

NEW MEXICO STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

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ADMINISTRATION

Eli Guinnee, State Librarian

Kate Alderete, Deputy State Librarian

- The State Library is sending over half its staff to the NMLA Annual Conference, October 23-25 in Carlsbad. We are contributing 11 programs, including on the topics of Collection Development, Digital Equity, Federal Documents, Summer Reading, Working with the Incarcerated, and Community Engagement.
- We are currently hiring for Southwest Librarian, LBPD Reader Advisor, Data Coordinator, and Technical Services Bureau Chief. Bradley Carrington has stepped down from the Technical Services Chief position after over ten years to work out his career as a Librarian Advanced Cataloger. Below is his final report as Chief, and we are glad he’s sticking around to help train his replacement and continue contributing to state and national cataloging programs.
- We have notified all applicable libraries of the Commission’s decisions on State Grants in Aid Waivers. Grant Agreements for SGiA are in preparation. A full share this year will be \$10,287.08 (half again as much for additional branches).
- Digital Equity Program Manager Bo Ford chaired the NM Digital Equity Summit on September 27 in Albuquerque with 90 registrants and several sponsors/vendors in attendance. It was a very productive and well-planned event, connecting organizations working on digital equity issues and raising awareness of initiatives currently in progress. He is working with USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine funding to provide equipment and training to librarians and the general public. And he supervises two AmeriCorps digital navigators on a pilot project in collaboration with the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library.

- Our IMLS LSTA Grants to States 2023 funding has closed out, and we are now spending 2024 funding of \$1,797,977 (for the period of October 2023 to September 2025), essentially level funding from the previous year.
- We have greatly increased statewide outreach, especially for Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, Interlibrary Loan, Library Development, Digital Equity, and Delivery. In April we began using a new tracking system for site visits by State Library employees. To date, not including bookmobile stops, we have logged visits to 311 locations around the state, an average of 11.5 visits per week. The increased outreach raises awareness of State Library programs and improves communication between the State Library, public libraries, and other partners.
- We have three new Fiscal Office staff. Lauren Conley, CPA, joins as our Accountant Supervisor, Randall Brokeshoulder as Federal Accountant, and Sharan Gillespie as HR and Finance Administrative Assistant. All are quick learners and doing a great job of tackling our high budget and procurement workload while navigating a complex state finance system.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Carmelita Aragon, Bureau Chief

I was the State Data Coordinator and was promoted to Library Development Bureau Chief August 19, 2024.

- Reviewed and finalized the FY23 Annual Report (aka Public Library Survey) data and submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Spreadsheet for FY23 available on our website.
- Updated/edited the FY24 Annual Report (aka Public Library Survey) and instructions.
- Held weekly webinar training series (4) in June to review each section of the FY24 Annual Report. Held a mid-survey check-in webinar (1) in August to answer questions, etc. Recordings posted on the Annual Report LibGuide on the NMSL website.
- Administered the FY24 Annual Report to the 101 public and tribal public libraries.
 - Annual report opened July 1, 2024, and closed August 12, 2024.
 - Communicated with library directors via listserv about FY24 annual report, etc. Made phone calls as necessary to answer questions and/or check-in, etc.
 - Made regular updates to the Annual Report LibGuide to ensure helpful information was available to the directors/persons completing the Annual Report.
 - 100 of the 101 public and tribal public libraries completed the FY24 Annual Report.
 - Rio Abajo Community Library closed its doors and is no longer a recognized public library.
- Monitored and reviewed FY24 State Grants-in-Aid Expenditures Tracking Sheets emailed to me from libraries that received a grant.
- Responded to questions from libraries regarding allowable State Aid expenditures.
- Getting ready to prepare FY25 state aid grant agreement packets to eligible libraries.
 - FY25 state aid amount to distribute to eligible libraries: \$1,090,000.

- It's estimated that 95 of the 101 public and tribal public libraries will receive a FY25 state aid grant.
- Grant agreement packets to be prepared and sent via DocuSign during the week of October 15, 2024.
- Working with newly hired Continuing Education Coordinator to show/train her on various part of what the position entails, etc.
- Attended Pathways to Colleges and Career Day (September 11) at the NM State Fair to promote NMSL resources etc.
- Monitored and reviewed FY24 RLP Expenditures Tracking Sheets emailed to me from libraries that received a grant.
- Placed information about the Rural Libraries Endowment on our website: <https://nmstatelibrary.org/services-for-new-mexico-libraries/funding-for-libraries/rural-libraries-endowment/>
 - Rural Libraries Program: FY25 Rural Libraries Grants
 - Prepared and emailed grant agreement packets to 58 rural public and tribal public libraries via DocuSign. \$15,363.84 granted to each eligible library for expenditure before June 30, 2025.
 - Rural Libraries Program: FY25 *Establishing* Rural Libraries Grants. Received 2 applications from Ojo Sarco Library, and Baldwin Cabin Public Library in Datil, NM. Each were granted \$5,000.00 for expenditure before June 30, 2025.
- Attending NMLA and will present 2 sessions.

Continuing Education Coordinator

Ada Negraru

Started new position as CEC on August 31, 2024. Got familiarized with the NMLS Bureaus, LDB staff and their roles, and the Continuing Education current practices and resources. Joined COSLA-CEC group. Completed WebJunction / Idaho Commission for Libraries survey requesting feedback on ABL courses.

Librarian certifications. Reviewing and revising the existing certification process, documentation, and NMSL website resources. Planning started for the Grade I & Grade II certification exam (Target: January-June 2025)

Upcoming events

- 10/23-10/25 New Mexico Library Association annual conference, Carlsbad, NM
- 10/28 New Mexico Conference on Aging, Albuquerque (NMSL exhibitor, will assist Outreach Librarian, Jennifer McGill)
- 10/28 NM Archives Bizarre (NM Archives & Archivists SIG exhibitor)

GO Bonds Program Coordinator

Patricia Moore

The 2020 GO Bonds closed out June 30, 2024. The total allocation was \$3,500,000 with \$3,000,000 to the public libraries and \$500,000 to the tribal public libraries. Public libraries spent out 99.86% of their allocation and the tribal public libraries spent out 95.97% of their allocation.

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.

The 2022 Go Bonds:

- March 2024 - Grant Agreements went out to library directors for appropriate local administrative/finance signatures. Fully executed Agreements are signed by the State Librarian, legal counsel, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Secretary of the Department of Cultural Affairs.
- September 2024 – GO Bond Purchase Orders were created and sent to library directors. As of October 3, 2024, the State Library has received reimbursement requests of \$121,056. Two public libraries have already spent all their 2024 allocations. The Legislative Finance Committee will be pleased to hear of such a robust start to the GO Bond spending.
- The money is available to the libraries for parts of three fiscal years, as required by the Legislative Bill:
 - during part of FY24 (6 months; purchases back to January 2024 are eligible)
 - FY25 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 / 12 months)
 - FY26 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 / 12 months)
- April 1, 2026 – deadline for the final 2022 GO Bond reimbursement requests. The period between April 1 and June 30, 2026, will be used for resolving issues w/the submitted paperwork – ineligible purchases, math errors, forms incorrectly filled out, missing documentation, etc.

2024 GO Bonds – upcoming election in November 2024

Both the DFA and the LFC recommend a 2024 Library General Obligation Bond Issue funded at the 2022 level of \$19 million. Specifically, for the public and tribal public libraries, the proposed funding will be at the same level as the 2022 GO Bonds, i.e., \$7,000,000.

2024 GO Bond Funding will include allocations for four new public libraries: Hillsboro Community Library in Sierra County, Nambe Pueblo Library in Santa Fe County, and Picuris Pueblo Library and

Taos Pueblo Library, both in Taos County. There are now 100 recognized public and tribal public libraries in New Mexico.

One public library, Rio Abajo Community Library in Socorro County, will not be participating in the 2024 GO Bonds; the library closed in September 2024, after 20 years, due to lack of community support. It was our smallest community/library with 82 residents.

Tribal Libraries Program Outreach Program Support Specialist, Crownpoint

Raeshelle Largo

The month of January and February, I attended training with our Technology Consultant, Patricia Moore on GoBonds. I attended NALSIG (Native American Libraries Special Interests Group) meetings. From March – October, I have visited with 33-Chapter houses on the Navajo Nation. I shared with them the resources that the State Library offers. Resources like Brainfuse JobNow, Brainfuse Online Homework Help, El Portal, Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, Books by Mail, Bookmobile, and NM E-Reads.

Six of the chapters that I visited were interested in library development and I worked with our Programs Tribal Library Program Coordinator, Cassandra Osterloh, to set up a second meeting to review the important steps of creating a library. Over the summer, I did a career workshop with Thoreau and Manuelito Chapter's summer youth program. The workshop included how important it is to receive a high school diploma, and I also shared available scholarships to Native Americans and links to application waivers from local colleges in the state.

Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator

Cassandra Osterloh

I continued working with Nambé, Picuris, and Taos Pueblos, as well as Torreon/Starlake Chapter in developing their tribal libraries. I have also been working with Pinedale Chapter to establish their community library, which had its grand opening on October 1, 2024. I was able to get books and iPads to Pinedale, and once available, I will also get them a computer for patron use.

With the addition of the Pinedale Community Library, we now have **23 tribal public libraries**. Several Navajo Chapters are interested in establishing libraries, and I am working with them as they are working through the process.

I visited 21 tribal libraries and 13 Navajo Chapters in which I helped with weeding, cataloging, selecting materials, working with new directors, and library development. Some of the libraries were visited several times (total library visits = 50). Between January 1 and October 15, I visited the libraries at: Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Jicarilla, Laguna, Mescalero, Nambé, Ohkay Owingeh,

Picuris, Pinedale, Pojoaque, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Torreon, Zia, Zuni.

ALA President Emily Drabinski visited the Santa Ana Pueblo Community Library on June 20 as part of “The Road to Annual” tour. The visit included filming of the library and several interviews, including with Cassandra Zamora (Library Director at SAPCL), Cassandra Osterloh, and community members. The library was one of a handful from across the U.S. that were visited and filmed for an upcoming American libraries documentary. <https://www.ala.org/road-to-annual/thursday-june-20>

I have worked with Mandi Harris on the creation of 3 Niche Academy modules, entitled “Indigenous New Mexico”. The modules are intended primarily for non-tribal library staff, and they review terminology, programming, partnerships, collection development, and more. I am finalizing the modules and plan to roll them out by the end of November 2024.

Working with the NM Department of Workforce Solutions, a collection of short videos was created to assist community members in the various aspects of the Department (such as applying for unemployment insurance, applying for workforce jobs, youth employment, etc.). Access points and links for these resources were created by NM-DWS staff and given to the tribal public libraries as a trial run before sending out to all NM public libraries.

Other Programs and Projects:

- DCA Encounter Culture Podcast - *Adventure Begins at Your Library: Explore New Mexico Tribal Libraries and Youth Programming*
<https://podcast.nmculture.org/2024/04/29/adventure-begins-at-your-library-explore-new-mexico-tribal-libraries-and-youth-programming/>
- “Collaborating for Strength and Knowledge: A Tribal Libraries Program Field Trip to an Academic Health Sciences Library.” *Medical Library Association Annual Conference*. Portland OR, May 2024. (poster session) [co-presenters: Cassandra Osterloh, Deirdre Caparoso, Tracy Garcia, Deborah Rhue] <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/hslic-posters-presentations/149>
- Digital Inclusion and Broadband Infrastructure in Native Communities Online Guidebook/Toolkit. ATALM. (content editor and contributor)

TLP-Specific Field Trips and Trainings:

- January 30: Pre-Apprenticeship Informational Session with NM Department of Workforce Solutions (Zoom)
- February 14: Succession Planning for Your Library Training (Zoom)
- March 8: Collection Development Training (In-person, Zoom)
- April 18: NM State Supreme Court Law Library, NM State Archives (Field Trip)
- May 14: SAR-IARC (Field Trip)
- August 19: Coronado Historic Site (Field Trip)
- August 29: NASA @ My Library Workshop (In-Person)

- September 13: Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, UNM (Field Trip)
- September 24: Telehealth and Consumer Health for Tribal Public Libraries (Zoom)
- October 2: Telehealth and Consumer Health for Tribal Public Libraries (Zoom)

Upcoming Highlights:

- November 20: NM History Museum (incl. Fray Angelico Chavez Library, Photo Archives, Palace of the Governors) – Field Trip
- There are 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
 - “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]
 - “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.

Youth Services Coordinator

Kelly McCabe

Summer Reading Program – Adventure Begins at Your Library

- 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. I attended the CSLP Annual Meeting in August 2024, where I was elected to the CSLP Board of Directors for 2025-2027.
- Held 2 in-person Training Workshops for the Summer Reading Program in Albuquerque, NM, and Hobbs, NM, and 1 online workshop.
- Visited Libraries for SRP events throughout the summer and highlight programs for our NMSL blog, Hitchhiker.
- Created a Niche Academy Module for all SRP links and information
- Implemented the SRP Survey for Libraries and Parent/Caregiver Surveys statewide.

- Member of two national CSLP Committees: Social Media and Vendor

Summer Reading Statistics 2024:

- Libraries reported: 29,197 Registered SRP Participants
- 2,718 SRP Programs
- 107,644 Program Attendees

All libraries offered programming for Elementary (K-6) patrons, while 83% offer Pre-K programming, 81% offer Middle School programming, 59% offer Teen Programming, and 43% are now offering Adult programming within their Summer Reading Programming. We received almost 700 Parent/Caregiver Survey responses statewide that report overwhelmingly positive impact from the Summer Reading Program.

RURAL SERVICES

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 will be receiving a new bookmobile by the end of the year. The purchase of new vehicle has been a long process, and our West office has been operating without a proper bookmobile but has ensured book delivery to patrons by utilizing a cargo van to fulfill regular runs. West employees are very much looking forward to getting their new vehicle. As a response to unexpected cancelations at our East bookmobile office, we have opened access to our Books by Mail program. Now East patrons have access to both bookmobile collections and Books by Mail collections. Bookmobile Northeast continues to run a strong program including an on-site summer reading program. They had a recent disruption in normal operations as their office had to temporarily close for a few weeks to remedy a mold issue. Northeast employees should be back in office by the end of October.

Statistics for Bookmobile for July 2024 – September 2024:

Patrons – 5553

Circulation – 6251

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 and Large Print deposit collections.

Statistics for July 2024 - September 2024:

Number of library visits: 108

Number items delivered: 291

Books by Mail

Books by Mail continues to operate throughout the state, mailing items out and receiving items in daily. The collection is now purchasing hardback books to ensure that books are purchased and circulated as they are published. This new initiative ensures that rural and homebound patrons have access to new and quality items as they are published.

Statistics for July 2024-September 2024:

Patrons - 233

Circulation – 667

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.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

John Mugford, Regional Librarian

Changes and Developments

The last six months of FY2024 and first three months of FY2025 featured several personnel changes. Jennifer McGill, who began work as a Readers Experience Coordinator in early August 2023, advanced to the position of Outreach Librarian in January. This full-time position serves LBPD for 20 hours and the State Library for another 20 hours. Jennifer has worked for decades as a school librarian.

In relation to this change, Jon Caro advanced to the Readers Experience Coordinator's position in April after beginning work as a Reader Advisor in October 2023. Jon has worked in a variety of customer service-related occupations in the business and academic sectors and brings proven analytical and detail-oriented skills to the position.

The vacancy created by Jon's promotion was filled in August by Liam Lockhart. Liam brings a wealth of customer service and instructional experience to the position, having served in teaching positions at the Institute of American Indian Arts and The Film School at the former Santa Fe

University of Art and Design. The departure of another Reader Advisor has created a vacancy, which is in the process of being filled.

Scribe Mini duplication units have been deployed 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. Jennifer deserves considerable credit for this statewide deployment. In May, Jennifer was assisted by George Martell of Keystone Library Automation Systems (KLAS) in testing Scribe Mini connections at various sites. The Los Alamos and Rio Rancho sites continue to be the most active with Los Alamos averaging about six individual transactions per month. Recently, the Silver City site has seen activity comparable to that of Los Alamos.

The National Library Service (NLS) and affiliates added over 14,00 new audio book and braille titles during these nine months. Of this amount, nearly 1,300 titles were added by regional library programs with more than 450 titles added from foreign language and other English sources obtained through the Marrakesh Treaty and Accessible Books Consortium. This latter grouping now represents more than 6,000 titles in the general collection. In total, the NLS digital book collection now includes over 130,000 audio book titles and more than 25,000 braille titles. Also, more than 23,000 digital magazine issues are available for download.

Circulation totaled about 112,000 during these nine months—an average of about 12,400 per month. This total was about six percent higher than the same nine-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

Applications continue to be tracked extensively for source and length of processing time. The CFB continues to account for a relatively high number of application referrals followed by the Veterans' Administration. With nearly full-staffing LBPD has been able to consistently process new applications within about a 48-hour (two day) timeframe. All new applications are saved in digital format, and digitization of older, active applications has been completed. During this nine-month reporting period, more than 210 applications were processed—an increase of about five percent from the same nine-month period in 2023.

Outreach and Volunteerism

Outreach Librarian, Jennifer McGill, presented on the services of LBPD in a variety of ways and settings—in person, online and via mailing promotional materials to entities throughout the state. Some examples included Senior centers, nursing homes, schools (both public and private)—including the Schools for the Visually Impaired and school librarian meetings. Other visits included Veterans centers and events such as the Optometrist, PED Literacy, the New Mexico Aging, and the National Federation of the Blind conferences. Also, the Outreach Librarian represented the State of New Mexico at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., where she answered questions on the selections on New Mexico authors and the book winners for the Center for the Book.

Additionally, she traveled throughout the state visiting libraries and pueblos while sharing information and offerings from LBDP and Public Services. Some of her travels included the Central, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast areas of New Mexico.

Recording studio volunteer narrator and review activity remained steady with a core of veteran volunteers continuing narration activities complemented by a new grouping of audio narration reviewers. Twenty new and/or legacy conversion projects were initiated or completed between January and September with another half-dozen awaiting upload approval from the National Library Service. New Mexico Poet Laureate Lauren Camp completed a second narrative project with her book *Worn Smooth between Devourings*. Other completed productions of note were *Cities of Gold: A Journey Across the American Southwest in Pursuit of Coronado* by Douglas Preston and *The Delight Makers: A Novel of Prehistoric Pueblo Indians* by Adolph F. Bandelier.

The Friends of the New Mexico Library for the Blind continued to meet quarterly to discuss general planning and budgeting. Renewal of an annual volunteer event is projected for the spring of 2025. Also, annual renewal of the Hindenburg Recording Software licensing is scheduled for February 2025.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Bradley Carrington, Bureau Chief

Bureau service

- [Brent Watson retired!!](https://nmstatelibrary.org/brent-watson-retires-after-30-years-of-cataloging-at-nmsl) (nmstatelibrary.org/brent-watson-retires-after-30-years-of-cataloging-at-nmsl)
- Rural Services: we cataloged for their backlogs, their large print deposit collection, their vendor purchases, etc.
- Joe finished delivery of our PSB non-records destruction backlog: over 10K items withdrawn in 2018, finally dispatched for destruction
- Joseph convened SALSA Consortium.
 - For SALSA Joseph also gave a demo of SirsiDynix Portfolio; led a discussion of SirsiDynix CloudSource
 - SALSA service: cataloging for Museum of Art, National Hispanic Cultural Center, Spanish Colonial, Museum of History
 - trained NHCC on using Record Manager
 - trained MOA on cataloging videos
- Other libraries that we served:
 - Town of Bernalillo: Symphony training update
 - Albuquerque: at main library visited with Kelli Murphy and Eileen O'Connell; compared notes on our implementations of Symphony, Enterprise, Data Control, authority processing, etc; they much appreciate the statewide price agreement that we obtained

- Santa Fe: helped with the SFE bib and item records (College of Santa Fe/SFUAD)
- CNM: site visit, helped with original cataloging and LC classification
- Villanueva: began to catalog its accupuncture collection
- Chama: Dewey classification
- For our public libraries Joseph prepared a MARC file for the free Norton books
- Presented How to Find Dewey Numbers now that Classify is Dead
- Brad worked as a member of the PCC RDA Training Task Group for Monographs, on Phase 2: RDA in Practice
- Sarah served as NMLA Secretary
- Brad reappointed as Records Liaison Officer for NMSL
- Professional development:
 - Joseph attended the PCC Operations Committee meeting; see him in the videos; Brad attended virtually
 - Sarah followed the ALA eCourse for Library of Congress Classification
 - Sarah earned her Metadata Management certificate from Amigos
 - Joseph followed the training courses for Symphony Data Control
 - Joseph attended Amigos conference: Creative Solutions in Cataloging, Acquisitions, and Resources Management

Symphony database as of October 1st: 959,249 bibliographic records, 396,613 authority records. We subscribe to annual deduplication of our bib file and to quarterly updates to our authority file.

Technical Services Bureau statistics	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25 Q1
new bibliographic records	18428	17908	21862	23264	9886
new item records	21729	25380	20541	24417	10240
new serial issues	4303	4570	3941	3446	1073
new records contributed to WorldCat	475	489	235	397	263
WorldCat master records replaced	1753	1398	932	2771	990
our symbol NMS added to records (copy cataloging)	16245	14592	14070	10720	2490
NACO	177	217	161	344	42
BIBCO	405	622	322	937	166
CONSER	100	81	114	93	30
SACO	8	2	3	7	0
CIP records	69	103	104	117	24
State documents distribution	157	238	109	77	5

PUBLIC SERVICES

Lori Thornton, Bureau Chief

The Southwest Librarian resigned effective July 1. We are in the process of hiring a new person to fill that role and hope to have someone in place by November or December.

Statistics FY24

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Reference	382	260	283	305	271	224
Circulation	148	178	217	160	113	140
Interlibrary Loan	488	557	539	550	476	390
Computers	50	51	38	56	35	32
Gate	535	518	507	608	529	499
TOTAL	1603	1564	1584	1679	1424	1285

New Mexico Center for the Book

The 2024 National Book Festival took place in August. The theme was “Books Build Us Up”. The books representing New Mexico were *Herizon*, written by Daniel W. Vandever and illustrated by Corey Begay, which was the “Great Reads from Great Places” youth selection; and the adult selection was *Bad Day for Sunshine* by Darynda Jones. Please see <https://bookfestival.nmculture.org/> for more information about the books, authors, and activities for youngsters.

Career Online High School

There are five new libraries in the program (Carlsbad, Gallup, Portales, Reserve, Villanueva) in addition to the three rural book mobiles and Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, Belen Public Library, and Santa Fe Public Library. Albuquerque, Belen, Santa Fe, Carlsbad, Portales, and Reserve all have students enrolled in Career Online High School and there have been 3 graduates thus far this year. There have been 17 total graduates since 2021 when the program began. We are actively promoting the program throughout the state, encouraging additional libraries to participate for their communities. Please see the New Mexico site for more information - <https://nm.careeronlinehs.org/>.

America 250 Commemoration

We have begun participating in the sesquicentennial commemoration. We are a research site in collaboration with the state historian and the state archives for descendants of the New Mexico Spanish patriots. We are compiling a bibliography of titles about the New Mexico/Southwest participation in the American Revolution and we are planning for potential programming in 2025 and 2026.