



WINTER 2007

Bookfriends

Loma Colorado Main Library

Grand Opening



After Library Director Toni Beatty and Mayor Kevin Jackson cut the ribbon opening the Loma Colorado Main Library, the splendid building was flooded with patrons and staff. George and Susan Bliss cheerfully took Friends membership applications, and Cathy Varney stood ready at the new Friends' Shop. The "donation shed," built and donated by Dan Wallender of Handy Dons, has already been put to good use. 📖



Holiday Party a Rousing Success

December 8 was a gorgeous New Mexico day—just the right kind of day for the Friends of the Library’s first membership-wide party held in the new auditorium at the stunning Loma Colorado Main Library.

Toni Beatty, library director, welcomed FOL members and library staff and volunteers and filled the guests in on the highlights of the environmentally friendly building. Cathy Varney, vice president of the Friends and chair of special events for the organization, introduced FOL board members, made special mention of the pricing and sorting committee and the bookstore volunteers, and thanked all who were there for their efforts on behalf of the library.

Lori Snyder and Vaunda Nelson, youth services librarians, performed part of the skit that they have been taking to local elementary classrooms to introduce Rio Rancho students to the new library.

A wide variety of food was available for a fine lunch. Many of us

made sure not to have our mouths full when the Past Their Prime Players took center stage for their latest spoof. Dressed as tourists sightseeing at the library, Karen Reinhold and Cathy Varney performed their relatively unrehearsed one-half act play to entertain the guests and encourage them to volunteer at the new bookstore.

Those of us who were there enjoyed the food and the camaraderie and look forward to many more events hosted by the Friends of the Library. 📖



Have you renewed your membership in the Friends of the Library?

Fill out the form on page 7 and continue to support the Rio Rancho library.

All members receive a 10% discount on resale items in the Friends' Shop.

Support the Businesses that Support the Friends

- B&R Tax & Accounting
- Lola Belle Salon•Spa
- New Mexico Bank and Trust
- Raley's Supermarket on Southern
- Rio Rancho Printing
- Square Deal Plumbing
- Wallen Builders
- Westside Community Chorale

These businesses are active supporters of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho. If you would like to see your business listed here, contact George Oppenheimer for details.

Funded by the Friends *September through mid-December 2006*

Omar DeWitt, Treasurer

For October through mid-December, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho recorded the following financial activity:

Inflow		Outflow		As of mid-December, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho had a net worth of \$32,900. FOL's financial commitment to the construction of the Loma Colorado Library has now been met. 📖
Art & Crafts Fair	280	Bookstore expense	807	
Book sales/store	1830	Children's Services	544	
Books for Babies	91	Membership/newsletter	396	
Interest	12	Miscellaneous	483	
Membership	804	Postage/PO box	115	
Total	\$3,017	Library Support/PR	2327	
		<u>Volunteer recognition</u>	<u>356</u>	
		Total	\$5,028	

Meet FOL Board Members—*Juneal Graine, pricing and sorting*

Can a small-town girl from the southeast corner of Washington State find happiness in the big city? You bet! Juneal met Joe Graine when they both worked at the K-Mart in Beaverton, Oregon—well, maybe not so big a city, but happiness it was. Joe says that he fell for Juneal right away; “She was the one handling the money.” Juneal had graduated from Eastern Washington University near Spokane with a BA in Business and was putting her knowledge to good use.

After two years in Beaverton, Juneal moved back to Spokane and a year later Joe obtained a job with the Bureau of Land Management there. Marriage soon followed. While Joe worked as a contract specialist for different federal agencies, Juneal did secretarial work in a marketing department.

Juneal says that one of the benefits of Joe’s job has been the wonderful places that they have lived. Their daughter, Carina, was born in 1984 while they were living at Bandelier National Monument near Los Alamos. Being right at Bandelier, where they could hike with Carina in the national park, was spectacular. Even more unusual was their stay at Gettysburg National Battlefield where they lived in one of the battlefield farms—the Trostle House—that survived the three days of the battle.

In 1988 The Graineys moved to Lassen National Park, a starkly beautiful region of California, and lived in a house that had been built by the Civilian



Conservation Corps. Juneal at that time worked as an assistant to an elementary school teacher.

Eventually, when the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service hired Joe to work in Albuquerque, the Graineys settled in the North Hills area of Rio Rancho. Joe recently started work for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. For a while Juneal worked as an assistant in the special

education department of Enchanted Hills Elementary School, but the lure of free time was very strong. Now that she is enjoying the first non-working time of her adult life, Juneal reports that she loves volunteering, including the freedom of it all.

Like all of the library volunteers, Juneal is an avid reader. She tends to read lots of fiction, especially stories that center on different cultures. She wants to do more traveling to expand her first-hand knowledge of those cultures after she got a taste of what’s out there from their moves within the country.

When you browse through the new FOL bookstore at Loma Colorado Main Library, thank Juneal and her “pricing and sorting” committee for wading through the stacks of donated books and making wonderful selections for the store.

Juneal describes herself as a good friend who tries to be supportive. We know her as a very good **Friend** of the Library, indeed. 📖 S.D.

Friends of the Library Board Members for 2007

Karen Reinhold: President/

Books for Babies

Cathy Varney: Vice President/

Special Events

Omar DeWitt: Treasurer

Jean Coyne: Secretary

Susan Bliss: Membership

George Oppenheimer:

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Juneal Graine: Pricing/Sorting

Barbara Langner: Book Sales

Susanne DeWitt: Newsletter

Pat Watson: Distribution

Mary Roskom: Development

Toni Beatty: Ex-Officio

Liaison

Gloria Shapiro: Bookstore Volunteers

Ruth Cooke: Historian

Bookfriends, the newsletter of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, is published quarterly. Members’ comments and contributions are welcome. Please mail material, including your phone number, to Newsletter Editor, Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, PO Box 15143, Rio Rancho, NM 87174 📖

FOL Supporters Get Special Library Tour

November 30 was a perfect day for special supporters of the Friends of the Library to gather for their private tour of the new Loma Colorado Main Library. Arranged by membership chair Susan Bliss and led by library director Toni Beatty, the tour took a few FOL board members and those members from the patron, supporter, and life-member levels of membership behind the scenes before the building opened to the public. This privileged group got to see all the nooks and crannies, including the extensive staff work areas, while library patrons were not yet utilizing the library.

Toni gave information about the “green” aspects of the building. The group appreciated the beautiful bamboo flooring even more when its sustainability was revealed. Large east- and south-facing windows let in natural light that keep the use of artificial light to a minimum during the day.

Members of the group were particularly impressed by the local history room where much information about the founding of Rio Rancho—as original documents—is archived. Advertisements showing a happy water-skiing resident of the future town were meant to entice buyers of land. Apparently the ads did the trick, and the current residents of Rio Rancho are reaping the rewards of living in a community that could build such a fine library system.

Many thanks to Susan Bliss and Toni Beatty for the private tour and the fine refreshments. 📖 S.D.



Toni Beatty welcomes member group.

Admiring the “Twilight Zone”—the teens-only area.



Behind the scenes in technical services.

A Note from Karen Reinhold—*President of the Friends*

The staff at the Rio Rancho Libraries is incredible. They have worked very hard through this transition, receiving complaints from patrons and adjusting to various delays and changes beyond their control. This new library is equipped and functioning today because of their work. I am appreciative and grateful to them.

Rio Rancho residents are fortunate indeed.

We are also fortunate that the funding was available to provide us with this incredible new library. There are so many innovative designs within the building; the colors are vibrant yet calming and the setting is stunning. At December's ribbon cutting ceremony, Sandoval County Commissioner Jack Thomas called this building "the jewel of Rio Rancho." I believe that this is a truly fitting description for this shining building. Toni Beatty and the entire staff have worked to provide us with an outstanding space that all of us will enjoy for years to come.

Thanks to all of you—including all the community volunteers who did everything from shelving books to breaking down boxes—from the Friends of the



Start off the New Year right.
Surprise someone with a 2007 gift membership
in the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho.
Fill out the form opposite and make someone happy.

2006-7 Patrons and Supporters of the Friends of the Library

Upgrade your current
membership and see
your name here.

Patrons

Jan Marfyak
Carol Sawyer

Supporters

Nell Clark
Jack & Waddie Fertig
Stephen & Marlene Feuer
Janet V. Kelbley
Elvera & William Nobles
Karen Reinhold
ReadWest, Inc.
Yvonne Schreck

Helen (Fritz) Hall passed away Oct. 13, 2006. She was 94 years young. Fritz worked in the Friends' bookstore for several years and also volunteered helping with the pricing. She was a Supporter member of the Friends. Both her family and the Friends will miss such a lovely and gracious woman.

FOL Life Members

Mark Aicher
Dorothy Aldrich
Larry Walsh & Toni Beatty
Susan & George Bliss
Susanne & Omar DeWitt

Dmytro & Helga Dzek
Karen & Gerald Elder
Bryant & Laverne Fitzgerald
Bette T. Gorton
Patience & Sheldon McGuire

Sibyl Mitchell
George Oppenheimer, Jr.
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Gladys Smart
Elizabeth K. Witter
Barbara Ziff

Want to be a Friend of the Library? Or, is it time for you to renew?

Yes, I want to be a Friend of the Library of Rio Rancho

New Member

Annual Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Categories:

- Student/Senior (62 & over) \$5
- Friend (1 person) \$8
- Sponsor (1 person) \$25
- Supporter (1 person) \$50
- Patron (1 person) \$100

 The Friends of the Library is a 501C3 organization that raises funds and promotes the Rio Rancho Library.

Membership dues and other contributions are tax deductible.

 Your contributions will help to expand the effectiveness of the Library as an educational and recreational center in Rio Rancho. The Friends of the Library gratefully accepts bequests, memorials, honorariums, and commemorations.

I would like to help:

- in the book store
- with book sorting and pricing
- by serving on the Board
- at monthly book sales

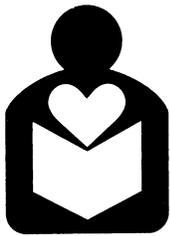
Make checks payable to: **The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.**

Mail to PO Box 15143, Rio Rancho, NM 87174 891-5013

or take your membership form to the Friends' Shop at the Loma Colorado Library.

Welcome to the new members of the Friends of the Library

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| Nancy Allison | Jill Dougherty | Deb Hurt | Susan Rashad |
| Ada Jane Akin | Angela Ellison | Jan Marfyak | Judy Renna |
| Herbert R. Au | Margrit J.Erks | Carl Mayfield | Nancy Rose |
| Diane Becker | Roque and Patty Feliciano | Mike Meek | Melanie Rosen |
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**FOL Date to Remember
Saturday Book Sales
to resume on January 13th
in the auditorium
of the Loma Colorado Main Library
10 AM to 1 PM**