New Mexico Tribal Libraries

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Laguna Public Library
Introduction

- Librarian at Laguna Public Library – 13 Years
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Master’s in Information Studies from the University of Texas-Austin
- NM Library Association
- Native American Libraries Special Interest Group
- American Indian Library Association
Tribal Library Needs

- House Memorial 59 (2009)
- Funding
  - Operational needs to include funding for staff salaries and utilities - One person libraries
  - Library expansion and facilities upgrades
  - Broadband Internet
- Currently offer basic library services, Internet access and programs
- Currently a majority are closed due to COVID-19
  - Curbside, appointment only, virtual programs
Library Legislation

- HM 59 - 2009
- 2011 Testified at Indian Affairs Committee Meeting
- 2014 - Tribal Libraries Institute
- 2019 - Pueblo Convocation on Education
- Yazzie/Martinez vs. State of NM
- HB 85 - Funding for programs to meet Native students needs by expanding community based education
- HB 86 - Funding for construction projects to strengthen community based education infrastructure
Opportunities for NM Tribal Libraries

- Funding for Programming:
  - Increased staffing opportunities
  - More programming opportunities available such as cultural and STEM

- Funding for Facilities
  - Bigger facilities to host programs and for COVID-19 Safety

- Funding for Internet
  - Increased virtual programming and access for the community
  - Increased access to technology resources
  - Access to a dedicated IT person
Laguna Public Library

Library Staff:
- Janice Kowemy (Librarian)
- Maxine Lucero and Lynnelle Aragon (Library Aides)
Library Services

- Basic Library Services
  - Hours – Evenings and weekends
  - Wi-Fi Hotspots
  - DVDs and Ebooks
  - NA Collection
- Programming
- Community Archives
Programs

- Summer Reading Program
- Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Birthday
- Head Start Story Time
- Lego Club
- Family Literacy Nights
- Color Your Stress Away
- Family Game Night
- Field Trips
- Movie Nights
- Maker Space Activities
- Food Programs
Collaborations

- Earth Day
- Run and Walk
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Dinner With Santa
- Halloween Carnival
- Tribal Library Exchange
- NM Tribal Library Wide
  - Pueblo Opera Program
  - Museum of Indian Arts and Culture
  - Explora
  - Wonders on Wheels
Community Archives

- Material about Laguna Pueblo history, culture and language
- AmeriCorp Vista Volunteer
- BNSF Grant
- Story Corp and History Pin
- Archives Room
- Cultural Programming
Distance Learning

- Grant through the Santa Fe Indian School
- Distance Learning
  - Language Classes
- Interactive Learning
- Social Programs
Acoma Learning Center

- Summer Youth Program
- Traditional Arts and Crafts
  - Stepping Stones Program
  - Online Tapestry
  - Belt Weaving
  - Dress Making
- Planting

https://www.facebook.com/acomalearningcenter/
Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

- Summer Youth Program
  - Junior Reading Program
  - Skateboard Program
  - Tutoring Program

https://www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary
Jemez Pueblo Community Library

- Stories from the Land
  - IMLS Enhancement Grant
Questions?

Thank you!

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