

Public Libraries in New Mexico
by the numbers

723
PUBLIC & TRIBAL
LIBRARIES

that's more libraries than
Blake's Lotaburgers!

957,378

registered library card holders

VISITS
NEW
MEXICANS
MAKE TO
LIBRARIES IN
A YEAR

7.2
million



650
full-time
public library
employees

that's 1 library employee for
every **71,240** yearly visitors



NM libraries have
4.9 million items
in their collections

4,311,902 → books & serials
88,270 → e-books
207,223 → audio books
295,688 → videos
55,924 → downloadable



19,283
free educational
programs offered at
libraries in a year

that's an average of **52**
programs per day in NM!

72.2



AVERAGE NUMBER OF
COMPUTERS PER LIBRARY

the national average is **16.4**

\$44.7 million

combined operating expenses for
public libraries



Libraries depend on municipal,
county, and tribal governments
for **97percent** of their funding

415,612



total annual
attendance for
all library
programs

public internet computers are accessed
2.1 million times
by library visitors annually

With no increased funding,
libraries strive to keep up with the
demand for public computer
access, technology maintenance,
and staff training

The per capita spending on
public libraries in NM ranks

16th LOWEST

in the U.S.

1,187,217

questions are
answered by
librarians
in a year



Sources: Baker & Taylor Bibliostat Connect (2013); and the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business & Economic Research report: "Building on the Past, Facing the Future: Renewing the Creative Economy of New Mexico" (2014).



New Mexico
State Library



CULTURAL AFFAIRS