

## New Mexico Public Libraries

Public libraries in New Mexico and across the United States are no longer mere repositories of books. Like the rest of U.S. society, their role in the community has been transformed by the digital age. Libraries increasingly have become a service center for the many New Mexicans who need access to a computer and the Internet but do not have it at home. Libraries increasingly are being called upon to provide technology training, assistance with job-seeking and support for accessing e-government services. In addition, students at all levels increasingly require access to internet and computer-based resources for educational purposes and more people are increasingly using computers and the internet to keep in touch with families and colleagues. With funding for public libraries being cut across the nation and in New Mexico as a result of the economic recession, New Mexico libraries are challenged to meet the real and increasing demands.

### 77 Public Libraries in New Mexico In just one day...

- 23,159 people walk through the doors of New Mexico Public Libraries!
- 25,271 books, DVDs, and more, are borrowed from New Mexico Public Libraries!
- 4,641 people use computers at New Mexico Public Libraries!
- 3,737 reference questions are answered at New Mexico Public Libraries!
- 2,091 people attend programs at New Mexico Public Libraries!

# YOU NEED LIBRARIES...



# LIBRARIES NEED YOU!

## Library GO Bond Issue B

November 4, 2014

### \$10,800,000

for all

- Academic
- Public
- School
- Tribal

Libraries  
in New Mexico

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## NEW MEXICO SCHOOL LIBRARIES

### CRITICAL FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

In schools with quality library programs, student performance on annual academic assessments consistently averaged 8-10 points higher than other schools.

### INSPIRE LITERACY

Research has shown that school libraries have the tools to inspire literacy in learners of all ages. When students have the opportunity to choose meaningful literature and to explore information that matters to them, many forms of literacy emerge and develop.

### PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT TO ALL STUDENTS

Well-funded school libraries provide access to information and literature for all children, including those with little personal means to obtain reading and electronic resources.

### CAN BE A KEY INFLUENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Today's school libraries must be gathering places for people of all ages and all interests to learn, to explore and to debate ideas. They must be accessible to the total school community, onsite or remotely; they must help to provide a community network of information and education services for people of all ages.

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## NEW MEXICO TRIBAL LIBRARIES

There are eighteen tribal public libraries in New Mexico and one developing public library. Each library serves as a traditional resource and information center by providing services and materials to community members of all ages, as well as providing the only computer access for many students and job seekers. They also serve as a cultural resource by providing classes and materials in their respective Native languages and traditional arts and crafts. Tribal libraries receive varying degrees of support from tribal governments. While the majority of pueblos and tribes recognize that tribal libraries are important for the community, they have limited budgets and are not able to provide funding at levels adequate to support and sustain a quality library.



### In just one day...

- 551** people walk through the doors of NM tribal public libraries
- 239** books, movies, CDs, and more, are borrowed from NM tribal public libraries
- 287** people use computers at NM tribal public libraries
- 135** reference questions are answered at NM tribal public libraries
- 129** people attend programs at NM tribal public libraries

## NEW MEXICO ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

### NM Academic Libraries State Facts

- Requests for service & materials continued to rise in 2013.
- 5 million visits to NM Academic Libraries (a million more than in 2010)
- 60 thousand citizens attended library presentations
- 95 thousand materials were shared among NM libraries

### Projected Inflation National Facts

- The cost of library materials increased annually approximately 6%<sup>1</sup> versus 1.6% of US Consumer Price Index in 2012.

### Bottom Line

Local institutional funding is inadequate to address collective state-wide needs

### Passing Bond B during the November 2014 election will enable public academic libraries to:

- ◆ Provide 24/7 access to library information resources for all campus-wide and distance education students, faculty, and staff—no matter where they live;
- ◆ Support our students and faculty by developing and updating current Library materials in community college and university libraries;
- ◆ Assist in meeting accreditation

GO Bonds provide up to 25%  
of New Mexico academic library materials