



Between Friends

- ◆ In this issue...
- ◆ **Watson: Final message**
- ◆ **Director: Working in libraries**
- ◆ **Profiles: Bookshop volunteers**
- ◆ **Handmade books on view**

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Summer 2006

Summer Reading Club kick-off event is May 20

With summer vacation just around the corner, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is gearing up for the 2006 Summer Reading Club, which will run from May 19 to July 21. Registration for this free program begins on May 19 and continues through mid-July. Children, teens and adults of all ages are invited to register at their local branch during its hours of operation. The Club will kick off with

Musicians and magicians

an exciting event featuring entertainment and activities on May 20.

During the nine-week program, children, teens and adults are encouraged to register, read and attend the programs that the libraries will offer, including magicians, musicians and storytellers. As an incentive to read for fun during the summer, children and teens will collect a prize for every hour they read. For every 10 hours of reading, all participants can also enter a raffle for additional prizes.

The theme of this year's program is "Read Albuquerque" in honor of the city's Tricentennial. The Summer Reading logs feature artwork by noted children's author and illustrator Betsy James. For more information, visit the Library web site at www.cabq.gov/library or call 768-5136.

Used Bookshop, a work in progress!



The Friends' own Melissa Carlisle confers with Ross Gurule of Library Maintenance in the newly enlarged site of the Friends Bookshop at the Main Library. Construction delays have moved back the opening date to sometime this summer. We advocate patience—the new Bookshop will be bigger, brighter and better!

May 13 & 14—a two-day book sale

**Come on Saturday, May 13, from 10am to 4 pm
or
Come on Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day, from
noon to 4 pm for our clearance sale where
you can buy bags of books for only \$2 a bag!**



Between Friends

President's Message: The amount of work done by our volunteers is truly amazing!

This is my final President's Message. My second two-year term as president of the Friends for the Public Library ends in June, and I have decided not to run again so that someone with new ideas, energy and enthusiasm can fill this important post.

During my four-year tenure as president, and throughout the more than 10 years I have been a member of the Friends, I have been privileged to know and work with

Libraries are important

some of the staff of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library System. To a person, they share a commitment and a passion for books and for the power of the written word. They are thoroughly dedicated to providing a vital, FREE service that enriches the lives of everyone who loves—and uses—libraries. They care about learning, growing and continuing to improve our Library System every day.

I am better for having known them and shared ideas, discussions and their unique perspective on the importance of reading, not only to education, but also to economic development. Their support for the Friends has been appreciated, and I hope we will continue to share a mutual respect and admiration for many years to come.

I have also gotten to know a number of our very committed volunteers. Many of these Friends treat their volunteer "positions" as real "jobs," putting in the kind of time and attention that would be expected if they were actually on our payroll. Whether they volunteer in Pricing & Sorting; lend their services to our monthly Used Book Sales by setting up the more than 20,000 items we offer, taking down what doesn't sell or working at the sales; or stock and cashier at our Used Bookshop at the Main Library, their camaraderie, sense of humor and professionalism set the standard for all volunteer groups throughout our community.

The amount of work that gets done by this wonderful group of volunteers is truly amazing. Without them, there is no way we could raise and contribute the amount of money we do each year to the Library System. I thank everyone who gives time to our organization. I've made some cherished friends through my volunteer activities, and I encourage anyone who has the time to consider signing up. You could not work with a more interesting, pleasant and fun group of people.

As members of the Friends, we ALL know that libraries are important. Over the past few years, it has been gratifying to witness an increasing understanding of just how important libraries are

among our local, regional and state officials. There is now a statewide general obligation bond on the ballot every two years to fund new books and materials for our public, school and university libraries. We continue to encourage our mayor, City Council and County Commission to provide additional funds so we can be open longer hours in response to public demand. I believe we have more support for this cause than ever before. Finally, the public is responding by continuing to use their libraries more and more each year.

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System is truly one of the things that sets our community apart, and something we can all be proud of. I plan to continue being a Friend for many more years, and I encourage anyone interested in being more of a Friend to get involved. We can and do make a difference in the support we provide to our Library System, and to hundreds of thousands of people who depend on our libraries for education, computer access, homework help and fun. Our libraries need our support to continue growing and thriving.

Please support the next president as you have supported me, and continue to be a Friend to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System in as many ways as possible.

—Patti Watson

**The Friends
Used Bookshop
at the Main Library
is still closed
for renovation
and expansion.**

**The opening date is
expected to be in July, but,
as we have been saying:**

It will be worth the wait!



Between Friends is published quarterly by the Friends for the Public Library, a non-profit corporation in support of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System.

Editor:
Barbara Ruzinsky

Contributors:
Melissa Carlisle
Eileen Longworth
Riann K. Powell
Patti Watson

Friends with a current membership receive *Between Friends* by mail, free of charge.

From the Director: I work in the library!

It is always fun to tell new acquaintances where I work. I always get a positive response: "You work in the library!" Most think this must be a rewarding job, with the opportunity to read everything that is popular. After working in public libraries since I finished high school nearly 40 years ago, I can promise that the last thing we get to do is read while we work.

Library staff are answering questions, helping customers with homework, advising them on a "good book," and also constantly trying to keep up with the expanding worlds of book publishing, digital services and the best way to bring these services to customers. Doing this is more than a full-time job; it is a life avocation. Most of those who work in our libraries were attracted to the work in their youth. Like me, they may have once thought of libraries as a convenient way to earn a living or finance college, never predicting that they would fall in love with the opportunity to provide library services for a career. And we are glad they did!

Many of our Friends members have this same love and appreciation for libraries. They join the Friends to show their support for our work, and to help us do an even better job providing services. This past year, Friends have helped us provide an amazing array of children's and Tricentennial programs. They have helped us to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in support from the Legislature and grants from foundations.

Being a librarian is all about opening the world to our customers. And our Friends help us open that door to the world a little wider. We are grateful for your support and your love of libraries. Thank you for being our Friends!

—Eileen Longworth



Between Friends

Book lovers all: The volunteers who staff the Friends Bookshop

No one is looking forward to the reopening of the Friends Used Bookshop more than the volunteers who staff it. We would like to introduce them to you:

Mondays: Zane Motteler

Zane is a retired professor and scientist who worked in the fields of mathematics, computer science and computer engineering. He holds a PhD in mathematics from Stanford and an MS in computer

science from Michigan State. He became involved with the Library League in Pleasanton, CA, after her retirement, and enjoyed it so much that she joined the Albuquerque Friends almost immediately after settling in Albuquerque a few years ago. Marilyn is the volunteer Bookshop manager and has served on the Friends Board of Directors for three years. Both Marilyn and her husband, Zane, sing in their church choir.

and tutors in the Albuquerque Reads program. She came to the Friends after serving three years on the Library Advisory Board. An eclectic reader, she finds something of interest in just about everything she picks up, but particularly likes reading history, detective stories and Gothic romance novels.

Thursdays: Ruth Imber & Betty Jo Watson

Ruth obtained an undergraduate degree in accounting from Hunter College and an MLS from Queens College, both in New York City. She started her professional career as an elementary and middle-school librarian in Plainsview, Long Island. Then, for 17 years, she worked as a children's librarian, reference librarian and, finally, library director at Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Ruth is a peace and justice activist, volunteering with the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice. She is also active in Congregation Nahalat Shalom, where she is helping to re-establish their library. She likes to read novels, both historical and contemporary, that are set in different places and times.

Betty Jo obtained her nursing degree from the College of San Mateo in Northern California, where she worked as a nurse for five years. Among her other interesting careers, she has been a wrestling promoter (and was once named the Southwest's Miss Wrestling) and an error resolution controller for the U.S. Treasury

(Continued on page 6)

We couldn't do it without you!

science from Michigan State. He taught for 28 years at Gonzaga, Michigan Tech and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and spent the rest of the time at Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories. As a boy and young man, he built a definitive collection of the works of Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of Tarzan, which now resides in the rare book collection at Cal Poly. He was introduced into the world of library volunteering by his wife, Marilyn. He is an omnivorous reader of fiction and nonfiction alike.

Tuesdays: Marilyn Motteler

Marilyn is a retired teacher of college-level writing. She has a BA in liberal arts from Michigan Tech, an MA in British literature from Michigan State and an MSLA (master of science in library science) from San Jose State. She

Wednesdays: Delores Nebola & Carmen Chavez

Delores is a graduate of Wayne State College in Lincoln, NB (and, yes, a big Cornhuskers fan!) with a degree in education. As a 28-year employee with the district office of AT&T in Albuquerque, Delores often frequented the Bookshop on her lunch hour. When she retired in 1983, she started volunteering in the Bookshop and has been here ever since. She also volunteers at the Telephone Pioneer Museum downtown. What does she like to read? History, mysteries and just about anything else that catches her eye.

After 20 years as a sales manager for Sears, Carmen took early retirement and, at the age of 60, started to fulfill her lifelong dream of getting a college education. She graduated at the age of 70 with a master's in history from UNM. She sings with the Sunbeams at the North Valley Senior Center, serves as an Eucharistic minister at St. Therese Church on North Fourth Street



Main Library is displaying handmade books

The New Mexico Book Arts Guild will hold its fourth annual exhibit from April 1 through 29 at the Main Library, 501 Copper NW. The theme of this year's exhibit is Rivers/Rios, and will reflect the themes of the Albuquerque Tricentennial Celebration.

The exhibit will showcase members' work in the form of handcrafted books, journals, artists' books, altered books and boxes. A wide selection of materials and techniques will be shown, including both traditional and experimental.

The exhibit can be viewed during regular Library hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm.



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.

Date: _____ # of additional cards (add \$5 per card): _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING. PLEASE CONTACT ME.

Friends for the Public Library • PO Box 26657 • Albuquerque, NM 87125-6657
For information, call (505) 768-5167 • TTY users call (800) 659-8331

Friends for the Public Library
P.O. Box 26657
Albuquerque, NM 87125-6657
768-5167
www.friendsforthelibrary.org

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Albuquerque, NM
Permit No. 411

Book lovers all...

(Continued from page 4)

Department. She volunteers at the blood pressure clinic at the Meadow Lake senior center in Los Lunas, where she recently moved from Albuquerque. An avid reader, she particularly enjoys history and biographies and wouldn't miss getting her weekly fix in the Bookshop.

Fridays: Nancy Dover & Maere Ward

Nancy has a BS in medical technology from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA, and worked as a medical technician at the Bernalillo County Indian Hospital (now renamed UNMH). For six weeks each spring and fall, she leads semi-weekly Oasis walks to Albuquerque's ditches and arroyos. She is an avid bicycle rider. She enjoys reading sweeping, multi-generational sagas, such as Michener's "Alaska" and "Hawaii"; she also enjoys a good Western, now and again.

Maere is a graduate of the University of Oregon at Eugene with a BA in English. She is a retiree from Qwest (and its previous incarnations), where she worked for 30 years in numerous states from coast to coast. Her current passion, besides books, of course,

is geocaching. She enjoys reading how-to and self-help books, cookbooks (just for the joy of reading them) and current novels.

Saturdays: Elaine Vieth & Lenore Pardee

Elaine attended the University of the State of New York at Cortland, where she received her undergraduate degree, and at Albany, where she received her master's in education. She has taught elementary and middle school in both New York and New Mexico. She has been a docent at the Albuquerque Museum for 15 years, and a docent at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for two years. Previously a volunteer at the Erna Fergusson Bookshop, until it closed, she started volunteering at the Main Library Bookshop in 2001. What does she like to read? History.

Lenore is a graduate of Harvard with a bachelor's degree in Latin American history. Directly out of college, she went to Peru for two years in the Peace Corps. She taught history, anthropology and economics at Del Norte High School for 28 years. While teaching, she also attended UNM, where she received a BS in geology. She volunteers one morning a week at Bandelier Elementary School Library. What does she like to read? Mysteries, mysteries, mysteries and more mysteries.