

New Mexico State Library
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ADMINISTRATION

Eli Guinnee, State Librarian

Budget and Personnel

The State Library continues to run high vacancy rates in anticipation of possible cuts to federal funding in Fiscal Year 2027. Vacancies include Deputy State Librarian, Reference Services Manager, State Data Coordinator, Documents Cataloger, and two Bookmobile positions. While our budget is level for current Fiscal Year 2026, we are cutting costs to ensure our current federal funds can last as long as possible, while avoiding reductions in workforce.

Grants to Rural Libraries

Paperwork to provide \$2.5M in grants to Rural Libraries from a 2025 House Bill 2 allocation is in process. Grants will be \$43,860 apiece for 57 libraries. Regular Rural Library Endowment grants will be about \$23,000 apiece. And applications are now open for the Rural Library Establishing grants for libraries not yet qualifying for full funding.

Digital Equity

Using funding from a USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant, Digital Equity Program Manager Bo Ford is working with GetSetUp to embed online workshop access on library websites. Direct links to the learning is also available via the El Portal database. A GetSetUp kickoff event at Santa Ana Pueblo on July 17 was a success, highlighting the on-demand and synchronous learning

workshops that cover a wide variety of digital literacy, health and wellness, skill building, and much more. In July 767 classes were taken.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED (LBPD)

John Mugford, Regional Librarian

CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS

April through June of 2025 (fiscal year 2025, fourth quarter) featured ongoing stable staffing along with sustained duplication circulation totaling 29,647. FY25 circulation averaged about 10,600 per month, yielding an annual total of 127,277. This total represented an increase of slightly more than ten percent above that of FY24, indicating an upward trend in activity, enhanced by the addition of magazine and braille borrowing activities, initiated during the last quarter of FY24.

Twelve Scribe Mini duplication units are situated at public libraries in Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Clovis, Hobbs, Las Cruces (2), Los Alamos, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Silver City, and Taos as well as at the Santa Fe Community College. Six are still available for future deployment to other potential sites such as more public libraries, reservation chapter sites, senior residential communities, and prison locations. Acceptance still remains highest among public libraries. Activity continues to be low with the most active sites found in Silver City, Los Alamos, and Rio Rancho in that order. Active sites are being studied to understand causes. Some strategic redeployment of Scribe Minis in FY26 may occur with a goal of achieving higher activity.

The National Library Service (NLS) and affiliates added nearly 6,000 new audiobook and braille titles during these three months. Of this amount, over six hundred titles each were added by regional library programs and from foreign language and other English sources obtained through the Marrakesh Treaty and Accessible Books Consortium. This latter grouping now totals more than 8,500 titles in the general collection. Overall, the National Library Service (NLS) digital book collection now includes more than 140,000 audio book titles and 27,000 braille titles. Over 24,000 digital magazine issues are available for download.

APPLICATIONS

LBPD continues to process detailed applications at an average rate of less than two days. Sixty applications were completed during this period. The New Mexico Commission for the Blind continued to provide nearly one-half of all applications received with the Veterans' Administration and Friends and Family being the second most active referral sources.

Through an Explora grant, LBPD was able to acquire three licenses of the screen reader JAWS in order to more effectively review the accessibility of created and modified documents, such as the LBPD patron application.

OUTREACH LIBRARIAN

Jennifer Finley-McGill

From April to June 2025, the Outreach Librarian attended and represented the New Mexico State Library (NMSL) in the following ways:

- Presented the LBPDP program to the members of the Albuquerque 20/20 Club.
- Exhibited our Job Now, Brainfuse, and LBPDP materials at College and Career Fair held at Cuba High School.
- Exhibited at the Santa Fe Public Schools “Ignite Night”, and Health Fair at the Munson Senior Center in Las Cruces.
- Attended the Governor’s Spring Fling to promote DCA.
- Presented online to the Santa Fe Community College Wellness Center and the Commission for the Blind.
- Attended the Summer Reading Programs (SRP) at Moriarity and Cimmaron.
- Created flyer for the New Mexico National Library Service Summer Reading Program.
- Collaborated on the creation of the LBPDP promotional banner.
- Provided Hitchhiker with a story on the Cimarron SRP. Communicated reminders about NLS events with patrons via Constant Contact.
- Continues to serve on the SRP website committee and NLS Summer Reading Committee, which includes the addition of a New Mexico based musician to the online programming.
- Continues to serve on the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) accessibility committee. Her selections of visual accessibility materials will be included in the 2026 CSLP manual.
- Met with the New Mexico Department of Corrections to schedule visits to their library facilities around the state. Procured access badge.
- Travelled to Embudo, Talpa, Taos, Questa, Angel Fire, Eagle Nest, and Red River libraries with another colleague to promote the services of NMSL.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Related to publicity following the presentation by Santa Fe-based author, Douglas Preston, at the LBPDP Volunteer Luncheon in March, the library experienced a boost in volunteer interest and activity. Four new narrators joined recording studio narration to develop and work on projects. Emily King has contributed to completion of the Spring and Summer Editions of *El Palacio* and narrated four entries in the Mesaland Childrens’ book series—*Quills*, *Hop-A-Long*, *Baby Jack*, and *3 Toes*.

Jack McCarthy, a narrator returning to the program after a five-year hiatus, has completed two projects (*Friday*, and *Billy Blackfeet*), while currently working on a third (*Law West of the Pecos*). Ron Chavez is currently narrating *Patton in Mexico*, and Magaret Gaffney is working on the project *Return of the Bison*.

These individuals are joining the library's current narrator volunteer group, including Ken Collins, William Scheer, Bruce Herr, Ellen Humphreys, John Pen La Farge, John Pound, George McFall, Maureen Ramirez, and Sheila Brown) in the production of audio book for local and national distribution.

While there has been a boost in volunteer activity, there has also been some backlog on new titles available on BARD due to the NLS catalog migration occurring from May to June; however, the library was able to complete and upload several projects prior to submission forms being closed for a few weeks:

- DBC10465 – *No Place for a Lady* by Shelby J. Tisdale and read by Ellen Humphreys
- DBC10463 – *The Foundations of the Glen Canyon Dam* by Erika Marie Bsumek and read by Robert Zimmerman
- DBC10477 – *Under the Palace Portal: Native American Artists in Santa Fe* by Karl A. Hoerig and read by Bruce Herr
- DBC10448 – *The Discovery and Conquest of Mexico* by Bernal Díaz del Castillo and read by John Pound
- DBC10472 – *Women, Witchcraft, and the Inquisition in Spain and the New World* edited by María Jesús Zamora Calvo and read by Ellen Humphreys
- DBC10479 – *The King of Adobe: Reies López Tijerina, Lost Prophet of the Chicano Movement* by Lorena Oropeza and read by Bruce Herr
- DBC10332 – *La Conquistadora: Unveiling the History of Santa Fe's Six-Hundred-Year-Old Religious Icon* by Jaima Chevalier and read by William Scheer
- DBC10486 – *Georgia's Bones* by Jennifer Bryant and read by Ellen Humphreys
- DBC10485 – *The Imagination Warriors* by Marc Romanelli (read by the author)

Library Development

Carmelita Aragon, Bureau Chief

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT / April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

Bureau Chief

Carmelita Aragon

- Responded to questions from libraries regarding allowable State Aid expenditures and allowable Rural Libraries Program expenditures.
- Finalized FY25 Annual Report for July 1, 2025, release.
- Held weekly Overview/Training meetings via Zoom to cover each section of the FY25 Annual Report.
 - Updated the Annual Report LibGuide.
- Fielded and reviewed returned FY25 state aid and FY25 RLP expenditure tracking sheets.

- Began reviewing state aid and RLP grant agreements and other related documents for FY26.
- Created House Bill 2 Rural Library Program One-Time grant agreements and other necessary documents to issue allocations in accordance with the 4.5.9 NMAC.
 - Website updated with application information.
- Reviewed and began updating the application for FY26 Rural Library Program Library Establishing (RLPLE) grants.
- Updated website page for the Rural Libraries Program Endowment and grants.
- Reviewed and began updating the application for FY26 Rural Library Program Library Establishing (RLPLE) grants.
- Held 2nd quarterly library director's (Zoom) meeting June 26, 2025 (future meetings, September 25, December 18).
- LibCal Training calendar up and running on our website for NMSL trainings.
 - Appointment bookings are available (through LibCal) for select NMSL staff (email signatures).
- Attended bi-monthly State Data Coordinator meetings.

Continuing Education Coordinator

Ada Negraru

During the 4th quarter of FY25, I designed and circulated the librarianship certification questionnaire, which provided insight into the certification status and needs of New Mexico public library directors; 51 responses were collected (approximately 50% response rate); 15 respondents indicated needing or being interested in sitting for a certification exam when offered by the New Mexico State Library. The application form for the Fall 2025 exam opened on the NMSL website on June 30 and will accept registrations until July 31. I continued to process coursework-based librarian certificate applications and answer questions regarding librarian certifications, and continuing education and professional development opportunities. I assisted public library administrators with enrolling staff in Niche Academy training courses. In addition, I joined the Youth Services Coordinator's visits to programming associated with the Summer Reading Program at various libraries. I also attended the librarians' strand of the Problems of Practice Summer Summit hosted by the Institute for Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Learning and Teaching at New Mexico Highlands University and I joined the Open Educational Resources working group, with the goal to facilitate the participation of public libraries to this emerging statewide resource.

Site visits and programs attended

- 04/01: NALSIG meeting at Albuquerque Public Library, Rudolfo Anaya branch
- 04/29: Martha Liebert Public Library (Bernalillo) and Placitas Community Library – site visits
- 06/02: Las Vegas Carnegie Public Library
- 06/06: Talpa Community Center Library
- 06/10: Tucumcari Public Library
- 06/17: Socorro Public Library
- 06/18: Los Lunas Public Library
- 6/20-21: Octavia Felin Public Library, Gallup; Rex Museum and Special Collections, Gallup
- 06/25: Albuquerque Main Library and Corrales Community Library

GO Bonds Program Coordinator

Patricia Moore

2022 Go Bonds

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

- As of this report, the State Library has received 76 reimbursement requests totaling \$1,209,383.87 from 23 public libraries. Five public libraries (Belen, Espanola, Eunice, Moriarty, and Jal/Woolworth) have spent all their 2024 allocations. Six Tribal public libraries have submitted 12 reimbursement requests totaling \$72,801.64. With 8 ½ months out from the deadline of April 1, 2026, for all final reimbursement requests to be received, dollar amounts are progressing as expected and are on track, compared to previous GO Bond cycles.
- The 15 non-profit libraries provided the State Library with updated Memorandums of Understanding for this fiscal year at the request of the Department of Finance and Administration. Copies went to the Department of Cultural Affairs, Finance Division. All 15 libraries will need to get updated MOUs/contracts as all are only valid until the end of FY26 (June 30, 2026).

2024 GO Bonds

The upcoming 2024 GO Bond allocation (\$7,000,000) provides \$6,000,000 for public libraries and \$1,000,000 for tribal public libraries, the same as the 2022 GO Bonds. The 2024 GO Bonds were approved in the November 2024 election with 530,807 (65.70%) yes votes.

- Public libraries' allocations are much the same as their 2020 GO Bond amounts. The tribal public libraries' individual 2024 GO Bond allocations are reduced, however, from the 2022 GO Bond allocations. The tribal public libraries share the \$1,000,000 equally among themselves (a decision made prior to the 2008 GO Bonds), and \$2000 is automatically taken out for support of Rural Services (Books-by-Mail and Bookmobiles) before the funds are distributed. The reason for the reduction: The 2022 GO Bonds were divided among 18 libraries, with each library receiving on average \$55,444.00, while the 2024 GO Bonds are divided among 23 libraries, with each library receiving on average \$43,390.00.
- 2024 GO Bond Funding will include allocations for five new Developing public libraries: Hillsboro Community Library in Sierra County, Nambe Pueblo Library in Santa Fe County, Picuris Pueblo Library and Taos Pueblo Library, both in Taos County, and Pinedale Tribal Community Library in McKinley County. Pinedale is joining the Torreon Community Library (Sandoval County) as our two currently recognized Navajo Nation libraries. There are now 80 recognized public libraries and 23 tribal public libraries in New Mexico, a total of 103.
- A decision was made by the Department of Finance and Administration to sell the Bonds in two batches this year; one in June and the other will be sometime in December, rather than the usual Spring/Summer timeline. The sale of GO Bonds for all public libraries will be deferred until the second batch. Once sold, the monies will be encumbered in the State's financial database. Once all fully executed Grant Agreements are received, Purchase Orders are created, and funds are then available for reimbursement. Usually, the 2024 GO Bonds would be available to the libraries until June 30, 2028. With this timing change, the 2024 GO Bonds will be available until June 30, 2029. Within the Legislative language, GO Bonds must be available to libraries over three fiscal years.

State Data Coordinator

Position Vacant – actively recruiting. Carmelita continues to perform SDC duties and responsibilities.

Tribal Libraries Program Outreach Program Support Specialist - Crownpoint

Raeshelle Largo

I visited 51-chapter houses on the Navajo Nation. I delivered 12 more computers to chapters and 3 remaining to receive their computer. I delivered books for community members to pick up, coloring books that chapters give out during chapter meetings to keep kids busy, bookmarks, brochures of Brainfuse JobNow, Brainfuse HelpNow, El Portel, Gale resource, Books by Mail, Library for the Blind & Print Disabled, and NM eReads. I provide outreach support for chapter coordinators and chapters who have new hires in the position. I remind them that I am available to do workshops, attend their chapter meetings if needed and continue to visit chapters and provide supplies for their community members. Chapters have been appreciative for the new computers, the library's support and are grateful for the free online resources available to them.

Conference attended: Indigenous Education Research Conference – April 3 – 4, 2025

Upcoming: NALSIG meeting – July 29, 2025

Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator

Cassandra Osterloh

Library Visits & Support

- Conducted 12 site visits to Tribal public libraries, providing hands-on support with weeding, cataloging, material selection, policy development, and overall library planning.
- Delivered books to the Ojo Encino Chapter to support the launch of their new community library.
- Attended the grand opening of the Ojo Encino Community Library (Navajo Nation) on June 9.
- Worked closely with libraries that received IMLS grant termination notices, and later reinstatement letters, offering guidance through the transition.
- Continued outreach to Navajo Nation Chapters interested in establishing or expanding library services, offering step-by-step assistance.
- Provided input and technical assistance to several tribal libraries in the final planning and design phases of new library facilities.

Outreach & Advocacy

- Featured as a guest on the *Native America Calling* radio program to discuss the impact of federal IMLS funding cuts on tribal libraries.
- Engaged in consultations with tribal libraries in Nevada and Washington to hear their concerns regarding IMLS grant reductions and advocate for sustainable support.

TLP Initiatives & Community Engagement

- Facilitated monthly Tribal Libraries Program (TLP) director meetings and book club discussions to foster connection and peer learning.
- Organizing upcoming fall events, workshops, and site visits, including activities in partnership with NASA@ My Library and CNM's Ingenuity Labs.

Conferences, Workshops & Meetings Attended

- Participated in the Tribal Broadband Bootcamp at Jemez Pueblo (April 7–9).
- Attended the Indigenous Education Research Conference.
- Represented tribal libraries at the UNM Rainforest Tribal Entrepreneurship culmination event.
- Took part in the OER (Open Educational Resources) Conference at NM Highlands University, hosted by the Institute for Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Learning and Teaching.

- Attended the New Mexico State Tribal Leaders Meeting.
- Attended the NM Government-to-Government Indian Education Summit.
- Attended the ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, participating in JCLC, AILA, and ALA Council meetings.
- Presented a poster session titled “*Honoring Heritage, Building Futures: RNTLOAK’s Journey and Contributions*” at ALA Annual (June 29, 2025).
- Organized and led the NALSIG (Native American Libraries Special Interest Group) meeting at the North Valley Library in Albuquerque.

Other Highlights

- Leading the national revision of the *TRAILS Tribal Library Procedures Manual* (5th edition), updating the 2017 version to reflect current practices and priorities in tribal librarianship.

Upcoming Conference Presentations

- “Beyond Inclusion: Building Library Collections That Center Native Voices.” *New Mexico Library Association Conference*. Albuquerque NM. October 2025.
- “Developing Community Engagement and Partnerships for Strong Library Programming.” *International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums*. Cherokee NC, October 2025. (half-day pre-conference session)
- “Developing Community Engagement and Partnerships for Strong Programming.” *Mountain Plains Library Association / North Dakota Library Association / South Dakota Library Association Tri-Conference*. Grand Forks ND, October 2025.
- “Respectful Representation: Acquiring and Displaying Native American Art and Artifacts in Your Library.” *Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference*. Albuquerque NM, September 2025.
- “Respectful Representation: Acquiring and Displaying Native American Art and Artifacts in Your Library.” *New Mexico Library Association Conference*. Albuquerque NM, October 2025. (half-day pre-conference session)

Youth Services Coordinator

Kelly McCabe

2025 Summer Reading Program / CSLP

- The 2025 Color Our World Summer Reading Program is underway across New Mexico. I have made Summer Reading site visits to Talpa Community Library, Tucumcari Public Library, Los Lunas Public Library and Octavia Fellin Public Library.
- Summer Reading Surveys are open for Parent/Caregivers and I added a new Teen/Adult Participant survey to collect feedback from more New Mexicans. Libraries will submit an SRP Survey as well. Surveys will be due to the state library August 31, 2025.
- I partnered with our Public Services Bureau to create a Summer Reading display for the New Mexico State Library lobby that highlighted artist materials within our collections for the month of June, as well as our summer theme.
- As a CSLP Board Member-at-Large, I participated in the CSLP Strategic Planning Board Retreat May 13-14, 2025.

New Partnerships

- I attended the UNM Center for Development and Disability Autism+ Imagine conference (June 12, 13) in Albuquerque. Following up on contacts from the conference we are

developing library staff training opportunities for the Fall, and an ongoing partnership in educating library staff about available resources.

- I reached out to the Secretary of State's Office about assisting them in their Youth Vote Initiative and general voter registration drive using our existing network of public libraries and communication channels.
- I met with the New Mexico Out of School Time Network about incorporating libraries into their statewide statistics on afterschool and out of school time programming and sharing their resources with statewide library staff.

LDB Consultant Site Visits:

- As a Library Development Bureau general consultant, I have made site visits to Martha Liebert Library, Portales Public Library, Vista Grande Public Library, and Embudo Valley Library.

Communication Initiatives/Responsibilities

- Monthly Youth Services Newsletter
- Youth Services Listserv
- Hitchhiker Posts and Hitchhiker Digest
- Social Media Manager for NMSL, coordinating with the DCA PR specialist as needed.
- Serve as Administrator for LibCal system for Events Calendar, Staff Appointments and Circulating Kits.

Upcoming Events

- CSLP Annual Meeting (Virtual) August 5-6, 2025

Public Services Bureau

Katherine Montoya, Public Services Supervisor

Our El Portal database platform is an essential piece to reaching patrons statewide. This platform supports New Mexico libraries by providing resources they may not be able to afford at the local level. It also allows all New Mexico residents access to useful resources for news, school, and work. It is important that we keep this tool up to date and user friendly. With that in mind, Gale and I worked on redesigning this platform and those changes will go live on August 1, 2025. Not only will our Gale resources be more accessible, but the changes will highlight non-Gale products like JobNow, HelpNow, the Adult Learning Center, Newsbank, and GetSetUp. To provide access to all New Mexico residents, the platform uses geolocation. This platform update will help alleviate any troubles associated with geolocation that local users may encounter with the push of a button.

To ensure that our LIS eBooks are accessible from multiple entry points our Technical Services Bureau will add these eBooks to our catalog. Our desire to provide all the librarians around New Mexico with helpful LIS resources will be strengthened by this addition.

The NewsBank database, which provides access statewide to local newspapers is a well-used tool but for many years has only provided access to 3 New Mexico newspapers. In discussing our services with NewsBank we have increased our access to 24 New Mexico newspapers without any additional cost. Since this change there has been a marked increase in the use of this resource.

The summer months have seen a slight downturn in database usage and reference requests; however, our numbers remain above the first two quarters' output. This small decrease is typical of summer months and usage of databases and the library is expected to turn upward again as the fall approaches with schools back in session and researchers back in the building.

Federal and State Government Publications

Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian

For the second year Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM held a conference with a focus on Open Educational Resources. This year Susanne attended and found that her work on government documents is particularly helpful in this area of information sharing. Her contributions to the conference and her hosting of a statewide Government Documents webinar are part of the way she has provided informational training to professionals across the state. She also provides educational support and training at the federal level by participating as a presenter in the FDL community and as Chair in GODORT's Rare and Endangered Materials group.

Currently, Susanne is promoting a traveling exhibit about the memory and reporting of disasters in our communities and how those events are remembered in the media and community. As part of furthering the understanding of disasters Susanne created a board game inspired by a federal government cartoon, Pedro the Penguin, who promoted preparedness throughout the mid-20th century. An article about this exhibit will appear in Documents to the People, Round the Roundhouse, and the NMLA newsletter.

Interlibrary Loan and Circulation

Amy DiBello, MLIS ILLiad & Reference Librarian

Creating a better working relationship with the New Mexico Corrections Department and the prison library system is of particular focus for Amy in the last quarter. Since we have an IGA established between NMCD and the NMSL Amy's work with the agency will help to uphold our agreement and clarify for the NMCD what is expected on their end. This will require further visits to the prison libraries and will require the NMCD to work more closely with Amy on using our services such as ILL.

ILL is a mandatory offering for libraries who wish to receive funding from all available funding sources. To support these libraries in this requirement, Amy has gone to our local libraries to discuss ILL and answer any questions. In recent months she has visited Taos Public Library, Embudo Community Library, Questa Public Library, and El Rito just to name a few.

As weeding is an ongoing task, Amy has reviewed and weeded the first few sections of the general collection so that outdated content will be removed, and duplicate items can be offered up to other entities. She will continue through the entire general collection over the next few months to continue this upkeep and to prepare for a collection shift.

Southwest Collection

Marcy Botwick, Southwest Librarian

In previous months, Marcy worked to establish us as a Family Search Affiliate, which increases our access to the genealogical resources held by their organization – rivaling Ancestry. She recently met with the representatives from Family Search to discuss our extended access to resources and to show them how our library works to promote these materials. It was a very productive meeting, allowing both the representatives and Marcy to come away with new and helpful information about maximizing the use of this resource.

One of the biggest goals for our library is to engage new patrons and make our services known statewide. Marcy's contributions to this effort show results. She recently visited the Taos Public Library, Red River Library, Red River Historical Society, two Historic Sites, Rio Rancho Library, Santa Fe Literary Festival, and met with the Newcomers of Santa Fe group. Reference questions and use of our in-library collections soon followed. She submitted an article in Round the Roundhouse for the July issue about NM Reads, our free eBook program, and just days after publication we had requests to be part of this program. To continue this outreach Marcy will meet with libraries and history groups in the southern part of our state and plans to hold a genealogy workshop in the Fall of 2025.

Rural Services: Bookmobiles

Laura Gonzales, Bookmobile Staff Manager

This past quarter, our bookmobile teams continued to serve their communities with dedication, creativity, and flexibility, even in the face of a few challenges. Here's a brief update from each region:

East Bookmobile:

Operations have been running smoothly. The team established a circulating bookshelf at the Melrose Senior Center, allowing seniors to access books more conveniently. They also added a brand-new stop in Cloudcroft, expanding outreach in that area. The East Bookmobile also held a summer reading program on the bookmobile at several stops.

Northeast Bookmobile:

Despite experiencing mechanical issues with the vehicle, the staff did an excellent job keeping up with reserve requests and continued to offer books by mail to ensure patrons still received materials. They also dedicated time to prepare for the summer reading program hosted in their community. The Northeast team also set up a new stop at Roots and Wings, which is scheduled to begin this August.

West Bookmobile:

The team participated in Career Day at Manzano Mesa Elementary and made such a great impression that they were invited back for a special one-day reading program with students. Additionally, they launched a new stop at the Redrock Chapter House, which officially began in July.

Overall:

While there were a few bumps in the road this quarter, including mechanical delays, the entire bookmobile staff stepped up to support one another. Their teamwork helped keep services running smoothly and ensured that our patrons continued to receive dependable access to books, resources, and programming.

Staff went above and beyond to help each other out by communicating with patrons about changes and finding creative ways to maintain engagement. Their efforts to introduce new stops, build community partnerships, and prepare for summer reading programs really stood out. We're also seeing more interaction with schools, senior centers, and tribal chapter houses, which speaks to the growing value of the bookmobile in rural and underserved areas.

We're proud of how our teams continue to adapt and grow while staying connected to the communities we serve. This past quarter truly highlighted their commitment, resilience, and passion for literacy.

RURAL SERVICES: BOOKS BY MAIL AND DELIVERY

Berdina Nieto and Guillermo Martinez

- Books by Mail had a press release about its 50th anniversary this past quarter that appeared on social media, and the Los Alamos Daily Post and Cibola Citizen websites.
- Currently 29 Libraries are enrolled in the Large Print Deposit Collection. (Last quarter was 25)
- Libraries are enjoying the Deposit Collection, including how flexible it is.
 - One library is currently testing out having 2 sets at the same time.
 - Another library tested this and found it was a lot.
- Some feedback we received are:
 - It is a great selection and has books that our collection does not have.
 - We don't have a large print collection at all and it has been really helpful for us that patrons now ask when we're getting the new set.
- The Deposit Collection has now grown from 40 sets to 52 in the past year, with more sets in process as demand steadily grows.
- Recent praise:

- "Thank you so much for keeping me reading!"
- "You have the best selection of books and service! I truly appreciate it! Thanks again for your wonderful services!"
- Quarterly deliveries to public libraries have included USDA-funded computers and monitors, STEM Kits, Travelling Exhibits, and more!

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Joseph Angelo, Bureau Chief

Changes in the Bureau

I am happy to report that Sarah Edwards Obenauf has been promoted to our new Librarian Supervisor, Cataloging & Database Administrator. Sarah has a MLIS from San Jose State University and has worked at the State Library since 2022. Prior to joining the State Library, she previously worked at the Skeen Library at NM Tech and the Albuquerque Public Library. Sarah supervises our two cataloger positions and oversees all aspects of the ILS (Integrated Library System) for the State Library and the SALSA Consortium. She is also responsible for the NMSL website.

Sarah's promotion has left us with a vacant cataloger position. This position catalogs for all the State Library's collections, including government documents and the Southwest collection. With this position empty, our cataloging statistics have dramatically dropped. In addition to learning new responsibilities, Sarah is still assisting with cataloging, and I am also helping with cataloging when I can. However, the two of us cannot begin to make up the difference of a dedicated full-time cataloger. I hope we'll be able to hire someone for this position very soon.

New Mexico State Library Activity

We are continuing to assist Rural Services with their cataloging. Over the last three months we've developed internal and inter-departmental workflows to make the process more efficient. We've also been working closely with our colleagues in Public Services on a number of projects, including rearranging the Genealogy collection and the US GPO (Government Publishing Office) Preservation Stewardship Program.

Sarah attended the Customers of SirsiDynix User's Group Inc. (COSUGI) Annual Conference in Milwaukee, WI. The conference was a great way for her to start in her new role as Database Administrator. She learned a lot about our ILS and our other SirsiDynix products, including some professional tips and tricks.

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.

Brad is continuing his work on the PCC / RDA Training Task Group for Monographs Phase 2. The Task Group recently gave a preconference workshop at the ALA annual conference. Brad was unable to attend ALA to help present, but his work was featured in the workshop content. Brad also attended the CORE e-forum and Brad, Sarah and I attended the PCC CONSER virtual workshop. Attending virtual (and occasional in-person) workshops like these help us stay current with conversations and changes in cataloging practice.

NMLA Activities

Brad, Sarah and I have submitted a proposal for a half-day preconference workshop for the Annual 2025 conference. The workshop will focus on basic cataloging skills to help library staff become more confident and effective catalogers. We have also proposed a SirsiDynix User's Group meeting, and we will hold a Technical Services SIG meeting. Sarah has also proposed a lightening talk about how the State Library can help New Mexico Libraries with cataloging and other Technical Services related work.

SALSA Consortium

The Summer 2025 SALSA Consortium meeting was held at the Office of the State Engineer Library on June 27th. We discussed challenges relating to funding and strategies for helping administrators understand the importance and value of libraries. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 2025.

Sarah and I visited the Nuevo Mexicano Heritage Arts Museum to help answer questions about cataloging workflows, the Symphony ILS and getting their library set up and ready to open. They appear to be making good progress and hope to have the library ready by this fall.

Sarah has been assisting the SALSA libraries in her new role by creating custom reports for the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library, Office of the State Engineer, Museum of International Folk Art Library and the Palace of the Governor's Photo Archive. She has also been helping the Museum of Art library with cataloging exhibition catalogs.

Outreach and Technical Services Consulting

I am continuing to help the Baldwin Cabin Library near Datil with ILS consulting. They are still in the process of selecting an ILS and are reaching out to me with their questions. I also assisted the Villanueva Public Library with selecting appropriate barcode scanners for their library.

I accompanied the Development Bureau on a site visit to Eagle Nest Public Library. The visit was a great opportunity to meet the librarian there and answer some of her Technical Services questions. I was also able to reiterate that the State Library can help her and other New Mexico Libraries with their cataloging needs.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Library for the Blind and Print Disabled	FY23	FY24	FY25
Duplication Circ (# books on cartridges)	114,799	115,300	127,277
Duplication Cartridges Out	19,263	18,393	18,106
Duplication Patrons (average monthly)	446	427	480
Bard Downloads	32,168	35,782	36,983
Bard Patrons (average monthly)	187	194	207
Number of Outreach Visits	*	*	49
Volunteer Hours	262	262	309
Public Services	FY23	FY24	FY25
Gate Count	6,461	6,664	5,431
Circulation	1,643	1,832	1,674
Databases	3,986,413	4,657,188	3,352,010
Reference Questions	5,005	3,872	5,339
ILL	5,329	4,931	6,301
Computer Usage	947	592	632
Technical Services	FY23	FY24	FY25
new bibliographic records	21,862	23,264	37,982
new item records	20,541	24,417	41,489
new serial issues	3,941	3,446	3,589
Original Cataloging	235	397	744
Copy Cataloging	14,070	10,720	7,388
PCC Contributions (BIBCO, SACO, etc)	600	1,381	909
CIP records	104	117	41

Outreach/Sites Visits	*	*	11
Books by Mail	FY23	FY24	FY25
Circulation	*	2,762	3,581
Number of Patrons	*	297	219
LP Deposit Circulation	*	60	1,772
Bookmobiles	FY23	FY24	FY25
East Circulation	*	2,298	3,872
East Patrons	*	239	283
East Number of Stops	*	29	29
Northeast Circulation	*	13,001	14,345
Northeast Number of Stops	*	34	34
Northeast Patrons	*	739	777
West Circulation	*	5,081	7,741
West Patrons	*	338	345
West Number of Stops	*	35	35
Delivery	FY23	FY24	FY25
Number of sites delivered to	N/A	N/A	427
Number of items delivered	N/A	N/A	1,236
LibCal circulation	N/A	N/A	56
Development	FY23	FY24	FY25
Number of site visits	*	*	202
Number of Workshops/Online Meetings	*	*	220
Newsletter recipients	*	*	4,418

*data unavailable or not previously collected