

Bookfriends



2018, Vol. I

A Message from Our President, Diane Taylor

Greetings, dear Friends!

Your Board members have initiated some new things for 2018. An Apple iPod Touch scanner was purchased to assist the volunteers who sell books on Amazon. **With this new scanner, we get "real-time" values of the books and no monthly database fee.** Thursday morning price-&-sort volunteer Babs Langner and Amazon volunteer Jan Roberts are very appreciative of this new tool! **Thank you to Board member Joe Driear who researched and demonstrated the use of the "Amazon Seller" tool!** Also new: We have a **new Book Sale Sign!!!** It is lightweight and easy to set up and to store. **Thanks to Cindy and Joe Driear who did the artwork for the sign!**

The FOLRR Board members voted to make **a donation to the New Mexico Library Association in memory of the two library employees who were tragically killed while working at the library in Clovis in August.** The NMLA collected funds from around New Mexico and will forward the money to the Clovis-Carver Public Library.



President Diane Taylor used the opportunity at the Loma Colorado Winter Open House in December to tell Santa, played by long-time Friend, Rudi Armijo, what she would like delivered from his sleigh!

"...a mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone, if it is to keep its edge."

George R. R. Martin in *A Game of Thrones*

The Esther Bone Memorial Library FriendShop will be re-named and dedicated to Pat McGuire, longtime volunteer and president of the FOLRR from 1996 until 2003, who died this past September. A plaque has been ordered and will soon be installed at the entrance to the FriendShop to show our appreciation for her many years of hard work.

One final note: **The Board of Directors had James Hartogensis, CPA, conduct an outside review of the Friends' books and financial statements. I am happy to say that the Friends received a good report!** First, our balance sheet is strong with a 17:1 ratio of assets to liabilities. Secondly, he said it is important for non-profit organizations like the FOLRR to have an 80/20 split of funds, meaning 80% of funds goes to the mission of the non-profit and only 20% of funds goes to administrative costs. **The FOLRR is a 501(c)3 registered with the IRS and the State of New Mexico.** Our administrative costs include items like insurance, the phone bill, and supplies such as book carts—eight of which had to be replaced in

2016! **Thankfully, the Friends are well within that 80/20 ratio and plan to continue in that direction.**



The FOLRR certainly got the holiday season off to a **roaring start with a record 86 people** attending our Holiday Luncheon! The FOLRR was incorporated in May 1982, so we also celebrated **our 35th birthday** at the December party!



A huge, YUMMY birthday cake was enjoyed by all!

We often hear, “What is the money raised by the Friends used for?”

The official mission of the Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho, Inc. is to encourage, support and promote library programs and expand community involvement with the libraries’ services and facilities. **So, Friends’ funds sponsor library events, large and small all year long, for children, youth, and adults.**

Both Loma Colorado Main Library and Esther Bone Memorial Library started off the holiday season with well-attended, festive Winter Open Houses. **Funds for both harpists (Yes, live harp music!), craft projects, refreshments, and prizes for both celebrations were supplied by the Friends.** Long-time Friend **Rudy Armijo** played a jolly Santa at Loma Colorado! Also, Board members **Diane Taylor and**



Mary Burnett conducted a FOLRR membership drive at both events.

The Friends also funded materials to build the Library float for the City’s Winterfest “Candy Land” Holiday Parade. The Library’s float was the library of Candy Land, of course, and was named **Ginger-brary!** Our congratulations for a job well done to



Debbie Coston, Rio Rancho Board of Library Trustees, Rena Jackson, Circulation Supervisor, and all our AWESOME Library staff who worked for months to design and build the float—which was awarded the grand prize of Overall Winner! 📖



The Friends’ 2017 Holiday Luncheon AND 35th Birthday Party!

Fine Friends,
great door
prizes, & FUN
book bingo!



Many thanks to **Jeanette Kinker** (left), who planned the festive holiday luncheon, and the awesome set-up crew!



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

❧ In Memory of our dear Friend Pat McGuire ❧

Pat was president of the FOLRR from 1996 until 2003—over 6 years! She worked tirelessly for the cause of literacy both in her career as a school librarian and as a Friends' volunteer. She was the president when I started volunteering in 2002. Pat was always supportive of the volunteers and would invite us to her home for lunch on a regular basis. She was a real asset to our community, and we all owe her our gratitude for her dedication and hard work. *Juneal Grainey*

In the 1990's, Pat was a librarian at Highland High School where I taught English Literature. Naturally, on many occasions I brought my classes to the library for instruction on the use of available tools for research papers. Pat always laughed and smiled while helping the students, not a bit like the Miss Grundy of cartoon school librarians! When she retired, she continued her devotion to libraries by joining the Friends in Rio Rancho. Her enthusiasm enticed me to join after I retired some years later. *Babs Langner* 📖



A price-&-sort group one Thursday morning in Fall 2010! Six Friends in all are working, including one in the Friends' Shop and me taking the picture!

Editor's Note: Change Is Coming!

As I prepare to hand the editing of *BookFriends* to Gary Heron, I want you all to know how much I have enjoyed documenting the amazing accomplishments of our SPLENDID Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho! I have been your newsletter editor since 2010, and this current newsletter is the 21st one I have fashioned. As a retired English as a Second Language teacher and librarian with not one hour of formal journalism training, I have just produced a newsletter I would like to read—with the facts checked and the colors bright. There have been sunny highs when I got things right and gloomy lows when I made mistakes.

It is time for Gary's fresh take! Gary is a long-time Friend, former Board member, lover of our Rio Rancho community and libraries, and super nice guy (even when he pretends not to

be!) - AND a professional journalist! He will do a SUPERB job, and we are so fortunate that he has agreed to take the job of *BookFriends* editor!

Apart from the absolutely wonderful people in our FOLRR, the one thing that is most astonishing to me during these years I have been the editor is the astounding growth of our operation, the massive number of books we process, and the incredible amount of money we are able to give for library programs which help our citizens and our community be the best they can be!

See you at the Library!

Anne Goodman 📖

A price-&-sort group one Thursday morning in Fall 2017! At least 20 Friends are working since several more are in the Friends' office looking up book values on Amazon and in the Friends' Shop shelving new titles. The number of book boxes shown is average for the autumn, but in summer, there are easily double this number! ***We would love to have you join us!***





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(505) 891-5013

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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.

Mark your calendars for the Friends' Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

It's a Beach Party!

Friday, April 6th at 11:30am

All Friends' members are invited to our annual spring luncheon when we recognize our exceptional volunteers, announce the 2017 Volunteer of the Year, elect new Board members, and hear about our future plans. Play Beach Party Bingo and perhaps take home a lovely door prize, too!

GIANT Book Sales



Loma Colorado Main Library Auditorium

***Second Saturday every month and
Fri. AND Sat. 3 times per year!***

Saturday, Feb 10

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

**March 10, April 14,
May 11 and 12, June 9,
July 13 and 14, Aug 11**