

Bookfriends



2016, Vol. II

A Message From Our President, Kris Axtell

Dear Friends,

The heat of the summer is upon us! ***So we are very excited to announce that in May the Friends were awarded a PNM Resources Foundation "Power Up" grant of \$19,995 to design, purchase, and install a shade sail to transform the Loma Colorado Main Library concrete back patio area into a shaded outdoor classroom that will benefit all Rio Rancho residents.*** Our own Mary Burnett & Deirdre Caparoso, Youth Services Manager, collaborated in writing the successful grant proposal. The particulars are highlighted in Mary's article on page 2. ***Many thanks to the PNM Resources Foundation!***

As you may have heard, the price of some books will increase at our Second Saturday Book Sales. ***The new price will be \$1.00 for hardback books, but paperbacks will remain at \$.50.*** We haven't had an increase in over a decade, & it is needed to reflect current overhead expenses, to maintain library program support, and to still be at or below other local Friends groups' pricing.

We had to purchase ***eight new book carts*** this year, four in March & four more in June. These carts do the hard, bumpy work of moving our inventory from the storage shed, across the parking lot, & into the Loma Colorado Library for the Second Saturday Book Sales. Professional library-grade book carts are expensive to replace, but the welds on the old carts were breaking, making them impossible to use.

Are you someone who has all your holiday gifts purchased by September? Keep in mind that this autumn the Friends will again be selling (at a discount!) the ***Book Lover's 2017 Calendar: Great Authors, Great Reading and Great Books*** by Workman Publishers. They make superb gifts!

The ***Summer Reading Program*** is in full swing at both libraries! You may have noticed an influx of young readers because, at this newsletter's press time, 1,031 children, teens & adults have registered! Literacy is a prime focus of the Friends, and SRP is the largest library program the Friends support annually, so we are happy to see so many participants!

As always, ***remind your friends to become our Friends!*** Donate some time to our book stores, book sales, or price-&-sort sessions. Please stay safe & hydrated! 📖

*Thank you, PNM, for investing
in our Rio Rancho Library
and community!*



PNM sponsored a reception on May 12 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center to recognize and honor the 2016 "Power Up" grantees. Shown from the left are Deirdre Caparoso, Rio Rancho Public Library Youth Services Manager; Lynnette Schurdevin, Rio Rancho Public Library Director; Mary Burnett, FOLRR Board member; Kris Axtell, FOLRR President; and Patrick Apodaca, PNM Resources Senior Vice President & General Counsel, who presented the grant.



At the Friends' Annual Meeting in April, ***Mary Roskom was honored as our 2016 Volunteer of the Year!*** She is chairman of Books for Babies, a cashier for the monthly book sales, & a member of the price-&-sort team. In the past, she was the Friends' president for 8 years. ***Mary, thank you for ALL you do!***

Thank you, PNM, for Our Shaded Outdoor Classroom!

By Mary Burnett, FOLRR Board Member

The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc., in partnership with the Rio Rancho Public Library, was awarded a PNM Resources Foundation "Power Up" grant for \$19,995! The grant was one of 29 awards made statewide for 2016. **The grant will transform a hot, underutilized concrete patio at the Loma Colorado Main Library into a vibrant outdoor classroom. Funds will be used to design, purchase and install a shade sail cover over the patio. Lynnette Schurdevin, Rio Rancho Public Library Director, states, "The addition of a 30 by 30 foot polyethylene shade sail will add approximately 900 square feet of covered outdoor space for educational and community programs and gatherings."** Design of the shade sail already began in late June, with installation expected to be completed by late autumn.



Currently, the Library is limited in the number of events and programs it can offer due to the lack of shaded outdoor space. The new shade sail will allow the Library to transform community programs by expanding movement classes and hosting large scale, outdoor art projects, plus

science and environmental programs focused on the unique climate of New Mexico. **Deirdre Caparoso, Youth Services Manager, states, "The addition of an outdoor classroom gives the Library the opportunity to expand and enrich current programs & events for the citizens of Rio Rancho. Thank you, PNM, for investing in our children and residents of Rio Rancho."**

The Loma Colorado Outdoor Classroom will be open to all the residents of Rio Rancho to enjoy the outdoors year round. The new 900 square foot, shaded patio space will offer tables, chairs, and a beautiful desert view and will encourage library patrons to move beyond the walls of the Library and enjoy learning in a nontraditional setting. 📖



A Spring Lunch with Friends!



Our thanks to Board member Jeanette Kinker for her hard work in organizing the lovely "Thank You for Being a Friend" Annual Meeting & Spring Luncheon! She & her sister Jean Sena (far right above) were the "party girls" who prepared seed packets & bags of treats for each Friend & insured smiles on everyone's faces! They also handed out door prizes—including special ones for Best Hawaiian Shirt & Best Spring Hat!

Treasurer Bruce Goodman shared the following **2015 calendar year totals of financial support the Friends gave to library programs:**

- ◆ Loma Colorado = \$14,961
- ◆ Esther Bone = \$6,273
- ◆ Books for Babies = \$101
- ◆ Staff Support including one scholarship = \$1,401

Board member Joe Driear reported that there are **200+ visitors to FOLRR.org daily!** New Board members were unanimously elected, & President Kris Axtell announced **Mary Roskom is the 2016 Volunteer of the Year!** 📖



Making your holiday gift list already? Thinking of your barber, neighbor, cousin, ... favorite librarian? This autumn the Friends will again be selling the **Book Lover's 2017 Calendar: Great Authors, Great Reading & Great Books by Workman Publishers** at a discount. These lovely calendars are not available in stores, but only through Friends' groups nationwide! 📖

You are cordially invited to the Friends' Reception & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony opening the new Loma Colorado Shaded Outdoor Classroom funded by PNM Resources Foundation Power Up Grant!
Please watch for details to follow. 📖



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

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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
- ___ at monthly book sales



Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.

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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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Announcements & Upcoming Events



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!**

Friday & Sat., July 8 and 9

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

**Aug 13, Sept 9 & 10, Oct 8,
Nov 12, & Dec 10**

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