



Bookfriends

A Message From Our President, Mary Roskom

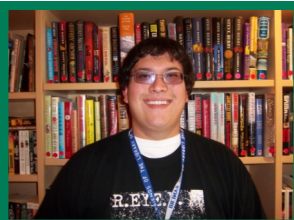


Spring is always a time of renewal for me. That is especially true this year. I want to thank all of you for the cards & well wishes, & let you know I am grateful for your "Friend-ship"!

Each year in April we take time to recognize our volunteers. We thank each & every one of you who work so hard to make us successful! Whether you do it by donating your used books, working in the bookstore, pricing & sorting, managing donations, selling for us on Amazon, buying or selling at the monthly book sales, or managing one of our outreach programs, such as Books for Babies, the 30th anniversary t-shirt sale, or our wonderful cookbook sale ~ ***thanks to each & every one of you!*** This year special thanks went to Bruce & Anne Goodman, selected as Volunteers of the Year. Anne is the brains behind this newsletter, & Bruce is available to help no matter what we ask of him, including listing and selling our larger sets on Amazon. We owe you both a big debt of gratitude, & thank you sincerely for all you do. We also honored our unsung hero, Anthony Herrera, who is a donation manager on Tuesdays & a book mover on Thursdays & before each monthly book sale. What a wonderful help he has been!



Mary with Babs Langner, FOLRR vice president, & Dan O'Connell, Board member, modeling 30th Anniversary t-shirts. *Photo courtesy of Gary Herron.*



Anthony Herrera, one of the FOLRR donation managers, our unsung hero, & college student.

Thanks, Anthony!

Also, in April each year we select & elect new Board members. This year we had three returning Board members including myself, Kathleen Marr & Janet Wilder. In addition to us "old hands," we welcome to the Board Rita Armijo, Mike Maves, & Karen Reinhold. We all bring different talents & skills to the table, & I am hoping we can make this a banner year, in this our 30th anniversary year. ***We are planning a gala celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc., with a dinner, New Mexico Centennial commemoration, & silent auction on Friday, September 28th, at the Chamisa Hills Golf & Country Club. Please Save the Date!***

Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. There are programs specific to children, youth & adults at both Rio Rancho public libraries. ***Children/youth programs offer a free t-shirt to the first 1200 to sign up, almost weekly live entertainment, & a grand finale program to be held at Rio Rancho High School Performing Arts Center. Three lucky people participating in the Adult Summer Reading program will get a gift bag that includes a Nook!*** Other incentives to keep reading abound. Have a wonderful summer! 📖



Mary with Bruce & Anne Goodman, FOLRR Volunteers of the Year.

Guess Who's Turning 30!
The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.!
Save the Date!! Friday, September 28th!



Blast from the Past! The Monthly Saturday Book Sales

By Janeal Grainey, Former Board Member



I've been volunteering for the Friends of the Library for ten years now. It's been a very rewarding experience. It's a wonderful organization.

The procedure for the monthly Saturday book sales has changed considerably since we moved to the new Loma Colorado Main Library. When we had the book sales at Esther Bone Memorial Library, the fiction paperbacks were stored on racks in the back of the program room, which is much smaller than the one at Loma Colorado. The rest of the books for the sales were kept in boxes. A group of hardy volunteers would drive to our storage space on Golf Course Road where they would load the boxes into vehicles & haul them to Esther Bone. Then the boxes would be unloaded onto tables for the sales. We had a small closet in the program room with additional boxes of books. When a sale was over, the boxes were loaded back into the vehicles & hauled back to the storage space to be unloaded & put back into the storage space.

We appreciate the rolling carts, wire racks, & nearby storage shed we now have at Loma Colorado, in addition to the office/storage space near the Friends' Shop & near the receiving area. With all the changes, however, one thing has remained the same ~ the hard-working, dedicated Friends' volunteers who work every month to help support Rio Rancho library programs.

Note: Currently, each second Saturday morning of the month, a group of about a dozen volunteers meets at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Loma Colorado Main Library to set up the carts and racks for the book sales. 📖

An *Observer* Editorial, March 28, 2012:

🌀 Hats Off to Friends of the Library! 🌀

Reprinted courtesy of the *Rio Rancho Observer*

Friends such as those who volunteer for Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho are the kind of friends anyone would want.

They shelve books, read to kids, man the bookstore & raise money, among many activities.

Friends has been around for 30 years, just one year less than the City of Rio Rancho. People like Friends President Mary Roskom, Vice President Babs Langner & many other volunteers lend their tireless efforts day in & day out, week in & week out, to help the Loma Colorado Main Library & the Esther Bone Memorial Library.

The original Friends, formed at a city council meeting in 1982, was put together "as a separate organization dedicated to the establishment of a building fund for a new city library." That original Friends group, headed by Ruth Bruening & Curtis Morgan, helped accomplish that goal within a decade ~ & it's done much more since then.

Basically, every program you and/or your kids enjoy at either library is funded, at least in part, by Friends projects. Money raised by the Friends, much of which comes from monthly book sales & bookstore receipts, helps pay for various events.

A long time ago, Friends pushed for a structure to replace the city's library at Haynes Community Center. Esther Bone Memorial Library opened in 1992. In the winter of 2004, the Friends urged Rio Ranchoans to approve a \$5.5 million bond to build a new main library. Voters OK'd the bond, & the 32,000-square-foot Loma Colorado Main Library was built.

Libraries are not just places to check out books, DVDs or CDs. You can also gain access to ebooks, conduct meeting, use computers.

The volunteers in Friends of the Library give much of their free time. Take Esther Holste, for example. She was 92 when she quit Friends after 27 years with the organization. Another Friends volunteer, Charlie Smith, said libraries are important community resources.

Today, we applaud the Friends of the Library & celebrate their efforts. Without their work, who knows whether we'd have the wonderful library system we enjoy in Rio Rancho. 📖



Lunch with the Friends on a Lovely Spring Day!

By Kathleen Marr, FOLRR Secretary

On April 20 Friends' members enjoyed lively conversation & a lunch of assorted croissant sandwiches, fresh vegetables, & cheesecake squares at our Annual Membership Meeting. President Mary Roskom introduced Board members & new volunteers, and announced that plans are underway for the FOLRR 30th year celebration. The gala dinner & silent auction will be held this fall & themed to coincide with the State of New Mexico Centennial celebration. Since this will be our only fundraiser this year (no bowl-a-thon), Mary asked that everyone make plans to participate in the festivities & to donate an item for the auction.

Mary explained that our by-laws require a minimum of five members on the Board, with no ceiling. Mary called for Board nominations from the floor, but none were given. Names on the ballot for returning Board members were Kathleen Marr, Mary Roskom, & Jan Wilder. Running as new Board members were Rita Armijo, Mike Maves, & Karen Reinhold. All were elected & join Angie Adams, Kris Axtell, Kristal Breeze, Babs Langner, Dianne Mayeda, & Dan O'Connell to comprise the 2012 FOLRR Board. Leaving the Board are Cynthia Jacques & Kim Newell, whose energetic, tireless work is greatly appreciated!

Mary shared the following revenue totals for 2011:

- Loma Colorado Book Store = \$14,519.55
- Esther Bone Book Store = \$2,423.80
- Monthly Book Sales = \$7,564.60
- Amazon earnings after expenses = \$9,234.73
- Ending balance for March 2012 (all assets) = \$78,746.94

These totals reflect 500+ monthly volunteer hours & are impressive, but Mary explained that our expenditures are also considerable. Currently every program at both libraries,

including Summer Reading & adult programming, is funded by FOLRR. Also, when Loma Colorado was built & Esther Bone underwent renovation, FOLRR was able to donate \$130,000 for furnishings. These expenditures leave us unable to put aside the substantial monies needed to make a donation for a future third library, so plans are beginning for a separate foundation to build revenue needed to furnish a new library when the time comes.

Summer Reading 2012 will feature daily programs & online registration, as well as Friends-funded live programs & free t-shirts for all students who sign up, including teens. Stephanie Zaslav, Youth Services Manager, showed the colorful t-shirts, which display "Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho" on the back. As a finale, there will be a program at the Rio Rancho High School Performing Arts Center for all participating students.

Lastly, Mary named the Volunteers of the Year, Anne & Bruce Goodman. Anne is very active in price & sort, monthly book sales, & the *Bookfriends* newsletter. Bruce sells books & sets of books on Amazon & hauls books in his truck. Mary presented each with a beautifully engraved glass brick as a remembrance of the occasion. Special mention & sincere thanks were also given to Anthony Herrera, Rita Armijo's grandson, for all the help he gives each & every week. The Friends could not do without him! 📖



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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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—8 P.M.

Friday-Saturday, 9 A.M.—1 P.M.



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Upcoming Events & Dates



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



Save the Date!!

Friday, September 28th

*Our 30th Anniversary
Gala Celebration*

Chamisa Hills Golf & Country Club

Tickets are \$30 per person for the evening gala dinner, State of New Mexico Centennial commemoration, & silent auction.

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GIANT Book Sales

Second Saturday of every
month

Loma Colorado Main Library
Auditorium

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

May 12, June 9,
July 14, August 11

