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Bookfriends



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2008 BRINGS HUGE CHANGES!

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A Note from the President—Mary Roskom

There have been several changes in the Friends of the Library Board, not the least of which is the departure of Karen Reinhold from the Board. Karen has certainly worked long and hard on FOL projects and deserves the time to pursue other interests in her life. We will miss Karen greatly.

Mary Roskom moved into the President of the Board position from the vice-president's job and Babs Langner has agreed to take on the role of vice-president in addition to her monthly book sale activities.

Another long term Board member, Omar De Witt has stepped down from the Board where he served very ably as Treasurer for many years. Pat Watson has stepped into this role. Thanks very much to Karen and Omar for all you did to make the Friends of the Rio Rancho Library Board so successful.

Another huge change is the retirement of long time Director, Toni Beatty. We wish her well in this next chapter of her life.

Three newcomers joined the Board. Cynthia Jacques is the Secretary as well as Newsletter editor. Kristal Breeze heads Books For Babies. Charles Smith co-chairs Book Harvesters.

I hope you will join us in saying so long to old Friends and welcoming new ones! MR 📖



Annual Membership Meeting & Elections near!

April 18th, the Friends' annual membership meeting and elections, is almost here! Interested in becoming a board member? Know of a possible candidate? Please contact Mary Roskom at 994-1766 or 321-5853. Board members serve terms of 3 years. Our bylaws require a minimum of five board members but ***no maximum number of board members***. Officers, elected by the Board, serve in that position for 1 year.

Remember, only members who have paid their annual dues can vote at this meeting. Unpaid renewal and new memberships can be paid in our Friends' Shop bookstore or mailed to FOLORR, Inc., P.O. Box 15143, Rio Rancho, NM 87174.

Specifics of our annual membership meeting will be mailed to each member before April 4th.
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Friends of the Library Board Members

President: **Mary Roskom**
Vice President: **Barbara**
 ("Babs") Langner
Treasurer: **Pat Watson**
Secretary: **Cynthia Jacques**

Book Sale: **Babs Langner**

Books For Babies:

Kristal Breeze

Collector Books: **Jan Marfyak**

Book Harvesters: **Jan Marfyak,**
Charles Smith

Business Membership:

George Oppenheimer

Distribution: **Pat Watson**

Membership: **Mary Roskom**

Newsletter: **Cynthia Jacques**

Pricing and Sorting: **Jan Marfyak**

Ex-Officio Member: **Toni Beatty**

Liaison, Friends' Shop Volunteers:

Gloria Shapiro 

Library & Information Services now a separate City department

Formerly part of Parks and Recreation, "Library and Information Services" became its own department within city government in November 2007. 

Friends' Shop Report

Hi from the bookstore.

It's wonderful to see familiar faces and wonderful to see so many new faces. I love meeting new people because I get to give them my "spiel." You know the one, "We're a volunteer organization and these are all donated books. The pricing group prices and shelves them. We sell them extremely cheap and the money we raise goes back to the library to fund programs and education that they wouldn't normally be able to pay for. Let me tell you about our Saturday booksales, yada, yada, yada."

You'd think I would be tired of it after all these years, but I'm not. I love to see the expression on people's faces when they realize how cheap the books are and especially how inexpensive the children's books are.

The people absolutely LOVE the bookmarks with the Sat. booksale dates on them (but you have to come to the bookstore to get one). We can thank Karen and Stew Reinhold for them.

So please come and visit us and buy those great books. Remember it's the thrill of the hunt that is so special.

And maybe some of you customers might like to try volunteering in the bookstore. I really need volunteers to substitute for the regulars. And if there is a permanent opening, you might like to try that. My phone number is 891-1190. Give me a call and we can set up a training date.

Gloria Shapiro 

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

Book Donation 102

— Every Book Should Have A Home

Those of us who volunteer at the library seem to have an unspoken bond: every book is a treasure and should have a home.

In a day and age when we are saturated with oral and visual media, books seem to receive less homage – attention, if you will – overwhelmed as they are by other media.

People who devote time to reading will tell you they have a special list of books they consider treasures. Some keep extensive libraries in their homes and other are inveterate library goers, hauling books home week after week.

The Friends like to think that books have a life of their own, that they can always find a home – even if temporary – with someone who may treasure them. Still other books are circulated not unlike library books; read and then passed on to someone else. Like the proverbial coat of many colors, some books can have many homes.

In an age of recycling, books take their place in that conservation scheme, one every book-lover knows and hopes for. No matter how worn and tired a book may appear, it may have value, still become someone's treasure. All it needs is to be given the opportunity to find that someone.

Rarely do the volunteers discard a book, and then always with a heartfelt sigh. Even the most tattered are placed on the "free cart" in the hope that someone will want to give it a home.

After all, books are a little like people; they, too, hope for a second chance. They, too, need and want a home. 📖



Do you have books languishing in piles about your house?



The donation process:

- Take your bagged or boxed items to the Friends' donation hutch on the north side of the Loma Colorado Main Library. It's clearly marked. Drive right up to it and place your donations inside.
- Then drive around to the main lot by the front door, park, and enter the library.
- Go directly to the Friends' Shop if you wish a receipt for tax purposes.

Support the Businesses that Support the Friends

- B&R Tax & Accounting
- Rio Rancho Printing
- Lola Belle Salon•Spa
- Square Deal Plumbing
- New Mexico Bank and Trust
- 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. 📖

Esther Bone Library reopening 2/11/08 !

by Robert Nankin, Branch Manager

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the Esther Bone Memorial Library has taken shape. Our beloved branch library, closed for over a year, has recovered from fire, smoke and water damage. Library staff is confident that the opening day will be February 11th, 2008!

Frequent delays prevented an earlier opening. The first problem was acquiring additional funding for the renovations. During the 15 years Esther Bone had been opened, almost 1,000 people a day had gone through its doors. Although the building held up pretty well, the extensiveness of the repairs needed was only realized after the move to the new library.

Major repairs included: a new roof, new heating and air conditioning units, new carpet and floor tiles, new wall coverings and ceiling tiles, new front doors (both sets), new windows in the staff lounge, new lighting throughout the building, a new ceiling in the children's area, new sinks in the public and staff bathrooms, new countertops throughout and many other items too numerous to mention.

Renovation money was secured from the city before the project went out to bid. Although only one bid was received, the bid process took time. Fortunately, the bidder, Vigil Contractors of Albuquerque, passed all of the requirements and renovations began in July. At this point, Vigil began work with its sub-contractors, most of who had to order materials. This process also took quite a bit of time.

As with most renovation projects, additional work was discovered as things are uncovered or cut away. Much of this additional work was electrical in nature and carries with it a fairly high cost. Before the workers could proceed, this additional cost had to be approved, adding more time to the project.

Just when things started to move forward, on September 12th at about 4:00 pm the fire alarm at Esther Bone went off and the Rio Rancho Fire Department was dispatched! Earlier in the afternoon, welders were working on the roof and apparently sparks from the welding caused some insulation to smolder without their knowledge. The welders left for the afternoon, as the insulation smoldered, and eventually caught fire sending flames through the roof. Fortunately the fire alarms were in working order and the Fire Department responded quickly. The damage from fire, smoke, and the fire-fighting was not extensive but caused a slight delay in the renovation.

Now, however, everything seems to be in place. The new roof was installed followed shortly thereafter by the installation of the new heating and air conditioning units. Outside caulking of the cement and window joints has been completed. Inside work included paint, bamboo paneling, front door installation and data and power removal and re-installation.

Besides all of the building work, the city arranged for a complete landscape renovation for the rear of the library. A new mural has been painted on the outside walls of the dumpster enclosure. The library staff gained access to Esther Bone on December 31st to start the move back into the library. Because of a major upgrade to the fire protection system, a temporary certificate of occupancy was issued. This temporary c.o. only allowed up to 8 paid staff in the building. Shelf reading, weeding, cleaning and inventory of books were performed. Offices were set-up, furniture arranged, technology hooked up and new books, magazines and media placed on the library shelves.

All in all this has been an exciting project that will benefit the residents of our growing city.

Initially the Esther Bone Library will be open 40 hours per week. These hours are Monday/Wednesday, 9:00-5:00, Tuesday/Thursday, 12:00-8:00, and Friday/Saturday, 9:00-1:00.

We look forward to seeing you there ! 

Book Harvesters Service Is Born!

By Jan Marfyak



It's no secret the books donated to the Friends provide the life-blood of our support to the Rio Rancho library. Donations enable us to support library programs that impact our community, programs that the library could not fund.

Donated books are a gift and, as such, are treated with care. Many such donations are taken directly into the library's collection and placed in circulation. Others are selected for sale in the Friends' bookstore or for the monthly book sale. Still others, if determined to be of value as antiques, are placed on consignment with a local book-dealer who has experience in marketing such books.

Each Thursday morning, a dedicated group of volunteers sorts, i.e., *harvests*, through the contributions making the above determinations. This evaluative process is lengthy and time-consuming but assures that donations are treated with respect and achieve maximum benefit.

But FOL volunteers can only "*harvest*" contributions if donors are willing and able to provide a steady stream of books. (Music tapes, CD's, video tapes, and DVD's are also welcome.) We look to the Friends to help provide that stream by encouraging contributions.

Now, if a prospective donor's contribution is large or too difficult to bring to the library, **volunteers will pick up at the owner's convenience.**

The donor can contact me, Jan Marfyak, directly at 994-3066. Together we'll arrange a pickup date and time. 📖

FOL Welcomes New Members

Mary Bushma

Kathleen Marr

Lisa Cour

Trudie Meyer

Beth Crompton

Adnan Raza

Nancy Karberg

Maureen Senetra

Friends help RR schools

For years, schools across the US send home requests for box tops and/or labels they later redeem for books and educational supplies. To help foster reading and related educational endeavors, the Friends will collect, and later distribute, General Mills' *Box Tops For Education* and Campbell's labels on selected products. Details on each are available on their websites: www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. The *Box Tops* and qualifying labels with UPCs can be left at the Friends' Shop desk. 📖

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Categories:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student/Senior (62 & over) | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Friend (1 person) | \$8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sponsor (1 person) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Supporter (1 person) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Patron (1 person) | \$100 |

The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)3 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.

Business Friends, for membership information, contact George Oppenheimer at 771-8742 or georgeoppenheimer@yahoo.com.

Get Recognized for New Member Referrals!

Encourage potential new members you refer to the Friends to write "Referred by:" and your name on their new member form. At the end of 2008, we'll tally the referrals (and give a special award to our top referrer).

2008 Book Sales Schedule

Second Saturdays of every month Book Sales, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, will continue at Loma Colorado Library: Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, Mar. 8th, Apr. 12th, May 10th, Jun. 14th, Jul 12th, Aug. 9th, Sep. 13th, Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th, Dec. 13th.

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FOL Dates to Remember



Saturday Book Sales

**The second Saturday of every month
Auditorium of the Loma Colorado Main Library
10 AM to 1 PM**



General Membership Meeting and Annual Volunteer Recognition

**Loma Colorado Main Library
Friday, April 18, 2008
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**