

New Mexico Literacy and STEM Centers

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New Mexico Literacy Center

The New Mexico Literacy Center will offer year-round literacy opportunities to New Mexico students, educators and adult learners, including:

- evaluation, science-based intervention, and advocacy for dyslexia and other reading challenges
- student programming (Summer Reading Program)
- professional development and coaching for educators;
- initiatives to strengthen literacy instruction in NM Educator Preparation Programs; and
- family and community literacy events.



Summer Reading Program

2024 Regional Map Sites

Northwest=33 Southwest=17
Northeast=26 Southeast=10
Central=25 Virtual=1

Total Sites with Data = 112

Total Sites =117

9,533 students assigned to a program site in 2024

2025 Regional Map Sites

Northwest=39 Southwest=30
Northeast=19 Southeast=25
Central=30 Virtual=1

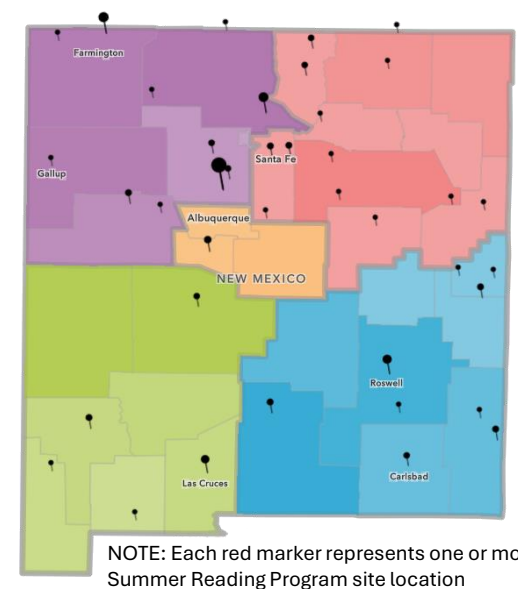
Total Sites with Complete Data = 144

Total Sites =163

10,876 students assigned to a program site in 2025



We heard from parents, students, and schools who shared overwhelmingly positive feedback and expressed strong interest in expanding reading programs—both during the summer and throughout the academic year.



New Mexico Literacy Center Appropriations and Requests

- In 2025 State Legislature appropriated \$30 million for planning, design and construction of the NM Literacy Center
- FY2027 PSSR request of \$5 million
 - research, scoping, planning, stakeholder engagement
 - supplies/equipment
 - staffing (3 –5 FTE)
- NM General Services Department budget will cover maintenance and security

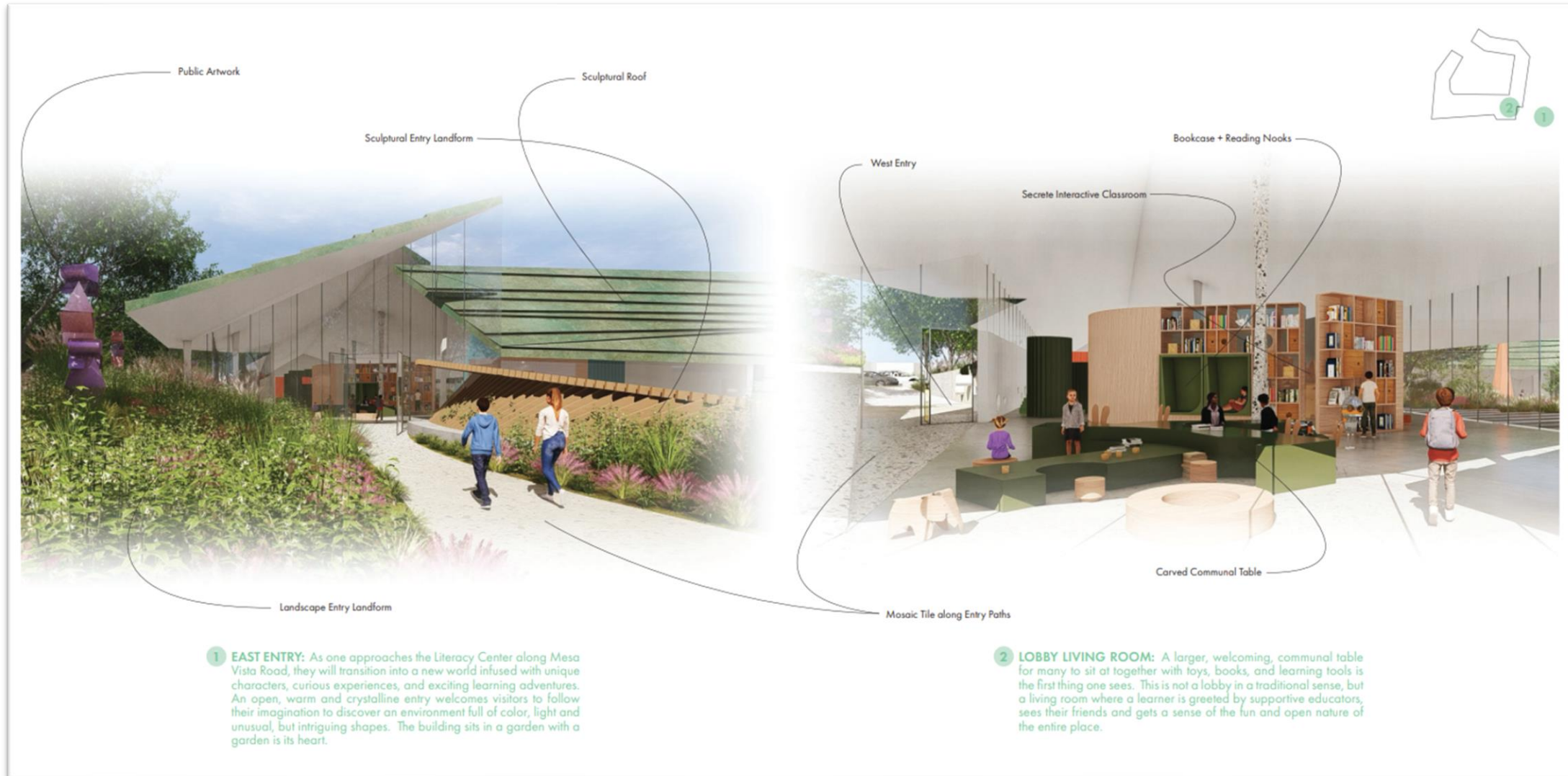
New Mexico Literacy Center Overview

- Site selection finalized in November 2024 – Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Architectural design complete
- Request for Interest of potential literacy contractors
- Advertise construction RFP – October 30, 2025
- RFP due to GSD – December 4, 2025
- State Board of Finance - week of December 18, 2025
- Construction begins – December 26, 2025
- Substantial completion – November 30, 2026
- 2026 planning year: statewide stakeholder engagement, strategic and organizational planning, program development, recruitment and hiring of staff
- NM Literacy Center will begin implementation of programming in 2027

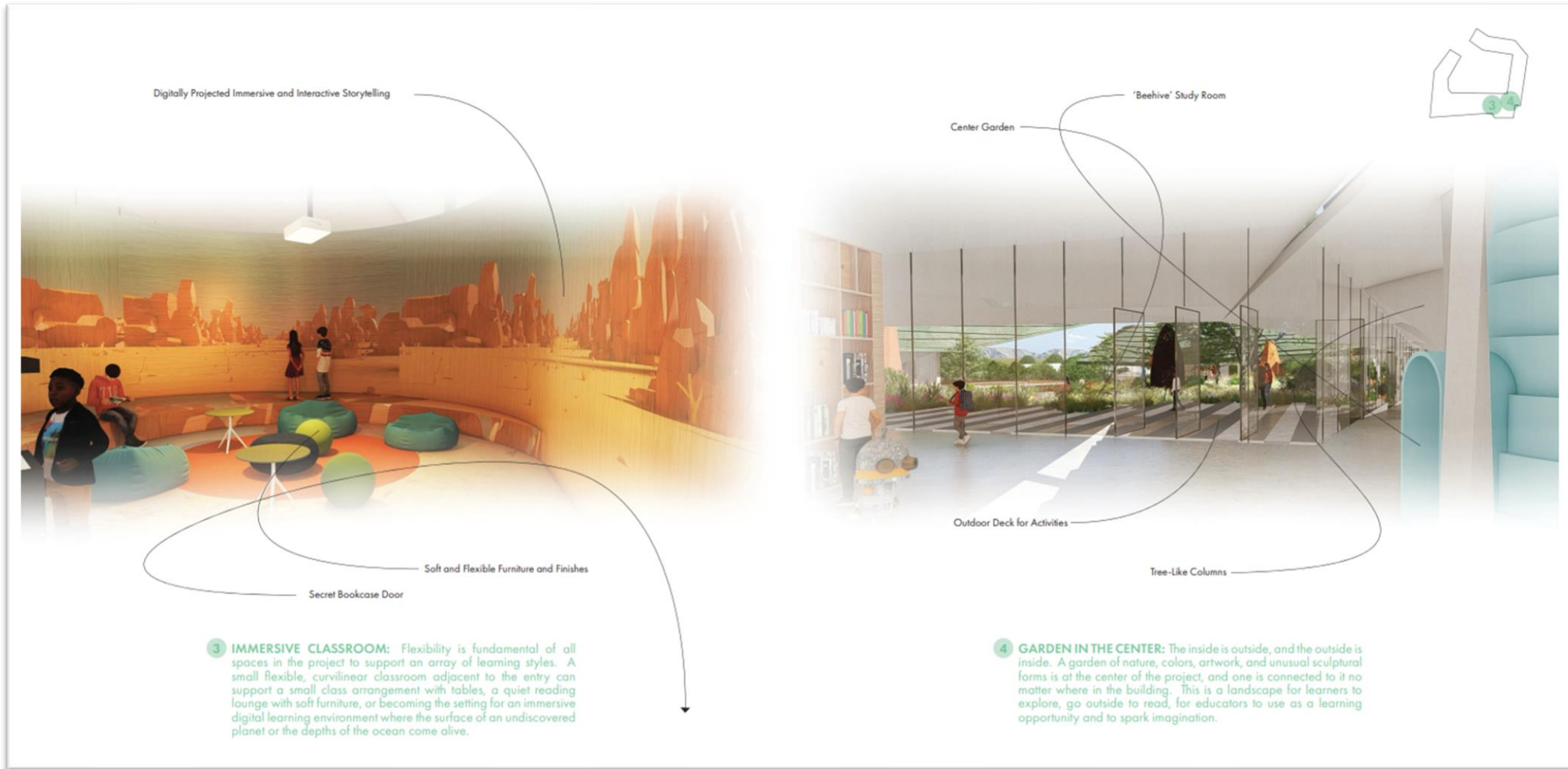
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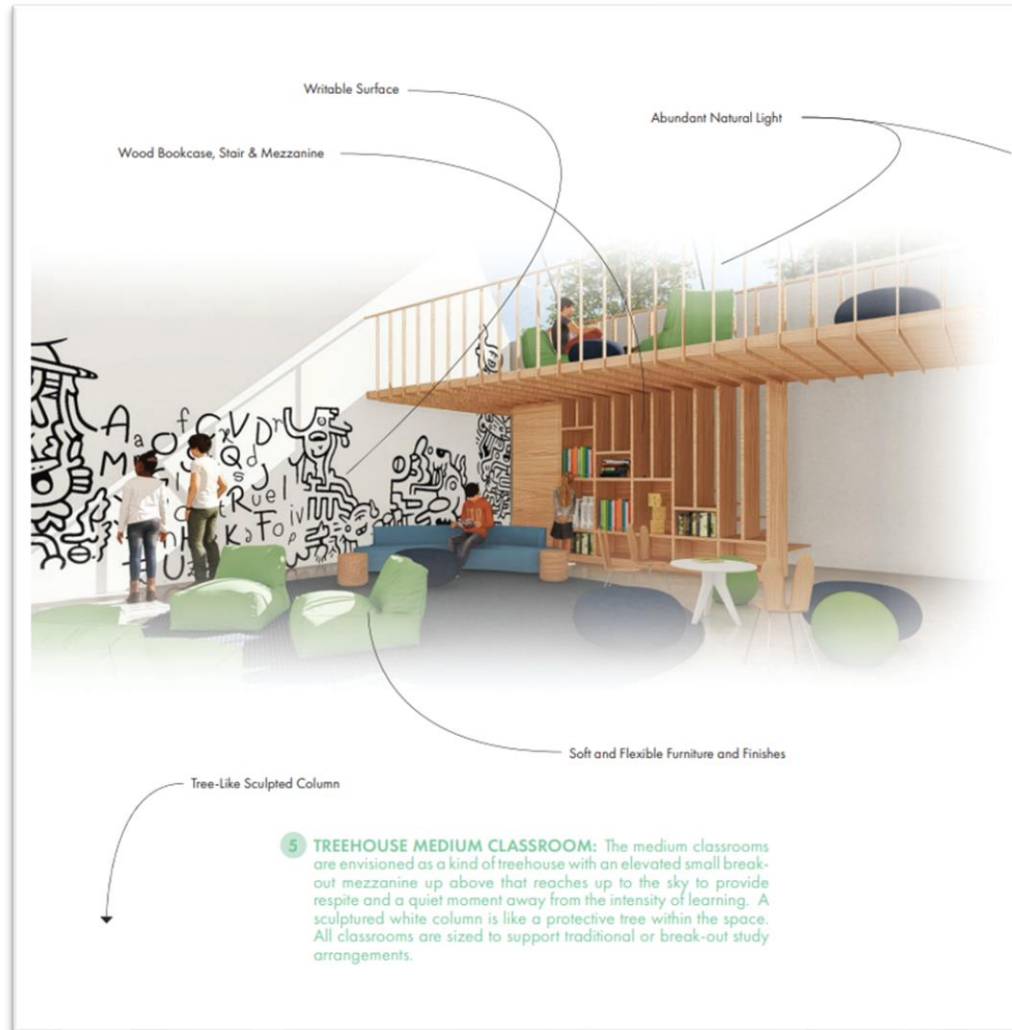
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Literacy Centers: National Landscape

- **Center for Reading (PittState University, Kansas)** - Provides evaluation, science-based intervention, and advocacy services for dyslexia and reading challenges through 1:1 and small group instruction in person and virtual.
- **Barksdale Reading Institute (Mississippi)** - Worked collaboratively with Mississippi Dept. Of Ed on research-based solutions, data and coaching. Pivotal in rolling out of structured literacy policy and implementation.
- **Florida Center for Reading Research (Florida State University)** Conducts research on literacy related skills, interventions and instruction. Works closely with Florida Department of Education supporting state literacy initiatives and provides educator professional development.
- **AIM Institute for Learning & Research (Pennsylvania)** Connects research and classroom practice through teacher training and coaching for reading, spelling and writing. AIM researchers and educators create in person and virtual trainings for educators.
 - **AIM Academy** offers educational opportunities to children with language-based learning disabilities such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia, utilizing research-based intervention.

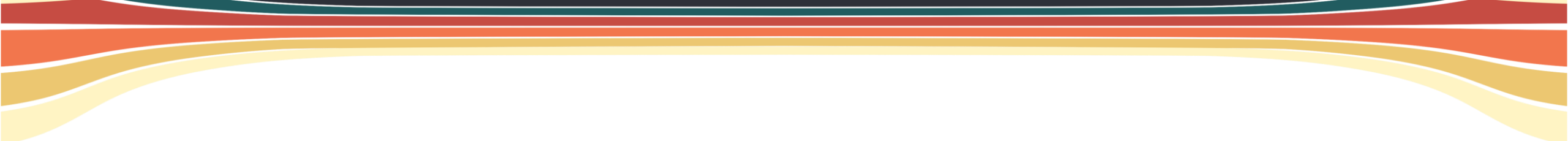
New Mexico Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (NM STEM) Center

NM STEM Center will offer year-round opportunities to New Mexico students, educators and adult learners, including:

- evaluation, science-based intervention, and advocacy for learning challenges
- student programming, tutoring and summer camps
- professional development and coaching for educators;
- initiatives to strengthen literacy instruction in NM Educator Preparation Programs;
- family and community events;
- Opportunities for partnerships is national laboratories, industry, IHEs, STEM Network

STEM Center Construction Timeline

- Design services RFP release – December 2025
- Design RFP close and award – February 2026
- Design completion – October 2026
- RFP for construction released – November 2026
- Construction completion – March 2028



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