

The Rural Bookmobile Program provides life-long learning opportunities by offering library services to citizens living in rural areas without access to public libraries.

Over 30% of bookmobile patrons are children!

<u>Education</u> in rural New Mexico is directly supported by bookmobile services. Our student bookmobile patrons

are champs! A home schooled 6th grader participated in the *Letters about Literature* program offered through the Library of Congress. Her essay won the 2013 Level 1 championship for New Mexico. Many other bookmobile students received honorable mention. Many K-12 and college students ask and receive study materials through the bookmobile services.

Rural Library Services delivered via the bookmobiles serve a critical role in <u>rural economic</u> <u>development</u> providing information and resources that directly support business development tools, infrastructure knowledge and direct requests by patrons for materials related to home-based, local community and family-owned businesses. A ranch manager overseeing cattle and horses diversified into raising bees. With no experience or knowledge of raising bees, the ranch manager checked out several books on Beekeeping. He achieved the ranch owner's requirements of raising and maintaining cows, horses and bees. Library materials are available to ranchers, farmers, and small rural businesses across a variety of industries.

Librarians working on the bookmobiles also provide important information for the <u>health and well-being</u> of our patrons bringing state and federal program information, books, video and audio items about nutrition and dietary needs, self-development and other health-related topics. Our patron's lives are enriched through our commitment to research and deliver meaningful and fun information.

2013 Annual Statistics: (est. 1956)

Annual Library Materials Circulated: 86,000 items

Registered Library Card Holders: 5.129

Collection: Over 66,500 books, audio and video items available

Miles: 63,706 (5,300 miles per month!)

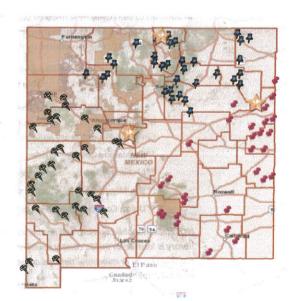
Library Stops: 1,157 (96 stops per month!)

Patron Visits: 15,367 (avg 13 patrons per stop)

Costs/Patron Visit: \$37.65

Total Bookmobile Costs: \$578,510

Operating support for this rural library program is made



Bookmobile Services by County – Number of Patrons and Circulation SFY13 (Jul 1, 2012–Jun 30, 2013)

County	Bookmobile Service	Number of Stops	Registered Patrons	Circulation
Bernalillo	-	-	-	-
Catron	West – Los Lunas	8	251	6,246
Chaves	East – Tucumcari	2	148	1,028
Cibola	West – Los Lunas	6	289	5,008
Colfax*	Northeast – Cimarron	2 (1/1)	783 (565/218)	15,527 (14,961/566)
Curry	East – Tucumcari	2	173	2,409
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Eddy	East – Tucumcari	3	251	2,168
Grant	West – Los Lunas	5	104	2,646
Guadalupe**	East – Tucumcari	2	56	1,016
	Northeast - Cimarron	1	21	553
Harding	Northeast - Cimarron	3	152	1,927
Hidalgo	West – Los Lunas	2	35	619
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Lincoln	East - Tucumcari	3	484	5,638
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Luna	-	- 1	-	-
McKinley**	West – Los Lunas	4	191	2,556
	Northeast – Cimarron	1	123	603
Mora	Northeast - Cimarron	6	258	2,768
Otero	East – Tucumcari	5	256	4,890
Quay	East - Tucumcari	6	383	7,363
Rio Arriba	Northeast - Cimarron	5	218	1,791
Roosevelt	East - Tucumcari	3	79	1,778
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San Miguel**	Northeast – Cimarron	6	399	2,244
	East – Tucumcari	1	49	1,068
Sandoval	Northeast - Cimarron	2	163	1,009
Santa Fe	- \	-	-	
Sierra	West – Los Lunas	6	96	2,741
Socorro	West – Los Lunas	2	43	890
Taos	Northeast – Cimarron	5	365	2,451
Torrance		-	-	-
Union**	East – Tucumcari	1	25	290
	Northeast - Cimarron	3	105	1,334
Valencia	West – Los Lunas	2	46	795

The Bookmobiles directly support local schools (K-12) in many of the communities providing direct collaboration with teachers/school media-librarians with stops on school grounds.

In addition to the regularly scheduled stops, the Bookmobiles supply Collection Drops across the state supporting community centers, senior citizen centers, detention centers, and other communities along the routes. A Bookmobile Stop will be considered along established routes (driving) and where 5 or more patrons will use the services monthly.

The Books By Mail program provides public library services to citizens without access to local libraries or bookmobiles or individuals who are homebound/unable to use local library services.

- *Colfax County Cimarron (Northeast Bookmobile) services both the Cimarron Public Library as well as rural bookmobile locations within the county. Statistics count total Colfax County services along with a breakdown of Cimarron Public Library and Bookmobile Stops.
- **Guadalupe County -- divided stops served by both Bookmobile East and Bookmobile Northeast
- **McKinley County divided stops served by both Bookmobile West and Bookmobile Northeast
- **San Miguel County divided stops served by both Bookmobile Northeast and Bookmobile East
- **Union County divided stops served by both Bookmobile Northeast and Bookmobile East

NOTE: Bookmobile services will not be scheduled within the city limits or service boundaries of a municipality where a Public library is located or inside county boundaries where a Public library provides county-wide services. Bookmobiles will continue to serve municipalities and county areas where Developing libraries are established until the library is recognized as a full Public library.