

NMSU Library Mission, Vision, and Values statements

Founded in 1888, New Mexico State University is the only land-grant university that is both a Carnegie-designated high research institution and a Hispanic-serving institution. The University is located in the southern New Mexico city of Las Cruces, less than an hour from the Texas and Mexico borders.

Mission Statement

The New Mexico State University Library supports and enhances the teaching, research, and outreach missions of the University through leadership in four specific areas:

- selecting, presenting, enhancing, and preserving information resources for current and future researchers;
- providing high-quality services and tools to facilitate information access and use;
- providing physical and virtual environments that foster academic community and encourage intellectual inquiry and exchange;
- providing and sustaining teaching initiatives to support information literacy and lifelong learning.

In keeping with the University's land-grant mission, the Library supports the information needs of New Mexicans through such activities as providing direct access to research collections and participating in state-wide resource sharing consortia.

Vision Statement

- The New Mexico State University Library will facilitate a creative and supportive environment for intellectual inquiry by providing user-focused services, spaces, and tools to access, use, and share scholarly information and knowledge in many formats and from multiple sources.
- The Library will act as a creative and dynamic partner in the educational process, by collaborating with faculty, staff, and other partners to support information literacy and lifelong learning initiatives.
- The Library will play a leadership role in collecting, organizing, managing and enhancing access to the University's intellectual capital—records, scholarship, and unique collections.
- The Library will heighten its outreach and engagement role by developing high-quality and responsive programs and resources for New Mexico citizens and borderland residents.

Values Statement

The NMSU Library shares the values of the University, including: accountability, equity, integrity, respect for diversity, and a commitment to excellence. As an academic research library, we are also committed to:

- education and lifelong learning, both for our users and our staff;
- information access, including affordable, sustainable access to physical and digital scholarly resources;
- information stewardship and preservation of knowledge in multiple formats;
- intellectual freedom, including the right to explore all points of view and the right to privacy;
- our users, focusing on their needs as we plan, design, and assess our services;
- an organizational culture that acknowledges and adapts to rapid change.

In carrying out our work, we value the skills, talents, potential, and individuality of our library employees and encourage their unique contributions through training, opportunity, and recognition.