

Bookfriends



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A Message From Our President, Mary Roskom



Having just completed our annual FOLRR Board Retreat, it is difficult to focus on much else besides the daunting tasks ahead of us. Some of the goals we have for the next year include increasing membership by at least 10%, developing policies for obtaining and retaining business members, expanding the Books for Babies Program, and publishing and selling our FOLRR cookbooks. We just received shipment of our cookbooks, so we can cross off the publishing phase. They are wonderful, well laid out and only \$10 if you take advantage of our pre-holiday sale. Many thanks to Jan Wilder for all her hard work on this task from start to finish!

The Thursday morning Pricing and Sorting group is growing again. We can use all the help we can get, so please give a hand if you are able. This group meets at 9 am in the Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium and generally works until around 11:30. Thanks to all those who come. It is a fun time in spite of the hard work!

Lastly, I would like to mention the passing of our Treasurer, Pat Watson. Pat and I came on the Board at the same time and came to be good friends, but she was a friend to all she met. Thanks to her guidance and guardianship of our funds, we have been able to provide quality programming at both libraries as well as many of the incidentals that can't find their way into the city budget. Our scholarship program for library staff has been named after her, the Pat Watson Memorial Scholarship. I had the opportunity to let her know of this Board decision in her last weeks, and she was very touched. We will all miss her light, laugh and love.

I hope to see you all at the Holiday Volunteers' Luncheon and hope that you can bring a potential new member to our organization. See you all December 10th! 📖

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From the Editors: As you no doubt have noticed, this is a 4-page newsletter. In an attempt to provide timelier news about FOLRR's numerous activities, we are investigating alternating between 4- and 8-page newsletters throughout the coming year. We welcome your feedback on this, as well as on all Friends' activities. 📖

Hot Off the Press!!



The Friends' very own spiral bound cookbook of tried & true recipes has arrived and is ready for purchase at our Friends' Shop in the Loma Colorado Main Library. At \$10 each, they make lovely, thoughtful gifts! And, Friends' members get a 10% discount during our pre-holiday sale upon presentation of their membership cards! 📖

What Happens to the Books I Donate to the Friends?

Pricing and Sorting our Donated Used Books

By Babs Langner, FOLRR Vice President and Monthly Book Sales Chairman

Selling donated used books is the main source of income for the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho. The books come in all sizes, all conditions, and all ages. In order to make the most money for the Library, the Thursday morning “price & sort” group puts all these diverse books into five categories: super valuable, current and nice, used appearance but good content, ragged but acceptable, moldy and chewed. These are general terms for the categories, but the members have much more specific guidelines.



Super valuable books are the most difficult to identify. The “price & sort” volunteers select books that they feel possibly could sell for at least \$20. Then volunteers check these books on the internet. About one tenth of the books checked out on the computer are worth enough money to be listed for sale on Amazon.com. After a book is sold, someone has to put it in a mailer and take it to the post office. This is a long process.

Books that are sold in the Friends’ Book Shop usually are published after 2000. The “price & sort” volunteers check the copyright date for fiction and nonfiction before they put books in this category. The condition of each book should be good, and if it is fiction, it should have a dust cover.

The exceptions are the classics which, of course, were written perhaps hundreds of years ago. Nonfiction books also could have an earlier copyright date, but should have popular content and be in good condition.

The monthly sale books include just about everything. The content should be in the broad category of main stream. Exceptions occur, however, since foreign language books are donated along with specialized hobby ones. All these books sell for \$0.50 which really is ***the best deal in Rio Rancho!***

The books for the free cart often are ragged, but not always. After a book has been for sale for five months at \$0.50 without a buyer, it is put on the free cart. Often these books are in very good condition, but the subject matter is not main stream. Those volunteers who work in the Book Shop know that the free cart empties quickly which makes everyone happy.

Some books arrive that are moldy, chewed on the corners, missing pages, or severely water damaged. These books go into the recycling category.

The “price & sort” volunteers work at least three or four hours each week, sometimes six or seven hours if an overload of books has been donated. The reward, of course, is knowing that the Library will be able to serve the children and adults with special programs.

Reading expands the universe, creates delight, and nourishes the soul. The Friends of the Library provide a wonderful service for the people of Rio Rancho! 📖



Many Thanks to FOLRR’s Business & Organization Members:

Friends of Coronado State Monument

Sandoval County Historical Society

ReadWest

The Juliette RP Foundation

Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce

Under Charlie’s Covers 📖

A Blast from the Past ~ 1985: The First Friends' Monthly Book Sales in Rio Rancho

By Cindy Woodrum, Former Friends' Board Member

The Esther Bone Library was located in the northwest downstairs corner of the old City Hall at the time I was asked to do a book sale. Before I started, someone had already begun organizing books for the sale in a small room located within the Library. I continued to organize and prepare books for a future sale.

I believe the first Book Sale was held in February 1985. As I recall, paperback books were put in Coke flats on six or seven tables in the public area of the old City Hall, and hardbacks were shelved in the small book room. Paperbacks sold for \$0.10 and hardbacks were \$0.25 each. There was never a shortage of books to sell. Often, Coke flats filled with books were on the floor under the tables. Also, the day before each book sale, city workers would leave tables for my use. The day of the sale I set up the tables and set the books out. The first sales I did alone, but after a while, I had the help of another volunteer.

I also did the advertisements for the sales. Each month I created an eye pleasing flier, copied it on colored paper, and asked businesses if I could post the fliers in their windows.

The first sale made just under \$100. Subsequent sales increased, never earning more than \$140.

At some point in running the book sales, I was asked to become a Friends' Board member.



[Update: Currently approximately a dozen volunteers in the "price & sort" group organize the donated books (please see the article opposite), and another 6 - 8 join them to staff the monthly book sales held on the second Saturday of each month in the Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium. During the last year, the Friends have made \$450 - \$550 on each sale.] 📖

☞ Memories of Our Dear Friend Pat Watson ☞

A very enthusiastic volunteer and the Friends' determined and dedicated Treasurer

We will all miss Pat's wonderful sense of humor, her enthusiasm for all of the library projects and her amazing courage. *Linda Downey*

Besides her passion, compassion and intellect, Pat's smile, laughter, and sense of humor are sorely missed. *Cynthia Jacques*

I will miss Pat and our trips to Sam's Club together. We would go pick up food for the Friends' Holiday Luncheon and the Annual Meeting and would meander around looking at other things too while on our way to pick up the sandwiches and the desserts. Pat was very fond of the little cheesecake squares. She liked that you could just pop them in your mouth and enjoy. Whatever else we had to pick up, she always said, "Make sure we get those cheesecake squares." At the reception after her funeral, guess what the family served? Those little cheesecake squares! While I was popping one in my mouth, I thought of Pat and how much she liked them. I know we will continue to serve them at our gatherings, and I will think of her each time. Maybe we should rename them Pat's Cheesecake Squares. Pat was a very wonderful lady, and I will miss her dearly. *Kristal Breeze* 📖



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(505) 891-5013

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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, 12–8 P.M.

Friday-Saturday, 9 A.M.–1 P.M.



Garage and yard sales are perfect opportunities to donate any unsold, **gently used** books to the Friends. Please call 89-2READ or see our website www.FOLRR.org for donation information.

Upcoming Events & Dates

 **December 10th** 

Holiday Luncheon

honoring all our Friends' Volunteers

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium at 11:30am

 **December 14th** 

Business After Hours

Hosted by the Friends for Rio Rancho
Regional Chamber of Commerce members.

All FOLRR Members are also invited!

For details, please call us at 89-2READ
(892-7323) or visit our website www.FOLRR.org 

**The Friends'
GIANT Book
Sales**



Second Saturday of every month

**Loma Colorado Main Library
Auditorium**

 **Nov. 13 ~ 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.** 

 **Dec. 11 ~ 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.** 

2011 ~ Jan. 8, Feb. 12, & Mar. 12

