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Mary with contest winners Nicholas Talik & Debra Bink, who won a Nook & an MP3 player, respectively, at Loma Colorado. At Esther Bone, Theresa Marie Fickner & Dawn Whalen won a Nook & an MP3 player, respectively.

A Message From Our President, Mary Roskom

We are all looking forward to wonderful happenings scheduled for 2012. ***The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc. will be celebrating our 30th anniversary!*** In such a young city, it is amazing to find a 30th anniversary of anything. We have certainly come a very long way. Looking at the programs scheduled to celebrate the New Mexico Centennial, it is easy to see where we fit in the big picture. This Friends of the Library group has certainly helped to shape the character of Rio Rancho & surrounding communities, and I congratulate you all for whatever part you have played in this great event. In the spring we will be announcing a joint centennial/anniversary celebration, & we hope you all can attend.

Planning is already taking place for the Summer Reading Program. This year, the Friends are offering T-shirts to the children who participate in the program. There are wonderful programs scheduled at both Esther Bone Memorial Library & Loma Colorado Main Library, and we hope it is a great summer reading adventure for all involved.

In March Overdrive, the Library's electronic book provider, will visit Loma Colorado Main Library to show off a trailer full of new technology in this emerging field. Please watch the newspaper for the announcement of this program.

Looking back on 2011, I am very proud that the Friends were able to give two Pat Watson Memorial Scholarships to two of our children's librarians. In addition, the Friends provided two Nooks & two MP3 players for contests held at both Rio Rancho libraries to help increase the number of library card holders. We also had two wonderful days to spend with Santa Claus, one at Loma Colorado & one at Esther Bone. Santa & Mrs. Claus gave each child a book, and cookies were on hand to sweeten the events. A great time was had by all! ***Thanks so much to the Rio Rancho Fire Department for delivering Santa to us.*** In all, about 400 books were given to the children by the Friends.

Santa (Capt. Mike Roskom of the Rio Rancho fire dept.) with Peyton Reagan at the Esther Bone holiday event. *Photo courtesy of Gary Herron.*

Thousands of you attended the library programs this past year! ***Please remember that these programs are funded by the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, and your membership and spirit of volunteerism allowed us to reach our funding goals & provide quality programs. Also, thanks to the librarians who work diligently to advise us of great programs & book the program presenters.*** Keep up the good work in 2012!

Guess Who's Turning 30!
The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.!

To kick off our 30th Anniversary year, we are offering special commemorative T-shirts in our "Library Blue" color in S/M/L/XL sizes. Modeled at right by Board member Dan O'Connell, the T-shirts are available for purchase at the Friends' Shop at the Loma Colorado Main Library for $15 each. Get yours now!

Thank you, Pat, for your many years of service to the Friends!

Pat McGuire is the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho's longest working volunteer. She has recently retired from that job but will not be forgotten. Our present status was built on her shoulders! I started volunteering 13+ years ago when she was president. In all, I think she was president for about 6 years. Not only was Pat president of the Board, but she also ran the monthly book sales, had the biannual volunteer luncheons, and was head of the pricing & sorting committee, which still works very hard each Thursday morning sorting through the weekly book donations. After Pat stepped down from her role as president, she continued volunteering with the Friends by working in the Friends' Shop at the Loma Colorado Main Library and working weekly with the pricing & sorting committee.

We will miss you, Pat! We wish you good luck!

Gloria Shapiro 🕮

Friends in the News: Congratulations to Phil Doonan!

In November, Phil was recognized as ***one of ten Rio Rancho Unsung Heroes.*** Phil is a long-time Friend who for years has tirelessly helped move book carts & set up for the monthly book sales and volunteered for the Bowl-a-thons. The Friends applaud you and this well-deserved honor!

We appreciate you so much, Phil! 🕮

Hello from the Loma Colorado Friends' Shop!

Things are going well. However, we do need ***more*** volunteers, especially people who can work flexible hours. If you would like a fun, easy job with short hours, call me at 891-1190. My answering machine is always on. Thanks! *Gloria Shapiro* 🕮

Thank you, Mark & Sheila Real Estate Team of Coldwell Banker Legacy of Rio Rancho!

Since partnering with Mark Fiedler and Sheila Nurse in 2009, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho have received approximately 1,500 additional used books each year: ***a total of over 4,500 books***! Our yearly sales from these books equates to approximately 8% (1/12) of FOLRR's annual monthly book sales and bookstore sales revenue.

The Friends are ***deeply appreciative*** that Mark and Sheila have donated these books, which homeowners have provided at the end of each community yard sale. For information about Mark & Sheila, and next year's community yard sales, visit markandsheilateam.com. *Cynthia Jacques* 🕮

Thank you, City of Vision Civitan Club!

Each monthly book sale requires a lot of physical work, and the Friends always need more help. Through the efforts of long-time Friend Stew Reinhold, members of the City of Vision Civitan Club have been assisting Friends' members in the set up & tear down of the second Saturday book sales. The COV Civitan Club, a Rio Rancho service organization of almost 100 members who support dozens of non-profit groups with donations or volunteers, is one of the largest Civitan clubs in the Southwest. For more information about COV Civitans, contact Stew at 918-6543. **We greatly appreciate the gracious assistance of all of our helpers, both Civitans & Friends members!** 🕮

Some Saturdays we have a few helpers to set up ...

... and we can always use more volunteers!

The Magnet that Draws Book Lovers:

Shelves & Shelves of Books at the Friends' Second Saturday Book Sales

By Babs Langner, FOLRR Vice President & Monthly Book Sales Chairman

Book lovers can't resist shelves of books. Every second Saturday of the month, around 12,000 paperback & hardback books lure people to the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho sale in the Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium. ***Since all books are 50 cents, the sale is a heady attraction!***

The donations range from almost new to gently used to a bit shabby, but the titles are varied & exciting. You may find woodworking in 10 volumes, a 1910 version of pottery making in New Mexico, birds of the Southwest, a teach–yourself-Japanese manual, trails in the Sandias, and lots of versions of World War II airplanes, battle scenes, & strategies. Of course, there is always a steady stream of mysteries, best-selling novels, cookbooks, & diet books.

The atmosphere at a sale is not like a boisterous ballpark with lots of shouting & clapping. Sales are quiet events. People are intensely involved in reading titles and don't have time for idle chatter. Sometimes 40 or 50 shoppers will be making their selections, and a pin could drop & be heard. Occasionally a Read-To-Me-Dog will come in with his owner. These dogs sit on little rugs in the children's area and listen to a child read aloud. These furry library denizens also are quiet. Once a little terrier in a blue jacket came in & checked out the bottom shelf for a copy of *Clifford, the Big Red Dog*. When he didn't find it, he didn't even give a yip.

The money from the monthly sales funds programs at the two Rio Rancho libraries. Past programs have included musical events, Princess Teas for young girls, talks by authors, a wolf talk with a real wolf in attendance, holiday decorating workshops, and many others. ***The Summer Reading Program for children is also financed by the Friends of the Library!*** This coming summer each child will receive a T-shirt as an added incentive for joining. 🕮

Gently Used Book Donations & Book Hutch

We can only accept book donations at our book hutch outside of Loma Colorado Main Library (LCML):

- Drive to the far right of the Library, into the Employee Parking area.
- Place your bagged or boxed donations inside the unpainted wooden donation hutch (shown in this photo), which is located against the northern wall of LCML .
- If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, please drive to the main lot by the Library's front door, park, enter the library, and go directly to the Friends' Shop. 🕮

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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.

Bookfriends, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho's newsletter, is published three or more times a year. Members' comments and contributions are welcome. Please email us at info@FOLRR.org or mail material, including your phone number, to Newsletter Editor, Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, PO Box 15143, Rio Rancho, NM 87174.

Upcoming Events & Dates

Visit FOLRR.org or call us at 89-2READ for details.

Annual Membership Meeting & Volunteers Recognition Luncheon

Friday, April 20th
11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Loma Colorado Main Library

All members are invited and welcomed to enjoy lunch together, hear first-hand about the Friends' numerous activities & achievements, and vote in the election of members to the Board.

Guess Who's Turning 30!

GIANT Book Sales

Second Saturday of every month!

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

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

Feb 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14