



## NMSU Library News Release

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### **At Your Service**

One of the advantages of living in a university town is access to a university library, says Jeanette Smith, Grants/University Relations Officer for the New Mexico State University Library.

“Libraries are centers for life-long education,” Smith says, “and the NMSU Library serves not only the campus community but the public as well.”

The NMSU Library offers a broad range of books, journals, computer databases, and other study materials as well as numerous unique collections such as historical and rare materials and government documents, Smith said.

“For instance, people interested in local history might find the Special Collections and the Rio Grande Historical Collections quite useful,” she said.

The Library is housed in two campus buildings, Branson Library and the New Library, each offering different collections. Branson Library, located on the corner of Williams and Frenger streets, specializes in agriculture, business, engineering, health, and science materials. It also houses a depository for U.S. government documents, serving the entire Second Congressional District. The historical, rare and unique materials in Archives and Special Collections are also located in Branson Library.

The New Library, located at the intersection of Breland Drive and McFie Circle, offers books and other materials on the humanities, social sciences, art, and education. It also holds a depository collection of New Mexico state documents.

Each library building maintains its own reference, periodicals and circulation desks, which will provide assistance for users. Special events such as programs and displays on local and historical topics are often

sponsored by the Rio Grande Historical Collections and Special Collections.

Permanent residents of New Mexico can check books out of the NMSU Library. Applications for a free Guest Card can be made at the circulation desks at either library building. To qualify, adults should bring proof of their current address. High school students also are eligible, and should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when applying. Guest borrowers can borrow up to five books for 21 days, with no renewals.

Members of Library Associates, who support the Library through an annual donation of \$50 or more, receive extended borrowing privileges. They can borrow 25 books for six weeks with one renewal. They also receive the Library's newsletter, *Citations*.

For more information about the NMSU Library, go to the NMSU site on the World Wide Web at [www.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmsu.edu), and click on the Library. For general Library information, call 646-2932. For information about the Library Associates, please contact Jeanette Smith, 646-7492.

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