



Bookfriends

A Message from Our New President, Diane Taylor

Greetings, Friends!

The mission of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho is to encourage, support and promote library programs and expand community involvement with the libraries' services and facilities. Your Board members have been very busy on your behalf this summer! Aside from the regular monthly Board meetings, we met for a four hour planning session. Thank you for hosting us in your home, Rita and Rudy Armijo! In addition to slightly revising the above mission statement, we adopted a proposal to set aside 3 reserve funds: 1) in case of diminished revenue



(ie. should book sales ever decline), 2) for major library initiatives (ie. when another branch library is opened), and 3) savings for future unforeseen circumstances. Several changes were made in the treasurer's job to improve internal controls. The Board also approved new insurance coverage for FOLRR and set up a bylaws review committee.

Participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Loma Colorado Main Library Outdoor Classroom funded by a PNM Power-Up Grant are (from left) Deirdre Caparoso, Rio Rancho Public Library Youth Services Manager; Lynette Schurdevin, Rio Rancho Public Library Director; Diane Taylor, new FOLRR President; Kathleen Larese, PNM Foundation representative; Rio Rancho Mayor Gregg Hull; and Marlene Feuer, District 4 City Councilor. *Photo courtesy of Gary Herron.*



Cindy Driear was honored as our 2017 Volunteer of the Year! Cindy is the ONE person who designs, donates all materials, and assembles by hand each of the splendid cards for sale in the Friends' Shop. Steve Dietzel, Vice President, presented the award at the Friends' Annual Meeting. *Photo courtesy of Gary Herron.*

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We had a tsunami of book donations this summer! A bequest in a will left us 88 boxes of approximately 3,500 books! **Thanks to Joe Driear, Jeff McDaniel, Rudy Armijo, Mary and Larry Roskom for packing and transporting all those books to the storage shed.** Also, a big thanks to our price & sort volunteers who have been very busy processing the books. Because we have had so many books, we held very successful "bag sales" in June and July. The monthly set up and take down has been much easier since many of you are volunteering your time to help. Thanks!!!

I think this quote exemplifies what FOLRR is all about! We do this by funding the Summer Reading Program although SRP is not only for children, but teens and adults, too.

Our Rio Rancho libraries' staff provide wonderful programs for all ages, and it is through you and your volunteering this all happens. The Friends of the Library contributed approximately \$30,000 for library programs in the 2016/17 fiscal year!

I hope to see you in the library, in the bookstores, at the monthly sales and at the Friends' Holiday Luncheon on December 8th. 📖

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis



Your dedicated Friends' Board during a break at a recent planning session hosted by Rita and Rudy Armijo. (See Board listing page 4.)



The Friends have been providing Books for Babies backpacks to Rust Medical Center since 2013, and in late May another 400 backpacks were delivered for distribution to all new mothers at RMC. The Teen Advisory Group at Loma Colorado Main Library has been helping us by assembling the backpacks. The Friends sponsored a pizza and packing party for this wonderful group of helpful teens, and voila! - 400 baby backpacks were quickly assembled! Thank you, TAG teens! The delivery was made by (from left) Joe Driear, Board member, Mary Roskom, Board member and Books for Babies chairman, and Larry Roskom, Mary's hard-working husband. Audrey O'Connell, RMC Executive Assistant, (right) accepted the baby backpacks. 📖

One Very Windy April Day : The Annual Meeting of Friends ...

Very well-deserved applause for Board member Jeanette Kinker who organized the "Take Me Out to the Ball Game!" Annual Meeting – as well as the lovely reception for the shade sail dedication immediately following the luncheon! Complementing the baseball theme, a box of Cracker Jacks and a bag of peanuts were at each member's place, and out of many captivating door prizes, the grandest was four tickets to an Isotopes game!

Secretary Diane Taylor reported that **out of the 266 Friends, 63 are new members in 2016 thanks to the efforts of Mary Burnett and Jeanette Kinker.** She also recognized **Kris Axtell for her 3 years of service as President and Rita Armijo for her many years as manager of the Esther Bone FriendShop.** Treasurer Bruce Goodman reported the following 2016 calendar year totals of financial support the Friends gave to library programs:

- ♦ **Loma Colorado = \$14,853**
- ♦ **Esther Bone = \$7,951**
- ♦ **Staff Support including one scholarship = \$2,271**
- ♦ **Books for Babies = \$4,705**

All new Board members were unanimously elected, and **Cindy Driear was announced as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year for combining her joy, creativity and generosity to produce hand crafted cards which brought in over \$1,086 in profit for the Friends in 2016!** 📖

Library Director Lynette Schurdevin (right) and Kathleen Larese, PNM Foundation representative, show off the plaque commemorating PNM's Power-Up grant which funded the shade sail.



Thank you ALL for volunteering your time and talents for our Rio Rancho Public Libraries!

... AND the Outdoor Classroom Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



☞ In Memory of our dear Friend Kathy Lee ☜

Kathy Lee was one of my favorite Friends volunteers! She was an exceptional person who always stayed cheerful in spite of her health problems. I loved the selection of wonderful hats she wore! *Paula Ehmer*

Kathy was SO special to me! We both worked in the Friends' Shop on Fridays, and I would go early to visit with her before my shift started. I looked forward to sitting and chatting with her every Friday! We shared pictures and stories of our families. We would always hug, and I would say, "Kathy, you are a giant!" because I would be lost in her arms. I miss her so very much! *Carmen Jeffrey* 📖

Jan Roberts, new Board member, wrapped her first book sold on Amazon.com to an online purchaser! Jan volunteered to list books on Amazon.com for the Friends and was trained by Dianne Mayeda, former Board member and Amazon Sales chairman, and Bruce Goodman, Treasurer. Diane explains, "To maximize our ability to fund library programs, the Friends sell the more valuable books that are in very good condition on Amazon.com. Our online book sales have been hugely successful due to the hard work of many volunteers!" And, Jan says with a huge smile, "It's a LOT of fun, too!" Thank you, Jan!! 📖



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.

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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Announcements & Dates



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

GLANT Monthly Book Sales

Fri. & Sat., Aug 11 & 12

Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

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

**Sept 9, Oct 13 & 14,
Nov 18 (changed to 3rd Sat due to library
closure for Veterans Day), & Dec 9**

2017 Board of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc.



Rita Armijo

Kris Axtell, *Past President*

Nancy Bigelow

Mary Burnett, *Vice President*

Joe Driear, *Online Communications & Recording Secretary*

Bruce Goodman, *Treasurer*

Desiree Kim, *Loma Colorado Friends' Shop*

Jeanette Kinker, *Membership Secretary*

Jeff McDaniel

Jan Roberts

Mary Roskom, *Books for Babies*

Margie Schuchardt, *Assistant Treasurer*

Diane Taylor, *President*

Ex-Officio: Anne Goodman, *Newsletter*, and Dianne

Mayeda, *Amazon Sales*.

Please save the date!

Friends' Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 8th at 11:30am