



Bookfriends

A Message From Our President, Mary Roskom

"Oh, what a night!" From the beautiful setting, to the table decorations, to the excellent food & beautiful music, our 30th Anniversary Party was an exquisite event. I wish you all could have been there to enjoy it! My thanks to all who helped make it such a great event: to Anne Goodman & her expert eye for placement & bundling of silent auction items, as well as her boundless energy; to Charlie Smith, a committee member from the beginning, who helped with the selection of our speaker, Don Bullis; to Terrie Erskine who helped us engage the mariachi trio, Mariachi Tenampa; & also to the many generous donors of silent auction items.

The Friends have once again taken steps to get into the digital age by signing up with First Data to process credit card transactions. First Data, through Sam's Club, has offered us extremely low rates & a rental fee of just \$1 a month. We successfully operated this system at September's Book Sale & then used it to process charges from our silent auction. Our plan is to have this system available at all book sales, & as soon as the wiring is extended to the Friends' Shop in Loma Colorado Main Library, we will also offer this convenience on a daily basis there.

After a few hiccups, we are once again offering email notification of our book sales. You can sign up at the monthly book sales. We are very grateful for the help & patience of our friends at Rio Rancho Cyber Academy to make this happen.

I would like to note that the bylaws of the Friends of the Library have recently been amended. We have made the change from President & Vice-President to President, President-elect, & Past President in the hopes that this will make for a smooth transition. Other Board & Executive Committee officers remain the same. We have also approved a change which will limit a Board Officer to two consecutive one year terms in any office. ***If you are interested in serving on the Board, please step up & volunteer!***

We're getting close to the end of 2012 & are now planning our Holiday Luncheon. ***Save the date,***

December 7th, 2012! We plan to show the video tribute to the Friends of the Library that was put together by the library staff & have a small raffle. ***I hope to see you there!*** 📖



Bill Cicola, Library Director, between Laura Fitzpatrick, Asst. City Manager, & Ben Wakashige, former NM State Librarian



Taking our seats



Mr. Cicola admiring the silent auction items with Board members Kristal Breeze & Rita Armijo

A Congratulatory Letter from Devon I. Skeele, State Librarian of New Mexico



Dear Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho:

Congratulations on celebrating thirty years of truly being friends of the Rio Rancho Library. Much has changed in libraries in the last thirty years, and you have helped your library to grow in the services it provides.

On behalf of the State Library, thank you & best wishes for the next thirty years. 📖

Many Thanks to our Generous Sponsors & Silent Auction Donors!

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Yes, the Friends Turned the Big 3-0!



Don Bullis,
our speaker

On September 28, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc., gathered at the Chamisa Hills Country Club for their 30th Anniversary Celebration, & it was an evening of superlatives. After a truly delicious meal, Mary Roskom, Friends' President, introduced the dignitaries, & Bill Cicola, Library Director, praised the Friends as being **"the hardest working Friends group I have ever seen."** He & the numerous library staff members present showed an outstanding Power Point presentation that had been prepared especially for the occasion. The presentation, entitled "That's What Friends Are For" after the Dionne Warwick song, was very much appreciated! Don Bullis, the New Mexico Centennial Author for Adults & local historian extraordinaire, eloquently spoke of the significance of the occasion within the history of the State of New Mexico & the City of Rio Rancho.

Many comments were heard about the "wow-tender" prime rib; the "elegant, excellent" Mariachi Tenampa ("just the right touch"); the "lovely" pots of autumn mums on each table; and the "superb" quality of the items on the four tables set for the silent auction ("the best silent auction I've been to in a long time!"). But, as we were leaving with our silent auction treasures, the main comment heard was,

"What a LOVELY evening!" 📖



The marvelous
Mariachi Tenampa



The prime rib buffet



Enjoying a walk down the
lane of NM history



Last chance for the silent auction

Members of the 2012 Board of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.

Angela Adams, *School Liason*; Rita Armijo, *Esther Bone Friends' Shop*; Kris Axtell, *Membership*; Roberta Birch, *Secretary*; Kristal Breeze, *Books for Babies*; Babs Langner, *Vice-President*; Mike Maves; Dianne Mayeda, *Treasurer*; Dan O'Connell, *T-shirts*; Karen Reinhold; Mary Roskom, *President*. Ex-officio: Gloria Shapiro, *Loma Colorado Friends' Shop*; & Anne Goodman, *Newsletter*. Advisor: Charles Smith. Library Director: William Cicola. 📖

Blast from the Past! The Friends' Price & Sort Group

By Susan Bliss, Former Board Member



Thinking of the early days when I first started volunteering with the Friends brings back many fond memories. I was new in town & looking for a way to volunteer, but also get to know people. I started out with the "price & sort" group which was a small, congenial group. In the old days, we usually worked in the program room at the Esther Bone Memorial Library. Occasionally, there was a program scheduled, & we'd have to wheel our carts of books to a corner of the library & try to work there. The quantity of donated books was far less than what we have now, & we were usually finished by 10:30am. We had a small group &, much like today, we rewarded ourselves by going out to coffee afterwards. We all felt like it was our second family.

Our biggest concern was the Free Cart. It was always a thorn in the side of the library director because it tended to get messy & seemed to be in the way no matter where we put it. The volunteers, of course, wanting to promote literacy in any way we could, really liked the Free Cart, & we tried in every way we could to keep it neat & unobtrusive. We put it in the entryway, then along the back wall, & then next to the bookstore entrance, but no location was perfect. We usually managed a reprieve each time we were told that the Free Cart just didn't fit in, but it was always a challenge.

Today's price & sort group has many of the same challenges, just on a bigger scale. It's always a question of too many books, not enough space, & how to maximize our resources. And, just like before, we have a congenial group, although now we usually go out for lunch, rather than coffee. Library volunteers are fun people, & I'm glad to have been a part of the fun.

Note: Currently, the price & sort group of about a dozen Friends' volunteers meets every Thursday morning at 8:30 or 9:00 in the Auditorium of the Loma Colorado Main Library & works until noon or so.

We always need more volunteers & would love to have you join us! 



Gently Used Book Donations & Book Hutch

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

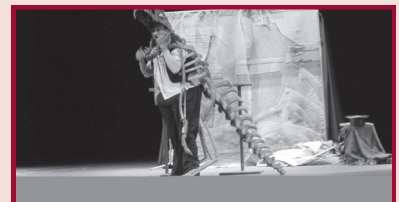
- Drive to the far right of the Library, into the Employee Parking area.
- Place your bagged or boxed donations inside the unpainted wooden donation hutch (shown in this photo), which is located against the northern wall of LCML.
- If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, please drive to the main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



"This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho."

This sentence is one you see every time you visit one of the libraries or read the *Rio Rancho Observer*! The Friends funded the entire 2012 Children's Summer Reading Program at both libraries providing programming, supplies, & t-shirts for **Read S'More** for preschoolers, **Dream Big, READ!** for school-age children, & **Own the Night** for teens. On July 26, the Friends funded the Grand Finale program held at Rio Rancho High School's Performing Arts Center. All children who participated in any of the three summer reading programs at both libraries & their families were invited, & about 400 people from grandparents to toddlers attended. The entertainment was provided by the amazing Kirby Variety Show, a one-man show mixing mime, magic, juggling, audience participation & plenty of clowning around. The star of the show was the dinosaur which Kirby became by donning the dinosaur skeleton costume, pictured at right.

Stephanie Zaslav, Youth Services Manager, reports, "This summer we offered a total of 97 programs thanks to the Friends, & a total of 3,364 children attended. All in all, it was a very good summer for the library!" 



Kirby's Dinosaur (Photo courtesy of Stephanie Zaslav)



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(505) 891-5013

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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.



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Upcoming Events & Dates



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

You are invited to the



Friends' Holiday Luncheon



Honoring All the Friends' Volunteers

Friday, December 7th at 11:30am

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

Please join us for good food, hot spiced cider, & lively conversation with other Friends. We will be sharing the outstanding presentation the Library Staff prepared for our 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Giant Book Sales

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

Friday, Nov 9

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, Nov 10

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

Both November sales will include 1st editions & signed copies!

**Dec 8, Jan 12,
Feb 9, & Mar 9**

