

Friends Win the Rotary 2014 Zimmerman Award!

Please remember we need more help sorting our book donations. From our book managers who empty the hutch, to the Thursday morning price-&-sort group, & to workers at both bookstores, more volunteers are vital

See you at the Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 5th, at 11:30 a.m.! 📖

Look for the Library Bond Issues!

The *Zimmerman Award* is an annual award established in 2009 by the Foundation of the Rio Rancho Rotary Club “to recognize & give credit to an individual or an organization for their efforts (or programs) to improve the lives of the people of Rio Rancho.” It is named in honor of Harold & Malina Zimmerman for their generosity to the Foundation & to other community projects in Rio Rancho.

The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc. was presented this year’s Zimmerman Award during the gala 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Rotary Club of Rio Rancho on June 28 at Club Rio Rancho. *The Friends greatly appreciate this public recognition & honor given by the Rotary Club of Rio Rancho!* 📖

A Lovely Lunch with Friends!

The 2014 Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

By Diane Taylor, Friends' Secretary

Approximately 50 Friends gathered on Friday, April 4, for the Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. President Babs Langner welcomed everyone & then presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Anthony Herrera. Anthony volunteers every Thursday morning helping set up the auditorium for the price-&-sort group, hefts book boxes to help set up the monthly Book Sales, & also uses the family truck to pick up large donations of books from contributors unable to bring them to the Library. Anthony is a UNM student & tries to arrange his class & work schedules around the Thursday morning set up. The award was presented at the beginning of the meeting as Anthony had to get to UNM Main Campus for a 1:00 class. **Many**

thanks to this fine young man!



Anthony & his proud grandparents, Rudy & Rita Armijo.
A family of Friends!

The keynote speaker was Lynette Schurdevin, our new Library Director, who began by thanking the Friends for all our hard work & support of library programs. After announcing that the library theme for the year is ***Lives Change at Your Library***, she informed the group of the many planned activities & projects underway, including National Library Week; the upcoming county library bond issue on the November ballot; refinishing library floors; purchasing chairs; upgrading to RFID (radio frequency identification system) to help the check-out & inventory processes; & obtaining new touch screen computers for pre-school through grade school – not connected to the internet – that contain literacy programs & games. She also reported on the Summer Reading Program plans & showed the turquoise & orange backpacks provided by the Friends that each child will get when registering.

Steve Dietzel, Bruce Goodman, & Kim MacLaurin were unanimously elected to serve on the Friends' Board.

This year's lucky door prize winners were given a choice of one of the pots of colorful spring flowers decorating the tables, a Friends' cookbook, or a \$10.00 gift certificate to Cold Stone Creamery. 📖



Anthony Herrera, FOLRR Volunteer of the Year, displaying his plaque & gift certificate.

The 2014 Friends of the Library of Río Rancho, Inc. Board of Directors

Rita Armijo, *Esther Bone FriendShop*

Kris Axtell, *President*

Nancy Bigelow, *School Liaison*

Steve Dietzel, *Online CD Sales*

Bruce Goodman, *Treasurer*

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Babs Langner, *Past President*

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Candy Sanchez

Diane Taylor, *Secretary*

Ex-officio: Anne Goodman, *Newsletter*; Dianne Mayeda, *Amazon Sales*; & Gloria Shapiro, *Loma Colorado Friends' Shop*. Advisor: Charles Smith. 📖

KASA 2 TV Filmed Teen Advisory Group

"This year the Rio Rancho Public Libraries Teen Advisory Group's food drive benefited the Ronald McDonald

House Charities of New Mexico," says Jenna Wells, Teen Librarian at Loma Colorado Main Library. TAG placed the large blue barrels in the Library, & all three were filled full of food & goods for the House! Interestingly, the KASA 2 TV crew filmed TAG getting ready for the drive & ran the news story the last week of July as the drive began. "The Ronald McDonald House Charities was extremely grateful for the generosity of our patrons & community," reports Ms. Wells. 📖



Loma Colorado Friends' Shop Improvement Project

As you may have noticed, our Loma Colorado Friends' Shop has been crammed, slammed & crowded with books! Over the last year, the Friends' Board of Directors has worked to improve the situation, striving to gain a more efficient use of space & a better display of books for our customers. Two new wooden shelving units have been purchased & installed, one for magazines & a matching one for books. These new units have greatly increased our shelf space & achieved a more pleasant look & shopping environment. On your next visit to Loma Colorado Main Library, be sure to stop in & have a look!

Also, we always need more volunteers to man the Friends' Shop. Gloria says, "If you would like a fun, easy job with short hours, call me at 891-1190. My answering machine is always on." 📖

Gloria Shapiro, Loma Colorado Friends' Shop manager since 1999, showing off the two new shelving units.



Lives Change at Your Library!

The 2014 Summer Reading Program

"It was a great summer with the kids," says Janet Phillips, Youth Services Librarian at Loma Colorado Main Library, who provided these photos. "I had one family come in who had logged 100 books they read with their daughter - just for fun. I loved it!"

The overall theme for the 2014 Summer Reading Program was Science. Programs for birth through children entering 5th grade centered on **Fizz, Boom, Read**. Tweens & teens 6th – 12th grades followed **Spark a Reaction**, & adults had a **Literary Elements** theme. Participation was superb with **1,723 patrons registered & 10,943 books logged**. "The total of items circulated [checked out] for June & July was 84,544!" reports Ms. Phillips.

The Summer Reading Program is the single largest event funded by the Friends every year.

In addition to all the programming, the Friends funded a book bag for each participant - a choice of a turquoise or an orange

book backpack for each child, a blue one for teens, & a lime green book bag for each adult. Also, the Friends purchased all the promotional items, including bookmarks, posters, banners & activity sheets. **Thank you to the Friends who made this successful program possible through your dedicated volunteer hours!** 📖



The first time we've had **Explora!** We had a full crowd who were entertained with "explosions" right here in the Library!



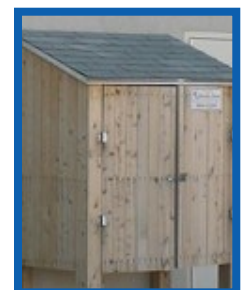
Exotics of the Rainforest Animals are always quite a favorite with the kids!



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

New Hours as of Sept 1!

Sunday-Monday, Closed

Tuesday, 12–8 P.M.

Wed-Sat, 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

Bookfriends, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho's newsletter, is published three times a year. Members' comments & contributions are welcome. Please call 892-READ 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 892-READ for details.



GLANT Book Sales

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

**Second Saturday every month &
Friday AND Sat every quarter!**

Saturday, Oct 11

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.



**Nov 8, Dec 13,
Jan 10, Feb 14,
& Mar 13 & 14**

Save the Date!!

Join Us for

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

Friday, Dec 5th at 11:30 a.m.

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

Raise a cup of hot spiced apple cider with Friends! Enjoy a delicious lunch of shrimp, assorted savory sandwiches & our traditional cheesecake squares & a lively chat with Friends ~ and perhaps take home a door prize, too!