

# Comprehensive Plan for Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

## City of Las Cruces, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Architectural Research Consultants, Incorporated (ARC) worked with the Las Cruces Library staff to prepare a Comprehensive Plan to guide the provision of library services to the community for the next decade. The plan considered the needs of Las Cruces, as well as Doña Ana County. This plan has its roots in a Strategic Plan completed in 1997.

The focal point for public library services in Las Cruces is the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. The library is located in the heart of Las Cruces and serves a wide area of Doña Ana County at this site and through its bookmobile.

The planning process consisted of the following elements:

- Socio-economic/Demographic Analysis
- Analysis of Community-wide Library Resources
- Community Input
- Analysis of Comparable Libraries in Other States
- Facilities Needs Analysis and Recommendations
- Validation of Library Goals and Objectives

Facility recommendations included improvements to the existing Branigan Memorial Library, a 15,000 square foot addition to the library for expanded children's services, a dedicated computer lab and expanded support services; as well as two 13,000 square foot branches, one to be constructed within the following five years.

**Completion:** 2000

**Client:** City of Las Cruces

*Possible branch library sites*

