

### STOP the Summer Slide with Summer Reading Programs in New Mexico

Libraries across New Mexico are gearing up their summer reading programs in an effort to stop the “summer slide” or the tendency for children to lose the gains that they made during the previous school year.



“Statistics show that for kids who don’t read over the summer, it takes about three to as many as six months to catch up when they start school,” Dave Florez, teen services coordinator for Farmington Public Library, said.

Studies show summer reading programs to be effective at preventing the summer slide.

Reading is just one of the ways children and teens can avoid the summer slide. Farmington Public Library hosts Technology Tuesdays for teens, where students can experiment with robotics and even a 3D printer. Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library’s summer reading program also includes concerts, arts and crafts and technology.

### And More! FREE Family Passes

Public libraries throughout the state are offering free Family Passes to NM museums and historic sites. Just like any other library material, you can borrow the pass for up to one week and get free admission for up to 6 people at any of the Department of Cultural Affairs' museums and historic sites. [See the list here.](#)

Here is a sampling from across the state:

- [Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library](#)  
ABC Library’s Summer Reading kicks off on June 4 at the [South Broadway Library](#). Everyone is invited to register for the free 6-week program for children, tweens, teens and adults.
- [Farmington Public Library](#)  
Children teens and adults can register for Farmington Public Library’s summer reading program online. At the end of the summer, participants can join the Carnivale Blast celebration.
- [Capitan Public Library](#)  
Designed for children aged 5-12, the summer reading program at Capital Library meets every Monday during June and July. To register, call (575) 354-3035.

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## Summer Food Programs in New Mexico

New Mexico is ranked fourth in child hunger. When school's out, families often face an additional strain to put food on the table. Throughout New Mexico, organizations are working to fill the gap with nutritious breakfast and lunch programs.

Summer food sites are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and put on by local organizations to help families stretch their already tight food budgets. The meals children receive at summer food sites follow USDA nutrition guidelines, guaranteeing children a healthy meal.



Meals are FREE to children and teens ages 18 and younger at summer food sites, which run seven days a week. The sites are located at safe, family-friendly places like

schools, churches and community centers. Many sites include educational and recreational activities so kids can play with friends while they enjoy a nutritious meal.

The New Mexico Child, Youth, and Families Department and Presbyterian's Community Health Department are among the local organizations administering the summer meal sites in New Mexico.

At Presbyterian Hospital's cafeteria, children aged 3-18 can receive a free healthy meal between 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

At Socorro General Hospital's cafeteria, children aged 3-18 can receive a free healthy meal between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., seven days a week.

At Plains Regional Medical Center's cafeteria, children aged 1-18 can receive a free healthy meal between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week. A caregiver accompanying the child is also eligible for a reduced price healthy meal.

USDA summer meal sites can be found throughout the state of New Mexico. You can find a USDA summer meal site by visiting [SummerFood.org](http://SummerFood.org) by searching the interactive map.

## Want Your Nonprofit to Make an Impact? Join Impact & Coffee



Impact & Coffee is a non-profit networking group that meets the first three Tuesdays of every month at [Epicenter](#) in Albuquerque.

Nonprofit leaders, board members, volunteers and funders can meet for gourmet coffee and hear presentations about the latest innovations in the

nonprofit world, Tim Nisly, CEO of the [Rio Grande Community Development Corporation](#), said.

"We come together to share our stories, our success and our failures, and to create a sense of community," Nisly said.

Beneficial to both established and startup nonprofits, Impact & Coffee hosts nonprofit leaders and experts in board development, startups, organizational growth and fundraising.

The meetings consist of six-minute presentations by nonprofit entrepreneurs, followed by 20-minute Q&A sessions. By sharing successes and failures, nonprofit leaders and startups create a sense of community and support.

"Building a nonprofit can be a lonely job, and Impact & Coffee is a great way to have people come together who really care and want to help you succeed," Nisly said.

Impact & Coffee is an adaptation of a well-developed for-profit concept, 1 Million Cups. By adapting this concept, Impact & Coffee hopes to bring for-profit ideas to the non-profit sector, fostering innovation.

"It takes a lot of time and self-determination and experimentation to find out what it takes to run a nonprofit," Nisly said

In February, Impact & Coffee received \$25,000 from the PNM Resources Foundation to help support the meetings. SINC, New Mexico's first nonprofit incubator, hosts Impact & Coffee.

## Help Design the Next Generation SHARE Webpace



SHARE New Mexico has been live about 3 years now and has been getting bigger and better, with new

content and functionality added by and for New Mexicans. We appreciate the support and active participation and contributions made by our SHARE community members.

Now we are in the planning stages of *SHARE 2.0: The Next Generation*. Our goal is to continue to provide New Mexicans with an easy-to-use, “first-stop” community space for sharing information supporting action to improve our communities. Because SHARE is built for and by you, we need your input.

- Please take a few minutes to complete our [short survey](#) and tell us how SHARE can be more useful to you and the good work that you do. We'll be giving away at random ten \$10 gift cards to Starbucks for users who respond to the survey by April 30th.
- Let us know if you'd be interested in attending a focus group to provide more in-depth exchange of ideas for the new website.
  - May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00-3:00 PM at [Ngage New Mexico](#) in Las Cruces.
  - May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 PM, [Santa Fe Community Foundation](#)
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 PM, [Albuquerque Community Foundation](#)
  - Contact [wendy@sharenm.org](mailto:wendy@sharenm.org) to save a place
- Continue to use SHARE New Mexico. Update your organization's Resource Directory profile, post your community events, see what's happening in your community or in one of our Initiative areas.

## Common Grant Application is Up and Running

Thanks to a group of visionary NM funders and to all the grant-seekers who took advantage of the first round of grants using SHARE's [Common Grant Application](#).

To date over 150 applicants have signed onto the common grant application process for one or more of the six grants that have been or are currently posted. One of the benefits of the common grant application is that organizations need post required documents only once to use with multiple grant applications. And by keeping the organizational profile up-to-date in the Resource Directory, the grant application will be automatically populated with your most current information.

To others of you looking for an easier way to apply for funds, [take a look](#), try it out, and let us know what you think.

Next up, the group of NM funders will be working together to develop a common reporting format, so that organizations, funders, and the larger community will be able to track progress towards important outcomes achieved with the help of multiple grants.

**Join the SHARE Community.** SHARE New Mexico is built by and for New Mexicans. That means we all rely on each other to help keep our SHARE website active and updated. The more information we share and the more connections we make, the more all of us will benefit.

**Register on SHARE and sign up for our eMail List! Update your organization's information in the [SHARE Directory](#). Post your community events on the [SHARE Calendars](#). [Send us your comments, questions, and suggestions.](#)**



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