

Bookfriends



Fall 2008

A Note From Our President, Mary Roskom

Holiday time is upon us once again and 2008 is coming to a close.

What a busy year it's been! We saw Toni Beatty, our longtime library director retire and welcomed in Mr. Bill Cicola as the new library director. The library also lost a valuable employee, Deimosa Weber-Bey, the teen librarian and is looking far and wide for her replacement.

The Friends of the Library passed a new budget in July and we have been on a wild ride ever since then with many ambitious projects to be completed during this budget year. Our book donations have outpaced our ability to sell them and we have been cramped for storage space, moving some of the donations to the library delivery area. This was just a temporary move since we contracted for construction of a Tuff-Shed for additional storage of staged books (those are books that have been determined to be suitable for sale at either Esther Bone or at Loma Colorado). Once we get through the final inspection of this building we will have adequate space for a long time to come. We also have held two successful book sales at the Esther Bone branch. Unfortunately, due to the small number of volunteers at the sales we cannot schedule a regular sale at Esther Bone, but will hold them sporadically during the year. We will try to make sure they are listed in the local papers.

Additional projects we have undertaken so far this budget year include the purchase of instruments for the Music and Movement programs at both Esther Bone and Loma Colorado, small backpacks with reading materials for the Books for Babies Program which will be distributed at WIC, Independence High and through the early reading programs at the libraries. Two new carts have been purchased for Friends use at Loma Colorado as well as other needed supplies. We are also in the process of accumulating the holocaust collection for the Esther Bone branch which we hope will be an outstanding resource for the community. There are numerous other small projects and programs in the works for the rest of the year.

With your continued help and support we will work hard to make this library system a great resource for our region.

One last note, we have set the date for the Holiday Party and hope you will make plans to attend. The event will be held on December 5th at the Loma Colorado Main Library auditorium.

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New Book Bags

Our newest shipment of reusable bags has arrived. These bags are tan, are a nice large size with handles, and have blue artwork depicting both the Loma Colorado and Esther Bone buildings. A limited number of these will be sold for \$2.00 at both libraries. Sales benefit the *Books For Babies* program. 

ReadWest Joins our Monthly Book Sales

Friends and visitors who have recently attended our Monthly Book Sales at the Loma Colorado Main Library have probably noticed a table displaying ReadWest information. There you can obtain Sandoval County literacy rates, information about ReadWest, and, if you're so inclined, sign up to be a tutor and/or obtain information for friends and acquaintances who might want assistance. ReadWest provides free training to tutors and students.

As ReadWest's brochure *EDUCATION IS FREEDOM* states, "Illiteracy robs the members of our community of the ability to achieve their full potential." The Friends' Board agrees and has offered ReadWest table space during our Monthly Book Sales to increase the public's awareness of and to promote ReadWest's numerous services.

The Library, the Friends of the Library, and ReadWest are partnering on this win-win-win campaign of literacy awareness during the Friends' Monthly Book Sales in the auditorium of the Loma Colorado Main Library. 

New Organizational Supporter

Founded in 1989, ReadWest, Inc. - Literacy Volunteers of America is the largest non-profit literacy agency providing one-to-one tutoring from trained, certified volunteers, *free of charge* in Sandoval County. Its Adult Literacy Program provides one-to-one and small group tutoring to adults. Instruction includes Basic Literacy (reading, writing, math), Life Skills (shopping, money, health, employment, communication), GED Preparation, Citizenship Preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and Family Literacy.

2007-2008 has been its most successful year yet, serving almost 400 students in Rio Rancho and surrounding communities and providing over 100 volunteers with quality training and support in its Adult Literacy program. 1 out of 5 adults in our community never learned to read as a child or has a low reading level, usually not beyond the 5th grade. Many also have a language barrier on top of illiteracy issues. These adults have trouble finding and keeping a job, getting further education, helping their children in school, and keeping their families together.

The valuable free service that ReadWest supplies helps these adults overcome challenges that they face in their lives. One-to-one tutoring, its main free service, is provided by trained volunteers. Each volunteer meets with a student once a week in a public place for two hours. ReadWest also provides free group classes to students to offer more opportunity to practice.

In addition to its Adult Literacy Program, its Family Literacy Program serves parents and grandparents at local elementary schools and PMS Head Start by giving free books to the children and encouraging the parents and grandparents to read to their children.

ReadWest staff gives special care to each student, quality support to its team of volunteers, and works closely with other non-profits to serve the community. In 2009, ReadWest will celebrate its 20th anniversary of providing a valuable service to its community! 

Friends of the Library

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Bookfriends, the newsletter of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, is published quarterly. Members' comments and contributions are welcome.

Please mail material, including your phone number, to Newsletter Editor, Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, PO Box 15143, Rio Rancho, NM 87174

Friends' Shop Report

Hey, how about you?

Hello. My name is Gloria Shapiro and I do the training and scheduling for the Friends of the Library bookstore at the Loma Colorado Main Library. I have been volunteering at the bookstore for almost 10 years now (in Nov.). As you can see, I really enjoy it. It gets me out of the house, lets me talk to interesting people, buy a few interesting used books and gives structure to my day.

There are more than 55 bookstore volunteers that can say the same things. We are only part of the Friends of the Library organization. There are some volunteers that price books, conduct our famous Saturday book sales, unload and organize our book donations, run the Books for Babies program and other areas of the FOL. We are a busy group but we always welcome new members and volunteers. We work closely with the Library to try and provide services and other things that can't be funded through their regular city budget.

We always need volunteers and donated books. The more volunteers we have, the easier the work load gets. We especially need strong men and women that can help bring in the book donations and can organize the donated books. All of it is really fun, easy and a terrific way to contribute to our community. And the best perk....you get an early crack at buying any book that catches your eye. Ask any of the volunteers, they will testify to our groaning bookshelves at home.

If you haven't seen this lovely library, please stop in and take yourself on a tour. The views are breathtaking. The part of the library I like best is the fantastic colors of the walls. They are all different, but somehow, they all blend together. So, if you see a very short lady taking pictures of blank walls, come over and say hello.

My number is 891-1190 and my answering machine is always on. Leave your name and number and I will call to schedule a training day and time. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

Gloria Shapiro

Pricing And Sorting

The pricing and sorting "elves" are an integral part of both generating funds for the Friends and thus the library and of performing the necessary function of dealing with the sometimes large volume of donations received at the library.

We empty the book hutch and put the books onto carts for the librarians to peruse.

We then designate each book as recyclable, suitable for the free cart, or salable at the monthly sale or at the store. We determine the prices of the store books and regularly cull the older books from both the store and sale.

Many of us have been doing this for quite some time and all of us have become friends. We usually process about 4 or 5 carts of books and then cap this activity off with a bagel and a cup of coffee at the local bagel shop.

Discussing books, politics and an endless assortment of subjects while we work is interesting. I would tell you of our political leanings, but ...

Karen Reinhold 

Books For Babies

The Books for Babies Program is coming right along. We have received our book bags which turned out very nicely. Rebecca Donnelly also has gotten the brochures that she would like to have in the bags. We are going to order books from Scholastic books/Partners in Literacy Program. When they come in, we will get together and assemble the bags so that we will be able to distribute them.

Kristal Breeze 

Support the Businesses & Organizations that Support the Friends

These businesses are active supporters of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho.

- Rio Rancho Printing
- Eye Associates of New Mexico
- Precision Organizing and Records Management, LLC
- ReadWest, Inc.—Literacy Volunteers of America
- The Juliette RP Vision Foundation 

Esther Bone Memorial Library

by Robert Nankin, Branch Manager

Hello and welcome to the Esther Bone Memorial Library. The library, now open for over eight months after an extensive renovation, is booming with excitement, energy and people! Library patrons coming through our doors all love the building's new look and feel. With over 400 people coming in every day (except Fridays and Saturdays when the library is only open 4 hours), and sometimes over 500 people a day, you can't help but feel the energy in the air.

Libraries live on statistics and Esther Bone's just keep getting larger. Books are circulating at a rapid pace, DVDs and music on compact disc fly off the shelves, and our books on CD and tape we virtually cannot keep in stock. We now even circulate magazines! But it is not just the circulating collection that gets people through the doors. The library features some wonderful adult and children's programming.

There are weekly knitting groups for children and monthly groups for adults. Story times for kids and book clubs for adults. Programs on reptiles, music and dance, and movies for children, and workshops on wildlife, concerts and movies for adults, happen every month. There are just too many to list. The best way to find out about the wide variety of programming options at the Esther Bone Library is to visit us, talk to a librarian, pick up a flyer or check out our website at www.ci.rio-rancho.nm.us/library.htm.

Esther Bone is the branch library in Rio Rancho and because of this our hours of operation are somewhat limited. The branch is open 40 hours per week compared to the 54 hours a week at the Loma Colorado Main Library. We would love to offer more hours to our patrons but in the foreseeable future this will not be able to happen. We hope that this does not inconvenience our patrons too much and would like to remind everyone that between Esther Bone, Loma Colorado and even our homework center, Star Heights, that we are all one library system.

All three libraries share one catalog. So, if you can't find what you want at Esther Bone, there is a good chance that Loma Colorado has the title and that a librarian can get it for you. If you care to do the search yourself, the catalog for all 3 libraries is open and available through the library home page 24/7. Please visit the catalog online by going to the above mentioned website and clicking on "Search our Catalog."

Whether you visit us in person or online, our goal as librarians and professional library staff is to provide top notch customer service. We won't be happy unless you are. If you don't like something about the library let us know. If you think something could be done in a better way tell us and if you love us we would like to hear that as well! Stop in at Esther Bone soon and stop in often. This is your home town library and we can't wait to see you. 

Donations, Book Hutch, & Book Harvesters

The Friends' Board, Book Sales and Friends' Shop volunteers sincerely thank everyone who so generously donates books, CDs, video tapes, DVDs, and/or puzzles. Sale proceeds fund quality programs for children and adults at Loma Colorado, Esther Bone, and the Star Heights Learning Center.

Please bring donated items to the Loma Colorado Main Library:

- Drive up to and then place your bagged or boxed donations inside of the Friends' donation hutch on the north side of the Loma Colorado Main Library.
- Then drive around to the main lot by the front door, park, and enter the library.
- Go directly to the Friends' Shop if you would like a receipt for tax purposes.



If your donation is too large or too difficult to bring to the Loma Colorado Main Library, call Jan Marfyak at 994-3066 to arrange a pickup date and time. ***Book Harvesters will pick up at the owner's convenience.*** 📖

Collector Books

Our lifeblood is **books**. The Friends process hundreds of books monthly, sorting, selecting some for the store at Loma Colorado (LC) and the "self-serve" at Esther Bone (EB) and others for our monthly sale at LC and sporadically at EB.

The "Thursday sort," as it has come to be known, occurs weekly with a dedicated group coming together to classify and price the numerous contributions received each week. The collective experience of this group and the synergy among its members would make a team of regatta rowers green with envy.

While raising money is our ultimate objective, fairness in pricing for buyers is of equal importance. As the retail prices for books have risen, the Friends have retained pricing standards because, as the Friends' Board agrees, getting books into the hands of readers is as important as the money raised.

We are especially interested in receiving out-of-print books and books which we can classify as "collector books." FOL Board member Linda Downey has recently begun to market selected books on the Internet, especially those that have a high market value and have little chance of selling in either bookstore.

We urge all who read this newsletter to encourage book contributions. With newly added storage space, we are able to process even more books and make them available to the public at reasonable cost. Those recycled books produce revenue for the library so that it can offer community programs that its budget might otherwise not permit.

Jan Marfyak

Recent New Members

 Zella Bray	 Wilma Daniels	 Julie Forsberg	 Judy Garner	 Kathryn Lee
 Mary McHale	 Margaret McNatt	 Kimaleen Newell	 Birgitta Scheele	 Marie Swigert

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
☐

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Date _____

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 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds and promotes the Rio Rancho Library. Membership dues and other contributions are tax deductible.

 We can be contacted at (505) 891-5013.

 Your membership and 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.

Please make checks payable to: **The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.**

Mail to PO Box 15143, Rio Rancho, NM 87174 or bring

your membership form to the Friends' Shop at the Loma Colorado Library.

I would like to help:

- in the book store
- with book sorting and pricing
- by serving on the Board
- at monthly book sales

Business Friends, for membership information, contact George Oppenheimer
at 771-8742 or georgeoppenheimer@yahoo.com.

Get Recognized for New Member Referrals!

Encourage potential new members you refer to the Friends to write "Referred by:" and your name on their new membership form. At the end of 2008, we'll tally the referrals (and give a special award to our top referrer). 

Friends help Rio Rancho's schools

The collection and distribution of donated General Mills' *Box Tops For Education* and Campbell's (and associated brands') labels with UPCs found on selected products continue to be bountiful thanks to member and visitor participation. We also thank Gloria Shapiro for managing this community project that ties into the Friends' goal of increasing literacy (and thus education) within our community. Our Rio Rancho schools collect these special tops and/or labels and later redeem them for books and other educational supplies. Details are available on their websites: www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. The *Box Tops* and *qualifying labels with UPCs* can be left at the Friends' Shop at the Loma Colorado Main Library. 



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**Rio Rancho Library System
Locations & Hours**

Loma Colorado Main Library
755 Loma Colorado Drive NE
(505) 891-5013

Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
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 p.m.-8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



Star Heights Learning Center
800 Polaris Blvd. SE
(505) 891-3938

Monday-Friday, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.



FOL Dates to Remember

At Loma Colorado Main Library's Auditorium:

 **12/5 Holiday Party 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

 **Saturday Book Sales**

The second Saturday of every month

 **10 A.M. to 1 P.M.** 

2008: Nov. 8th, Dec. 13th.

2009: 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, ... 