

Lion Reading Lab

NEW MEXICO LIONS CRANE READING FOUNDATION

Program Description

The mission for the New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Foundation (NMLCRF) is to have every student in New Mexico reading and writing proficiently. This means that by second grade every student should be reading at least 200 words per minute with good comprehension and be able to write legibly. The reading program is an eight component integrated program that combines the latest computer technology with several other important activities. These include 1) desk height adjustment; 2) use of templates; 3) eye examinations and prescription lenses; 4) Gross motor skill development; 5) reading practice using computer programs; 6) allergy management; 7) writing composition; and 8) proper placement and remediation of new students. The PediaVision Photoscreener, a state of the art eye screening instrument, is our instrument of choice for screening. It is ideal for Head Start and K-12 students. Complete details of the program and supporting references are given in the books *Reading Problems Resolved* and *Lions Crane Literacy Program Handbook* by Allen and Virginia Crane. For those interested in obtaining a copy of either text, please contact any NMLCRF officer and we will make arrangements to have a copy sent to you. Information for the Pedia Vision Photoscreener can be found at their web site www.pediavision.com.

The past few years have been very busy and productive. Notable successes include 1) the Reading Lab located at the Character Kids Dream Center in Las Cruces is fully operational and several classes are conducted during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters; 2) introduced and/or maintained all or parts of the program in over 40 schools in New Mexico; 3) Conducted eye screenings and eye examinations at Gadsden High School, at the Hatch Schools Administration Building, and at the Character Kids Dream Center; and 4) the NMLCRF is an approved Service Provider in Reading for the NM Department of Education. Tutoring sessions are held at the Dream Center and the Boys and Girls Club in Las Cruces

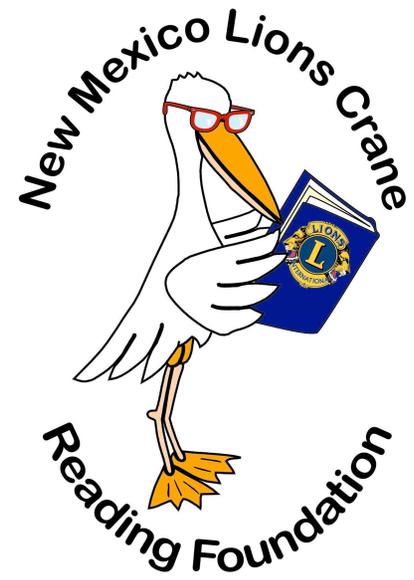
The Dream Center Reading Lab has evolved into both a classroom and a demonstration center where educators, parents, and other interested persons can see the program in action Monday through Thursday during the school year and for special programs during the summer months. On Fridays and Saturdays, the reading center is used as a Training Center and Certification Center for educators, parents, Lions, and others to become certified in the NMLCRF approach to literacy. The goal of these efforts is to demonstrate the value of the Reading Program and lead schools to adopt the program.

Several years ago a nice honor was bestowed upon Allen and Virginia Crane, the founders of the NMLCRF, by the NM House of Representatives. Representative Jeff Steinborn introduced House Memorial 98 which states

“Lauding Allen and Virginia Crane and Requesting The Public Education Department To Consider The Adoption Of The Vision And Reading Techniques Developed By The Cranes To Improve Reading For Children In Kindergarten Through Twelfth Grade”.

Parts of the NMLC Reading Program are used by over forty schools in New Mexico. The program works for kindergarten through high school to adults. At Gadsden High School special education students are gaining one to five years per semester in reading. In addition, 12 students at GHS made 8 years gain in reading in one semester. Even greater gains can be made when the whole program is used.

The officers and directors of the New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Foundation look forward to working with educators and parents throughout the state as we strive to attain our goal of having New Mexico schools rated among the top ten states in reading proficiency.



- **The New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Foundation (NMLCRF), a 501c(3) organization, was formed for the express purpose of improving reading skills in New Mexico. NMLCRF advocates and supports the New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Program (NMLCRP).**

Reading Program

- **The NM Lions Crane Reading Program (NMLCRP) is a research based integrated program that combines the latest computer technology with other proven activities. Allen & Virginia Crane , NMLCRP founders, have drawn together successful activities from many different sources. The Program includes eight key components.**

Components of NMLCRP

- **Adjustment of desk height**
- **Use of templates**
- **Eye examinations and prescription lenses**
- **Development of gross motor skills**

Components of NMLCRP

- Reading practice using [computer programs](#)
- Allergy management
- Writing composition
- Proper placement and remediation of new students

The NMLC Reading Program is consistent with the findings of the [National Reading Panel](#) but the Program includes several activities not included in their findings.

Bal-A-Vis-X

- **B**alance / **A**uditory / **V**ision **eX**ercises, a series of varied complexity, most of which are deeply rooted in rhythm. These exercises require full-body coordination and focused attention. The program utilizes beanbags, racquetballs, balance boards, and multiple principles and activities from Educational Kinesiology. It demands cooperation, promotes self-challenge, and fosters peer teaching. It is school friendly and just plain fun.

Software

- Lexia

When [Bob Lemire](#) founded Lexia Learning Systems in 1984, it was a personal mission. Bob wasn't a reading specialist or researcher. He wasn't looking for a new career; he was already a well-respected investment advisor and land-use consultant. But what Bob Lemire did have, was a son diagnosed with dyslexia.

Software

- My Reading Coach

Judith Bliss and her son both had learning difficulties and she began a quest for an effective reading system. Bliss met Tucson-based reading specialist and speech pathologist Jim Larrabee. MindPlay decided to create a software program modeling Larrabee's successful reading instruction methods.

Current Activities

- Reading Lab at Dream Center
32 hours per week
volunteer assistance from various organizations
- Eye screenings and eye exams at Dream Center, Hatch School District, and Gadsden High School
- Gadsden MS and Gadsden HS have optometric chairs provided by the NMLCRF.

Results-1

- “I have been the principal of [Central Elementary School](#) in Santa Clara NM, for two years. When I arrived, the school which has a 93% Hispanic population and where 100% of the students qualify as economically disadvantaged, was on academic probation with only 28% of its fourth grade students reading proficiently. The school made some adjustments in the delivery of reading instruction and integrated the New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Program.

Results-1 cont.

- **Last year, the fourth grade students improved to 46% proficient readers. This year the score required for proficiency increased and the fourth grade students improved to 84% proficient readers. This year the third and fifth grade students were also assessed and grades three through fifth are at 76% reading proficiency. Central Elementary now ranks 37th out of approximately 447 elementary schools in NM in reading proficiency.”**

-Jose Carrillo, Principal Central Elementary School, Santa Clara, NM

Dream Center Reading Lab Results

- Average 2-3 year gain in 16 weeks
- Approximately 4% of students only gain one year

MV Christian School Results

- 20 minutes per day for three months
- Grade WPM
- 1 348
- 2 408
- 3 462
- 4 520
- 5 492