. She said, “It is encouraging to me that the government recognizes the importance of Casa Amiga's work against domestic violence. It is a recognition that violence is born in the home, not in the streets.”

Casa Amiga's counseling and prevention work continues in the face of difficult economic conditions, and Esther says that without this work, the violence in the streets would be even worse. “Women in Mexico are advancing very slowly. Women's rights are not a priority in the society and the murders of women have caused great suffering. There is so much work left to do.”

In 2006, Esther donated her collection documenting many years of activism against violence in Juárez to the Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections: the Esther Chávez Cano Collection, Ms. 0471. — Molly Molloy, Reference & Research Services

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the final one assigned to women and children with sharpened stakes, prepared to fight to the death.

Anyone who still objects to the use of the atomic bombs obviously has no idea of the incredible carnage that was avoided by their use. Thank you for editing such a comprehensive, scholarly and touching book. — R. Gilbert (Gil) Moore, NMSU Class of 1949

NMSU Community College Library News

The four NMSU community college libraries (including libraries at the NMSU-Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Doña Ana and Grants campuses) are busy with lots of exciting activities. NMSU-Alamogordo is keeping its students "wired" with the new electronic resources, an in-library laptop check-out program, displays and arts lectures, and by keeping a hot pot of coffee on for students.

NMSU-Carlsbad now has approximately 15,000 items represented in the shared NMSU online library catalog, with barcoding and circulation processes almost complete.

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DACC Library Director Announced

Tammy Welch was recently named Director of Library and Learning Technology at Doña Ana Community College (DACC). Tammy has an M.L.I.S from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and a master's degree in Adult Education from the University of Wisconsin.

Tammy was the Instruction/Public Services Librarian for three years at DACC. Before arriving in New Mexico, she worked for six years in Missouri. The months ahead will be extremely busy and exciting for the new director, as construction of the new East Mesa Library facility will be completed and its doors open by Fall 2009. — Norice Lee, Access Services

Library Calendar of Events

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<td>Workshop: Legal Resources: Review of the organization of legal information and how to find it. Noon to 1 p.m., Zuhl Classroom. Email <a href="mailto:twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu">twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>Mar. 20</td>
<td>Workshop: The Library and Second Life: A virtual tour of the Information Commons on NMSU’s island in Second Life. Noon to 1 p.m., Zuhl Classroom. Email <a href="mailto:twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu">twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>Workshop: Web 2.0 Productivity Tools: An interactive demo of a few selected resources for staying organized in the Information Age. Noon to 1 p.m., Zuhl Classroom. Email <a href="mailto:twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu">twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu</a>.</td>
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Government Documents & Maps

The staff members of the Government Documents & Maps Unit bring government information to the people of NMSU and New Mexico’s Second Congressional District. The unit, which is located on the second floor west of Branson Library, is part of the Reference & Research Services Department.

Government Documents & Maps Librarian Dorothy (Dotty) Ormes manages all aspects of the unit’s operation, including supervision of processing, public services and library instruction. She is an assistant professor and the author of a guide to U.S. government publications available at http://nmsu.libguides.com/governmentdocuments.

Dotty received her master’s degree in library science from Emporia State University in 2002, and she is currently working on an M.A. in storytelling. She enjoys reading, hiking, cooking and spending time with her two cats. Dotty may be contacted at (575) 646-4385 or ormesd@lib.nmsu.edu.

Library Specialist II Mavis Johnson does the technical processing of new shipments of documents from the Government Printing Office. In her spare time she likes to knit, sew, garden, go horseback riding, work with her altar guild and spend time with her grand nephew and nieces. Mavis can be reached at (575) 646-1288 or mjohnson@lib.nmsu.edu.

Luci Ortiz, also a Library Specialist II, does the retrospective cataloging for older documents. She recently earned an associate’s degree in library science from Doña Ana Community College. Luci enjoys softball, camping and hanging out with her sisters and her three children. Luci can be reached at (575) 646-1286 or luci@lib.nmsu.edu. Government Documents also employs three student workers, Justine Lopez, Aaron Ruthven and Chris Fichera.

The Library is one of approximately 1,250 libraries nationwide that participate in the Federal Depository Library program by providing free public access to U.S. government information.

The Library became a selective depository in 1907, and it selects about 67% of items available from the Government Printing Office.

The documents collection, shelved according to the Superintendent of Documents Classification, is open to the public all hours that the library is open.

Reference assistance is available from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. Please call (575) 646-5791 or email webref@lib.nmsu.edu.

Government Documents Inform Citizens

You may have seen the eagle logo on the doors of Branson Library. This indicates that the NMSU Library is a Federal Depository Library, one of approximately 1,250 in the nation. A Federal Depository Library is a library that has agreed to accept a certain percentage of all the publications generated by the United States Federal Government. Since 1813, government documents have been available through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to the American public free of charge. The purpose of the program is to guarantee access to the workings of our democracy for all American citizens.

The NMSU Library receives 67% of all federal documents and makes them available to faculty, staff, students and the citizens of New Mexico's Second Congressional District. We have documents that date back to 1907, our first year as a Federal Depository Library. If you would like to know more about the FDLP, visit http://fdlp.gov.

Agencies of the federal government gather information on careers, business opportunities, consumer information, health and nutrition, legal and regulatory information, environmental issues, demographics, national arts endeavors and numerous other subjects. This information is then published by the Government Printing Office (GPO http://www.gpoaccess.gov/) and distributed to Federal Depository Libraries. Some agencies that routinely produce useful information are the Census Bureau, the Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services, to name just a few. To see a list (hierarchical or alphabetical) of the web sites of government agencies involved in producing information go to http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/, a site created by Louisiana State University. You’ll see that there is government information available on almost any subject.

Currently, a good portion of these agency publications are distributed online, which makes it even more important to have the Federal Depository Library system in place to safeguard access to volatile electronic information. Government documents librarians take the job of making government information available very seriously, alerting one another when documents disappear from the web or change in any way. For more information on government documents at NMSU go to the LibGuide page at http://nmsu.libguides.com/governmentdocuments.

At the Library we actively work to keep people up to date with government documents issues. Coming up in 2009 is preparation for the 2010 Decennial Census. This comprehensive count of all U.S. citizens is implemented every ten years. It is mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution (http://www.usconstitution.net/const.html#A1Sec2). The information helps our federal government to determine the designation of Congressional Districts. The census count has direct effect on funding for community programs including decisions related to housing needs, educational facilities, health services and job and vocational training. All citizens will be receiving the census form in the mail starting in Spring 2010. It is a short questionnaire that takes only a few minutes to fill out. Look for more information on the 2010 Census in the Library’s upcoming Fall 2009 newsletter. For more information and a timeline for the upcoming census, go to http://www.census.gov/2010census/pdf/FactSheet_Gen.pdf.

A special note: Your government needs your help. If you or anyone you know are in need of a job and would like to help the government gather census information, visit http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php or call (1-866) 861-2010.—Dotty Ormes, Reference & Research Services
Preserving Memory/Promoting Justice: Developing a Research Archive of U.S.-Mexico Border Activism

A group of NMSU faculty and students is carrying out a project to collect information produced by social justice groups in the US-Mexico border region. This project will result in a permanent archive on social justice to be housed at the Library. We believe that this will benefit students, researchers and community groups wishing to learn more about the history of grassroots organizing in our region.

Social justice, service and activist groups in Las Cruces, El Paso and Ciudad Juárez work daily to address human rights, economic, labor, environmental, housing, land tenure, violence and other critical issues in our region. For example, the Colonias Development Council (CDC) sponsors community economic development projects in rural and low-income housing areas and works for environmental justice, with a particular emphasis on residents of Sunland Park and Chaparral who are concerned about the impact of landfills in their communities. Various groups in El Paso and Juárez have organized to defend the rights of residents in El Paso’s Segundo Barrio and in the Lomas del Poleo colonia in Juárez whose homes are threatened by commercial development. Since each group is mostly busy with the day-to-day work of organizing and advocacy, our project will help collect and order the material that groups produce and disseminate.

We are collecting primary materials, such as newspaper clippings, workshop results, policy statements and fact sheets, as well as conducting oral histories with participants in these organizations, including the CDC. The collection will be housed permanently for public use as part of the Library's Archives & Special Collections. This project expands upon the Esther Chávez Cano papers (acquired in 2006 by Molly Molloy of the Library), which documents more than 15 years of activism to bring attention to violence against women in Juárez and Chihuahua.

This project will benefit faculty and students in research and teaching about social justice in the border region. It will help raise awareness of the problems of our area, as well as valuing the positive changes that men, women and children have created over the years. The archive will also benefit community members and their organizations by ensuring a permanent and well-organized record of their work, a resource that can be used by current and future generations interested in how positive change can be achieved through commitment and organiza-

The research team is made up of four faculty members and two graduate students. The graduate students are Cynthia Renteria and Jon Williams. Cynthia is studying for joint master’s degrees in public administration and public history. She will be working with Dr. Diana Bustamante in collecting CDC materials for this archive, as well as with residents of the Segundo Barrio of El Paso. Jon Williams is studying for his M.A. in sociology. He will be collecting material on the Lomas del Poleo land dispute in Ciudad Juárez and related issues of border development. The four faculty members participating in this project are Molly Molloy and Charles Stanford (both of the Library), Dulcinea Lara (Department of History) and Neil Harvey (Department of Government and Center for Latin American and Border Studies).

Most of the collecting of material and oral histories is taking place between December 2008 and April 2009. A public event to unveil the archive will be held at Branson Library on April 30, to which staff and members of participating organizations, such as CDC, will be cordially invited. The project was made possible by funding from the Southwest and Border Cultures Institute. Thank you for your cooperation with this project. Further questions can be directed to Dr. Neil Harvey, Director of NMSU’s Center for Latin American and Border Studies at (575) 646-6816 or nharvey@nmsu.edu. – Neil Harvey, Center for Latin American and Border Studies

Molly Molloy’s Work Acknowledged in Houston Chronicle

The work of Molly Molloy, the Library’s Latin America and Border Studies Librarian in Reference & Research Services, was acknowledged in a November 22 Houston Chronicle article about the late Ciudad Juarez crime reporter Armando Rodriguez.

The article said, "Molly Molloy, a New Mexico State University librarian who runs leading border web site and mailing lists, was among those who relied on Rodriguez’ accurate tally and his consistent coverage to draw attention to the alarming wave of homicides.”

Visit the Border & Latin American Information web site at http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/bord/index.html or contact Molly at mmolloy@lib.nmsu.edu.

Molly Molloy at the border. Photo, Richard Baron
LibGuides Help You Find Information

Reference & Research Services has created a new and growing set of online research guides to help lead patrons through the sometimes overwhelming process of finding information. These new LibGuides are managed using the LibGuides’ content management and information sharing system designed specifically for libraries and used by more than five hundred libraries globally.

More robust than the traditional pathfinder, or lists of links to resources on a particular topic, LibGuides incorporate a variety of web 2.0 technologies, allowing for interactivity and incorporation of dynamically generated information. Additionally, a Meebo chat widget is embedded into each guide, allowing users to communicate directly with the Library’s reference desk staff.

As of the beginning of the Spring Semester, there are forty-two LibGuides covering subjects from animal and range science to women’s studies. Additionally, many LibGuides have been created to help students with a specific assignment or class.

To check out the Library’s collection of current LibGuides, go to [http://libguides.nmsu.edu](http://libguides.nmsu.edu).

To request a LibGuide for an assignment, class, or subject area, please contact Alisa Gonzalez at acgonzal@lib.nmsu.edu or Theresa Westbrock at twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu.

— Theresa Westbrock, Reference & Research Services

The Curious Case of the Missing Database: Why Did SciSearch Disappear?

Arguably one of NMSU Library’s most important research databases, SciSearch (formerly known as Science Citation Index and Social Science Citation Index) disappeared from the Library’s database listing in December. The Library has maintained an electronic subscription to this heavily-used resource for over ten years. Produced by Los Alamos National Laboratories using data from the Institute for Scientific Information, SciSearch and its counterpart, Social SciSearch, have been indispensable tools for NMSU researchers. They not only provide access to scientific information but also allow researchers to trace a topic through time by using its unique citation search capabilities. So what happened? Why did SciSearch disappear?

Simply put, the Library had to stop supporting two subscriptions for the same content. The search interface for SciSearch and Social SciSearch was designed and made available by Los Alamos National Laboratories based on data generated and maintained by Institute for Scientific Information (ISI). ISI offers the same content and search functions through Web of Science, a much pricier but more robust database.

In 1997 when the Library began its electronic subscription, it couldn’t afford ISI’s Web of Science but due to consortia pricing it could afford the Los Alamos product. Over time, ISI has made their database, Web of Science, more affordable to the point where the Library was able to initiate a subscription. And last year, using carry forward funds, the Library added the complete ISI indexing backfile for both the sciences (1900-present) and the social sciences (1956-present).

So the short answer to the question is that SciSearch is now Web of Science. Web of Science offers a variety of scholarly search features not previously available from the Los Alamos product. Examples include a citation formatting program (EndNote Web), a scholarly social networking service (ResearcherID), a web browser specifically tailored to science researchers (Scientific WebPlus), and a browser especially created for biologists (BiologyBrowser).

Researchers who are familiar with the SciSearch interface and have in-depth questions about Web of Science’s search functions and delivery features may contact Susan Beck, Collection Development Coordinator, at susabeck@nmsu.edu or (575)646-6171 or their subject specialist. See [http://lib.nmsu.edu/depts/collserv/sel-liai.shtml](http://lib.nmsu.edu/depts/collserv/sel-liai.shtml) for a list of subject specialists.

— Susan Beck, Reference & Research Services

Library Announces Spring Workshops

The Library announces a Spring Workshop series. These free Friday workshops are scheduled to be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Zuhl Library Classroom. All are welcome to attend.

March 6: Legal Resources: a review of the organization of legal information and how to find it.


April 3: Latin American Resources: an in-depth look at Latin American Information Resources, with special emphasis on PRISMA and the Chihuahua News Database.

April 17: Web 2.0 Productivity Tools: an interactive demo of a few selected resources for staying organized in the Information Age.

Please email Theresa Westbrock at twestbro@lib.nmsu.edu or call (575) 646-3079 if you plan to attend, for more information or to request a future workshop topic. — Theresa Westbrock, Reference & Research Services

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A basketball referee for twenty-five years (twelve with the NCAA), Edward is currently a New Mexico high school basketball official and a NCAA Division I women’s basketball official. He has refereed two New Mexico High School State Basketball Championships and a first round tournament game in the Women’s National Invitation Tournament. He and his wife, Denise, have three children, Matthew, Andrew and Marissa. Contact Edward at (575) 646-7835 or eflores@nmsu.edu.

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Ingrid received B.A. degrees in English and German from Ohio University in 2004. Her research interests include metadata, digitization, acquisitions and database management.

Ingrid also enjoys cross-stitching, classic literature and classic rock. She hopes to help the Library make a greater number of resources available to the community through her work in metadata. Ingrid can be reached at (575) 646-4707 or ingschne@nmsu.edu.

Dean Titus Names Library Sustainability Task Force

Library Dean Elizabeth Titus recently named the members of a Library Task Force on Sustainability:

Vicki Baldridge, Access Services
Donna Burkholder, Access Services
Rocky Escobedo, Technical Services
Liz Miller, Technical Services
Rick Hendricks, Archives & Spec. Collections
Charles Stanford, Archives & Spec. Collections
Mavis Johnson, Reference & Research Services
Paula Johnson, Reference & Research Services
Dave Baldwin (consultant), Library Admin.
Norice Lee (consultant), Access Services

Sustainability: a state of operations in which economic, social and environmental needs of current generations are being met without negatively impacting the ability of future generations to meet their equivalent needs

The task force will make recommendations to the Dean on how the Library will affirm its commitment to protect and enhance the environment through fostering a sense of stewardship among students, faculty, staff and Library users. For more information, call (575) 646-1508.
Library Welcomes Its New Employees

Raul (Rocky) Escobedo

Raul Figueroa Escobedo II (Rocky) began working as a Library Specialist I in the Acquisitions Unit of Technical Services in November. Originally from El Paso, Rocky worked at the University of Texas (UT) at Arlington Libraries from 2001 until 2007. He moved back to El Paso and worked part-time after receiving his BA degree in psychology from Columbia College of Missouri in Fort Worth.

Rocky plans to enroll this year in an online library school program at the University of North Texas, Texas Women’s University or Drexel University. He would like to work in an academic library after graduation. Rocky can be contacted at (575) 646-7677 or escobedo@nmsu.edu.

Paula Johnson

Paula C Johnson is one of two new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics librarians in Reference & Research Services. She is an assistant professor and the liaison to the College of Engineering. A former temporary Library employee, she is delighted to be engaged with NMSU on a more permanent basis. Paula received her M.I.L.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

Paula’s research interests include the evolving models of scholarly communication, the use of space in libraries and the effectiveness of library outreach (particularly Library 2.0 models). She enjoys cooking, conversation, reading and trips with her partner around beautiful New Mexico. Paula can be reached at (575) 646-7251 or paulacj@lib.nmsu.edu.

Rebecca Romero

Rebecca Romero, formerly a student aide at Branson Library Circulation, is the new Library Specialist I on the lending side of Interlibrary Loan in Access Services. She moved here from Fort Worth in 2003 to pursue a bachelor’s degree in literature, and graduated with distinction in University Honors in December 2007. She is currently pursuing her master’s degree in literature.

Rebecca’s husband, Joe, studies animation at NMSU’s Creative Media Institute, and their daughter, Lorien, is in kindergarten. Rebecca loves to bake, sculpt, sing, act, write, read, watch movies and spend time with her family and friends. She volunteers with the Las Cruces Special Olympics and has a green belt in Taekwondo. Rebecca can be contacted at (575) 646-6916 or lorien@lib.nmsu.edu.

Paula Kilgore

Paula Kilgore works in Access Services as the Shelving Supervisor (Library Specialist II) for both Zuhl and Branson libraries. She is also responsible for opening Zuhl Library and currently supervises eleven student workers.

Paula and her husband Jim moved to Las Cruces from Dallas in 2003, and they plan to retire here. They both attend Doña Ana Community College (DACC). Paula has earned two associate degrees, and she is now working on a bachelor’s degree.

Paula and her husband like to remodel, garden, bird watch, mountain watch and make videos. Paula can be reached at (575) 646-7675 or pkilgore@lib.nmsu.edu.

Nirmala Gunapala

Dr. Nirmala Gunapala is a new science librarian and assistant professor in Reference & Research Services. She will provide library services to the astronomy, biology, chemistry and biochemistry, geological sciences and physics departments. Nirmala received her master’s degree in library science in August from the University of Illinois. She also has a bachelor’s degree in biology as well as M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in soil science from the University of California, Davis.

Before attending library school, Nirmala was involved in scientific research, and she worked as a research associate in universities in the U.S. and Australia, mainly in the area of soil microbiology. After being in scientific research for several years, Nirmala became interested in developing her library science skills further. She sees library and information science as an opportunity to support science education and research.

When not working, Nirmala likes to visit art galleries and museums, and she looks forward to enjoying what is unique to Las Cruces. Nirmala can be contacted at (575) 646-5551 or nirmalag@lib.nmsu.edu.

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Rebecca Romero
**Collections Quiz: Win a Prize**

What are the most popular books in the Library? What gets checked out the most?

**Instructions:** Match the book with the number of times the item has circulated within the past five years. The top five works are listed below along with a few distracters. Submit your answers to Susan Beck at susabeck@nmsu.edu. The first person to submit all the correct answers will win a $25 gift certificate to the NMSU Bookstore! (Everyone is eligible to enter except NMSU Library staff members.)

**BOOK**  | **# CHECKOUTS**
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1. HM132.P66  | a. 653
2. J87.N6 F201.10,523  | b. 533
   DWI Awareness Course [Videorecording]  
5. PS3552 .R685434 Brown, Dan. The Da Vinci Code  | e. 122
7. RC455.2 .C4 D54 American Psychiatric Association. Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-IV-TR  | g. 60

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**NMSU Libraries Thank Voters**

The libraries of NMSU-Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Grants and Doña Ana Community College would like to thank the voters of New Mexico for their support of General Obligation Bond B. These libraries are among the academic, public, school and tribal libraries in the state that will benefit from the successful bond issue. Funding from Bond B will enable publicly funded libraries to serve their users better by updating their book and journal collections and other library resources.

Dean Elizabeth Titus of the NMSU Library said, "In good times and bad, libraries provide the information people need when they need it. Thankfully, the passage of Bond B will enable us to continue in this effort."

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If you would like to access information on the Presidential Papers, please stop by the Government Documents & Maps Unit in Branson Library and we will be glad to assist you.

—Dotty Ormes, Reference & Research Services

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Charles Stanford and Rick Hendricks have been meeting with personnel at both EBID and WRRI in order to establish collaborative relationships and plan for the management of future gifts of historical records from EBID.

This is a research collection of great potential dealing with an essential natural resource, and as such it is important to ensure not only that these records are preserved, but also that the continuing history of EBID and water management in the Mesilla Valley be documented in an orderly and sustainable manner.

I look forward to working with these important agencies in pursuit of that goal. — Charles Stanford, Archives & Special Collections

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**In good times and bad, libraries provide the information people need when they need it**

For more information, please contact the NMSU Library at (575) 646-1508 or the libraries at NMSU-Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Grants or Doña Ana Community College.
Boxes and Boxes of Books

Staff members of the Library's Acquisitions Unit received a belated holiday gift when they returned from Winter break. Awaiting the return of Acquisitions Librarian Tracey Thompson was an email from the library's monograph vendor stating that shipments held during the winter break had been restarted. However, the vendor had not looked at the number of items waiting to be shipped before releasing them, and there were 1800 books or over 100 boxes on route to the library. This was in addition to 46 boxes that were received before the break.

The books were part of a retrospective order of Basic Essential and Research Essential books from January 2005 to September 2008. Basic Essential and Research Essential is a profile that YBP Library Services assigns to books handled on its approval plan.

The Basic Essential books are considered important in the field, and are predicted to be widely read by a range of audiences. The Research Essentials books are considered necessary for libraries, supporting both intensive undergraduate research and graduate research.

These titles will fill gaps in the collection. Collection Development Librarian Susan Beck said, “This collection of 3,667 essential titles adds important depth and breadth to the Library's print collection. Too often when university libraries support academic programs with book purchases, they focus on the specific, ignoring important contributions that transcend the strict confines of departmental areas of study. The titles in this collection offer a good mix and a range of topics. I believe there is a title here to interest all readers.”

The Acquisitions staff and students have done a phenomenal job unpacking and receiving the shipments. Priority is given to firm order titles or titles that were ordered by the librarians for the subject areas, and titles can be requested for rush processing. The books are then sent to their next destination, cataloging.

With stunned faces, the Acquisitions staff navigated the corridors of boxes. The maze increased as normal shipments arrived and other retrospective orders were added to the pile. Much like Theseus, students sent to retrieve a box in the labyrinth were given string, so they could navigate their return. — Tracey Thompson, Technical Services

New and Noteworthy Books


Why has Wikipedia received so much negative attention? Are all Wikipedia articles unreliable? How Wikipedia Works helps readers understand the inner workings of this community-built online encyclopedia, providing details on how to find, evaluate, contribute to and fact-check entries. Written by a librarian, a university professor and a technical editor.

Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post correspondent Fainaru embedded with some of the thousands of private security contractors who chauffeur officials, escort convoys and add their own touch of mayhem to the conflict. Exempt from Iraqi law and oversight by the U.S. government, the mercenaries play by Big Boy Rules—which often means no rules at all. (Publishers Weekly)

Roam believes in simplicity and feels that anyone with a pen and a piece of paper can use visual thinking to work through complex business problems. His book presents 4 steps to thinking visually, and he provides a series of rules to help readers create their own pictures.

Ferguson’s very timely work provides an entertaining history of finance, ranging from the clay tokens of Mesopotamia 5,000 years ago to the hedge funds of today.

Set in 14th century England and told from the viewpoint of a peddler of relics, Maitland’s story twists and turns deftly as a motley crew of travelers seek to hide their secrets from one another. The group is bound together by fear and not comradeship. They journey across the south of England, seeking lasting refuge from the uncertainties of life. Somewhat similar in structure to Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales, each of the travelers has a tale to tell.
In Memoriam: Henry Saastamoinen

Henry Daniel Saastamoinen passed away on January 12. He worked at the Library from 1965 to 1986, when he retired, serving first as science reference librarian and then as the head of Reference. He was born Heikki Daniel Saastamoinen in Hibbing, Minnesota, and he served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, including deployment to Australia and New Guinea.

Henry was preceded in death by his beloved wife Clara and his son Kevin. It was his wish that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the New Mexico State University Library (646-3642) or First Baptist Church. He is remembered fondly by his Library co-workers.

Faculty Publications


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NMSU-Grants is also wrapping up its migration to the online catalog, with approximately 28,000 items now loaded and available. Grants has also received new furniture for its library classroom, a repurposed space designed for improved electronic library instruction. Like NMSU-Alamo, Grants continues to highlight its library and college resources by creating educational and informative exhibits.

DACC has a new library web page design that includes a chat feature and enhanced e-support for distance learners. Welcome back snacks were a big hit at the DACC campus at the start of Spring Semester. The LibSys5 group looks forward to sharing its individual and collective library news as a regular NMSU Library Newsletter feature. – Norice Lee, Access Services

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Student Success Center Opens in Zuhl Library

NMSU’s Student Success Center—Zuhl was dedicated on November 6. Vice President for Student Success Carmen Gonzales and Library Dean Elizabeth Titus performed a ribbon cutting, and Interim Provost Robert Moulton spoke during the ceremony. The event was attended by many students and Library employees.

An open house event, “Footsteps to Success,” was celebrated at both locations of the Student Success Center, on the second floor of Zuhl Library and in Room 210 in Hardman Hall.

The Student Success Center—Zuhl offers cross-campus advising services, drop-in tutoring services, and the QuickConnect early alert program. The Writing Center in Zuhl Library has moved from the first floor Reference area to the Student Success Center.

The Student Success Center—Hardman provides walk-in academic assistance, presentations and workshops on tools for improving study and learning skills, an ICT student computer lab, college prep programs, credit courses and much more.

The Student Success Center—Zuhl can be reached at (575) 646-6050 or sscz@nmsu.edu. Or visit http://cas.nmsu.edu/zuhl/index.html.

More information on the Student Success Center—Hardman is available at http://cas.nmsu.edu/hardman/index.html or call (575) 646-3136.

Above: Vice President for Student Success Carmen Gonzales and Library Dean Elizabeth Titus cut the ribbon opening the Student Success Center—Zuhl.

Below: Library employees Lorena Ramos and Veronica Gomez chat with Interim Provost Robert Moulton and Dean Titus.
The heart of the event was J. Phelps White III's presentation of the background of the collection and how it contained not only the library of J. Phelps White and his wife but some of the books of James J. Hagerman, businessman, a builder of railroads and rancher. Bud Hagerman, the great-grandson of James J. Hagerman, then talked about the collection's history and the connection between the two families.

The collection includes the twenty volume Works of George Eliot, George Gilfallan's forty-eight volumes of British poets and Archibald Alison's fourteen volume History of Europe (from the beginning of the French Revolution to the restoration of the Bourbons in 1815) and nine volume History of Europe (from the fall of Napoleon through 1852 and the beginning of the Second Empire). These sets are now valued at a few thousand dollars each.

There are sets of major literary figures such as Coleridge, Thomas De Quincy, Dickens, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Longfellow, historians such as Carlyle and Plutarch, literary figures such as Poe and Ruskin and political figures such as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine and Daniel Webster. Popular literature is represented by Tales from Blackwood and military novels by Charles Lever, who was a "best seller" in the second and third quarters of the nineteenth century. Tales of Blackwood consists of adventure and other stories reprinted from Blackwood's Magazine of Edinburgh, Scotland. Each volume is just the right size for a coat pocket. The set was thoroughly, and probably repeatedly, read.

The nineteenth century was a time when historians turned from composing pieces of literature that primarily rewrote published sources to writing treatises that summarized the results of archival research. The collection has examples of both, from the literary histories of Sir Archibald Alison and Thomas Carlyle to the "new" style represented by William P. Dickson's translation of Theodor Mommsen's The Provinces of the Roman Empire and Henry Charles Lea's A History of the Inquisition of the Middle Ages.

There are also two sets inscribed "James J. Hagerman, Bell River, Mich., 1863." These were books that would have been bound in the Midwest and transported across the continent to New Mexico. One of these is a three volume History of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, published from 1864-1868. Perhaps the signatures were inscribed at a later date. The third volume of this work is not inscribed and is in a different cloth binding, so it was probably acquired later.

The Library's J. Phelps White event was videorecorded by Gary Worth of KRWG-TV, and an edited version with some close-ups of the books was shown on "Aggie Almanac" during the week of January 12-16. The segment can be seen at http://lib.nmsu.edu/depts/archives/spcollections.shtml, and the whole episode can be viewed at http://www.krwg-tv.org/almanac/AA_97.html.—Larry Creider, Archives & Special Collections

The collection provides a good picture of American book bindings of the second half of the nineteenth century. Publishers were beginning to use cloth bindings, frequently with stamped designs.

Many customers, however, still had their books custom bound in leather, and the collection contains both types. Different sets have the similar marbled paper in pastedowns and flyleaves and very similar binding decoration.

In some sets the pages in the early volumes have been opened while later volumes in the set have not.

For example, in the 1886 edition of the Writings of Longfellow, the volume containing Longfellow's translation of the first part of Dante's Divine Comedy, the Inferno has been opened, while the two volumes containing the Purgatory and Paradise have not. Obviously, the reader or readers did not find the material worth pursuing!

Much of the Phelps White Collection consists of history, including the ancient world and the Near and Far East. Just as our world has been expanded by space exploration and the internet, the nineteenth century was a time when American and European knowledge of the rest of the world and its history expanded dramatically, primarily through excavation and translation of ancient scripts.

For example, A Manual of the Ancient History of the East translated from the French of LeNormant and Chevalier has details from the latest excavations in the Middle East. Scholars had learned to read hieroglyphics and cuneiform writing only in the first half of the nineteenth century, and copies of early editions of Arthur Layard's books on his excavations at Nineveh give a sense of the expanding world.

On November 7, the Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department hosted an event celebrating J. Phelps White III’s gift of 115 titles in 431 volumes valued at over $37,000. After a welcome by Dean Elizabeth Titus, Special Collections Librarian Larry Creider spent a few minutes describing what makes the collection special.
Peeps Visit the Library

In the spring, everyone’s fancy lightly turns to thoughts of Peeps. On the premise that much experimental research is conducted on Peeps but the Peeps themselves never get to do any research, Susan Avery and Jennifer Masciadrelli created the classic Peep Research web page of Millikin University’s Staley Library. A mock photo documentary of how the fluffy marshmallow Easter treats do research, the page follows a small group of Peeps as they tour Staley Library.

The Peeps arrive packed into a Volkswagen. Upon entering the library they immediately sit down at the computer terminals, look for information on the Internet and print out everything they find. As the Peeps learn advanced research skills, they use the Oxford English Dictionary, interact with the reference librarian and work on a group project.

After eating lunch in a tree outside the library, the Peeps ask a student assistant for directions to the rest room. They then attempt to use microfilm, retrieve books from the shelves, check out a laptop and use a paper cutter. They check out their books and exit the library.

Sadly, some of the Peeps come to a gruesome fate. Several Peeps are crushed in the photocopy machine. One falls to his death from the tree while eating lunch. Another is decapitated by the paper cutter. Could this aspect of Peep humor relate to the “Mr. Bill” factor? Soft squishy creatures are by nature more susceptible to damage. Enjoy the delicious Peep Research page at http://www.millikin.edu/staley/peeps.—Jeanette Smith, Library Administration

Above: The Peeps learn advanced research skills.
At right: The Peeps enjoy working in groups. Photos courtesy of the Peep Research web page, Susan Avery and Jennifer Masciadrelli.