

New Mexico State Library
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ADMINISTRATION

Eli Guinnee, State Librarian

Legislative Priorities

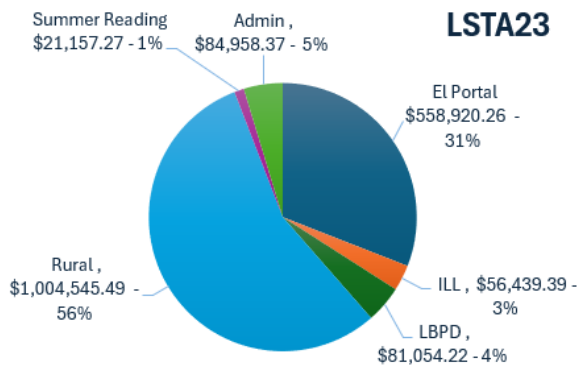
- HB27 the Librarian Protection Act passed the House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee after lengthy discussion; it goes to the House Education Committee next.
- Executive and Legislative budgets have funding level for NMSL.
- Rural Library Endowment: Executive budget requests \$10M; Legislative budget has no funding for RLE; we are expecting a separate budget bill to be filed.

Personnel

- Joseph Angelo is now Bureau Chief for Technical Services, an internal promotion.
- Mr. Angelo’s prior position is now in the interview stage
- The State Data Coordinator position is in the interview stage
- We are awaiting posting of Public Services Bureau Chief, with Lori Thornton’s retirement effective February 21.

Federal Funding

- Federal LSTA funding is approximately \$1.8M each year (about a third of our overall funding).
- A recent pause in federal funding has been rescinded and we are currently free to continue spending in our LSTA program areas.
- Notice of next year’s funding levels usually comes in April.



New Reporting Format

- In the past we have submitted Commission Reports following the timeline of Commission Meetings. We are henceforth going to create quarterly Commission Reports, send to the Commission and post on our website. Commission Meetings will discuss the most recent report and any updates since they were posted.
- We continue to evaluate the statistics we collect and how they are reported. Commission Reports will now have a separate section for Statistics, showing a comparison to the previous year, quarterly in the current year, and the year to-date.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED (LBPDP)

John Mugford, Regional Librarian

Changes and Developments

The concluding three months of 2024 featured several developments, highlighted by the filling of a Reader Advisor vacancy—the last open position in LBPDP. This new employee, Ursula McDaid, is a Santa Fe native, who holds a master’s degree in library and information studies from University College Dublin, Ireland, where her graduate work focused on scholarly communication, digital curation, and research data management. Recently, she completed an internship at the Santa Fe Community College Library, where she contributed to reference services, information literacy instruction, and reader-focused resource recommendations.

Eleven Scribe Mini duplication units are now located at public libraries in Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Hobbs, Las Cruces (2), Los Alamos, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Silver City, and Taos as well as at the Santa Fe Community College. Seven are still available for future deployment to potential areas such as more public libraries, reservation chapter sites, senior residential communities, and prison locations. Activity continues to be sporadic with the leading sites found in Los Alamos, Silver City, Rio Rancho, and Las Cruces.

The National Library Service (NLS) and affiliates added over 5,000 new audio book and braille titles during these three months. Of this amount, over five hundred titles were added by regional library programs with more than nine hundred titles added from foreign language and other English sources obtained through the Marrakesh Treaty and Accessible Books Consortium. This latter grouping now totals almost 7,000 titles in the general collection. Overall, the NLS digital book collection now includes more than 130,000 audio book titles and 26,000 braille titles. Over 23,000 digital magazine issues are available for download.

Circulation totaled about 41,500 during these three months—an average of about 13,850 per month. This total represented about a nine percent increase in comparison to the same three-month period in 2023, indicating an ongoing upward trend in activity, enhanced by the addition of magazine and braille borrowing activities to data totals.

Applications

With full staffing, LBPD has been able to consistently process new applications at an improved rate—with the average processing time being less than two days (about a one-day improvement from the same three-month period in 2023). Seventy-eight applications were completed during this time—about a five percent increase from the same three-month period in 2023. The New Mexico Commission for the Blind continued to provide about one-third of all applications received.

Outreach

During this reporting period, Outreach Librarian, Jennifer McGill, represented the library at several events. They included a Teacher's Night Out at the Museum of International Folk Art, and conferences hosted by the New Mexico Chapter of the National Federation for the Blind and the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department—both in Albuquerque. Additionally, she presented online to the Commission for the Blind Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors and Blindness Skills Instructors on offerings and developments from the NLS. Jennifer is a member and attends regular meetings of the Summer Reading Committee of the NLS as well as the nationwide Collaborative Library Summer Program. She presented to the Santa Fe Public Schools' librarians on the services of LBPD and Public Services. Also, she attended a virtual meeting with prison supervisors with the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility of Los Lunas to plan visits and provide services to inmates. Finally, she presented at the Brookdale Living Center in Albuquerque.

Volunteer Activity

Recording studio volunteer narrator and reviewer activity continued steadily with a core of long-serving volunteers supporting narration activities, joined by new participants to the narrative and reviewing process. Multiple new or legacy conversion projects were completed or started during October through December with several more awaiting upload approval from the National Library Service. Among completed projects were a narration of *Raton Pass*, originally published in 1950 and written by Thomas Blackburn, *Death on the Rio Chiquito*, a World War II era New Mexico mystery narrated by its author, Susan McDuffie, and *Esteban: The African Slave Who Explored America* by Dennis Herrick. The first recorded production of the journal “El Palacio” was completed with the help of multiple narrators for statewide distribution to eligible library users. Long-serving audio book player maintenance volunteer, Susan Cover, continued to help with player repair.

The Friends of the New Mexico Library for the Blind met in October to discuss general planning and budgeting. Among agenda items was the intent to restore an annual Volunteer Recognition Event, tentatively scheduled to occur in March 2025 at the State Library.

Library Development

Carmelita Aragon, Bureau Chief

While recruiting for a new State Data Coordinator, I continue to perform all SDC duties.

- Prepared FY25 state aid grant agreement packets and sent to eligible libraries via DocuSign.
 - FY25 state aid allocation available for distribution to eligible libraries: \$1,090,000.
 - 95 of the 101 public and tribal public libraries received FY25 state aid grant funds.
- Developing Library: \$3,000.00
- Library with 0 branches: \$10,287.08
- Library with 1 branch: \$15,430.62
- Library with 2 branches: \$20,574.16
- Albuquerque: \$102,870.80
- Prepared paperwork to create purchase orders for FY25 State Aid and FY25 Rural Libraries Program grants.
 - Prepared paperwork to process payments for FY25 State Aid and FY25 Rural Libraries Program grants.
- Rural Library Program grant: \$15,363.84 to each eligible library (58) for expenditure before June 30, 2025.
- *Establishing* Rural Libraries grant: \$5,000.00 to Ojo Sarco Library, and Baldwin Cabin Public for expenditure before June 30, 2025.

- State Aid: Disbursed ½ calendar year 2024, 2nd half arriving late January/early February 2025 for expenditure before June 30, 2025.
- Responded to questions from libraries regarding allowable State Aid expenditures and allowable Rural Libraries Program expenditures.
- Met with new Rio Communities Public Library Director, Amanda Carrasco, to see the library and discuss the 4.5.2 NMAC requirements to become a recognized developing public library. They are on track to become a recognized developing public library in FY26.
- Updated information for the FY23 Annual Report on our website:
<https://nmstatelibrary.org/services-for-new-mexico-libraries/statistical-reports/>
- Updated information about the Rural Libraries Endowment and grants on our website:
<https://nmstatelibrary.org/services-for-new-mexico-libraries/funding-for-libraries/rural-libraries-endowment/>
- Completed *Essentials of Supervision and Management* Capstone courses through the NM SPO Training and Development Bureau.
- Attended NMLA and presented 2 sessions (October).
- Attended the NM Annual Data Users Conference (November).
- Attended the NALSIG meeting (December).

Continuing Education Coordinator

Ada Negraru

During my first full quarter as Continuing Education Coordinator, I continued revising the professional development resources on the NMSL website and started the process of proposing page revisions, I familiarized myself with the Niche Academy platform and reviewed the continuing education trainings and the features that will be used in assigning trainings to certification candidates, and I started planning for the Grade I & Grade II certification exam (Target: June 2025). I have also accepted the invitation to join the WebJunction focus group that will review and test the updated Alternative Basic Education (ABLE) librarianship courses (tentative start date: Spring 2025).

Continuing Education events

- 11/13/2024. “Continuing Education at Your Library” introductory meeting for public library directors and staff.
- 12/02 and 12/17/2024. “Telehealth and Libraries,” presentation designed for public libraries by Deidre Caparoso, UNM Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center Outreach Librarian

Participation at conferences, outreach events, and outside meetings

- 10/23-25/2024. New Mexico Library Association Annual Conference (Carlsbad, NM). Attended pre-conference workshops, Development Bureau session, Public Libraries and Small & Rural Libraries SIG meetings, other conference sessions, and organized the Archies & Archivists SIG members meeting.
- 10/28/2024 New Mexico Conference on Aging, Albuquerque (NMSL exhibitor, with Jennifer McGill, NMSL Outreach Librarian).
- 10/28/2024 NM Archives Bizarre (NM Archives & Archivists SIG exhibitor).
- 11/13/2024 and 01/08/2024: CE Consultants meeting
- 11/20/2024. Attended NALSIG field trip at the New Mexico History Museum.
- 11/21/2024. Site visit at Rio Communities Library (with NMSL Development Bureau Chief and Youth Services Coordinator).
- 12/03/2024. Attended NALSIG meeting at Santo Domingo Pueblo Library.

Other Professional Service

- NM Archives & Archivists Special Interest Group, under the umbrella of NMLA. Co-Chair and webmaster, in charge with organizing professional development sessions for New Mexico archivists and librarians. Membership is free and open to any New Mexico resident who works for or has an interest in the archival and library fields.
- Society of Southwest Archivists Professional Development Committee. Member. The group is formed by representatives of five states in the Southwest region; the primary purpose is organizing professional development workshops focusing issues specific to archives and the information profession in general.

GO Bonds Program Coordinator

Patricia Moore

The current 2022 GO Bond allocation (\$7,000,000) is a record \$6,000,000 for public libraries and \$1,000,000 for tribal public libraries.

2022 Go Bonds:

- In September 2024, GO Bond Purchase Orders were sent to library directors, allowing them to begin submitting reimbursement requests. Since then, as of January 15, 2025, the State Library has received and processed 33 reimbursement requests of \$483,611 from 21 of the public libraries. Three public libraries (Española, Estancia and Woolworth/Jal) have already spent all their 2024 allocations. One tribal public library request of \$8878 from the Sandia Pueblo Learning Resource Center has been received and processed.
- Final 2022 GO Bond reimbursement requests are due at the State Library on April 1, 2026. The period between April 1 and June 30, 2026, is used for resolving issues w/the submitted

paperwork – ineligible purchases, math errors, forms incorrectly filled out, missing documentation, etc.

- At the request of the Department of Finance and Administration, Memorandums of Understanding (also known as Letter of Intent) documents between the 15 non-profit libraries and their fiscal agents are being updated to ensure compliance with New Mexico law. The State Library has currently received six documents.

2024 GO Bonds:

- In the November general election, New Mexico voters passed General Obligation Bond Issue #2, providing libraries with \$19 million in funding. The bond issue passed by 263,337 votes, a 67.2% positive vote. Bond 2 passed in every county except one. Specifically, for the public and tribal public libraries, the funding is at the same level as the 2022 GO Bonds, i.e., \$7,000,000.
- The Bonds are generally sold sometime in the 2nd quarter of 2025 and encumbered in the State's financial database during Summer 2025. At that time, the 2024 GO Bond allocations are finalized using the most recent County Population Estimates. Grant Agreements are then sent to the library directors. Once all Agreements are received back, Purchase Orders can be created.
- 2024 GO Bond Funding includes allocations for four new public libraries: Nambe Pueblo Library in Santa Fe County, two libraries in Taos County, Picuris Pueblo Library and Taos Pueblo Library, and Hillsboro Community Library in Sierra County. There are now 100 recognized public and tribal public libraries in New Mexico.

State Data Coordinator

Position Vacant – actively recruiting

Tribal Libraries Program Outreach Program Support Specialist Crownpoint

Raeshelle Largo

During the last quarter of 2024, I continued to visit chapter houses on the Navajo Nation, and I've shared with them the resources that the State Library offers. I shared the Brainfuse Homework Help/Job Now, El Portal, Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, Books by Mail, Bookmobile, GALE, and NM E-Reads. Of the 35 chapters I visited, 4 of those are interested in having a library. I work with Cassandra Osterloh on setting a meeting with those chapters to discuss more about library development. I attended the NMLA Conference in Roswell, NM. I did a workshop with Torreon Chapter's winter break student workers, and I helped them with researching, and I used Brainfuse, El Portal, and GALE. I had five high school students, and one college student.

Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator

Cassandra Osterloh

- I continued my work with Nambé, Picuris, and Taos Pueblos, along with Torreon/Starlake Chapter and Pinedale Chapter, to develop their tribal libraries. Currently, there are 23 tribal public libraries. Several Navajo Chapters are interested in starting libraries, and I am assisting them as they navigate the process.
- I made eight visits to tribal libraries, providing support in weeding, cataloging, material selection, working with new directors, and library development. Additionally, I have been attending planning and design meetings for a new library building at Tesuque Pueblo.
- I have also collaborated with various individuals to ensure that tribal libraries with remaining E-Rate funding in the latest round understand how to use their funds and connect with local companies that can assist with their purchases.
- The three Niche Academy modules, titled “Indigenous New Mexico,” have been published. These modules, primarily aimed at non-tribal library staff, cover topics such as terminology, programming, partnerships, and collection development. I will now work with each tribal library to help them create content specific to their tribes, Pueblos, and nations.

TLP-Specific Field Trips and Trainings:

- November 20: NM History Museum (incl. Fray Angelico Chavez Library, Photo Archives, Palace of the Governors) – Field Trip
- TLP Book Club Meetings (monthly)

Conferences and Workshops Attended:

- NMLA (Carlsbad NM) – October 23-25
- “Developing Community Engagement and Partnerships for Strong Programming.” New Mexico Library Association. Carlsbad NM, October 2024.
- “Indigenous Children’s Books and the Diverse Book Finder.” New Mexico Library Association. Carlsbad NM, October 2024.
- 2024 Broadband Summit (Isleta Pueblo NM) – October 29
- International Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (Palm Springs CA) – November 11-15
- “Allies in a Shared Vision: State Library Support for Tribal Libraries.” International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums. Palm Springs CA, November 2024.
- “Collaborating for Strength and Knowledge: A Tribal Libraries Program Field Trip to an Academic Health Sciences Library.” International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums. Palm Springs CA, November 2024. [co-presenter: Deirdre Caparoso]

- “Indigenous Children’s Books and the Diverse BookFinder.” International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums. Palm Springs CA, November 2024. [co-presenter: Dr. Krista Aronson]

Upcoming Highlights:

- There is interest to open a tribal law library at the Santa Ana Judicial Complex. As of mid-January, we are working through the possibility of this being a branch library of the Santa Ana Pueblo Community Library.
- Tribal Library Program Grants will be distributed mid-January through February. 20 of the 21 eligible libraries applied for the grant. Therefore, each library will be receiving \$4800.
- The librarian from the UNM’s Center for Development and Disability will give a presentation to tribal library staff about their center’s resources for libraries and the public.
- IMLS Community Spotlight – Tribal Libraries Program will be featured sometime in late January/early February on www.informationliteracy.gov
- Continue plans to work with these groups on collaborations, trainings, programs, etc.: Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, UNM Rainforest (Tribal Entrepreneurship), Free Flow NM, Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, UNM-Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, NASA @ My Library, Arizona State Library.

Conference Presentations

- “Community Engagement and Partnerships for Stronger Programs.” CLiC Virtual Winter Workshop. Online, February 6, 2025. (CLiC - Colorado Library Consortium)
- “Honoring Heritage, Building Futures: RNTLOAK’s Journey and Contributions.” American Library Association Annual Conference. Poster Presentation, Philadelphia, PA, June 26-30, 2025. (RNTLOAK: Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds)

Youth Services Coordinator

Kelly McCabe

- During the last quarter of 2024, I continued to produce our monthly Youth Services Newsletter, hold our Youth Services monthly drop-in meetings, and had two meetings of our YS Quarterly Book Club. I arranged the continuation of our Early Literacy Calendar and customized it for distribution to New Mexico public libraries. We continued to promote use of the ReadSquared online reading tracker and held a statewide training session on October 16.
- Summer Reading Program 2025 – Color Our World
 - I serve as the statewide representative for the Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSLP) and coordinate access to the programming manual, graphics, and professional development opportunities for library staff. The Summer 2025 theme is Art, with a slogan of

Color Our World. New Mexico libraries are very excited about the theme and relevance to our state and communities. This fall, I managed the disbursement of \$18,000 in CSLP merchandise vouchers to public libraries, as well as ordering merchandise for the state library, Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, and our Crownpoint outreach coordinator on the Navajo Nation. I also maintain a Niche Academy module for all Summer Reading 2025 materials to facilitate easy access for library staff.

- I held three online Summer Reading 2025 webinars for New Mexico library staff:
 - 11/14/24 and 11/25/24 - Summer Reading 101- An Introduction for New and Newish Staff
 - 12/11/2024 – How to Use the Online SRP Program Manual
- I also organized three in-person Summer Reading Workshops for February 2025, coordinating with nine frontline NM library staff who will present about their programming. The content of the workshops is guided by library staff feedback from the SRP24 Library Survey – 68% requested in-person workshops, with 66% asking for training on Teen Programming, and 58% training on Adult and Multigenerational programming. One of the surprising statistics from our SRP24 survey was that 43% of NM libraries are offering Summer Reading Programs for their adult patrons, and this is evident in their training needs. SRP Workshops will be held in Clovis, NM (Feb 11), Alamogordo, NM (Feb 13) and Rio Rancho, NM (Feb 26). Dates for additional online options are forthcoming.
- I also finalized coordination of the Mother Goose on the Loose early literacy workshops available to library staff statewide in two sets of seven live, online trainings by Dr. Betsy Diamont-Cohen, founder of Mother Goose on the Loose. These workshops are funded by the USDA Distance Learning grant awarded to the NMSL. Registration for the workshops opened in December using our new online NMSL Training Calendar, which I launched within our existing LibCal system. The calendar streamlines registration for our programs and provides automatic reminders and post-event follow up for feedback and evaluation. The Winter series of the MGOL trainings begins January 14, 2025.
- I continue library site visits, CSLP committee and Board work, and networking within the national Youth Services Consultants (YSCon) group.

Public Services Bureau

Katherine Montoya, Public Services Supervisor

After 12+ years of service Lori Smith Thornton is retiring from the position of Public Services Bureau Chief. She began using time off on December 20th and her official retirement will begin the end of February. Prior to Lori's departure we hired a new Southwest Librarian, Marcy Botwick. I have taken on the duties of overseeing daily operations, bureau fiscal matters, statistical tracking and reporting, supporting and training other librarians in their roles, and will be completing the Biennial report. Lori has left the bureau in a strong position to carry on our daily duties and explore new opportunities.

Our database usage is up by over 115, 000 searches this quarter and our reference statistics are up by 100 questions this month, which is due to the efforts of our librarians and their outreach to our libraries around the state along with the research efforts and information sharing accomplished during interactions with our individual patrons.

Federal and State Government Publications

Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian

As members of the Federal Depository Library Program, and the official repository for the publications produced by the New Mexico State government, NMSL provides free, ready, and permanent public access to government information. The goal of the Government Information Librarian is to improve access to state and federal publications to ensure that Government information is available when and where it is needed to support an informed citizenry.

As the Government Information Librarian, I serve state employees and the public by providing thoughtful and timely reference assistance for the state and federal publications. Assistance is provided in-person, through email and by phone requests. Recent requests include New Mexico Territorial Census data, New Mexico Public Health reports, historic and current topographic maps, Congressional reports, and acequia reports. To promote publications, I create and maintain subject guides to aid users in locating information, displays to promote collections, and send out weekly emails to increase awareness of resources. Recent subjects have included the 80th birthday of Smokey Bear, NM Supreme Court “Cases in Context”, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and creative and helpful resources provided by various agencies.

This position supports New Mexican libraries through training, resource sharing, and annual meetings. One such meeting is in the planning stages now. I also present the information needs of New Mexico libraries to the Government Publishing Office (Federal).

Interlibrary Loan and Circulation

Amy DiBello, MLIS ILLiad & Reference Librarian

As the ILLiad and Reference Librarian for the New Mexico State Library Public Services Bureau I process interlibrary loan (ILL) and Articles Plus (obtaining articles behind paywalls) transactions for public, rural, tribal, correctional, university, and museum libraries in New Mexico and across the country. Our Southwest, State and Federal Documents, and Library Information Science books are in high demand. I handle the processing queues in ILLiad and Worldshare and monitor the ILL, Articles Plus, and circulation email accounts. My job requires daily communication with libraries and patrons to track overdue loans, interlibrary loans that have not been received, and renewals.

I am responsible for compiling daily, weekly, and monthly circulation and interlibrary loan statistics related to communications, book circulation, and collections, which becomes part of the annual LSTA report. Every morning, I run overdue and billed reports in Workflows our ILS system. I handle all interlibrary loan mailing and process returns. My responsibilities include collection

development, shelving, weeding, ordering books, working with Technical Services on processing new materials, evaluating donations to the collection, and serials maintenance.

At the beginning of every month, I run an ILL returns query and enter ILL, Articles Plus, Open Access, and the borrowing, lending, and document delivery circulation statistics in the Public Services Bureau spreadsheet to account for the services we provide to library patrons, legislative employees, and government agencies. I record and process petty cash deposits for fee payments, track billed materials invoices, and ensure security of the cash box.

I serve on the Reference Desk twice a week and answer questions by email, phone, and in person, conducting reference interviews and refer inquiries to the New Mexico Archives and other libraries and agencies as necessary. In addition to my regular duties, I maintain four LibGuides and a newsletter:

- Access to Justice
- Interlibrary Loan Policies and Procedures
- Library Resources for People Who Have Experienced Incarceration
- New in Library and Information Science
- Professional Development Resources for Librarians
- The Interlibrary Loan Newsletter.

I perform outreach to the libraries I do ILL business with and my goal for this year is to visit correctional facilities to make sure that every prison library has access to interlibrary loan services and support. Reentry services for people who have recently been released from prisons and jails is important to me and I have been cultivating professional relationships with reentry centers and public libraries to make resources such as programs and digital literacy skills available to these patrons.

Southwest Collection

Marcy Botwick, Southwest Librarian

The Southwest Librarian supports the New Mexico State Library and New Mexico librarians in developing and maintaining Southwest and genealogic collections; maintains, promotes and provides reference for the State Library's Southwest Collection; and works with museums, historic sites, archives and other related institutions to preserve and promote books and other items of material culture of the Southwest.

I was hired as the Southwest Librarian recently and have found that the collection is strong and well maintained. The collection's scope is broad in subject and format. It has New Mexico newspapers, magazines and journals from the 1800s to present and includes the most current scholarship and fiction on Southwest history and culture. The collection contains books, manuscripts, microfilm, reference sets, maps, pamphlets, journals, newspapers and magazines. Some materials circulate while more fragile, rare or valuable items can only be used in the library. I plan to continue similar collection development strategies to add materials and to use the collection to provide reading

recommendations and answer reference questions from the public and researchers. I am exploring digitizing some assets, particularly historic newspapers, fragile or rare documents and local histories, so they would be freely available online. This would allow local historians and scholars easier access to some of our most interesting items.

I am responsible for promoting the Southwest Collection and do so through a variety of on-line, in-print and in-person channels. I maintain portions of the library's website and 18 reference guides. I plan to write for the state library's online newsletter, *The Hitchhiker*, and am also hoping to contribute articles to other publications, potentially *New Mexico Magazine*, *El Palacio* and/or the *New Mexico Historical Review*. I am currently setting up site visits around the state to talk with fellow New Mexican librarians and see how I might better support them and their communities, particularly in their local history collections and genealogic work. I would like to work with the New Mexico Library Association's (NMLA) Local and Regional History Special Interest Group to enhance personal connections between library, archival, museum and historic site staff around the state. I am also considering creating a broader network of Southwest Librarians and scholars, particularly those in adjacent states like Colorado, Arizona and Utah, and have begun collaboration on this project with a member of the library faculty at NMSU.

I am excited to better understand and explore the role of Southwest Librarian and look forward to forging stronger connections with my fellow New Mexicans and with New Mexico's libraries and librarians in the coming years.

Rural Services & LSTA

Kate Alderete, Deputy State Librarian

Bookmobiles

Bookmobile services continue to run in the East, Northeast and Western regions of the state. Our West Bookmobile office has finally received a new bookmobile. The purchase of new vehicle was a long process, and our West office was operating without a proper bookmobile but ensured book delivery to patrons by utilizing a cargo van to fulfill regular runs. West employees were excited about getting their new vehicle. The first run was in December 2024. Bookmobile East continues to run a strong program and continues to see growth in its circulation statistics. Bookmobile Northeast's service was briefly interrupted due to mold issues in their open reading room. The office, including all library items had to be removed from their location while mold removal and reroofing took place and then move back into the space, which closed the open reading space for several weeks. The office is back up and running with no other delays expected.

Books by Mail

Books by Mail continues to operate throughout the state, mailing items out and receiving items in daily. Books by Mail is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025. Our books by mail rural outreach specialist is working on creating programming around the 50th anniversary in 2025. The rural

outreach specialist is also assisting with circulating large print deposit collections to public libraries through the delivery service.

Delivery Service

Since launching in April 2023, our Delivery service has been busy visiting libraires and delivering State Library resources to every library in the state on a quarterly schedule. Resources include circulating library kits, Large Print deposit collections and resources and equipment for the state library's digital equity program.

Rural Services Digital Circulation for Q2

Hoopla – 1471

Palace Project – 182

IMLS - LSTA

The New Mexico State Library will continue to support the goals of their Five-Year Plan for FY 2023-2027. In New Mexico, specific goals address the following:

1. Expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources, in all types of libraries for individuals of all ages in order to support such individuals' needs for education, lifelong learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills;
2. Establishing or enhancing interlibrary resource sharing electronically via ILLiad, document delivery services, and courier service to improve coordination among and between libraries in New Mexico for the purpose of improving the quality of and access to library information services;
3. Providing library services to visually impaired, rural, homebound, and underserved New Mexico residents.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Joseph Angelo, Bureau Chief

Changes in the Bureau

After 10 + years as Technical Services Bureau Chief, Bradley Carrington decided it was time to step down and was hired as our new Cataloging & Database Librarian, filling the vacant position that Brent Watson had left. Brent was our Dewey Cataloger and was tasked with copy cataloging for the Southwest and Library Science collections. After Brent retired, we upgraded the position from Librarian 2 to Librarian 3 and overhauled the position's duties. The newly formed Cataloging & Database Librarian is responsible for original, and copy cataloging for all collections (including government documents) and assists the Database Administrator with maintaining the Integrated Library System (ILS) for the State Library and SALSA Consortium. We are fortunate to still retain Bradley and deeply appreciate his willingness to share his decades of cataloging experience with us and other libraries across the state.

As Bradley stepped down, I was hired as the new Technical Services Bureau Chief. I've been working at the New Mexico State Library since 2018 and was initially hired as a Government Documents Cataloger. After cataloging for a few years, I was promoted to Library Supervisor and Database Administrator where I oversaw two catalogers and managed the ILS for the State Library and SALSA Consortium. Prior to working at the State Library, I worked at the California College of the Arts Libraries in San Francisco. I have a Master's in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University.

New Mexico State Library Activity

We continue to catalog and process materials of varying types (print, electronic, maps, microfilm, etc.) across different collections for the State Library. We also continue to assist Rural Services with their cataloging needs. This currently involves loading bibliographic records from vendors and cataloging Large Print books for Books by Mail. One of our technicians, Joseph Valdez, has been helping the Delivery Office and Books by Mail with various projects including processing and shifting.

NMLA Activity

Sarah Obenauf, one of our cataloging librarians, attended the 2024 New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) conference in Carlsbad, New Mexico. She gave a half-day workshop preconference on descriptive cataloging, with about 10-12 attendees. The workshop was very well received with lots of positive feedback and requests for more cataloging related programs. She also facilitated a Tech Services Special Interest Group meeting and the SirsiDynix Users Group meeting. Sarah continues to serve as the Secretary for the NMLA Board.

PCC Activity

The [PCC](#) (Program for Cooperative Cataloging) is a Library of Congress facilitated international cataloging cooperative that promotes and produces extremely high-quality cataloging. There are four programs within PCC, each focused on a particular aspect of library cataloging: NACO for name authority records, BIBCO for monographic cataloging, CONSER for serials cataloging and SACO for subject headings and classification. The PCC provides extensive training and requires a rigorous review process for all participating institutions. The New Mexico State Library contributes to all four PCC programs.

Brad is continuing his work with the PCC RDA Training Task Group for Monographs Phase 2. He was asked by the Library of Congress to be a BIBCO reviewer for Michigan State University. Brad accepted and has begun to review MSU's cataloging. Through the review process, Brad will help them attain the necessary high level cataloging skills that will allow them to be independent BIBCO contributors.

SALSA Consortium

On December 18th, I convened the SALSA Consortium Executive Committee at the Vladem Contemporary Museum of Art in Santa Fe. We discussed and approved adding the New Mexico State Archives to the consortium. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 2025.

Bradley Carrington and Sarah Obenauf have been helping the New Mexico Museum of Art Library and the National Hispanic Cultural Center library with their respective cataloging projects.

We are also continuing to assist the Nuevo Mexicano Heritage Arts Museum (formerly known as Spanish Colonial Arts) with their burgeoning library. We've currently been helping them find appropriate Library of Congress Classification numbers for their books.

Outreach and Technical Services Consulting

Bradley and Sarah have also assisted CNM library and Chama Public Library with original cataloging. I've helped the Matha Liebert Public Library in Bernalillo with their cataloging needs and we've all been helping Villanueva Public Library with cataloging the donated Southwest Acupuncture College collection.

Statistical Report

	FY24	FY25 Q1	FY25 Q2	FY25 YTD
		July- Sep	Oct- Dec	
LBDP				
Duplication Circ (# books on cartridges)	115,300	31,899	32,800	64,699
Duplication Cartridges Out	18,393	4,521	4,624	9,145
Duplication Patrons (average monthly)	427	466	492	958
Bard Downloads	35,782	8,822	8,774	17,596
Bard Patrons (average monthly)	194	194	206	400
Volunteer Hours	262	74	69	143
	FY24	FY25 Q1	FY25 Q2	FY25 YTD
PSB				
Gate Count	6,664	1,485	1,183	2,668
Circulation	1,832	418	346	764
Databases	4,657,188	498,460	616,109	1,114,569
Reference Questions	3,872	1,163	1,022	2,185
ILL	4,931	1,536	1,454	2,990
Computer Usage	592	165	104	269
	FY24	FY25 Q1	FY25 Q2	FY25 YTD
Technical Services				
new bibliographic records	23,264	9,513	5,553	15,066
new item records	24,417	10,238	7,300	17,538



new serial issues	3,446	1,068	905	1,973
Original Cataloging	397	263	293	556
Copy Cataloging	10,720	2,488	2,598	5,086
PCC Contributions (BIBCO, SACO, etc)	1,381	270	239	509
CIP records	117	24	5	29
Outreach/Sites Visits		3	1	4
	FY24	FY25 Q1	FY25 Q2	FY25 YTD
Books by Mail				
Circulation	2,762	986	607	1,593
Number of Patrons	297	235	199	434
LP Deposit Circulation	60	429	399	828
	FY24	FY25 Q1	FY25 Q2	FY25 YTD
Bookmobiles				
East Circulation	2,298	1,143	884	2,027
East Patrons	239	279	286	565
East Number of Stops	29	29	29	29
Northeast Circulation	13,001	5,649	2,742	8,391
Northeast Number of Stops	34	34	34	34
Northeast Patrons	739	794	738	1,532
West Circulation	5,081	3,067	1,518	4,585
West Patrons	338	351	351	702
West Number of Stops	35	35	35	35



	FY24	FY25 Q1	FY25 Q2	FY25 YTD
Delivery				
Number of sites delivered to		123	107	230
Number of items delivered		291	330	621
LibCal circulation		15	13	28
	FY24	FY25 Q1	FY25 Q2	FY25 YTD
Development				
Number of site visits		24	40	64
Number of Workshops/Online Meetings		14	53	67
Newsletter recipients		971	970	1,941