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Bond Issue C Will Build Academic Library Collections

On Tuesday, November 2, New Mexico voters will be given the opportunity to approve a \$16.3 million statewide general obligation bond package. GO Bond Issue “C” will fund the purchase of library books and other materials. This 2004 bond proposal is endorsed by the State Library Commission and the New Mexico Library Association. Its appearance on the ballot was approved virtually unanimously last spring by the New Mexico State Legislature.

Funding for academic, public, school and state libraries is included. The bond issue, if passed, will provide \$3.9 million for college and university libraries to supplement their acquisition budgets. This amount will purchase \$50 worth of materials such as one to two library books for each full time student enrolled at a New Mexico college or university. The New Mexico State University Library will receive approximately \$680,000.

According to the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, “Academic books and journals are very expensive. Since these libraries are the heart of our learning community and support student learning and research, updated books and non-Internet journals are critically important to the quality of higher education in New Mexico.” For more information on GO Bond Issue “C,” please visit the New Mexico 2004 Library Books Bond Issue web site at <http://www.nmbooksbond.org> or call the NMSU Library Administration at (505) 646-1508.