

Message to New Mexico State Library

from
United States Senator Jeff Bingaman
 November 15, 2005

I am proud to participate in this celebration to recognize the New Mexico State Library (NMSL) as the recipient of the 2005 Federal Depository Library of the Year Award.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Director Richard Akeroyd for his hard work in helping to attain this recognition. Richard, your devotion and commitment to the citizens of New Mexico are to be commended. Your outstanding accomplishments and contributions cast the highest reflections on you and the staff of NMSL.

The NMSL Federal Depository Library continually demonstrates extraordinary initiative and innovation in responding to the challenges that face many of the communities in New Mexico. By accepting the challenge to understand social and educational information issues, identify and define problems endemic with library services for those currently being underserved, and develop solutions to stimulate continuing education, the NMSL plays a significant role in helping to shape the future of our state.

Through the success of technologically advanced programs such as the implementation of the Digital Archive Project, New Mexico News Plus, and Docs on Wheels, the NMSL continues to exceed the goal of the Federal Depository Library Program to ensure accessible and accurate distribution of government information throughout the rural and urban communities of New Mexico. Their dedication to the scholarly and research needs of libraries, students, teachers, citizen activists, and federal/state government policy makers is a testament to their ability to excel in public service program leadership.

I was pleased to have had the opportunity to express my support on behalf of the New Mexico State Library to the Director of the Federal Depository Library Program, Judith Russell, during the selection process, and I am delighted to join with all of you now in recognizing it as the 2005 Federal Depository Library of the Year.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bingaman
 United States Senator



Ric Davis, Acting Director of Library Services and Content Management; Federal Documents Librarian Laurie Canepa, with crystal award at Federal Depository Library of the Year reception, October 16, 2005.



An aide to Senator Jeff Bingamin and Library Director, Richard Akeroyd, with Federal Depository Library of the Year certificate.

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