

## NEW MEXICO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**Libraries**, which are still a **combination** of the **past (print collections)** and the **present (new information technologies)**, must be viewed with a **new perspective and understanding** if they are to fulfill their potential in adding value to the advancement of library missions and moving libraries into the future. Rather than threatening the traditional concept of libraries, the integration of new information technology has actually become the catalyst that transforms libraries into more **vital and critical intellectual centers of life** for New Mexico communities.

In 2014, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs commissioned the report, *“Building on the Past, Facing the Future: Renewing the Creative Economy of New Mexico”*, prepared by the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business & Economic Research. The report concludes that **“libraries have stepped out of their traditional roles to provide New Mexicans with a lifeline to technology resources and digital skills essential to full participation in civic life and in the economy.”** Furthermore, **“libraries have been thrust into a role...that of a quasi-social service agency assisting low and moderate income people to gain access to online services.”**

GO Bond funds aid New Mexico Libraries in meeting the growing needs of the residents of New Mexico.

### Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015

**75 New Mexico Public Libraries reported...**

**7,018,910** people walk through the doors of New Mexico Public Libraries.

**9,041,602** books, movies, DVDs, and more, are borrowed from New Mexico Public Libraries.

**1,898,493** people used computers at New Mexico Public Libraries.

**1,069,281** reference questions were answered at New Mexico Public Libraries.

Source: New Mexico Library Association Legislative Committee  
New Mexico State Library Annual Report Statistics July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015



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\$10,000,000 for New Mexico Libraries**

### Estimated Distributions:

◆ Academic Libraries	\$ 3,250,000
◆ Public Libraries	\$ 3,000,000
◆ School Libraries	\$ 3,000,000
◆ Tribal Libraries	\$ 750,000

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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 and one developing tribal library in New Mexico. Each library serves as a traditional resource and information center that provides services and materials to community members of all ages, as well as providing the only computer and internet access for many students and job seekers. They also serve as a cultural resource and repository by providing classes and materials in their respective Native languages and as keepers of cultural history. While the majority of tribes recognize that libraries are important for their communities, they have limited budgets and are not able to provide funding at levels adequate to support and sustain a quality library.



Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015

### 19 New Mexico Tribal Public Libraries reported...

**345,821** people walk through the doors of New Mexico Tribal Public Libraries.

**88,240** books, movies, DVDs, and more, are borrowed from New Mexico Public Libraries.

**84,419** people used computers at New Mexico Tribal Public Libraries.

**355,025** reference questions were answered at New Mexico Tribal Public Libraries.

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## NEW MEXICO ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

- **Purchase of library research materials.** The attempt to maintain a current collection becomes a greater challenge each year with flat budgets and increasing costs of books, journals, and databases.
- **Book Inflation.** The 2015 average cost of a U.S. college book to support student learning is \$72.31.
- **Academic journals.** To support the educational efforts of community college or university faculty and students, for example, academic libraries in New Mexico have had to deal with the inflation rate of academic journals increasing every year.
- **Electronic databases.** There is no stability in percentage of cost increases but they continually increase from one year to the next. There are many factors considered in these costs and are inconsistent varying from vendor to vendor and library to library. Planning for the cost increases to coincide with the flat library budgets is difficult and only depletes funding for other important library materials also in great demand. However, the demand for electronic periodical databases is increasing due to the convenience of 24/7 campus-wide and remote access for students, faculty, and staff.

### Impact Statement for Academic Libraries

- Academic Libraries provide 24/7 access to library information resources for all campus-wide and distance education students, faculty, and staff—no matter where they live;
- Academic Libraries support students and faculty by developing and updating current library materials in community college and university libraries;
- GO Bonds assist in meeting accreditation
- Help Increase collaborative initiatives.

Source: New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL), Legislative Committee 7/16/2016