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- NMLA/MPLA 2007 Conference Task Force – The committee met on January 27th to discuss conference ideas. A contract for the hotel and Albuquerque Convention Center will be signed in March. A preliminary 2007 conference budget has been created.
- NMLA Annual Conference – NMLA's Annual Conference, Community Connections, Community Collections, will be held April 19-21 in Farmington NM. Several MPLA members from outside of New Mexico have been selected to present programs at the conference. MPLA members are invited to attend as are members of the Arizona, Utah, and Colorado library associations. For more information on the conference visit: http://www.nmla.org/Events/2006_Conference.html
- YALSA/Sagebrush Award - Vaunda Nelson, the teen librarian at the Rio Rancho Public Library in Rio Rancho, N.M. Nelson won the award for the Lights! Camera! Books! 2005 Teen Summer Reading Program. The six-week reading program tied the theme of books and movies together with a fresh new take. Through teen participation, Nelson and her Teen Advisory Group, created a commercial promoting the reading program for each of the schools. The reading program was based on reading different genres and by the number of pages read by a teen.
- New Mexico's 2006 Summer Reading Program Announced - – The theme for New Mexico's 2006 Statewide Summer reading Program, Lasting Impressions/Impresiones duraderas, is a continuation of the partnership agreement between the New Mexico State Library and the Museum of New Mexico. Characters for the program include Benjamin Franklin and Celia the Coelophysis. For more on New Mexico's Summer Reading Program visit: http://www.stlib.state.nm.us/Nmsrp/index.htm
- Librarians publish book. Pam MacKeller, who works at the Corrales Community Library in New Mexico, and Stephanie Gerding, who is currently with the Arizona State Library, announced the release of their new book, Grants for Libraries: A How-To-Do-It Manual (1-55570-535-9. 2006).

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