

Bookfriends



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Since April is Volunteer Recognition Month, I would certainly be remiss if I didn't start out this piece with my sincere thanks to all of our Volunteer Friends. I am sure you know that this great organization could not continue to operate without all of you. As we are trying to make the organization grow to meet the growing needs of our community, you have all stepped up to the plate during the year to do your part to make this the successful organization it is. It is an honor and a privilege to work with you!



2010 Volunteer of the Year,
Rita Armijo, & Mary Roskom

We have had a busy and exciting year. Some of the things that are new to our Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho are Amazon sales, advertising our book stores and sales, a telephone in the bookstore and office (892-READ), a soon to be unveiled website, an improved original *Books for Babies* packet and bookbag, an expansion of the *Books for Babies* program beyond WIC, ReadWest, and Baby Bumblebees to Independence High School, staff scholarship awards and creation of an Advisory Council to the Board. Most of this would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of our Board members, not to mention the hard work that has gone into all of this. It has been a most successful year!

To ensure continued growth and be faithful to our commitment to offer great programming and superior service at the libraries, we have also begun fundraising in earnest; first, with our inaugural Bowl-A-Thon, a Chili's Night Out partnership with the Chili's restaurant located at Southern and Unser, expansion of book sales at the Idalia Marketplace, and now with our second annual Bowl-A-Thon to be held on May 15th at Tenpins and More. We hope that you have supported and continue to support these efforts in whatever way is possible for you.



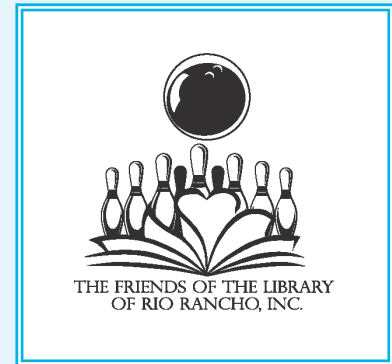
Last, but certainly not least, is our Volunteer of the Year Award. Our award this year goes to a volunteer who quietly asks where she is needed to help and gets in there and gets the job done. She not only works weekly as a volunteer in the Friends' Shop at Loma Colorado, she prices and sorts every Thursday, comes in during the week to help empty the hutch, and also works wherever needed at the monthly book sales. So we have chosen this year a great Friend and Volunteer of the Year, Rita Armijo. Thanks to you, Rita, for all your hard work!

FOLORR's Bowl-A-Thon: The Sounds of Laughter, Pins Falling and a Few Gutter Balls

Would you like to win an autographed copy of *Earthway*, the newest novel by Aimee & David Thurlo, SW mystery writers from Corrales? How about free Chick-fil-a coupons, a free massage, a free haircut, or tickets to the WWE at the Star Center? These are some of the excellent prizes which have already been donated and are waiting for you as a bowler in the Friends' Bowl-A-Thon!

Our Bowl-A-Thon will begin at noon and end at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 15th, at Tenpins & More, 1416 Deborah Road SE in Rio Rancho.

We are seeking team sponsors, prize donors, bowling teams, and bowlers. You can sponsor a team for \$50.00, which will cover the bowling, shoe rentals, and t-shirts for a team of five persons. We are grateful to the Friends' members and the Sandoval Masonic Lodge 76 who have already generously donated sponsorships! We have several families who have already formed teams, and we have plenty of room for more teams and bowlers. Pledges are needed, too!



Why are the Friends holding a Bowl-A-Thon? Last year the Friends were able to raise enough funds to effectively offset the City's 2009 funding cuts of library programs, and the successful Bowl-A-Thon augmented our bookselling fundraisers. This year, with the City of Rio Rancho funding virtually eliminated for all library programs for adults and children, the Friends have been asked to provide over \$16,000 as the sole support for all library programming—so we are again holding a Bowl-A-Thon!

Last year we had so much fun together! If you enjoy an afternoon of fun, including three games of free bowling, a free t-shirt, and the chance to win lovely prizes, while helping your community libraries, come join us! Please call 892-READ or email FOLORR@gmail.com for more information. 

FOL now has its very own phone & phone number at Loma Colorado Main Library!

Our new, easy to remember phone number reminds everyone of the importance of literacy:
89-2READ (892-7323)!



www.FriendsOftheLibraryOfRioRancho.org

As most members know, for many years the City and Library have graciously allowed the Friends to have a web page within the City's web site. That page, www.ci.rio-rancho.nm.us/friendsofthelibrary, displayed limited information about the Friends and provided a downloadable copy of our current newsletter.

But now the Friends are about to have our own stand-alone web site: www.FriendsOftheLibraryOfRioRancho.org! This site will be completely independent of the City's site. Having our own full web site provides the Friends these additional benefits: control of our own site; many pages of current and expanded information; increased visibility to web surfers; online signup for special events, such as our Bowl-A-Thon; online membership subscriptions; online sales, such as book bags, *Books for Babies* packets, cook books, etc.; online donations; and much more!

For the near future, the Friends intends to keep its original web page but within it to refer viewers to our new web site. And, since as this newsletter goes to print our site is not officially completed, please continue to email correspondence to our FOLORR@gmail.com address. We anticipate a detailed, longer article in our next newsletter. 

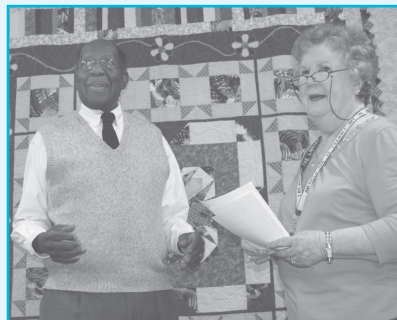


Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

The 39 volunteers attending the April 9th meeting and luncheon were welcomed by FOL President, Mary Roskom, and told of FOL's numerous activities and achievements over the past year. These include Friends funding for a recent job hunting program which to date has helped two participants obtain jobs. Other accomplishments this past year include a Board retreat, our first Bowl-A-Thon, plans for our 2nd annual Bowl-A-Thon on May 15, our first Chili's fundraiser, Amazon sales (which appear likely to exceed Bookstore sales), the Friends' phone, the soon to be completed website, two grants, monthly book sales, book selling at the Idalia Marketplace begun by Susan and George Bliss, hosting last and this December's Chamber of Commerce *Business After Hours* events. Mary also discussed the importance of libraries in the metro area and encouraged everyone to read a related April 9th *Albuquerque Journal* editorial.

The Friends are very grateful for all the many longtime, loyal volunteers we have. This year's Volunteer of the Year Award recipient is Rita Armijo. In accepting the award, Rita said, "This is a great organization! I've met fantastic people, and books are taking over my house." This elicited laughter and many nods in agreement from the audience.

Before board elections, Mary introduced FOL's entire Board and its newest board member, Gary Herron. Mary recognized and thanked Charles Smith for all his many efforts for the Friends. Although not running for re-election, Charles will continue to work for the Friends on its newly formed Advisory Council, which will advise the Board on budgeting and scholarships.



Our first Advisory Council member, Charles Smith, with Mary Roskom

The members re-elected Kristal Breeze, Babs Langner, and Cynthia Jacques and elected Angela Adams for three-year terms as board members. FOL's Board of Directors now includes Angela Adams, Kristal Breeze, Linda Downey, Anne Goodman, Gary Herron, Cynthia Jacques, Babs Langner, Kim Newell, Amber Porter, Mary Roskom, Pat Watson, and Janet Wilder. FOL's Volunteer Liaison to the Board of Directors is Gloria Shapiro (Bookstore Volunteers).

Everyone was reminded of the three upcoming events on May 15: Friends' Bowl-A-Thon (12-3), the Esther Bone author event (9-5), and Friends' outdoor book sale (9-2) in front of Esther Bone. 📖

A Short Note on the FOLORR Cookbook

We all love to cook, and we spend hours looking through cookbooks for a special recipe when company comes calling for the holidays or a special event. For all of us who have experienced the joy (and the horror) of making a new recipe and hoping it comes out well—we have great news!

Now just in time for the Holiday Season 2010, The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho is compiling a cookbook of tried and true recipes that we make in our own homes for family and guests. Our cookbook will be available in the Friends' Bookshop sometime in the early fall.

If you have any recipes you would like to include, please contact Janet Wilder at FOLORR@gmail.com or pick up a recipe form in the Friends' Shop at Loma Colorado Main Library. 📖



Now Presenting at Esther Bone Memorial Library....

by Robert Nankin, Branch Manager

The Esther Bone Memorial Library has several upcoming events for adults this spring that you do not want to miss. Whether you enjoy music, book talks, financial issues or listening to famous writers, the library has you covered.

On April 13th at 6:30 p.m. Corrales musician and writer, Jim Jones, performs a live concert called Western Songs, Western Stories, and on Tuesday, April 20th, essayist and humorist, Rob Wilder will give an author talk and book signing. Mr. Wilder can frequently be heard on NPR and writes a column for the Santa Fe Reporter.

May kicks off with a program on Reverse Mortgages, the Truth and Myth, on May 4th at 1:00 p.m. If you like classical piano music, don't miss Domenic Dichello at the library on Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15th will feature an all day program from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. called Celebrating the Stories. This event will feature many famous writers and publishers who will offer a variety of programs throughout the day including how to get published and how to write mystery, western and romance novels. There will even be a cowboy poetry reading and a Friends of the Library book sale, so you do not want to miss this day at the library.

May programming will conclude on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. with the History of Bob Dylan in 75 Minutes given by musician and music historian Peter Chase. If you like Bob Dylan, you will love this program.

Spring programming concludes in early June with the annual Esther Bone outdoor concert on Friday June 4th at 5:00 p.m. This year's concert will feature the above named Peter Chase performing at 5:00 p.m. and the Placitas Mountain Band offering a live concert at 6:30 p.m. Come and relax outside at the library, bring a cooler and enjoy some great free music as the sun sets.

We hope you enjoy these events and more at the Esther Bone Memorial Library. Please visit often and browse our wonderful collection of books, DVDs, music CDs and much more. We promise you a good time! 

CONGRATULATIONS, Vaunda Nelson: 2010 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner!

Report on Attendance at the 2010 ALA Midwinter Conference by Vaunda Nelson, Youth Services Librarian

I attended the American Library Association Midwinter Conference January 15-18. My attendance was required by my commitment to serve on the 2011 Caldecott Award Committee which will choose the best picture book for children published in the year 2010. Below are my activities during the conference.

I attended my first meeting with the Caldecott Award Committee. This was primarily an opportunity for us to meet, ask questions, and receive information on rules and regulations regarding the award, procedures, and the year's work ahead.

I attended a meeting of the Coretta Scott King committee at which we discussed plans for the annual breakfast where CSK book award winners receive their awards. We also discussed ideas for promotion of Coretta Scott King award-winning books in schools, libraries and other venues.

I attended previews of 2010 books for youth offered by Little Brown, Penguin, Random House, and Frances Lincoln publishers where I learned about great new books to watch for and to consider acquiring for our Rio Rancho collections.

I attended discussions by the Notable Children's Books and the Best Books for Young Adults



By Tracie Antonuk, Adult Services Librarian

Rio Rancho's Hastings Books, Music & Videos will be present to help authors sell and sign their books after their programs. The Esther Bone Library is located at 950 Pinetree Rd. SE in Rio Rancho. For more information about this event, please call 891-5012, then choose option 3. 📖

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committees, where I learned their choices for some of the best books of the year. Again, this information will assist me in making wise decisions as I select titles for our own collection.

I attended the press conference where award winners were announced for the 2010 Newbery Medal, the Caldecott Medal, the Coretta Scott King Award and other book and media awards for youth. At this event, I was named as winner of the 2010 CSK author award for having written *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal*. It was a thrill to be there!

I investigated the exhibits where publishers and technology vendors displayed new books, software and hardware products. This enabled me to learn more about current and upcoming items for possible acquisition.

I greatly appreciate the support that the Friends of the Library are providing for my work on the Caldecott committee. Also, in light of our staffing issues, I am very grateful that the city allowed me the time to attend this conference. It was informative and professionally rejuvenating.



Memories of Our Dear Friends Beverly Crowley and Kathy Oppenheimer

Our friend Beverly Crowley has recently passed away. She was a dedicated volunteer for many years who had a cheerful way about her and was a pleasure to work with. We will miss her greatly.

Karen Reinhold

Beverly Crowley, known to us as Bev, passed away last month. When I started volunteering for the Friends of the Library in Nov. 1998, Bev was already here. Both she and her husband volunteered in the bookstore, and she also worked in the pricing area. When I joined, she was helping with scheduling because the volunteer that did it was very ill and in the hospital for a long time. Several months after I started, she asked me to do the scheduling as she was just too busy. I told her I would try as I had done quite a bit as a teacher. We got to talking and lo and behold, we both came from the Detroit suburban area. She and her husband both worked in a school area a couple of school districts away from where I lived. She was a school counselor for a long time, and she knew the district I worked in. What a small world! We both moved 1800 miles to meet. I had been to her very lovely home a few times. She had a beautiful doll collection she was quite proud of. She was also very proud of her children. Bev also did several other activities and took great care of her husband as he failed. She was quite a woman and will be missed by many people. *Gloria Shapiro*



Kathy Oppenheimer passed away recently after being ill for several months. She had volunteered in the bookstore for the last several years. She was very reliable and had a wonderful, pleasant manner. She was active in her church along with her husband and brother-in-law. She will be missed by the Friends of the Library. *Gloria Shapiro*

She was an exceptional artist, and in Sunnyvale, California (where they lived until the year 2000), she had made a mural, 8 feet by 12 feet, which is now finding a new home there. Her etchings and paintings would make a great show, and possibly some could be exhibited in the library auditorium at some point in time. She also volunteered at Storehouse West and elsewhere for the support of our community and was active on several committees at her Unitarian church. A Memorial Service is scheduled for May 1st at the Unitarian Universalist Westside Congregation, 1650 Abrazo Rd., Rio Rancho. *George Oppenheimer*



Bookfriends, the newsletter of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, is published three times a year. 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. 



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Annual Renewal

Membership Categories

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☐ Sponsor (1 person) \$25

☐ Supporter (1 person) \$50

☐ Patron (1 person) \$100

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The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho (FOLORR) is a 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds and promotes the Rio Rancho Library System. Membership dues and other contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

We can be contacted at (505) 892-7323 (89-2READ) or FOLORR@gmail.com.

Your membership and contributions help to expand the effectiveness of the Library System as an educational and recreational center in Rio Rancho. The Friends of the Library gratefully accepts bequests, memorials, honorariums, and commemorations.

Please make your check 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 Main Library.

I would like to help:

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

For Business Friends membership, please contact us at FOLORR@gmail.com.

Donations & Book Hutch

We thank every donor of gently used 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.

For donations of books too large or too difficult to bring to the Loma Colorado Main Library, please call 892-READ to arrange a pick up date and time.

Otherwise, when bringing donated items to the Loma Colorado Main Library:

- Drive to the far right (north) of the Library, into the Employee Parking area.
- Against the northern wall of the Loma Colorado Library, you'll see an unpainted wooden donation hutch (as shown in this photo).
- Drive up to and then place your bagged or boxed donations inside of this, the Friends' donation hutch.
- Then drive to the main lot by the Library's front door, park, and enter the library.
- Go directly to the Friends' Shop if you would like a receipt for tax purposes.





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Locations & Hours**

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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, 12–8 P.M.

Friday-Saturday, 9 A.M.–1 P.M.



Star Heights Learning Center

800 Polaris Blvd. SE
(505) 891-3938

Monday-Friday, 2–6 P.M.

Visit our entirely new web site:
www.FriendsOftheLibraryOfRioRancho.org

May 15

Esther Bone Memorial Library

Saturday Book Sale

9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Tenpins & More

1416 Deborah Rd SE, Rio Rancho

Annual Bowl-A-Thon

12:00 to 3:00 P.M.

For details, please call us at 89-2READ
(892-7323) or visit our website

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FOL Dates to Remember

Saturday Book Sales
second Saturday of every month

Loma Colorado Main Library
Auditorium

10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

May 8, June 12, July 10

Aug. 14, Sep. 11, Oct. 9

Nov. 13, Dec. 11