Other Library Facts

- 18 tribal public library facilities serve their communities with books, DVDS, CDs, program and many other services.
- 76,003 items were borrowed in 2010, an increase of 3.8% over 2009. That’s 1.5 items per capita.
- 25,396 people have library cards and each one borrowed 3 items in 2010.
- 1,634 programs were offered for children and teens and attended by 35,261 people.
- While state and local economies are struggling, public libraries are rising to the challenge by providing assistance to help people understand and use government Web sites; complete online job applications, access jobs databases and other resources and complete online government forms.
- 173,819 people visited New Mexico tribal public libraries in 2010.
- 41% of tribal public libraries now offer free wireless service to the public.
- 56% of tribal public libraries have recently upgraded their library automation systems. 44% of libraries are either using an obsolete system or do not have a system.

“Public libraries support learning for all, no matter our passions, our politics or our position in society” Geekthelibrary.org

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In one day…

- 566 people walk through the doors of New Mexico tribal public libraries
- 248 books, movies, CDs, and more are borrowed from New Mexico tribal public libraries
- 300 people use computers at New Mexico tribal public libraries
- 152 reference questions are answered at New Mexico tribal public libraries
- 138 people are educated and entertained at programs at New Mexico tribal public libraries

Needs

In 2010, the need for public library services continued to increase. Compared to 2009, local revenue slightly declined, while services and use of library resources continued to grow.

Connecting New Mexico

- According to a report by the Kauffman Foundation and the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, the state ranks 41st in percentage of internet users, 44th in e-government, and 46th in broadband telecommunications.
- Tribal public libraries continue to fill this gap by providing 220 public Internet computers used 92,127 times in 2010, an increase of 22% since 2006.

Internet speed improved in 2010. However, 12% of tribal public library connections still do not meet the bare minimum speed of a T1 connection (1.5 Mbps).