Bienvenidos a Las Cruces. The great people of Las Cruces and myself want to welcome you to our beautiful city and the 2002 New Mexico Library Annual Conference. We hope you will get to know our friendly people and business community here. Please feel free to stay over and see the many historic attractions.

Our conference theme is “The Human Factor”. Many people have contributed to the making of this conference, promising to be the best one ever! This year we will be presenting something new—the Exhibitor Reception made up of over 50 vendors. Members and guests will have the opportunity to visit with vendors and enjoy hot hors d’oeuvres. We have provided this reception without charge to the conference attendees and interested persons.

I want to thank all who have made this 2002 annual conference possible and worked so diligently to prepare an excellent program and facilities. I especially want to acknowledge the chair of the conference program committee, Tracie Antonuk and chair of the local arrangements committee, Mark Pendelton and their committee members. I also want to thank our President, Kay Krehbiel and Association Administrative Assistant, Linda O’Connell for all their support and encouragement throughout this past year.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the many exhibitors, especially our major underwriters who have supported our special Exhibitor Reception. Without these businesses, our conference would not be possible.

I hope you enjoy the many programs we have to offer. There should be something for everyone. Take time to stroll through the exhibit area, and if you have some extra time, visit our New Mexico State University campus and Old Mesilla for some special gifts and great food.

Our next annual conference will be held in Albuquerque on April 23-25, 2003 at the Old Town Sheraton Inn under the leadership of Eileen Longsworth. Please make sure that you fill out the evaluation form found in your packet. We need your opinions so the conference planners can improve the 2003 conference.

Earl H. Phillips, Ed.D.
Vice President/President Elect
The Census: How to Find the Data You Need / Jerry O'Donnell, Public Information Officer, U.S. Census Bureau. This session will explore the wealth of community and neighborhood data from the Census Bureau’s web site. Learn how you can use community profiles to prepare better for grant proposals, needs assessments, business plans, community analysis and much more. A demonstration of the American FactFinder, a new Internet delivery tool, will be included.

NALSIG / Business Meeting

The Aging Workforce / David Torres, Director of Affirmative Action and Compliance, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Is the library workforce really “graying?” Learn how this will affect hiring, termination, promotion and retirement in libraries. Also, age-related laws and any current cases that directly relate to the library industry will be reviewed and discussed. A question and answer period will address specific questions.

REFORMA Presents: Daniel Chacon
Daniel Chacon is author of Chicano Chicanery (2000), as well as various short stories and plays. His fiction has appeared in journals such as ZYZZYVA, The Bilingual Review, Colorado Review, New England Review, and Callalo. He just finished his first novel, and the shadows took him, and is working on a second. Chacon says: “I’ll be reading from my work and talking about the Writer, the Library, and the Labyrinth.”

Book Signing will follow program

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm
Lifelong Learning @ Your Library / Martha A. Toscano, Library Literacy Coordinator, El Paso Public Library (TX). Gain some fresh new ideas on how to initiate literacy programs at your library.

Advocacy for School Libraries SIG / Business Meeting
All those interested in school libraries are welcome to attend.
# Thursday at-a-glance

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4:00pm - 5:00pm NMSU Tour—Take a guided trolley tour of the NMSU campus.
5:00pm - 7:00pm Combined Library Foundation and All Conference Reception in Honor of Past Presidents/Hilton
7:00pm - 10:00pm Awards Banquet with guest author Denise Chavez/Hilton