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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Fall 2007

Summer Reading Program a great success!

Once again, the Library's Summer Reading Program was a great success. This summer, 27,101 children, teens and adults participated.

The Wrap-up Event took place on Saturday, August 4, at Harry E. Kinney Civic Plaza. Winners of the grand prize drawing were awarded their bicycles and bike helmets by Mayor Martin Chavez.

Grand Prize Drawing

The program began with a Kick-off Party on Saturday, May 19, at the Alamosa Community Center and Library. Activities included a book walk, carnival games, train rides and spin art. Music teacher Kevin Kinane was on hand with his "recyclemachine" and his Recycleman Program. Kids of all ages got to learn about and play recycled instruments and to learn how to harmonize and create music.

And then there was food and refreshments, including snow cones, sandy candy and popcorn. Summer Reading mascot Digby Bobcat was also on hand to visit with the crowd.

All of the activities were free and, of course, everyone got to sign up for Summer Reading!

—Riann K. Powell

On hand for the Kick-off Party for the 2007 Summer Reading Program on May 19 were Mark Maravetz of the San Pedro Branch staff and program mascot, Digby Bobcat.



New Mexico Book Awards established; Anaya, Hillerman to be honored

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is one of the sponsors of the first New Mexico Book Awards.

The New Mexico Book Co-op started the awards program to recognize the best in New Mexican and Southwestern books. Awards will be given in 35 categories. Borders

is the exclusive bookstore sponsor of the People's Choice Award voted on at all Albuquerque libraries this summer. Visitors to the libraries can vote on the Best New Mexico Book by New Mexicans, about New Mexico or published in New Mexico.

Awards for the Best of Show, the Best of Category and the People's Choice Award will be presented on November 9 at a banquet at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Albuquerque. The event is open to the public; tickets may be obtained by calling 344-9382.

At the banquet, Rudolfo Anaya and Tony Hillerman will be honored as the first Friends of New

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President's message: It took years of hard work to get here!

The Friends for the Public Library Board of Directors just approved our operating budget for the 2008 fiscal year, which included appropriating over \$150,000 to the Library System to support programs that change the lives of children and families. I must say, this huge number continues to amaze me every year. And it's all of your

YOU make the difference!

hard work and dedication over many years that got us here!

Who knew that monthly book sales could reap such huge rewards? Who knew that SO MANY people would volunteer every day to price, sort, clean, organize, stack and move books—so that children and families can have easy access to libraries and books? I am proud of the work we do, but I'm more proud of the vision those before me had to build such a strong organization. And I'm even more proud of those who continue to strengthen our organization to ensure that we continue to support efforts like the Summer Reading Program.

Because of your hard work, \$70,000 will go to the fiscal year 2008 Summer Reading Program, which grows by leaps and bounds every year. This money helps secure entertainers, prizes and giveaways; conduct marketing efforts;

and allow the Library to buy books as prizes! Yes, BOOKS as prizes!

In addition, your hard work ensures that we get into every branch through special programming like:

- The Big Read, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. The Big Read will highlight "Bless Me Ultima."
- Every Child Ready to Read, our early childhood literacy program that has shown tremendous success.
- And the Center for the Book, which will continue to highlight the printing presses and the process of making books.

Finally, your hard work allows us to have a scholarship initiative, fund staff development and award staff. As we all know, furthering development and education of our treasured librarians and library staff allows them to keep on top of the latest technology and provide better service to the residents of Albuquerque.

Your hard work, dedication and all those books you buy every month make a HUGE difference! Thank you for being a Friend of the Library!

—Brian Morris



LAWRENCE CLARK, the Singing Poet Guy, entertains at the 40th anniversary celebration of the San Pedro Branch on June 6.

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From the Director: An exciting year ahead

In June, the City Council voted to support the Mayor's proposal to expand library hours.

Hours will be added at the Alamosa, Cherry Hills, Erna Fergusson, Juan Tabo, Lomas-Tramway, San Pedro and Westgate libraries. New staff will be hired and trained before the new schedules are announced.

In addition to longer hours, we also look forward to exciting programs for both children and adults and lots of new library materials. Please check our web site often in order to keep up to date on library activities: www.cabq.gov/library.

I am writing this during week seven of our Summer Reading Program. Participation among teens is already up 22 percent over the 2006 program. Events such as the "Harry and the Potters" concert, which was sponsored by the Friends for the Library, contribute tremendously to our success.

Just as libraries change the lives of our customers, every day the Friends make a positive difference in our libraries.

—Julia L. Clarke



"HARRY AND THE POTTERS" concert, sponsored by the Friends.



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Profile: Fran Macintyre wins Governor's Award

Fran Macintyre joined the Friends staff of dedicated volunteers in 2005, and since then has been helping out at the used book sales and in pricing and sorting donated books at the Main Library. An avid reader from early childhood, she approaches her work for the Friends as an opportunity to promote literacy and to make books available at very low prices—in some special cases, at no cost at all—to those who might

The nomination statement for the award says, in part: “She steps forward with equal willingness to take on tasks that are difficult and stressful or tedious and repetitive. Her selfless dedication to hunger relief, AIDS service and literacy are truly valued.”

Fran was raised in Aspen, Colorado. After graduation from high school, she moved to Crested Butte, CO, and went on to complete her education at Western State College in Gunnison. She started her working career in the field of bookkeeping and later decided to become a police officer. She served as an officer with the Crested Butte

Police Force, serving at the same time as a volunteer firefighter for the local Fire Department, making herself available to respond to emergencies during her off time. As required, she completed training and was certified as a medical technician.

After four years, she resigned from the police department and returned to the business world and bookkeeping. In 1989, “tired of snow,” she moved from Colorado to Albuquerque which she had visited before. She was familiar with the climate and job opportunities here. After settling in Albuquerque, she worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield for five years as

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Friends volunteer is honored

otherwise not be able to afford them.

Fran’s volunteer efforts extend to two other service agencies in Albuquerque as well: the Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico and the New Mexico AIDS Society. She devotes many hours of her time, talents and energy in her personal commitment to serve our community and the people who rely on the services of these agencies.

It’s no wonder that Fran was the recipient of the 2006 Governor’s Award for Volunteerism. Melody Wattenbarger, executive director of the Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico, nominated Fran for the award because of her dedicated service to our community. Fran devotes an average of 35 hours a week to the three agencies.

THE FRIENDS for the Public Library and the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System held their annual Joint Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on June 21 in the Community Room at the Main Library.

Top: Volunteers enjoy the brunch catered by The Grove Café & Market.

Bottom: Linda Kennedy, manager of the Juan Tabo Branch, entertains the gathering on her harp.



Did you know that...

...literacy is one of the three major goals emphasized by the Library in its 17 branches. (The other two are providing information for the public and helping the public with recreational needs.)

The Library's literacy programs include:

- Every Child Ready to Read, which focuses on the needs of parents and caregivers of children from birth through age five
- The Summer Reading Program for all ages (children, teens and adults) which provides incentives for reading, plus weekly programs at each branch that feature storytellers, musicians and magicians who emphasize the importance of reading
- Live Homework Help, available online, which connects fourth to 12th graders and college intro students to expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English, and
- The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

Take advantage of what we have to offer!



The Friends for the Public Library is a volunteer organization that assists the Library through advocacy and fund-raising. Friends funds purchase equipment and supplies for Library programs, such as the Summer Reading Program, community outreach projects and workshops for day-care providers. Major fund-raising efforts include the monthly book sales and the Bookshop at the Main Library. To become a member, mail the form below with membership dues to Membership, Friends for the Public Library, P.O. Box 26657, Albuquerque, NM 87125-6657. Dues cover the calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

Yes! I want to be a Friend for the Public Library. NEW RENEWAL

Members receive a quarterly newsletter, free admission to our monthly book sales, and a 10% discount at any Friends bookshop.

Proceeds benefit the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

- \$10 Student/Teacher (1 card) \$10 Senior (1 card) \$15 Individual (1 card) \$20 Family (2 cards) \$50+ Patron (4 cards)
 Corporate Membership: \$50 Bronze (5 cards) \$100 Silver (10 cards) \$250 Gold (15 cards)

*Dues are for the calendar year, Jan. 1 - Dec. 31. Join after November 1 and receive membership good through the following calendar year.
 Additional membership cards may be purchased for \$5 each.*

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New Mexico Book Awards

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Mexico Books. The two authors have done much to further writing and reading with a New Mexico flair.

Other sponsors of the Book Awards include Albuquerque The Magazine, Rio Rancho Library, Portales Library and Friends of the Library, Albuquerque Arts Magazine, WordHarvest Writers Workshops, Sunbelt Shows, The New Mexico Humanities Council, Around 505 Magazine, Santa Fe Public Library and Friends of the Library, New Mexico State Library and the New Mexico Book Association.

The awards have already received national attention from many publications. Librarians will judge books from Random House, Northland, Texas A&M, Cinco Puntos, University of Oklahoma, Scholastic, University of Arizona, Wiley, University of Nebraska, LPD Press, Amador Press, Red Rabbit Press, Luna Rising, Clearlight and many more publishers. Each book will be judged by three to five book professionals. With almost 300 entries, the task is huge!

For more information, go to www.nmbookaward.com.

Profile: Fran Macintyre

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a bookkeeper, and then moved on to a local law firm as office manager. After two years in “her last paying job,” she retired, thus opening up her future in volunteerism.

Despite her many volunteer hours, Fran manages to set aside time to pursue her hobbies of reading and traveling both in the United States and abroad. She is looking forward to trips to Alaska and Paris, France, in the future.

Congratulations, Fran, on your achievement as recipient of the Governor’s Award. We’re glad you chose the Friends as one of your volunteer efforts!

—Rose Ricco