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Bookfriends

A Message From Our President, Kris Axtell



Dear Friends,

We're coming up on the holidays, times of stress & joy! ***The Friends are selling the 2016 Book Lover's Page-A-Day calendars from Workman Publishing.*** These very nice calendars are not available in stores, but only through Friends' groups nationwide, & make really lovely gifts for the holidays. ***We are selling them for \$10, which is a reduction from***

the regular printed retail price of \$13.99. They can be purchased at our Friends' Shop at Loma Colorado Main Library or at the Esther Bone Memorial Library Circulation Desk.

We have had a great influx of book donations every month this year! If you or some of your friends could donate a couple hours each week, we have a job for you! Our Friends' Shop can always use more volunteers to take a 2-hour shift every other week. Our price-&-sort crew can use more hands every Thursday morning to sort the previous week's book donations. ***None of these jobs are hard to learn – just come & join other Friends!*** All proceeds from Friends' sales help our local community through Rio Rancho Public Library programming for children, teens & adults & through our Books for Babies program which promotes literacy in Sandoval County.

Many thanks to the ***Enchanted Hills Young Marines*** who helped set up & tear down the second Saturday Book Sale in October. We really appreciate their strength & willingness to help! If these fine, intelligent young people are any indication, our community will be in very good hands in the next generation!

Another big note of thanks to the ***Loma Colorado Circulation Department!*** Rena, Kathy, Linda, Daisy, Cindy, Nell & Rosemarie recently surprised the price-&-sort crew with delicious, homemade cookies & candies one Thursday morning! Rena Jackson, Library Circulation Supervisor, said, "This week is National Friends of the Library Week, & we just want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do for us." Many "yum, yums" were heard that morning as we enjoyed the treats!

Please remember to ***renew your membership when you receive your renewal letter.*** It isn't a lot of money, & we need you as a member!

Mark your calendars for our ***Holiday Luncheon honoring all Friends' volunteers Friday, December 4 at 11:30am.*** ***This year a Holiday Sweater Contest is planned in addition to the good food & door prizes, so get your holiday sweater ready!*** I hope to see all of you there!

In the meantime, stay safe. 📖

*Ask your friends to be
our Friends!*



Dr. Tony Ogburn teaching the children about the medical field at the Honoring our Community program during the 2015 Summer Reading Program. The SRP is the single largest event funded by the Friends every year!



All work & no play? Not the Friends!

Board member Mary Burnett (standing, third from right) spearheaded a recent potluck lunch – time to rest from sorting books & enjoy pleasant conversation with Friends! Thank you, Mary, for the superb idea!

A group of women in colorful, patterned dresses are performing a dance on a green lawn. They are in various poses, with some arms raised. In the background, there is a large, light-colored house with a dark roof and a wooden fence. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a blue sky with clouds.

At Loma Colorado Main Library & Esther Bone Memorial Library this past June & July, 1,561 library patrons registered, 6,793 books were registered, 95,834 items were checked out – and an **astounding 7,548 people attended 89 library programs!** Participants enjoyed the summer's ***Escape the Ordinary*** theme. As Janet Philips, Youth Services Librarian, said, "Where else can you pet a goat, jump in a Batman Jumper, play with robots & electronics & 3D printing, see an *Explora!* show, dig through history, hear stories, sing & dance, watch a magic show, eat ice cream, get all goopy with non-Newtonian fluids, have a new exploration table every week of the summer, and then take home books, movies & magazines... **all for FREE!?!"**

A photograph showing two young children, a boy and a girl, looking through a wire mesh fence at a small, light-colored dog. The boy is on the left, wearing a white shirt, and the girl is on the right, wearing a white shirt. They are both smiling and appear to be reaching out towards the dog. The dog is standing on a dirt surface. In the background, other people are partially visible, including a woman in a yellow shirt and another person in a blue shirt. The setting appears to be an outdoor area, possibly a petting zoo or a farm.

port is an invaluable gift to the community.” This year, the Friends purchased the string backpacks & tote bags adults & children received at registration, as well as the new books, ear buds, & notepads participants earned. The Friends also funded all performer fees, program supplies, & library displays. **Many thanks to all the Friends’ volunteers!** 📖

A man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and light-colored tie, stands behind a wooden podium. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The podium features the official seal of the United States Senate, which includes an eagle with a shield, holding an olive branch and arrows, surrounded by the words "UNITED STATES S. SENATE". Two microphones are positioned in front of him. The background consists of a wall with a large, framed image of a historical building, likely the U.S. Capitol.

This has been a great experience for me because this is a part of journalism that I am very passionate about. Talk radio is a dying medium for conveying news to the public, & ***I dream that I might be able to give this medium a rebirth & bring back real journalism.*** The great journalist Hunter S. Thompson once said, “Good news is rare these days, & every glittering ounce of it should be cherished & hoarded & worshipped & fondled like a priceless dia-
this quote when writing my national news articles.

I've met great people, too! *I work with wonderful journalists trying to make a difference.*

All of these things are great, but *I truly miss all of you back home & thank you for the well wishes* I hear weekly from my grandparents (Friends' members Rita & Rudy Armijo). 📖



The Friends' all-volunteer Board of Directors is a very hands-on board! Board members are elected during the Annual Membership Meeting each April & serve for three-year terms. Every year one-third of the terms expire. The 2015 Board is pictured during a recent monthly meeting (standing from left): Nancy Bigelow, *School Liaison*; Joe Driear, *Online Communications*; Kris Axtell, *President*; Steve Dietzel, *VP*; Diane Taylor, *Secretary*; Bruce Goodman, *Treasurer*; (seated from left) Desiree Kim, *Loma Colorado Friends' Shop*; Rita Armijo, *Esther Bone FriendShop*; & Jeanette Kinker, *Holiday Luncheon*. Not pictured are Mary Burnett (absent due to travel) & ex-officio members Anne Goodman, *Newsletter*, Dianne Mayeda, *Amazon Sales*; & Mary Roskom, *Books for Babies*. 📖



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 _____

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.



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Upcoming Events & Dates

Visit FOLRR.org or call us at 892-READ for details.



***GIANT
Book Sales***

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

**Second Saturday every month &
Fri. AND Sat. 4 times per year!**

Saturday, Nov 14

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

**Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13,
March 11 & 12, and Apr 9**

Save the Date!

Friday, December 4th at 11:30am

Friends' Holiday Luncheon
Honoring All Friends' Volunteers

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

Wear your Holiday Sweater from the prettiest to the ugliest! Prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, ugliest, funniest, & most original sweaters. Enjoy the spirit of the season with good food, fine Friends, a fun sweater contest, & perhaps a door prize!