

## **New Mexico FamilyPass Offers Free Access to State Museums Historic Sites Through Your Local Public Library**

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Local residents can now visit **the Irene S. Sweetkind Public Library in the Town of Cochiti Lake** to check out a pass good for free admission to 15 state museums and historic sites. Governor Susana Martinez unveiled the new program benefitting New Mexico families on Monday at a news conference in Albuquerque. Created by the Department of Cultural Affairs and New Mexico State Library, the New Mexico FamilyPass admits up to six people to some of the state's best attractions.

Starting this week, Family Passes are available for check out by library card holders in good standing. Borrowers must be over the age of 18 or have a parent or guardian with them to sign the borrower agreement when checking out a FamilyPass. The pass can be checked out for one week.

The FamilyPass offers access to a diverse selection of cultural experiences. The Department of Cultural Affairs runs four museums in Santa Fe: Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors, and New Mexico Museum of Art, two museums in Albuquerque: National Hispanic Cultural Center and the Museum of Natural History and Science, as well as the New Mexico Space History Museum in Alamogordo and the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces. Seven designated Historic Sites around the state include Coronado, El Camino Real Trail, Fort Selden, Fort Stanton, Fort Sumner/Bosque Redondo Memorial, Jemez, and Lincoln. For locations and museum and historic site information, please visit the DCA website, [www.newmexicoculture.org/visit](http://www.newmexicoculture.org/visit).

The pilot program will run from now until August 31, 2016.

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