

# Bookfriends

Newsletter of Friends of the Library  
of Rio Rancho

Winter 2019

## From our President

For the 2018-2019 fiscal year that ended in June, the Friends funded \$30,194 in programs, activities and support at both libraries. In addition, the Friends contributed \$1,863 to the *Books for Babies* program.

All of this was made possible by the book and media sales on the second Saturday of each month in the Loma Colorado Library's auditorium and the sales at the Friends' bookstore in the Loma Colorado Library and *Pat McGuire Memorial Friendship* in the Esther Bone Memorial Library. In May, the Friends made a record \$2,471 at the two-day monthly book sale!

Over 1,542 people, including 276 adults, signed up for the Summer Reading Program this year. This is an increase of 400 people compared to last summer. The Friends funded programs, activities, prizes, performers and speakers that helped to make the Summer Reading Program so successful.

The spring members' luncheon and annual meeting was a big success with food provided by the Rio Rancho High School Culinary Arts program. After lunch, a presentation by library director Lynette Schurdevin highlighted many of the programs the Friends have supported. A brief review showed that the Friends' finances are in good shape and that new members are joining.

Volunteers are always needed at the weekly Thursday morning *Price and Sort* (P&S) of new donations, at the monthly book sales and in the bookstores. If you can sort books or help customers or move books, please join us.

Friends of the Library  
of Rio Rancho



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## Winter Wonderland Holiday Luncheon

**MEMBERS ARE INVITED!**

Friday, December 6, 2019

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Loma Colorado Library Auditorium

Please bring a pair of children's gloves or mittens to place on the library **Mitten Tree**.



## Volunteer of Year: Gretchen Nichol



At the Friends 2019 Spring Luncheon, Gretchen Nichol was named the 2019 Volunteer of the Year. Gretchen manages the Membership database for the Friends. She also is a familiar face on Thursday morning P&S at the nonfiction table.

Gretchen was born in Pennsylvania and had a career in Human Resources. She left Massachusetts in 1997 for New Mexico. She wanted to be closer to her parents who had a home in Rio Rancho. Lois Snyder, Gretchen's mother, was an early member of the Friends and volunteered at the Esther Bone Library.

Gretchen became aware of the volunteer opportunities with the Friends by reading one of the quarterly newsletters. She walked into the Loma Library auditorium one Thursday in 2015 and Diane Taylor assigned her to the nonfiction sorting table.

Gretchen is an avid reader. She loves a good mystery and in the nonfiction category, works of history and political histories.

In addition to volunteer work with the Friends, Gretchen drives patients to cancer treatment appointments and is Sacristan at Incarnation Catholic Church. She also loves to travel. In May she took a trip with RoadScholars.

## National Friends of the Library Week



Mayor Greg Hull recognized the contributions of the Friends to the Rio Rancho libraries with a proclamation during National Friends of the Library Week. Representing the Friends were (from the left) Mike Jackovich, Lorraine Garvey, Mary Burnett, Margie Schuchardt, Diane Taylor, Angela Adams and Joe Driear. (Photo: Argen Marie Duncan, Rio Rancho Observer)

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**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. For more information, go to our website: [FOLRR.org](http://FOLRR.org)