

Other Public Library Facts

- 118 public library facilities serve 90 communities in 31 of the 33 New Mexico counties. Only Mora and Harding County don't have public libraries.
- New Mexicans borrowed 10,181,506 items in 2009, an increase of 3.7% over 2008. That's 5.07 items per capita and 8.59 items per library card.
- 1,184,658 people have library cards.
- 15,341 programs were offered just for children and teens and attended by 336,547 people.
- 71.2% of libraries offer education resources & databases for K-12 students.
- 7,797,768 people visited New Mexico public libraries in 2009.
- 78% of public libraries now offer free wireless service to the public compared to 51% in 2007.
- New Mexico public libraries are often the only free source of public Internet access in their communities for job seekers and e-government services.

"Public libraries are uniquely positioned to provide a full range of resources American families rely on as they trim expenses and seek employment."

ALA President, Camila Aire 2010

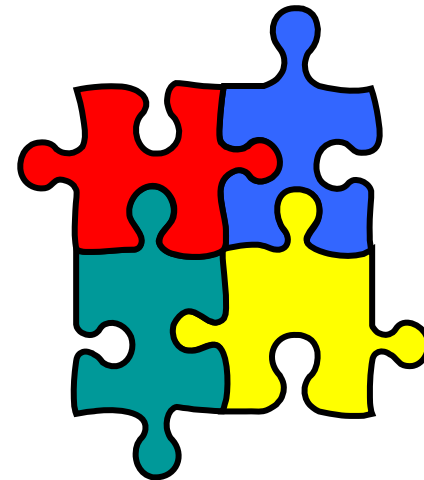
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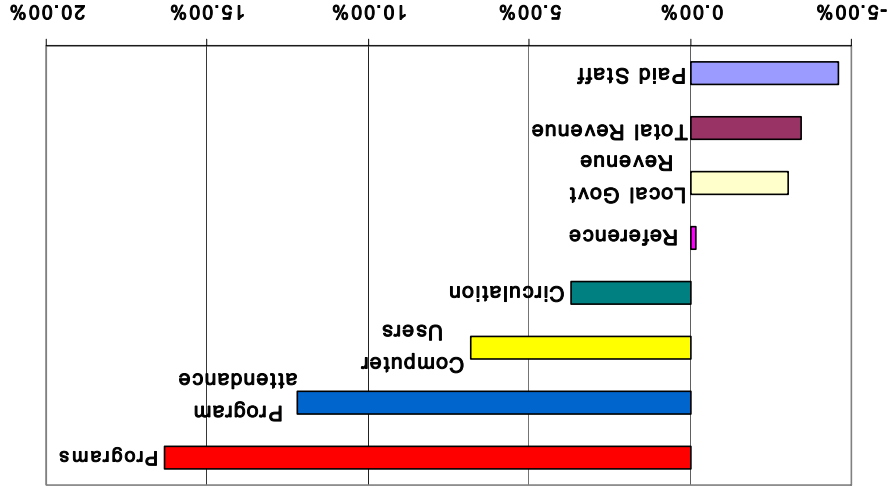
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In one day...

- 25,400 people walk through the doors of New Mexico public libraries
- 33,165 books, movies, cds, and more are borrowed from New Mexico public libraries
- 6,480 people use computers at New Mexico public libraries
- 4,242 reference questions are answered at New Mexico public libraries
- 1,326 people attend programs at New Mexico public libraries

Needs vs. Resources

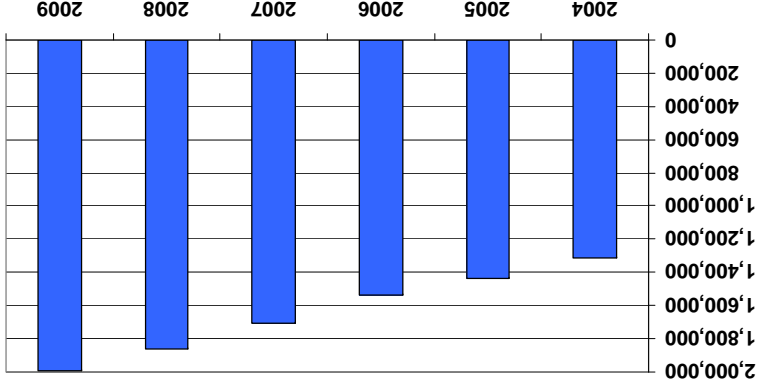
In 2009, the need for public library services outpaced the available resources. Compared to 2008, revenue and the number of paid staff declined, while services and use of library resources continued to grow.



Connecting New Mexico

- 32.58% of New Mexico residents do not have access to the Internet, according to the *Networked Nation* report.
- 65.4% of libraries offer the *only* free access to computers and the Internet in their communities.
- Public libraries continue to fill this gap by providing 1,405 public Internet computers used 1,989,433 times in 2009, an increase of 52% since 2004.

Public Computer Use 2004-2009



Internet speed improved in 2009. However, 28% of public library connections still do not meet a bare minimum speed of a T1 connection (1.5 megabits per second).

