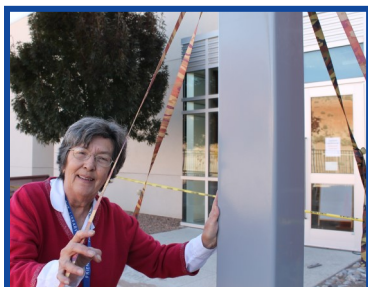




Bookfriends



A Message from Our President, Kris Axtell

Dear Friends,

Recently I was sitting on my porch when rain began to fall, and I thought of all of you. One drop at a time didn't make much difference, but all the drops together washed off the dust and cooled the afternoon. Alone each of us does our best, but together we make a huge difference for the Libraries and citizens of Rio Rancho. ***Thanks to all of you for your contributions!***

The new shade sail is being installed as I write. Stop by the Loma Colorado Main Library, go out the back door onto the patio, and admire the shade! ***The ribbon cutting ceremony where we again say, "Thank you, PNM, for the \$19,995 Power Up Grant!" is being planned for early 2017.***

The Friends will be purchasing ***a second Tuff Shed*** in mid-January for the overflow of book donations we have been receiving. It will be placed next to the original shed – ***which is now SO packed that we have no more room to store the boxes of books or even room to work sorting the books!***

The Friends' Holiday Luncheon is Friday, December 2nd at 11:30am. Please wear your holiday sweater for a ***return of the VERY POPULAR Holiday Sweater Contest*** and come prepared for FUN!

Thursday, December 8th is a VERY BIG day – ***the 10th Anniversary Celebration for the Loma Colorado Main Library!*** Festivities are planned for the entire day, so drop by to celebrate!

If you haven't been to the ***Winter Open House*** in past years, mark your calendars for December 13 at Esther Bone Memorial Library and December 14 at Loma Colorado Main Library (both will be from 4:30pm – 6:30pm). The Friends are providing funds for refreshments, activities and crafts for all ages, and even a classical guitarist at Esther Bone and a harpist at Loma Colorado! The children will be making winter lanterns with LED tea lights and edible snowmen with marshmallows!

We always need more volunteers, so donate some time to the Friends' Shop, our monthly Book Sales, or the Thursday morning price-&-sort group! And please stay safe. 📖



During elections when voting machines fill the Loma Colorado auditorium, the 14+ volunteers in the Thursday morning price-&-sort group move operations to both the conference & mail rooms.



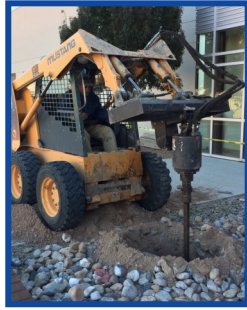
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Friday, December 2nd from 11:30am—1:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

All Friends' members are invited to our annual Holiday Luncheon honoring your dedicated volunteer work for our Rio Rancho Public Libraries. Wear your holiday sweater for the Second Annual Holiday Sweater Contest—and perhaps win a prize for the prettiest, ugliest, funniest, most original, and most outrageous sweaters. Fine food and lovely door prizes, too! 📖

At newsletter press time, work had begun on the shade sail which will transform the concrete back patio at Loma Colorado Main Library into a shaded outdoor classroom! PNM awarded the Friends the \$19,995 grant to design, purchase and install the shade sail. 📖



*Thank
you
again,
PNM!*



Diane Wakashige (at right), former Board member, recently organized a lovely surprise birthday party for Desiree Kim (at left), current Board member and hard-working Loma Colorado Friends' Shop manager. And somehow Diane managed to keep it all a secret for weeks! The Friends' Shop volunteers all brought homemade goodies to match the black-&-white party theme. A very happy Desiree was delighted with the well wishes and the generous gift card to her favorite boutique. 📖



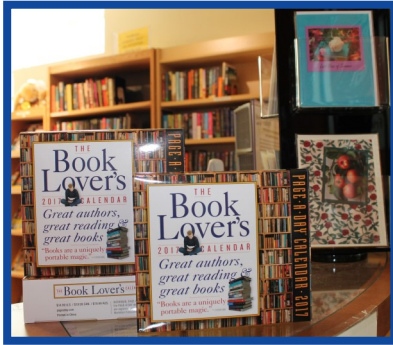
*Angels exist, but
sometimes since
they don't have
wings, we call
them Friends!*



Congratulations to Eileen Meyer, Loma Colorado Youth Services Librarian, our 2016 recipient of the Pat Watson Memorial Scholarship!

Thank you so very much for the generous Pat Watson Memorial Scholarship; it is giving me the opportunity to acquire a Masters of Library Science degree from Texas Woman's University to be a professional librarian. With your support, I am able to take courses and apply the knowledge daily at our Rio Rancho Public Libraries to benefit the life-long learners in our community. Getting a MLS, being part of the Rio Rancho Public Libraries and hopefully benefitting our community is really an honor and pleasure. I truly do appreciate the scholarship, more than these words can state! *Eileen Meyer*

Editor's note: Mary Roskom recalls that Pat Watson, then Friends' treasurer and retired bank auditor and real estate broker, had the original idea of providing a \$500 scholarship to a Rio Rancho Library staff member pursuing a MLS professional degree. Pat suggested it to the Board, the Board agreed, and the first scholarship was given in 2009. When Pat later lost her battle with cancer, the Board named the scholarship in her memory. 📖



The *Book Lover's 2017 Calendar: Great Authors, Great Reading & Great Books* by Workman Publishers *has been so popular & sold so quickly that we had to order more!* You can purchase them at the discounted price of \$10 each, a reduction from the regular printed price of \$13.99. Workman Publishers offers these lovely calendars, *not in any stores, but only through Friends' groups nationwide!* They make *very nice, unique, small gifts* and can be purchased at our Friends' Shop at Loma Colorado Main Library or at the Esther Bone Memorial Library Circulation Desk. 📖



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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Annual Renewal

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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



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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.

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GIANT Book Sales

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

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

Saturday, Nov. 12

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

Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, April 7 & 8



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Join us for the return of the JOLLY Holiday Sweater Contest! Five categories of prizes will be awarded! Enjoy a delicious lunch with Friends—and perhaps take home a lovely door prize, too!