

Bookfriends



Fall 2009



A Message From Our President, Mary Roskom

Now that we are all heading into a very busy Holiday Season I want to make sure you all get our Holiday Luncheon celebration on your calendars. This year's celebration will take place on **Friday, December 4, 2009 from 11:30am to 1pm**. Hope to see you there!

It has been a busy year for the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho and I am happy to share with you some of the great things we've accomplished. We began selling some of our donations online this year and have found this a great way to increase book sales and help our bottom line at the same time. The Board also established a small scholarship fund to further the education of library staff. We hope to award the first scholarship prior to the beginning of the next semester and look forward to increasing the award amount when finances permit. The Board also purchased baby backpacks for the Books For Babies Program. These packets had previously been distributed in plastic bags which we decided were not environmentally friendly. The new purple backpacks are made possible by the sale of the blue cloth book bags found at the circulation desk and in the book stores. Many thanks to Rebecca Donnelly of the Youth Services staff and Kristal Breeze, Board Member, for their hard work in selecting the products, packing the bags and taking care of the distribution.

Due to city budget cuts the Friends were asked to fund some library programs which were slashed from the city budget. Working together to accomplish this, most programs went on as scheduled. Increased attendance at almost all programs and increased utilization of library facilities and programs underscores the need for our continued support.

The Friends Board of Directors held a Board Retreat recently which has resulted in renewed commitment to our library system. The Board will be actively recruiting talent and expertise within the community to strengthen our committee structure, increase visibility in the community and add strength to the Board itself. If you are interested in volunteering and have any special talent or expertise you can lend us, we are interested in hearing from you. Please note that these last two months of the year we are offering two for one memberships for new members and we hope you will be joining us!

Happy Holidays! 📖

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Congratulations, Amber!!!!

The Friends' Youth Board Member, Amber Porter, has been recognized as a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist! This places Amber in the top one percent of high school students graduating in 2010! 

Friends' Bookstore

Hello again. I'm Gloria Shapiro and I volunteer as the trainer and scheduler for the Friends of the Library Bookstore in the Loma Colorado Public Library. I've been feeling a little sad to see summer go. I know it's been a hot one this year, but I love summer. I have felt this way since I was a young child.

However, Fall does bring gorgeous color and a freshness to the air. Winter brings us to a thoughtful time when we can get closer to friends and family. The best thing about Winter is that it is the perfect time to get cozy with a book or two. Cozying up on the couch reading a great book or laying in bed reading makes me feel rich. Reading takes me somewhere that I will never be able to go personally. I can shut out the world and just concentrate on the characters and their lives.

I lead a busy life like most of us do, but I read as a present to myself. And if you shop at our bookstore or at our monthly booksales, like I do, we don't break the bank giving ourselves this important present. All of the readers of the FOL newsletter already know this and I'm sure shop for very inexpensive reading material already. We thank you very much for your patronage.

On another note, don't forget that we always need volunteers in several capacities. There are volunteer positions in the bookstore, in the booksales, in the pricing group and with sales online. We REALLY need volunteers to help clear the hutch of donated books and to sort them out. If you are interested in volunteering, stop in the bookstore and get more information. We need a few good people.

Enjoy the upcoming season and I will see you in the bookstore or booksale. Gloria. 



Books for Babies Program



The Books for Babies program has been busy! We gave 40 packets to ReadWest for their 20th Anniversary Celebration that is coming up on Nov. 7th. They were very receptive and thankful for the packets.

The WIC (Women, infants and Children) department was very excited and grateful to receive the 50 packets (25 English and 25 Spanish). They said to say a big Thank You to the FOLORR, it was very thoughtful to think of them.

Rebecca Donnelly, the Youth Services Librarian, has given 50 packets (35 English and 15 Spanish) to Abrazos, the Sandoval County organization that provides services to families with children with developmental disabilities.

Independence High School received 15 packets (12 Spanish and 3 English) for their daycare program. They also received 25 packets (21 English and 4 Spanish) for the teen moms of the GRADS program at IHS.

We are very excited to be giving out these packets. We cannot stress enough how important it is to start reading to children at a young age. It is never too early to start reading. This is such a great way for parents and grandparents to spend time with a child and encourage them with books. This leads to children being interested in reading when they start school.

The Books for Babies program raises money by selling books bags that are available for only \$2.00. Any donation to the FOLORR, specifically the BFB program would be greatly appreciated; your gift may be tax deductible. 

News from the Loma Colorado Adult Services Department

Gillian Michell

The Adult Services Department is doing more with less, as is everyone during this economic downturn, and we're coping with the challenges so far. On a day-to-day basis, you may have noticed adult services librarians popping up in other library departments as we help cover temporary staff shortages—the change of scene is often an enlightening experience!

Our newest programming venture is a series of monthly programs on local history, both Rio Rancho's and New Mexico's. Also, to capture more of Rio Rancho's early history while we still can, we have begun actively soliciting accounts of personal histories and memories from early and long-time residents and public figures of Rio Rancho. Some of these accounts are recorded as oral histories for our oral history collection. (An interview with longtime library director Toni Beatty is a recent fascinating addition.) If local history is an interest of yours, please attend the programs, visit the Local History Room, or become a local history volunteer.

Other upcoming programs include concerts for all tastes—flamenco, choral music, and the local group Squash Blossom Boys have been booked for the near future. Our introductory computer classes have been restructured and will be offered again beginning in November. Watch also for the reprise of the very popular wreath-making workshop and an evening on "Wines of Enchantment."

The adult services staff has been busy producing brochures and bookmarks to help patrons use the wealth of resources we have. Our most recent brochure covers print and online library resources for job searches, while another popular brochure describes NoveList, a database that helps you choose the next book you'd like to read. On the new books shelf is a whole set of bookmarks advising readers on what to read while waiting for their holds on the latest bestsellers—very popular right now, particularly with the 90 people wanting one of our 12 copies of *The Lost Symbol*!

The library's newest service is the downloadable audiobooks program, still small while we see how patrons respond to it. If you try it out, please let us know what you think, and if you need help with the downloading process, please call 891-5013, ext. 3040, or email ebooks@ci.rio-rancho.nm.us. 

Win!-Win!-Win!-Win!-Win!

Problem: Limited space and constantly moving around piles of books that you've already read.

Solution: WIN!-WIN!-WIN!-WIN!-WIN!

- Win #1: Place all your no longer used or unwanted gently used books and CDs into your car or truck.
- Win #2: Donate these items to the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho (see page 6 for drop-off directions) and thus gain space in your home.
- Win #3: Obtain a receipt for tax deduction purposes (As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho can provide you with a receipt for your tax purposes.)
- Win #4: The Friends will use the proceeds from the sale of your donation to help fund library programming for our community's toddlers, youths, and adults.
- Win #5: You'll now have space available for great books that you can purchase at huge discounts at the Friends' Bookstores at Loma Colorado Main Library and Esther Bone Memorial Library and also at our monthly Booksales (2nd Saturday monthly)! 

From Youth Services...

By Stephanie A. Zaslav; Manager, Youth Services; Rio Rancho Public Library

Fall has been simply beautiful in New Mexico. It has been almost a wrench to come inside for indoor activities, but even so attendance has been good at our fall programs. Storytimes...Baby Bumblebees for the littlest future readers (ages 0-2) and their adults and ToddlerTime, ages 3-4, and their adults, both programs fill up the Children's Program Room at Loma Colorado Main Library Monday through Thursday mornings. At Esther Bone Memorial Library, Story Time with Story Lady and Song Lady covers the preschool ages 4-6.

Guaranteed to get the wiggles out (at least for the short term) "Beep and Bop," the lively musical movement program for children up to age 5 and their adult began again at EB in September; Loma's similar program, "Jiggle & Jam," will resume in November during the storytime break. These sessions engage children and adults together in musical activities with each child having a variety of instruments to play along; it also highlights the growing children's music CD collection available for checkout.

For the school-aged, EB has hosted a "Harvest Tea for Two," (Mom and You) party, the first in a quarterly series of tea parties. "Late Night at the Library" featured scary stories and activities...flashlight tag in the eek! dark, dark of the library continues to be a big hit. Loma celebrated the now-famous pigeon stories by Mo Willems with an afternoon devoted to the bird...original pictures to be sent to the author among other things. Another children's book to be similarly feted will be WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE; there will be music to rumpus to, a wild craft, a monster treat to eat and more. American Girls continues: Kit, Addy and Kaya so far. For the science-minded, Design Squad is in its second year. Family Game Night has expanded from just chess to chess and checkers and now includes a terrific assortment of board games.

Star Heights continues to offer interesting, off-beat craft activities on Fridays (kids do NOT do homework on Fridays).

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group) is busily planning the Medieval Masquerade to be held in November. Teens are encouraged to come in costume; there'll be activities, prizes and, of course, the library will be open only to teens (Friday night). Wii Wednesdays ...gaming in the Twilight Zone...has really begun to take off; there'll be a Wii Tournament to highlight this new on-going program.

Coming up. . . a Lego Club for all ages, the third Saturday of every month. Any Lego donations would be welcome; space is the theme for the first meeting. Battle of the Books, which had moved to Las Cruces, will be back . . .in Albuquerque instead of Rio Rancho, but the library will again be sponsoring an elementary and a middle school team. Loren Kahn Puppet Theatre will be entertaining wee ones with "Peek-a-boo theater" (LC), Andy Mason will be bringing his special brand of music during the holidays for kids and their families (EB), Cocoa Classics will highlight trolls this year (LC). 📖

Friends' Board of Directors: Kristal Breeze (*Books For Babies Program*), Linda Downey (*Amazon Sales*), Anne Goodman, Cynthia Jacques (*Secretary*), Babs Langner (*Vice President*), Jan Marfyak, Kim Newell, Amber Porter, Mary Roskom (*President*), Charles Smith, Pat Watson (*Treasurer*), and Janet Wilder.

Volunteers' Liaisons to the Board of Directors are Gloria Shapiro (*Bookstore Volunteers*) and Babs Langner (*Pricing and Sorting*). 📖

Esther Bone Memorial Library

Your Neighborhood Library in Rio Rancho — by Robert Nankin, Branch Manager

On February 11th, 2010 the Esther Bone Memorial Library will celebrate its second anniversary since re-opening after a 14 month closure. Esther Bone, the first free standing library in the city of Rio Rancho, closed in October 2006 for the move to the new Loma Colorado Main Library and for an extensive renovation. The current location served as the main library in Rio Rancho from 1992 through 2006. When the building re-opened it became the first branch library in the history of our city.

From 1986 through 1992, Rio Rancho operated a small library on the lower level of the old city hall on Southern Boulevard. Toni Beatty, beloved library director, was hired to run the original library in city hall and then oversaw the building of Esther Bone and the Loma Colorado Library. She retired early in 2008 after a long and important career in establishing public library service to our growing city.

Library service in Rio Rancho actually began in the mid 1960's as people began to settle in Rio Rancho Estates. There was an all volunteer library with a donated collection of books in a small building in Haynes Park. This library was run by Esther Bone, the namesake of our current location.

Esther Bone would be pleasantly surprised on how far we have come as a library and a city since her years serving as the coordinator of the volunteer library in the 1960s and 1970's. Our beautiful main library on Loma Colorado Drive serves a vast population from not only Rio Rancho, but much of Sandoval and Bernalillo counties as well. In fact both libraries in Rio Rancho serve over 30,000 people a month combined. In the first quarter of 2010, over 250,000 people will have used the Esther Bone branch in its first two years of operation.

With over 58,000 books and other materials such as DVDs, music CDs, Books on CD and magazines, the Esther Bone Memorial Library circulated over 160,000 items in fiscal year 2009. Currently the library is on track to circulate over 190,000 items in fiscal year 2010. Books and media are not the only things that bring people through the doors. The library is also a vital information resource for the citizens of Rio Rancho. Both the youth services and adult departments are staffed by professional librarians with Masters Degrees in Library Science and many years of on the job experience.

Computers in libraries are certainly a common site these days and that is no exception at the branch location. There are 10 public computers which provide access to the Internet and up to date word processing software to help patrons create resumes and do homework assignments. The library is also wireless and multiple users take advantage of this service every day.

A very special part of the libraries in Rio Rancho is the programs being offered. These programs offer the citizens of the surrounding area free educational, entertaining and sometimes inspiring events. Both libraries offer concerts, Chautauqua's, music and movement workshops, story times, informational events and so much more. To find out more about programs at either the Esther Bone Library or the Loma Colorado Library, patrons can stop in and pick up an events calendar or visit our website at www.ci.rio-rancho.nm.us/library.

To conclude, the Esther Bone Memorial Library is a true neighborhood library and community center. Many of our patrons walk here or drive just a short distance. They make it part of their daily or weekly routine. Many of the library users are older people who enjoy the friendly, safe, quiet, and well-lit environment. The library staff always makes sure to greet everyone with a smile and to be as helpful as we can. Once you visit us once, we guarantee you will want to come back often. We wish you well and hope to see you often. 

We Thank These Businesses & Organizations that Support the Friends.

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Business Friends, for membership information, please contact us at FOLORR@gmail.com. 

Volunteers Needed!

The Friends are now selling collectible books on Amazon. Volunteers are needed a few hours each week to assist in looking up book values and/or listing these books on Amazon. Please contact Linda Downey at 349-8836 if you can help.

Special thanks to Kim Newell, Cora Ramsey and Charlotte Kennedy for the time they have donated in getting this project up and running!! 

Donations & Book Hutch

We thank every donor of gently used books, CDs, video tapes, DVDs, and/or puzzles. Sale proceeds fund quality programs for children and adults at Loma Colorado, Esther Bone, and the Star Heights Learning Center.

For donations of books too large or too difficult to bring to the Loma Colorado Main Library, please call Jan Marfyak at 994-3066 to arrange a pick up date and time.

Otherwise, when bringing donated items to the Loma Colorado Main Library:

- Drive to the far right (north) of the Library, into the Employee Parking area.
- Against the northern wall of the Loma Colorado Library, you'll see an unpainted wooden donation hutch (as shown here in the photo to the far right).
- Drive up to and then place your bagged or boxed donations inside of this, the Friends' donation hutch.
- Then drive to the main lot by the Library's front door, park, and enter the library.
- Go directly to the Friends' Shop if you would like a receipt for tax purposes. 





Be a Friend of the Library of Rio Rancho!

November & December Special: 2 for the price of 1!

New Member

Annual Renewal

Your Name _____

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Membership Categories

- Student/Senior (62 & over) \$5
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- Sponsor (1 person) \$25
- Supporter (1 person) \$50
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You will receive a gift card to personally announce your gift.

More HOLIDAY GIFTS: Memorials and Tributes!

Looking for that perfect gift for the person who has everything? Celebrate that wedding, birthday, graduation or a special friendship with a donation and/or membership to the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho!

Honor the memory of an avid reader with a gift to the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho.

Whether a celebration or memorial, we will promptly send an appropriate card to acknowledge the event and your gift.

All donations are tax deductible and your gift will be acknowledged in the newsletter. Memorial and tribute forms are available in the Friends' Bookstore or contact Linda Downey at 349-8836. 

 The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho (FOLORR) is a 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds and promotes the Rio Rancho Library System. Membership dues and other contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

 We can be contacted at (505) 891-5013 or FOLORR@gmail.com.

 Your membership and contributions help to expand the effectiveness of the Library System as an educational and informational center in Rio Rancho.

 The Friends of the Library gratefully accepts bequests, memorials, honorariums, and commemorations.

 Please make your check payable to: **The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.** Mail to PO Box 15143, Rio Rancho, NM 87174 or bring your membership form to the Friends' Shop at the Loma Colorado Main Library. 



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Rio Rancho Library System Locations & Hours

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(505) 891-5013
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



Esther Bone Memorial Library
950 Pinetree Road SE
(505) 891-5012
Monday, Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, 12 p.m.-8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



Star Heights Learning Center
800 Polaris Blvd. SE
(505) 891-3938
Monday-Friday, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.



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FOL Dates to Remember

Loma Colorado Main Library's Auditorium:

Friday, Dec. 4: Holiday Party & Membership Drive

Saturday Book Sales:

The second Saturday monthly

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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2010: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10



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