

Bookfriends



Summer 2007



Let Us Entertain You!

Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition

by Susanne DeWitt

When it comes to putting on a party, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho pulls out all the stops. On April 20, 2007, the culmination of a week-long national appreciation of volunteers, FOL had its first annual meeting and volunteer recognition ceremony to be held in the Loma Colorado Main Library.

About 50 FOL members and library staff enjoyed a very nice light lunch and social time. Entertainment was provided by Cathy Varney and Children's Librarian Lori Snyder, singing "Little Bunny Foo-Foo," from the classic children's story. The Past-Their-Prime Players—Karen Reinhold and Cathy Varney—presented their last performance, "Wanted—Reward," a comical look at the benefits of FOL membership, much to the appreciation of the laughing audience.

President Karen Reinhold presented the state of the organization address, emphasizing everyone's appreciation of the loyalty of the volunteers as they continued to support the Friends during the stressful time of moving to the new library and working out all the kinks of new bookstore and book sale procedures. Three retiring FOL Board members—Susan Bliss, Susanne DeWitt, and Cathy Varney—were honored for their service. 



The announcement of the FOL Volunteer of the Year Award is always a much-anticipated part of this annual event. This year Carmen Jeffrey was the recipient of the FOL award, which was presented by Gloria Shapiro, coordinator of bookstore volunteers. Carmen, a resident of Rio Rancho for over 30 years, has been a volunteer for the Friends for almost that long. Starting at the tiny library that was housed at City Hall—where she was part of the story time for pre-schoolers—to the move to the “big library” on Pinetree, Carmen has been a staple of the FOL volunteer program. She became a regular at the Friendshop at Esther Bone and is now working at the new Friends’ Shop at Loma Colorado. Rena Jackson, volunteer coordinator for the Loma Colorado Library, presented the library volunteer award to Angela Hart, for her enthusiastic participation in all areas of library work.

The final event of the day was the election of new board members. Kristal Breeze, Cynthia Jacques, and Linda O’Connell were all elected to serve as general board members for the Friends of the Library. The Friends welcome their participation.

April 20 was a good day; the weather was pleasant, the food was good, and the company was “Friend-ly.” One couldn’t ask for anything better. 📖



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Notes From Our President

Karen Reinhold

"The Friends of the Library volunteers are continuing to 'settle in' to their space at the library. More people are requesting to work in the book store. An ample amount of donations are once again coming to the library, making the book store shelves full once again.

Large print books are needed and nonfiction and history books are always popular.

The Friend's board has just completed a revision of the bylaws. Mary Roskom and Jan Marfyak did a fantastic job, including all of the items needed for the Friends to function in the future, as the library system expands and the group changes along with it. THANK YOU Mary & Jan !

Mary Roskom will become the new FOL President in August. She is very well versed in this area, having been very active with the Angel Fire library and has a wealth of administrative experience that will be a tremendous asset to the group and the library. With Mary at the helm, I'm sure that the new board will move forward in a very positive way.

Toni Beatty has returned to the library, we are all so pleased that she is feeling better and are glad to have her back. Welcome back Toni!

We lost two of our treasured volunteers this year, Nell Clark and Helen " Fritz " Hall. They will be missed. Books will be purchased with their names on nameplates, through donations and Friend's funds.

Each month, I have been placing a list of current funding requests in the book store for the volunteers to peruse. Any patron or member is welcome to take a look as well. Hopefully, this might serve to educate people about what we do and what the process is.

We appreciate the continued support of the members and the volunteers.

Thank you for supporting the Friends AND the library.

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Meet Our Vice President Mary Roskom

Mary was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. Her background and training are in the medical record field. Mary worked as Director of Medical Records at a few Cleveland area hospitals and also taught in the Medical Record Technician program at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland for twelve years.

Mary and her husband and five children moved to New Mexico in 1978. Mary served as Medical Record Administrator at the Bernalillo County Mental Health Center as well as the old Vista Sandia Hospital. She had something of a career switch, though still in the medical field, in 1987 when she went to work for the fledgling Health Plus HMO, now known as Presbyterian Health Plan. Mary took over operation of the Utilization Review and Quality Assurance Departments at the health plan, then went into project management where she developed a managed care concept for NM Medicaid. She retired from Presbyterian in 1998.

Mary and her husband Larry have been married for 49 years. She will tell you they have known each other all their lives, having been childhood friends. They have one married daughter in Marietta Ohio, three other daughters and one son in New Mexico. She and Larry are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.

After retirement Mary and Larry moved to Angel Fire, NM where they had a condominium and proceeded to build their retirement home. They spent winters at their townhome in Roswell. While living in Angel Fire, Mary served as Board Treasurer of the Shuter Library of Angel Fire Friends group. When circumstances dictated, they returned to the Albuquerque area and settled in Rio Rancho. Mary serves as the Board Secretary for the Sandoval County CASA, Inc. as well as Vice-President of the Rio Rancho Library Friends Board. 📖



Hello From The Bookstore

By Gloria Shapiro

Thank you to all our customers for making the store such a resounding success. It couldn't be done without all of our great volunteers and you. Keep coming to see what great books we have. We are definitely not like the large shops. We carry books, magazines and children's books that you can't find anywhere else. You never know what you will find at the store and the Saturday booksales. Remember, 'It's the thrill of the hunt!'

Also, the bookstore needs volunteers, especially for substitutes. It's so much fun to work there that several of us have been doing it many years. So, drop me a 'line' on Gshapiro725@msn.com or call me at 891-1190 to be trained. Gloria Shapiro, the Bookstore Scheduler

For all the R.S.V.P. volunteers in our organization. Although I (Gloria Shapiro) am still doing the training and scheduling, the R.S.V.P. paperwork was becoming overwhelming due to the amount of volunteers to be trained. Ed Steinfeld graciously agreed to do all the paperwork (and it is a lot). For the past few years, I have asked the R.S.V.P.'ers to give me their extra return address labels. It is a huge help when making out the monthly time sheets. Instead of writing out your names and address, we just slap those babies on. Ed has a huge list of R.S.V.P. people and we still need them. I will put an envelope on the desk so you can put them in it and Ed will really appreciate it.

Thanks so much.
Gloria 

Report From The Treasurer

Omar DeWitt

March, April, May 2007

Income

Book Sale	\$ 782
Book Store	4,387
Membership	806
Spelling Bee	165
Total	\$6,140

Expenses

Book Bags	\$ 90
Book Store	438
Children's Services	1,286
Summer Reading	1,927
Newsletter	389
Bulk Mail	160
Spelling Bee	77
Volunteer Recognition	221
Storage	23
Total	\$4,611

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As of May 31
Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho
had a net worth of
\$40,440



Esther Bone Library Progress Report

By Robert Nankin, Branch Manager



The renovation of the Esther Bone Library has begun. The City of Rio Rancho Public Works Department has emptied the building of furniture and extra shelving. The remaining books (about 35,000) have been wrapped on the shelves, so as to protect them from debris and dust during the construction process. Bids have been opened and a general contractor will be selected soon. We hope that construction will begin in early June. Staff is meeting with a direct supplier for carpeting and vinyl tile work to be installed throughout the building.

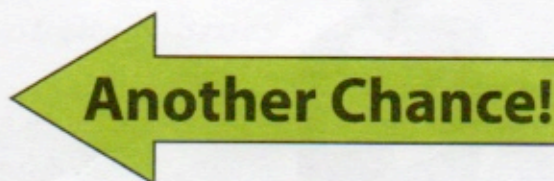
Although progress has been slower than expected, the vision of reopening the library is now coming into focus. Plans include an open floor plan without partitions, a newly designed children's area, and a defined space for teenagers, a relocated reference desk and computer area and a reopening of the study rooms. Additional plans are, a new use for the Friend's Shop, which will include two self-service shelving areas with a locked drop box for payment. The Friend's area will also include comfortable seating; new lighting and we hope to add a cable television hook-up to display Rio Vision and the stock market channel.

With the removal of some of the rows of shelving we are now able to offer a much sunnier and spacious areas for newspaper and magazine reading, new books, media and large print items. The staff and public are looking forward to the opening of the Esther Bone Library with much excitement.

This newly renovated branch will be an excellent compliment to the main library and we will be able to offer a whole new level of service to our patrons. 



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

☐ New Member
☐ Annual Renewal

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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.

Categories:

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

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.

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- Rio Rancho Printing
- Square Deal Plumbing
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If you would like to see your business listed here, contact George Oppenheimer for details.





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Monday – Thursday 10am – 8pm
Friday – Saturday 10am – 5pm

FOL Dates to Remember

Saturday Book Sales

The second Saturday of every month
Auditorium of the Loma Colorado Library
10 AM to 1 PM