New Mexico Representative MPLA Board Report

- NMLA Annual Conference Seek, Learn, Inspire is the theme for the NMLA Annual conference April 911 in Las Cruces, NM. Greg R. Notess, author of Teaching Web Search Skills: Techniques and Strategies
 of Top Trainers will be the conference keynote speaker. Conference information is available here:
 http://www.nmla.org/2008% 20Conference/conference_home.htm
- New Mexico State Library Terminated the group services offered to 400 New Mexico Libraries. Services cut are OCLC's First Search/World Cat. The elimination of this service will save the State Library \$400,000. The cut in services affected all school, academic, and special libraries. Susan Oberlander, State Library explains, "It has not been an easy decision for us to make, as we know that there will be repercussions for libraries around the state. But in the interests of sound fiscal management, we must do this."
- UNM Zimmerman Library Zimmerman Library experienced a flood in October which damaged between 75 and 100 publications. The flood occurred in the same area that has been under construction after a fire destroyed the periodical section in the Spring of 2006. The renovation was nearly complete when the flood occurred.
- UNM New Fine Arts and Design Library Scheduled to open on January 22, 2008. The library is located on the fourth floor of the new Architecture and Planning Building.

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