



University Library

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Dear New Mexico Citizens:

The New Mexico State University Library, as well as publicly funded libraries throughout our state, will benefit from passage of General Obligation Bond B on the November 2 ballot.

Bond B proposes a total of \$7 million in funding for publicly funded academic, public, school and tribal libraries in New Mexico. \$2 million in funding is requested for each of three groups of publicly funded libraries: academic libraries, school libraries and public libraries. \$1 million is requested for tribal libraries.

If Bond B is approved, the NMSU Library is expected to receive approximately \$313,223 and the Doña Ana Community College Library would receive \$108,490. The NMSU-Alamogordo library would receive approximately \$35,475, the NMSU-Carlsbad library would receive \$20,736 and the NMSU-Grants Library would receive \$14,962.

GO Bonds provide up to 25% of New Mexico academic library materials. The bond will enable publicly funded libraries to support students and faculty by updating book and journal collections and subscribing to information databases.

GO Bond B will cost taxpayers 45 cents per \$100,000 of their assessed property value. More information about Bond B is presented at <http://bondsforlibraries.nmla.org/links-facebook/>.

Bond B has been endorsed by the Las Cruces School Board and many school boards statewide, the New Mexico Library Association, the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, the New Mexico Municipal League and the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries.

Libraries change the lives of New Mexicans of all ages. In good times and bad, libraries provide the information people need when they need it. Our libraries are a lifeline in these troubled economic times.

Bond B will help New Mexico's libraries succeed in their mission of helping New Mexico citizens. I urge you to vote in this important election.

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