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Employee Spotlight:

Portia Vescio



Portia Vescio, University Archivist, has been with the College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences since May 2016. For the past year, she has been in charge of the University's historical records. This includes a diverse list of items, such as the President's correspondence, the minutes of the Board of Regents, documents pertaining to the various organizations like Staff Council and GPSA, as well as managing the University Archives page on the UNM Digital Repository and the physical items located in the basement of Zimmerman. An average day for Portia includes answering research questions, updating finding aids, and processing materials and collections in order to make them available to researchers. Preserving information and making it available is foremost on her list of things to do.

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Remembering Barbara Lukes

By Christine Sraha & Sever Bordeianu



Barbara Lukes, our colleague who passed away this year, was a French horn player who played with the Albuquerque Philharmonic for many years. Her aspiration was to always incorporate music in her career, and she was able to do that as a music cataloger for the UNM Libraries. Her work here over the past quarter of a century, made a big difference for the library's music collection. Working with the music collection, she got to know the faculty, staff and students in the Music Department.

Her playing with the Albuquerque Philharmonic enriched the Albuquerque music community.

When she passed away, she asked that her horn be donated to the UNM Music department. The UNM Horn studio graciously accepted the instrument and sent along this heartfelt thank you which will also be shared with Barbara's family. Barbara was a great example of a library employee, our colleague, who really cared about the UNM community and contributed to it.

C/o Christine Sraha 5-9676
To the friends and family of
Barbara Lukes
Thank you for donating a horn
— UNM Horn Studio



Mystery Photo Contest



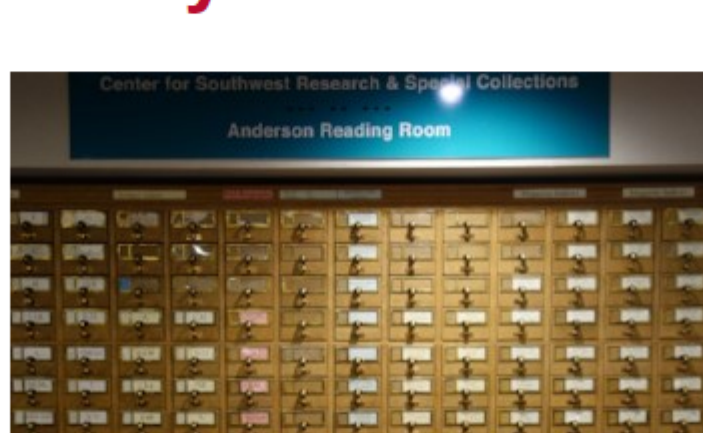
And the WINNER is..... **Kevin Brown!**

Thank You to Aaron Blecha, Monica Dorame, and Kevin Brown for participating in last month's Mystery Photo Contest. Kevin was the first to correctly identify the photo of the card catalog located outside of the Center for Southwest Research's Anderson Reading Room in Zimmerman Library. Congratulations, Kevin!

"A Piece of Library History:

The Card Catalog"

by Nancy Brown Martinez



What we know as the old UNM Zimmerman Library or Coronado Library, the original library, in the West Wing, was designed by John Gaw Meem and opened in April 1938. Meem left space in the main hall, on the sides of the circulation desk, for a series of wooden card catalog drawers. They were located under the *Three People's Mural*, painted by Kenneth Adams in 1939.

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Tech Tip: The Listserv

In 1986, Éric Thomas developed the concept of an automated mailing list manager. Whilst a student at Ecole Centrale Paris, he developed the software now known as **LISTSERV**. Some of the early software features allowed joining or leaving a list without the need for human administration. Also, the list owner could add or remove subscribers, and edit templates for both welcome and system messages.

The UL&LS uses four main listservs to keep library employees informed. Click [here](#) for additional information.



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If you do, be the first to email Libadmin@unm.edu for a prize.

