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Librarians Gear Up for Library Bond Issue - New Mexico voters will vote on a \$16.3 million bond issue that will fund library collection development on November 2nd. If approved, \$6.2 million will go to school libraries, \$5.8 million will go to public libraries, \$3.9 million will go to academic libraries and, \$0.32 million will support the State Library and the History Library at the Palace of the Governors. A similar bond issue was passed voters in New Mexico in 2002.

New Public Libraries - Six new public libraries have opened in New Mexico this year. The libraries are located in some of New Mexico's most remote towns and villages. With the help of the Internet and library listservs, residents in these communities have established connections with the state's librarians and have solicited advice, information, and a generous number of book and furniture donations. New libraries include the Talpa Community Library, The Placitas Community, The Questa Public Library, the Gila Public Library, and the Corona Lending Library.

State Library Turns 75 - The New Mexico State Library celebrated its 75th anniversary on September 30th. The library celebrated with a ceremony and tours of the building. Guests were encouraged to write comments on a scroll that will be put into a time capsule and opened on the State Library's 100th anniversary.

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