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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

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## Wyoming Library celebrates its 50th anniversary

Wyoming Library, which began operation as the Prospect Park Library on December 8, 1957, has celebrated its 50th anniversary.

In a ceremony attended by Julia Clarke, Library director; Toni Martorelli, director of Cultural Services; and Joyce Frashier, a former manager of the branch, neighbors and members of the staff reminisced about the branch and the people who worked there over the years.



**JULIA CLARKE** (left), director of the Library System and former manager of the Wyoming Branch, greets the crowd celebrating the 50th anniversary of the branch. With her is current manager, Joani Murphy.

### Surrounded with roses

When the building opened with four staff members, it had room for 35,000 books in its 7,900 square feet of space. (It actually had only 6,000 books.) It was the fourth library in Albuquerque, after Main, Ernie Pyle and Los Griegos. In 1979, a general obligation bond was passed, allowing a new building to open in 1982 with 16,214 square feet and a book collection of over 80,000 items.

A second renovation was completed in June 2007. The collection now numbers well over 100,000 items, and there are six full-time and seven part-time staff members.

The library is surrounded by the Albuquerque Rose Garden which contains more than 1,200 rose bushes. It is maintained on a volunteer basis by the Albuquerque Rose Society.

## Two assistant directors named

Ida Mazzoni and Dean Smith have been named assistant directors for the Library System.

Ida, who has most recently been manager of the Main Library, has also served as Serials/AV Services manager and head of Information Services in Albuquerque. Earlier, she was head of the NATO Defense College Library in Rome, Italy; librarian and documentation officer for the United Nations in Rome; librarian for Fleming College in Florence, Italy; and head of preliminary cataloging at the Widener Library at Harvard University. She holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish language and literature from Hunter College and a master's

degree in library science from Simmons College.

Dean has been senior development librarian in the Southwark Libraries in London, where he worked on projects for teens and wrote and administered a refugee outreach grant, working with the underserved population. He also worked as senior children's librarian and regional librarian for The New York Public Library, where he planned new libraries and major renovations. Dean holds a bachelor's degree in education and media services from Ball State University and a master's in library and information science from Indiana University. Dean has settled in Albuquerque after a year of international travel.



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## President's message: Dedicated volunteers make huge difference for Library System

The Friends for the Public Library Board of Directors and the Library Advisory Board made some great strides over the past year to work more cohesively together, including a joint social in October last year and a joint board meeting in early January of this year. What a dedicated and passionate group of people who care so much about the Library System!

### Boards working together

The goal was to work better together so that these two groups can improve their support for each other in raising private dollars by way of the book sales and grants through the Friends and advocacy and bond advocacy through the Library Advisory Board.

Together, both groups continue to do some amazing work. We, of course, could not do it without you—our dedicated members.

Here are some of the 2007 highlights:

#### **Friends for the Library Board Accomplishments**

—Provided the Library System with a \$142,000 budget to cover the Summer Reading Program, all additional library programming; staff training (including travel) and staff appreciation. Last year, 11

employees attended national conferences and training opportunities. One example is the *required* training for the “Big Read,” which was held in Minnesota.

—Designated \$5,000 income from a bequest to be spent annually for Día de los Niños programming.

—Raised \$8,000 to \$10,000 (and sometimes more) through monthly book sales.

—Operated the Used Bookshop on the ground floor of the Main Library. Revenue increased during 2007.

—Funded a competitive scholarship for library employees enrolled in a graduate-level library science program.

—Served as the fiscal agent for grants and bequests to the Library System. Two examples are the Gates Foundation technology grants and various grants for the Every Child Ready to Read™ program.

—Supported local organizations. One example is the donation of 1,000 books to the Albuquerque Business Education Compact's annual book drive.

—Provided a rewarding volunteer opportunity for many in the community. One of the Friends volunteers, Fran Macintyre, won

the Governor's Award for Volunteer of the Year.

—Worked to address internal issues such as increasing membership, improving Bookshop visibility, and successful advertising to increase Bookshop traffic and overall awareness of the book sales.

#### **Advisory Board Accomplishments**

—Raised \$780,000 for library capital improvements by working with state legislators.

—Worked with City Councilors to increase amounts allocated to the library in the 2007 bonds. The increased amount for materials was tremendously important.

—Nominated the Summer Reading Program for a Bravos Award—the program won the award!

—Discussed and developed strategies to improve library advocacy. These strategies include: promote library programs and endeavors; advocate for funding; seek opportunities with other library-related groups; enhance the visibility of the library in the community; invite community leaders, neighborhood association representatives, state and city representatives to meetings; form a speakers' bureau; and bring recommendations from the community to the staff.

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The Friends  
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at the Main Library

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## From the Director: Every Child Ready to Read

In early 2007, our Library System launched the Every Child Ready to Read™ program. This program, developed by the American Library Association, is designed to prepare children to be successful readers and learners by teaching early literacy skills. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read or write.

In an hour-long training session, parents and caregivers learn techniques to provide children with the skills to become lifelong learners. The program teaches six essential skills that parents and caregivers can use with their children to develop early literacy skills.

The skills are the same for each age level, but are appropriate for the age of the child. The standard workshops are divided into the following age groups: newborn to two-year-olds, two- to three-year-olds, and four- to five-year-olds. Provided with the instruction are handouts, brochures, booklists and ideas to help parents and caregivers when they get home. The key to this early literacy instruction is to make it fun for parents, caregivers and children so that everyone benefits from the experience. Children may accompany parents or caregivers to any of the workshops.

A study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, "A Nation at Risk," found that preschool children whose parents read to them are much better prepared to start school and perform significantly better in school than those who have not been exposed to reading. Parents and caregivers are the best "teachers" to get their children ready for learning to read.

Children begin to get ready to read long before they start school. They have short attention spans, but enjoy repeating favorite activities such as reading and playing word games. Parents can share these activities frequently for short amounts of time throughout the day, and can take advantage of times when their child is in the "mood."

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## Library wins Best of the City award

Juan Tabo Library's Music and Movement Storytime was voted "Best Storytime" by the readers of Albuquerque the Magazine. And the Library System as a whole was voted the "Best Place to Meet a Nice Girl"!

Juan Tabo's nontraditional storytime combines music, stories, finger plays, rhythm instruments and more for a fun and educational library experience. Geared towards children ages 0-5, it gets both parents and children *MOVING!* It takes place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:30 am at the Juan Tabo Library, 3407 Juan Tabo NE.

For a complete list of branches offering fun and educational storytimes for children, as well as other programs, visit the library web site at [www.cabq.gov/library](http://www.cabq.gov/library).



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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## President's message

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—Initiated a dialogue with the Friends for the Library Board and held a social gathering to further this relationship.

—Invited elected officials to Board meetings. Those attending included: County Commissioner Teresa Cordova; Representative Gail Chasey; City Councilor Isaac Benton; Eldon Johnson, Cherry Hills Civic Association; Cliff Richardson, Cherry Hills Civic Association; Ron Sissel, president, District 4 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations; Representative Tom Anderson; Senator Joe Carraro; Mimi Aledo, Councilor Cadigan's assistant; and Mary Salazar, representing Commissioner Armijo.

—Participated in the Cultural Services Department retreat to discuss: "What can we do to ensure continued growth of quality service in our community and secure sustained funding?"

—Brian Morris

## Profile: Carolyn Minette

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Carolyn was a middle-school science, social studies and special reading teacher for 17 years in Albuquerque, and before that in Oregon and Washington. (She asked around and researched many warmer places, before finally piling all her stuff into her station wagon, headed to Albuquerque and got herself a job.)

"It's been a wonderful retirement. It's so nice to get to pick up and go whenever I want. I've had a lot of really great experiences. I've been very fortunate, and there's more to come!"

—Barbara Ruzinsky

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## Every Child Ready to Read

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Program sponsors include: The Friends for the Library, Target Corporation, the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund, the McCune Foundation, Sandia National Laboratories and private contributors. For more information about this program or to schedule a program in your area, contact Hallie Barnes at 768-5103.

—Julia L. Clarke