

Bookfriends

Newsletter of Friends of the Library
of Rio Rancho

Spring 2019

From our President: Diane Taylor

The plethora of book donations continues! In order to reduce inventory we had an unscheduled two day book sale in February: a regular price sale on Friday and a “bag” sale on Saturday. We sold a record number of books and made \$1,994.00 for the two days – that is an all-time high. The set up for the sale was on Friday morning and a *big thank you* goes to all who turned out at 8 am on a bitter cold morning. A one day “bag” sale will be held on March 9 to help reduce the inventory even more.

Our new Newsletter format makes it possible to email it to most Friends. By using email, we save hundreds of dollars on each newsletter that can be used to fund more library programs. Printed copies will still be available in the Friends’ bookstores and around town.

After 3 months of research and discussion, the Board voted in February to raise membership dues effective July 1 by \$5. The Rio Rancho Friends had the lowest dues of any Friends group in New Mexico and our dues had not increased for at least 15 years.

Smith’s has revised their program of community donations to make it easier for patrons to donate to a charity of their choice. All you need to do is have the customer service desk link your Smith’s rewards card to Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho. We will receive 0.5% of eligible purchases. This is an easy way to support the Friends. Please register NOW!

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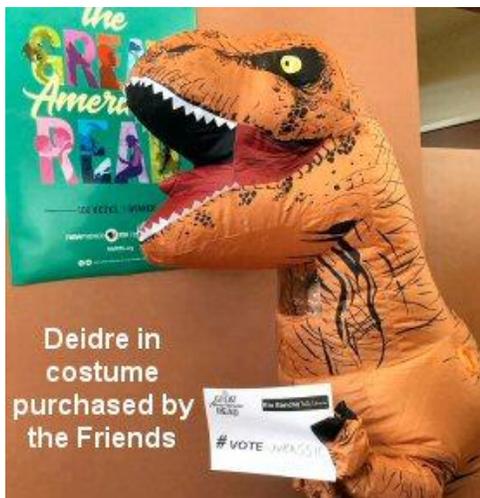
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Friends’ Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Friends’ Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on **Friday, April 5, from 11:30 am to 1 pm** in the Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium. It is *Crazy Spring Hat Day*, so wear your favorite spring hat or decorate one in a crazy fashion - and perhaps win a special prize. Lots of door prizes, too!

Library Staff Profile: Deirdre Caparoso

Did you ever wonder how all the diverse and wonderful children's programs are offered each week at the Rio Rancho Public Libraries? Please meet Deirdre Caparoso, Youth Services Supervisor, Loma Colorado Library. She joined the RRPL in June of 2014. Deirdre was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. She earned her BA in History from Arizona State University and her MLIS in Library Science from University of Denver.



When asked why she chose Library Science as her Career Pathway, she said “I am a strong believer in community building, love books, and enjoy working with people. Libraries with their service to diverse age groups seemed like a great fit.” Her favorite children's book is *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak.

When asked what a work day is like for a YS librarian, Deirdre stated “YS librarians spend their time helping patrons on the reference desk; collection development - selecting and deselecting titles; planning, preparing materials, and presenting programs; and taking programs and resources directly to schools and organizations.”

Deirdre has been a leader in writing and securing state and national grants for Rio Rancho Public Library. Two NM state grants were for STEM2U programs and equipment. Hundreds of children have been engaged in science, technology, engineering and math experiences not only through programs at the libraries but also in their school classrooms.

Children's librarians are currently busy preparing for the 2019 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is *A Universe of Stories*. The Opening kickoff will be June 5th at 10 am for the Loma Colorado Library and June 6th for the Esther Bone Library. “I am particularly excited about the *Lama Lama at the Library* program on June 12th as well as the end of summer *Character Ball*.” Patrons can register online or in person at either library for this very popular youth program.

Friends-funded Programs

The Friends are the primary source of funding for the Summer Reading Program. In 2018, 931 youths registered for the program and 10,582 children, teens and adults attended 195 library events. We have already allocated over \$7,850 for the 2019 Summer Reading Program!

Star Wars Fest 7 was another great event with over 1200 fans. The most popular activity this year was *Storm Trooper Training Camp* where fans got the chance to complete a series of tasks to get their Storm-Trooper badge. *Que Lab* maker space showed off all the amazing Star Wars gadgets their members created.

Become a Friend of the Library by filling out a membership form. Forms are available at our stores in the Esther Bone and Loma Colorado libraries. Among many other benefits, Friends receive a 10% discount on purchases from the Friends' store at the Loma Colorado Main Library.

Donations of gently used books, recent magazines, CDs and DVDs/Blu-rays are always welcome. Books can be dropped at the Loma Colorado Library at any time. Follow the road to the back of the library and look for the hutch on the side of the library with a red and white *Book Donations* sign.

