



Bookfriends

A Message From Our President, Kris Axtell



Hello, Friends! What exciting programs & events we have to look forward to in 2015! We are already getting started for the 2015 Summer Reading Program. Book bags have been ordered – red or turquoise for children & youth & assorted colors for adults. Time certainly moves quickly in the world of books!

All of the Second Saturday Monthly Book Sale dates for 2015 have been set up. You can pick up a bookmark at the Friends' Shop at Loma Colorado Main Library outlining the first six months.

The Friends helped Deirdre Caparosa, Youth Services Manager, submit a grant request to the New Mexico Library Foundation for a STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math education). She won a grant of \$4,587! With this money, educational kits of electronic manipulatives will be purchased, & teachers will receive training in their use. Then the teachers will be able to check out the kits from the Library for their classrooms. The kits look like Legos with computer chips in them! The students will learn how to link the pieces to make robots, etc. This is exciting stuff - & I have trouble with just my cell phone!

Books 4 Babies, a national literacy initiative, is going strong here in Rio Rancho. The Friends provide bags each filled with a board book, a nursery rhymes book, brochures on reading to children, a child development wheel, & an application for baby's first library card. Our thanks to TAG, the Library's Teen Advisory Group, who helped the Friends by filling hundreds of bags. Seven large boxes of bags were delivered to Rust Medical Center for distribution to new moms. B4B bags are also given to the Sandoval County WIC program, Read West, & the Library's own Baby Bumblebee program.

Also, I hope you were able to attend the Library's Winter Open House in December. The Friends funded activities & crafts for all ages, refreshments, & even a harpist! The evening was very well attended (300+ happy people!), & many folks who didn't know where Loma Colorado Main Library is located found out. Also, it was so good to see all of you at the Friends' Holiday Luncheon!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Membership Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on April 17!

Keep well during this winter season, & I'll see you in April if not before! 📖

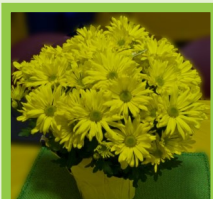


We said, "Come one! Come all!" And you did!
A record 64 Friends attended the Holiday Luncheon.

You are cordially invited to the Friends'

Annual Membership Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Friday, April 17, 2015, Loma Colorado Main Library, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



All Friends' members are invited to enjoy lunch together in honor of our many dedicated volunteers, vote in the election of new Board members, look back on our accomplishments of the last year & hear about future plans—and perhaps win a lovely door prize! If you would like to serve on the Friends' Board and/or you know of someone who would, please call 892-READ. We'll be happy to explain the expectations & duties of these three-year terms. See you there! 📖

Albertsons Market Gives the Friends 1%

Albertsons Market's Community Partners program rewards local non-profit organizations like the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho.

Friends' Board member Steve Dietzel learned of Albertsons Community Partners program, researched it, & then submitted the necessary paperwork with a copy of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.'s IRS 501(c)3 determination letter. Within a few weeks, the Friends received a box of 500 custom key tags—which were given to everyone who attended our Holiday Luncheon last December. Each time a Friends' member or supporter shops at Albertsons Market & scans the key tag, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho earns 1% of the purchase. **Yes, 1%! The Friends will receive the 1% in a quarterly distribution from Albertsons Market, & there was no cost to the Friends to join the Community Partners program or for the key tags. Win, Win! Way to go, Steve!**

If you haven't received your Albertsons key tag, stop in the Friends' Shop at Loma Colorado Main Library & pick one up from the basket on the desk. Give them to your family members, friends, & neighbors, too! 📖

Steve, thank you for your initiative & hard work!



Nurse Tech Amanda Gutierrez of the Mother Baby Care/NICU at RMC accepts our Books 4 Babies bags from Mary Roskom.

Our first delivery of Books 4 Babies bags to Rust Memorial Center was in 2013, & this January seven more boxes of hundreds of bags were given for distribution to all new mothers. Each B4B bag contains a board book & additional information about reading to children. 📖

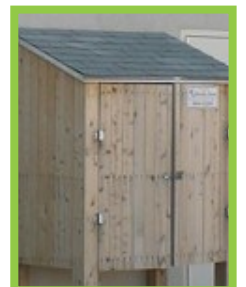
A Lively Holiday Lunch with Friends!



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. 📖



In Memory of our dear Friends Laurel Thomas & Dan O'Connell

The Friends want to extend our condolences to Doug Thomas on the passing of his wife Laurel this past December. Laurel & Doug have volunteered for the Friends for more than 20 years, both at Esther Bone Memorial Library & later at Loma Colorado Main Library. Although I have known both of them for many years, I didn't know until recently how many parts of the world they had lived in due to Doug being a Marine. They even lived in Japan! Laurel was a working nurse, loved doing all kinds of handwork & crafts, & volunteered in several capacities in every place they lived. It seems she was never idle. I fondly remember both Laurel & Doug faithfully helping set up the Friends' monthly Saturday book sales for many years. Laurel was a woman to be admired.

Gloria Shapiro

I always enjoyed knowing Dan. He seemed to be one of the people possessing the "happy gene" & was always able to look at the brighter side. He served as a cashier in the Friends' Shop for many years. He also served a term on the Friends' Board of Directors where he made many valuable contributions. When he worked at the monthly Saturday book sales, I would hear him chatting with folks about different books & found his literary knowledge to be vast. Even when we knew his health was failing, Dan still seemed to be happy & helpful. We miss his sparkle!

Mary Roskom 



Be a Friend of the Library of Rio Rancho!

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New Member

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Annual Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Date _____

Membership Categories

- ☐ 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



Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.

Phone: (505) 892-READ

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Rio Rancho, NM 87174

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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

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, Inc.'s newsletter, is published three times a year. Members' comments & 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 892-READ for details.



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Friday, April 17th at 11:30 a.m.

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

All Friends' members are invited to our annual spring luncheon when we recognize our exceptional volunteers, elect new Board members, & hear about our future plans. Lovely door prizes, too!

***GIANT Book
Sales***



Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

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

Saturday, Feb 14

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

**March 13 & 14, April 11,
May 9, & June 12 & 13**