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Bookfriends

A Message from Our President, Kris Axtell

Dear Friends, as I write, the temperature will only be in the 30's—a great day to stay indoors with a good book!



If you haven't checked out all the improvements behind Loma Colorado Main Library, you owe it to yourself to see how busy the Friends have been. Look out back at our new, second Tuff Shed. It was a rather bumpy road to

completion but well worth it as it more than doubles our storage space for all the donations we are receiving. Getting concrete to set up in the winter is no easy task, but the City crew worked very hard in treacherous weather conditions. Our thanks to Board member Joe Driear (pictured above with Kris) who led in the planning and measuring and to Board member Margie Schuchardt, Treasurer Bruce Goodman, and again Joe, who all assisted with the heavy metal shelving.

The shade sail we purchased with the PNM Foundation Grant had to be replaced! A representative of Exerplay, Inc., the local company who made and installed our sail, inspected and declared our sail had a "wrinkle" - I thought it looked perfect! It now has been replaced over the back patio and adds so much besides shade to the area. The official ribbon cutting ceremony will be later this spring, so plan to come!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon on April 21 at 11:30am to enjoy good food and conversation with fine Friends and to vote for new Board members. I want to let you



know that after three years as president, I will not be running for president again this April. It has been such a pleasure to work with you all, but my increasing medical issues and my dad's mobility issues are closing in on me. I will still be on the Board—I am, after all, a nosy person! I will see all of you at our monthly book sales and in the Friends' Shop.

Ask your friends to become our Friends! And stay safe! 📖

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☆☆ The Friends Salute Steve Dietzel, ☆☆☆
☆☆ Volunteer Extraordinaire for the ☆☆☆
☆☆ State of New Mexico! ☆☆☆
☆☆ Steve Dietzel, Vice ☆☆☆
☆☆ President of the ☆☆☆
☆☆ Friends' Board, has ☆☆☆
☆☆ been named the ☆☆☆
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☆☆ co! This award is AARP's most prestigious vol- ☆☆☆
☆☆ unteer award and is named in honor of AARP ☆☆☆
☆☆ founder Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, who believed ☆☆☆
☆☆ people should "serve and not be served." In ☆☆☆
☆☆ addition to VP duties, Steve picks up car loads ☆☆☆
☆☆ of book donations from people who cannot ☆☆☆
☆☆ physically take them to our hutch, empties ☆☆☆
☆☆ the hutch weekly, pushes carts of books to ☆☆☆
☆☆ help set up and take down the monthly book ☆☆☆
☆☆ sales, and sells CDs and DVDs online for the ☆☆☆
☆☆ Friends. You undoubtedly see Steve all around ☆☆☆
☆☆ Rio Rancho as he also volunteers for Meadow- ☆☆☆
☆☆ lark Senior Center, Kiwanis, Sunday is Funday, ☆☆☆
☆☆ Shining Stars Preschool, A Park Above, and ☆☆☆
☆☆ Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful. Steve, the Friends ☆☆☆
☆☆ thank you for all you do to make Rio Rancho ☆☆☆
☆☆ the wonderful community it is! 📖 ☆☆☆
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*Thank
you
again,
PNM!*

*Thank you,
Brindle Fund, Santa Fe Community Foundation,
for investing \$2,000 in our Books for Babies program!*

The Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc. has been awarded a \$2,000 grant for our Books for Babies program from the Brindle Fund, Santa Fe Community Foundation. The Brindle Fund is a small family foundation based in Santa Fe which focuses on early childhood and children's literacy. Mary Roskom, Board member and Books for Babies chairman, contacted the Fund after a conversation with Lynette Schurdevin, Rio Rancho Library Director, and secured the grant to move the Friends closer to the goal of expanding our Books for Babies program to another local Westside hospital. Currently, the Friends supply Books for Babies backpacks to all new moms at Presbyterian Rust Hospital in Rio Rancho, the Sandoval County WIC program, and Loma Colorado Library's Baby Bumblebee program.



Each of our little backpacks (pictured at left) contains a new baby board book, a book of nursery rhymes, a growth and development chart, brochures on the importance of reading to children, refrigerator magnets with our library hours and phone numbers, and an application for baby's first library card. Our filled backpacks are available in English or Spanish and cost the Friends about \$6 each to provide to new moms in our local community. Since there are about 1000 births a year at Rust alone, this is quite an undertaking! The Friends also have taken on responsibility for supplying the Rust outpatient area with gently used books for children who often accompany moms to medical appointments.

The Friends are delighted to be a recipient of such a large grant from the Brindle Fund, Santa Fe Community Foundation to help expand our Books for Babies outreach, which starts our little ones on the road to a lifetime of reading! 📖



*Celebrating the
Spirit of the Season
with Fine Friends!*





Loma Colorado Main Library celebrated its 10 year anniversary in December! Memory boards and cookies were available in the Library all day, and an evening reception was held for City officials and past and present staff and Friends' Board members. All three library directors (at left) Lynette Schurdevin, Toni Beatty, and Bill Cicola were present to share their memories. 📖



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.



Bookfriends, the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.'s newsletter, is published three times a year & mailed to over 265 members. 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.

*Save the Date for the
Friends' Annual Meeting &
Volunteer Recognition Luncheon:*

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

*Wear your favorite baseball cap and be entered into a
drawing for a special prize!*

Friday, April 21st at 11:30am

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, applaud the 2017 Volunteer of the Year, and look back at last year's accomplishments. Lots of amazing door prizes, too!



GIANT Book Sales

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

Saturday, March 11

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

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

**April 8, May 12 & 13, June 10,
July 8, Aug 11 & 12**