



Bookfriends

A Message From Our President, Babs Langner

Greetings to all the Friends!

Fall hit the Rio Rancho libraries with lots of diverse activities. Teens decorated real pumpkins, & adults created wreaths with leaves, ribbon, & other goodies. People heard ghost stories of the West, & the kids



The Friends welcome
Geri Hutchins, Acting
Library Director.

listened to slightly scary Halloween tales. Creepy critters like insects & snakes came to be viewed & even touched by the very brave. Poets read their works at a poetry slam, & teens viewed movies at their film fest. Dog training, Lego building, & tips on writing were also on the list of available activities - & there were even more! As you may know, the Friends have provided all financial support for all programming at both Rio Rancho libraries for several years.

Because of your time & support, our Rio Rancho libraries can offer all these programs. Thank you so much!



Babs & Library Director William Cicola before his recent retirement party. The Friends truly appreciate Bill's excellent leadership, strong support & desire to achieve the very best for our libraries!

I personally enjoy the camaraderie of being with other people who like to read & believe in helping others. ***I hope you can all come to the Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 6 where we will honor all the Friends, your dedication & hard work! We'll have a drawing for the flower centerpieces & lots of good food, including those little cheesecake squares the Friends are famous for serving. See you then!*** 📖

We Pick Up Large Donations!

Do you have a large donation of gently used books but aren't able to bring the boxes to the Friends' hutch on the north side of the Loma Colorado Main Library? Good news! The Friends have a Friend-ly pick-up service! Please call 892-READ (892-7323), & a pick-up time



will be arranged. Board member Rita Armijo & her very strong grandson Anthony Herrera, one of our faithful donation managers & busy college student, will come & load your heavy book boxes into the family truck for delivery to the Friends' book shed at the Loma Colorado Main Library. Rita & Anthony are pictured with a recent delivery of 25 boxes of books from one generous donor! 📖

Books to the ceiling,
books to the sky.

My piles of books are a
mile high.

How I love them!

How I need them!

I'll have a long beard by
the time I read them.

By Arnold Lobel 📖

As seen on a bulletin board at
Esther Bone Memorial Library

Books 4 Babies Backpacks for Rust Medical Center

By Mary Roskom, Past President & Books 4 Babies Manager



Some of the super Teen Advisory Group for Rio Rancho libraries.

As far back as I can remember the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho have participated in the national initiative to provide books for babies. For years we have supplied books to ReadWest, WIC at Sandoval Health Commons, Head Start, & in our own Baby Bumblebee program at Loma Colorado Main Library. Last year we began looking for other opportunities to engage our community's youngest readers. We approached Rust Medical Center in Rio Rancho about distributing to all new moms our little baby backpacks, complete with board book, nursery rhymes, brochures on reading to children, refrigerator magnets with library hours & phone numbers, & an application for baby's first library card. Since there are about 100 births a month at Rust, this is a huge undertaking, & we are trying to get local sponsorship. While a sponsor has not yet materialized, the FOLRR Board agreed to move forward with the project.

Faced with assembling & packaging enough backpacks to get through the first few months, we solicited help from the *Teen Advisory Group (TAG)*. This wonderful group of helpful teens is led by *Teen Librarian Jenna Wells* & is engaged in recommending programs at both libraries & organizing community projects. *Enchanted Hills Elementary School Librarian & Board Member Nancy Bigelow* helped get everything together & instruct the teens. *Wow! In just over thirty minutes, they had successfully packed over 300 backpacks. They are the best!*

We then delivered the first shipment of backpacks to Rust Medical Center. *The backpacks are a real hit!* We have even received requests from people who had babies elsewhere, & at Rust prior to the start of this effort, wanting to know how they too can get the backpacks.

So far the only source of revenue for the backpacks is through the sale of the Friends' blue book bags. So, please keep in mind when you purchase a book bag that you are helping a little one on the road to a lifetime of reading. 📖



RMC's Desiree McSween (left), operating room tech, & Angela Garcia, neo-natal ICU Nurse Manager, accept Books 4 Babies backpacks from Mary Roskom.



A bunch of Friends working & having fun during a recent Thursday morning price-&-sort session.

Come join us!

Rain or Shine!

During our record-breaking September rains, the Monthly Book Sale crew worked in the downpour to bring in the books from the Friends' shed. Pushing book carts is a daunting task in our usually sunny weather, but it is even more challenging in the wind & rain. Board members Kris Axtell, Rita Armijo, & Rudy Maestas are just a few of the crew who got wet keeping the books dry for the September sale.

Many thanks to ALL of our volunteers who help set up the Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium for the Monthly Book Sales each second Saturday! 📖



In Memory of our Friend Ron Nelson

The Editor's sincere apologies to Gloria Doerr for inadvertently omitting her memorial in the last Bookfriends issue.

Ron Nelson's memory lives on because he was a man passionate about learning & volunteering his services. He entered the library offering to help in any form or fashion. He brought the opera to Esther Bone, & it was a big hit, much appreciated by the audience. He was also very active at the Rio Rancho Senior Center & served on the Board. He started both Spanish & French conversation groups & found teachers for Italian & Greek classes. Every day he woke up wondering how he could learn something new & share it with others. He was a remarkable man, & we shall all miss him. *Gloria Doerr* 📖



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. 📖



Be a Friend of the Library of Rio Rancho!

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New Member

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Annual Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

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E-Mail _____

Date _____

Membership Categories

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| ☐ Student/Senior (62 & over) | \$5 |
| ☐ Friend (1 person) | \$10 |
| ☐ Family | \$20 |
| ☐ Sponsor (1 person) | \$25 |
| ☐ Supporter (1 person) | \$50 |
| ☐ Patron (1 person) | \$100 |
| ☐ Benefactor (1 person) | \$250 |

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

📖 We can be contacted at (505) 892-7323 (89-2READ).

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

📖 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 & pricing
- ___ by serving on the Board
- ___ at monthly book sales



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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
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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 892-READ for details.

You are cordially invited to the

**Friends' Holiday Luncheon
Honoring All Friends' Volunteers**

Friday, December 6th at 11:30 am

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

Please join us & enjoy a delicious lunch, lovely door prizes,
& enjoyable conversation with many other Friends.

**GIANT Book
Sales**



**Loma Colorado Main Library
Auditorium**

Second Saturday every month!

Saturday, Dec 14

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

**Jan 11, Feb 8
March 8, & April 12**