



University Library

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New Mexico State University
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Dear Friends:

The New Mexico State University Library, as well as libraries throughout the state, will benefit from passage of GO Bond C on the November 7 ballot. Bond C proposes a total of \$9 million for publicly funded New Mexico academic, public, and school libraries.

Bond C proposes \$3 million for publicly funded academic libraries, enough to purchase two library books for each full-time student attending college in the state. \$700,000 in one-time funding would permit the NMSU Library to build and update book and periodical collections that support the scholarly and research needs of NMSU and the community.

The average cost of a college library book is now \$60 and the average cost of a subscription to an academic journal has risen 9% in the last year. If passed, the bond will also help the NMSU Library provide information in electronic format that will be accessible all the time to distance education students, faculty, and staff, no matter where they live.

\$3 million for public libraries and \$3 million for publicly funded school libraries are also included in the \$9 million proposed. Bond C has been endorsed by the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, the New Mexico Municipal League and the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries.

I urge citizens to vote in this important election. While GO Bond C is located at the bottom of the ballot, it needs to be a top-of-mind consideration if New Mexico is to succeed with the many challenges facing its libraries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Titus'.

Elizabeth A. Titus, Ph. D.
Dean of the New Mexico State University Library