

New Mexico Centennial Recommended Reading List

In commemoration of the New Mexico Centennial, the New Mexico Public Education Department has compiled a recommended reading list for children in grades PreK-12. These books cover the rich history and culture of New Mexico.

PreK – Grade 3

New Mexico A to Z, Rising Moon Editors

The fascinating and beautiful features and creatures of New Mexico come alive in this brilliantly fun book. From the Carlsbad Caverns and dark-eyed junco to the Rio Grande and tree-climbing urosaurus, a thorough appendix offers information so interesting it will make you want to visit New Mexico if you don't live there, and further explore it if you do.

New Mexico Alphabet: Land of Enchantment, Jan M. Mike

Journey through the Land of Enchantment. Climb the highest peak in the state where tiny Krumholl thrive, visit a museum filled with space ships, or take a look at an Indian pueblo.

E is for Enchantment, Neecey Twinem

E is for Enchantment- A New Mexico Alphabet gives a beautifully illustrated, guided A-Z tour through the state. Beginning readers will enjoy the simple rhymes while older children discover facts about each topic letter in the sidebar expository.

The Santa Fe Trail: From Independence, Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico (Famous American Trails), Arlan Dean

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Discusses the history and purpose of the Santa Fe Trail, and describes daily life on this important commercial route to the Southwestern United States.

Everyone Knows Gato Pinto: More Tales from Spanish New Mexico, Joe Hayes

This book brings to life ten charming cuentos (stories or tales). The author's unique interpretations of classic stories continues to preserve and honor the rich traditions of Northern New Mexico.

The Key to Grandpa's House, Cristina Ortega

This story represents life on a northern New Mexico plaza while highlighting the respect, friendship, trust, commitment, and love found in the community.

Los Ojos del Tejedor: The Eyes of the Weaver, Cristina Ortega

This non-fiction book is about the author as a child when she learned to weave from her grandfather. The Ortega's have been weaving in Chimayo (near Santa Fe) for more than 8 generations.

Grades 4-5

READiscover New Mexico: A Tri-Lingual Adventure in Literacy, Kathy Barco

Tag along with Rosita the Roadrunner on her journey to learn about the Land of Enchantment. On the trail, meet Roja & Verde (the Chile Twins), Biscochita (a Smart Cookie), Piñon Jay, Dusty the Tumbleweed, and a town full of prairie dogs who love to read. READiscover New Mexico, a former theme for the Statewide Summer Reading Program sponsored by the New Mexico State Library, encourages the discovery of the vast cultural, natural, historical, and literary treasures found in our beautiful state.

New Mexico Native Americans, Carole Marsh

This book provides a kid's look at New Mexico's chiefs, tribes, reservations, Powwows, lore, and more from the past and the present.

New Mexico (From Sea to Shining Sea), Therese De Angelis

This nonfiction book explores New Mexico through history including a timeline of historical events and a gallery of famous New Mexicans.

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Big New Mexico Activity Book, Walter D. Yoder

Here is a comprehensive activity book for children which entertains and stretches the mind. *The Big New Mexico Activity Book* offers over 90 pages of action-packed fun highlighting the contributions of Native American, Hispanic and Anglo peoples to our multi-cultural environment.

New Mexico: Land of Enchantment (World Almanac Library of the States), Michael Burgan

Text and illustrations present the history, geography, people, politics and government, economy, customs, and attractions of New Mexico.

Uniquely New Mexico, Coleen Hubbard

What do the images on New Mexico's state seal stand for? How is New Mexico's state government organized? In which town have people been living for over 900 years? You can find the answers to these questions in this book containing all kinds of fun and fascinating facts and features that help make New Mexico a one-of-a-kind place.

Old Father Story Teller, Pablita Velarde

Born and raised at Santa Clara Pueblo, Pablita Verlarde has achieved national and international recognition as one of the greatest American Indian artist. For each traditional story retold in this book, she has created natural earthtone paintings in the unique style that has become her hallmark.

José's Buffalo Hunt: A Story from History, Marc Simmons

Based on actual events, this is the true story of an eleven-year-old boy and his first participation in the annual buffalo hunt on the Llano Estacado in 1866.

Middle School

A History of New Mexico, Calvin A. Roberts and Susan A. Roberts

This textbook for the middle-school reader is an engaging and balanced account of New Mexico from earliest times to the present. Presented is a comprehensive introduction to geographic features as well as social, economic, and political events that have shaped the state's development.

New Mexico: Past and Present, Corona Brezina

Famous for its rich history, New Mexico today is also known for cutting-edge technology industry. This diverse personality is showcased in this informative book with sidebars and a rich resource section for further exploration.

Native American History for Kids, Karen Bush Gibson

This book captures the early history of Native Americans. Readers will learn about Indian culture through hands-on activities. *Native American History for Kids* also includes profiles of famous Native Americans and their many contributions, from early leaders to superstar athlete Jim Thorpe, dancer Maria Tallchief, astronaut John Herrington, author Sherman Alexie, actor Wes Studi, and more.

Rio Grande Stories, Caroline Meyer

The seventh-grade class at Rio Grande Middle School in Albuquerque is a unique group. Coming from schools all over the city, the students are facing new challenges and wondering how they'll fit in. When they are asked to raise money for the school, the kids decide to write and sell a book. They will all contribute something about their heritage that is personal and important. Filled with stories, traditions, and recipes, the book is a big success. Best of all, the kids learn something--about themselves and about one another.

New Mexico: An Interpretive History, Marc Simmons

For all who love New Mexico, and for those who aspire to know the state, this book is a graceful and compelling summary of what has made the Land of Enchantment its distinctive self. This book was originally published in 1977 to commemorate the bicentennial of American Independence.

High School

A History of New Mexico Since Statehood, Richard Melzer B001JSDRDO and Robert J. Torrez

In this thoughtful textbook, the authors delineate New Mexico's role in the shaping of the United States by carefully analyzing how the rich histories of the many cultures of the region affected and in turn were affected by influxes of newcomers seeking health benefits, minerals, farms, relaxation, and new beginnings.

New Mexico: Celebrating the Land of Enchantment, Richard Melzer

Filled with images that document the past hundred years, New Mexico is a photographic delight accompanied by brief insightful essays that leave the reader in no doubt of a history that is both imposing and exciting in its scope. This book is also an official product of the state's centennial celebration.

New Mexican Lives: Profiles and Historical Stories, Richard W. Etulain

Profiles of fourteen notable, complex characters provide a unique view into New Mexico's development from prehistoric times to the present.

New Mexico Route 66 on Tour: Legendary Architecture from Glenrio to Gallup, Donald J. Usner

This travel narrative uses architecture as a means to explore the cultural and historical context of Route 66 in New Mexico.

In Company : An Anthology of New Mexico Poets After 1960, editors Lee Bartlett, V.B. Price, and Dianne Edenfield Edwards

This collection brings together for the first time three generations of poets associated with New Mexico, representing a variety of styles and personalities.

Stories Behind the Street Names of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Taos, Donald A. Gill

Ten years before the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock, settlers were already moving into the American Southwest, building houses, planning towns — and laying out streets. The names of the streets of Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos reflect a long history of contrasting cultures: Spanish, Anglo, Native American.

New Mexico Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff, Sam Lowe

Whether you're a born-and-raised New Mexican, a recent transplant, or just passing through, New Mexico Curiosities will have you laughing out loud as it introduces you to the most fascinating characters in the Spanish State, and takes you places you never could have imagined—some of them right around the corner!

Route 66 in New Mexico, Joe Sonderman

New Mexico offers a fascinating blend of Native American, Spanish Colonial, and Western American cultures. The travelers from the East knew they had arrived in the great Southwest when they entered New Mexico--the towns along Route 66 were ablaze in neon, and the motels lured travelers with Western themes, Pueblo Revival architecture, and Native American trading posts. The stories behind landmarks are here, as well as the stories behind establishments that are lost forever or slowly crumbling to dust among the tumbleweeds.

New Mexico Then & Now, William A. Stone

Using the principal of repeat photography--finding an old picture of a location and rephotographing the same spot—the author has created a photographic, geographic, and to a degree social history of the state called *The Land of Enchantment*.

New Mexico Baseball : Miners, Outlaws, Indians, and Isotopes, 1880 to the Present, L.M. Sutter

This work traces the history of New Mexican baseball to the days of Billy the Kid and Geronimo. The author describes a kind of feudal society in those early years of the Wild West, where soldiers, miners, criminals, homesteaders, farmers, and Native Americans populated the land, but where baseball existed and was played by a strange amalgamation of Americans.