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RIO RANCHO, NEW MEXICO

Bookfriends

Spring 2007



FOL General Membership Meeting

**Set aside April 20, the third Friday, to
attend the annual meeting of the Friends of
the Library of Rio Rancho.**

At this time FOL president Karen Reinhold will give the "State of the Friends" address, telling members what is happening with the organization and providing details about plans for the future. The slate of new board members will be offered for your vote. This will also be the time to ask questions about library services and to express any concerns that the Friends might be able to address for its membership.

From 11:30 to 12:30 lunch will be served for those members attending. Following lunch will be the annual meeting. There might even be entertainment for your enjoyment.

**Mark your calendar now
with this important date.**

Friday, April 20, from 11:30 to 1:30

Auditorium of the Loma Colorado Main Library

A Note from the President—Karen Reinhold

The Loma Colorado Library has been opened for two months now. Staff and volunteers are settling into this new building, so different from the more traditional Esther Bone Library.

Many changes have been adjusted to, and the Friends of the Library volunteers have proven themselves to be adaptable and open minded to these transitions.

The Friends of the Library Board would like to thank all of the book store volunteers for all that they do and for their willingness to accept the changes so easily. Book store sales have been brisk. We need you and hope that you continue to enjoy your role in the library.

The money generated in the store will continue to fund enriching and enjoyable programs for children and adults that advocate literacy. The librarians who create and implement these programs seem to have an endless supply of ideas and a sense for what the population will enjoy.

I would also like to thank Sue DeWitt, Susan Bliss, and Cathy Varney, who will be leaving the board in April.

Sue has produced a great newsletter for us for several years. This periodical has kept both patrons and volunteers informed. The staff and volunteer profiles really gave us some insight into the people we see at the library.

Susan has worked tirelessly recruiting new members. Her activities have also been a means of informing the community about what we do and how.

Cathy has gone about her job with flair and creativity, organizing new events and making the standard events more lively and interesting. We appreciate the many hours and much thought she has put into her work. All three have been supportive in many ways, and the Friends of the Library appreciate the time they've given to the Board.

The Friends of the Library is 25 years old in 2007. I hope that our group will continue to do what we can to monetarily supplement the needs of the library, as it always has.

Our member luncheon and meeting is scheduled for April 20th. I hope that volunteers, staff, and members are able to attend. It's the least we can do for all of the help you've given. 

Friends of the Library Board Members for 2006-2007

Karen Reinhold: President/
Books for Babies

Cathy Varney: Vice President/
Special Events

Omar DeWitt: Treasurer

Jean Coyne: Secretary

Susan Bliss: Membership

George Oppenheimer:
Business Membership

Juneal Grainey: Pricing/Sorting

Barbara Langner: Book Sales

Susanne DeWitt: Newsletter

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Book Donation 101

—a short course on how to clean out your overloaded bookcases

Do you have books languishing in piles about your house? Do your children make forts out of accumulated paperbacks? We have a solution for you.

The Friends of the Library is always in need of gently used fiction and non-fiction books for the Friends' Shop at the Loma Colorado Main Library. We also accept current magazines, CDs, DVDs, video tapes, and puzzles (complete, please). Children's books for any age, large print books, and books about the American West are always in demand. Take a look through your house and storage units and see what you can find. Books that are not first taken by the library for general circulation or by the Friends for the bookstore, will be added to the monthly book sale items.

The donation process is simple:

- Bag or box your items and take them to the Friends' donation shed on the north side of the library. It is clearly marked and you can drive right up to it.
- Then you can drive around to the main lot by the front door, park, and enter the library. Go to the shop itself if you wish a receipt for tax purposes.

Now, you have a less cluttered living space and the satisfaction of knowing that you've contributed to the Friends of the Library—supporting its goal to raise as much money as possible in support of library programs. 📖



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Support the Businesses that Support the Friends

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| • B&R Tax & Accounting | • Rio Rancho Printing |
| • Lola Belle Salon•Spa | • Square Deal Plumbing |
| • New Mexico Bank and Trust | • Wallen Builders |
| • Raley's Supermarket on Southern | • 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 to Reopen in the Fall

by Robert Nankin, Branch Manager

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Our beloved Esther Bone Library will reopen in the autumn. The renovations are still in the funding process, although we hope to have a final cost for repairs approved soon. The library which originally opened in 1992 has seen much wear and tear over the last 14 years. With approximately 1,000 patrons through its doors each day the renovation list has grown proportionately. At the very minimum the building will have a new roof and new heating and air conditioning units. The library shelves will be separated to meet ADA regulations, new carpet will be installed, and all doors, windows, and building seams will be repaired or replaced. In addition, most partitions will be removed as well as some shelving to give the building a more open feel.

Esther Bone will receive new computers and new chairs but also a brand new area for teenagers. Initially when the building reopens, it will be with a 40 hour week. Those hours have not yet been set but will most likely include 2-3 evenings a week and possibly some Saturday hours. There has been much demand by the patrons to reopen the library, and staff is working closely with architects and town officials to see that this gets done as quickly as possible. 📖

Funded by the Friends *December 2006 through February 2007*

Omar DeWitt, Treasurer

For December, January, and February the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho recorded the following financial activity:

Inflow

Book sales/store	3,586
Books for Babies	8
Donations	10,000
Interest	12
Membership	1,617
Spelling Bee	25
Total	\$15,248

Outflow

Bookstore expense	4,323
Children's Services	1,060
Membership/newsletter	390
Miscellaneous	778
Postage/PO box	134
Library Support/PR	3,386
Total	\$10,071

As of the beginning of March, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho had a net worth of \$40,440. FOL's financial commitment to the construction of the Loma Colorado Library has now been met. 📖

Meet FOL Board Members—Jean Coyne, Secretary

When Jean Coyne was 20 years old and living in Illinois, the state of her birth, she decided to move to California on a mission, she says, "To find my way." She wound up in the San Fernando Valley where she married and raised three children—adopted twins (boy and girl) and a biological daughter. Eventually she moved to Ventura where beach life called her name and made her realize that California dreaming was a way of life.

During her years in California, Jean worked at two jobs. For 25 years she was a medical transcriber, and for seven more she was a special education assistant, working with mentally challenged late adolescents. Neither was a calling, but they provided the means for Jean to live the California life.

But, even that life is not all sunny, and along the way Jean was divorced and found herself in a new relationship. She retired from the workforce and, at the urging of her new partner, sold her house and moved to Florida, where things did not work out as anticipated. She divested herself of her "significant other" and decided to move to New Mexico to be near her daughter who was living in Rio Rancho and about to become a mother herself.

Moving out of Florida was not the easy job it seemed it would be, however. While Jean was in New Mexico finalizing the move here, hurricane Wilma struck Florida and her already-sold home, 2 days before escrow closed on that house. A badly damaged roof put the kibosh on that deal, but Jean, always resilient, repaired the roof and sold the house again.

So, for the last year and a half, Jean has been living the New Mexico life—reveling in being a grandmother, working on the Friends board, and being artistic and musical. Her life is more than full. Music is her first love; she started with the recorder and progressed to the piano and to classical guitar. Art is a close second; she loves water color painting, describing her style as representational. In the past she sold colored-pencil portraits. Being physically active forms the core of Jean's life. Gardening, biking, and swimming at least 2 times a week keep her trim and youthful. There isn't much time left over for books, but nonfiction reading, especially science related, also is a major part of who Jean is.

Recently Jean was back in California, and the tug of friends and the life there is strong. Although she will dearly miss the proximity of her daughter and family, it is likely that this active woman, who describes herself as curious and flexible, will return to Ventura where she longs to live among the greenery and flowers and to take her chair and a good book to the beach. Until that time, the Friends of the Library board is lucky to have Jean who "thoroughly enjoys being on the FOL board as secretary."  S.D.



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Summer Reading Programs

It's not too early to start thinking about summer vacations and what the children are going to be doing during summer break. Look no further than the first Loma Colorado Summer Reading Program.

All three reading programs—**Read to Me; Readers; and Teens**— will be 6 weeks long and begin the week of June 11. Registration for these programs will begin June 4. As in the past, reading logs will be kept and weekly prizes will be awarded.

For more information about the library's summer reading series, contact the librarians in the youth services department. As more details become available they will be posted on the youth services bulletin boards. Be on the lookout so that your children can have one of the places in these exciting and sought-after programs. 

FOL Welcomes New Members

Brenda Bentley
Linda P. Brooks
Betty Brooks
Isabel Carr
Bernice Davis
John & Melissa Duke
Matt Fleming
Arianna Frakes
Joyce Garton
Shirley Girard
Vernon J. Glover
Donna & Bruce Harders
Julie Hillin
Karen Hoffman
Lisa Huey
Marie Ross Jachter

Cynthia Jacques
Charlene Kennedy
Joan E. Kozon
Margaret McNatt
Maryann Meri
Cynthia L. Moore
Joan Pickard
Madeline Raffe
Martie Rafferty
Addie Scotto
E. Michael & Linda J. Shaw
Lori Simonis
Mary Trujillo
Janet I. Wilder
Robin E. Wilder

Want to be a Friend of the Library? Or, is it time for you to renew?

Another chance!

☐ **Yes, I want to be a Friend
of the Library of Rio Rancho**

☐ New Member
☐ Annual Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Categories:

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| ☐ Student/Senior (62 & over) | \$5 |
| ☐ Friend (1 person) | \$8 |
| ☐ Sponsor (1 person) | \$25 |
| ☐ Supporter (1 person) | \$50 |
| ☐ Patron (1 person) | \$100 |

☐ The Friends of the Library is a 501C3 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.

If you've been thinking about taking a trip but aren't sure about the destination, it's always a good idea to read about the experiences of someone else before you make a decision. Seeing the Big Five on an African safari? Hiking in the Canadian Rockies? Surveying pueblo ruins in the desert? Reading about these adventures, among others, in *The 23-Hour Day: Travels Around the World*, is a good start. **Author Omar DeWitt, FOL Board member**, has traveled the world wearing wry-colored glasses and has written about his experiences in a delightfully funny book. Check his Web site: www.23hourday.com to read excerpts and for direct-sale links.

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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 27, 2007
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**