Upcoming Conference News

CPC Update
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The 31st annual NASIG Conference, “Embracing New Horizons,” will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 9-12, 2016. Check out the developing NASIG 31st Conference website for more information (www.nasig.org). Albuquerque will have low-humidity with high temperatures in the eighties, and will be full of sunshine for our meeting. The conference is beginning to take shape - a logo has been chosen and changes to the website are happening often. We are gathering information about a site for the opening reception, which promises to be a spectacular venue with New Mexico and Albuquerque history all around us. The call for proposals has gone out and PPC will undoubtedly provide a plethora of great presentations for the 31st conference. There promises to be many options for individual enjoyment and entertainment, so begin making plans to “embrace new horizons” by attending the Albuquerque conference in 2016.

When you are not learning the next big thing in libraries, publishing, and scholarly communication, there will be many opportunities for sightseeing. Among the highlights for shoppers, candy lovers, and anyone interested in sampling New Mexican food is Historic Old Town - just steps away from our conference hotel, the Hotel Albuquerque. We will also be staying within walking distance of several museums. Explore the Triassic period through the personal computer revolution at New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Sciences. Check out snakes in a museum at the American International Rattlesnake Museum, which houses the world’s largest collection of rattlesnake species in the world (very securely, we assume). If you do not intend to cure a phobia on your visit, skip the rattlers and check out the nearby Albuquerque Museum of Art and History.

There are many reasons to make plans to visit other areas of Albuquerque. Perhaps you will take our theme of “embracing new horizons” very literally and enjoy a morning hot air balloon ride, or just check them out at the impressive Albuquerque International Balloon Museum. Explore early New Mexican culture at the Petroglyph National Monument, and experience seven centuries of American Indian history at the fantastic Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Take a look at
contemporary New Mexican history at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History, or a self-guided Breaking Bad Tour of Albuquerque.

If you make it all the way to New Mexico, you may want to consider extending your visit. Take the train to Santa Fe (NINE DOLLARS one-way!), or rent a car to visit Taos. See a wealth of other suggestions at http://www.visitalbuquerque.org/ and https://www.newmexico.org/.