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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Summer 2008

“Catch the Reading Bug”— It’s Summer Reading Program time again!

Children, teens and adults are encouraged to register, read and attend events sponsored by the Library during the 2008 Summer Reading Program.

“Catch the Reading Bug” will be the theme this year. There will be four kick-off events on May 31 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Cherry Hills Library, Lomas Tramway Library, Taylor Ranch

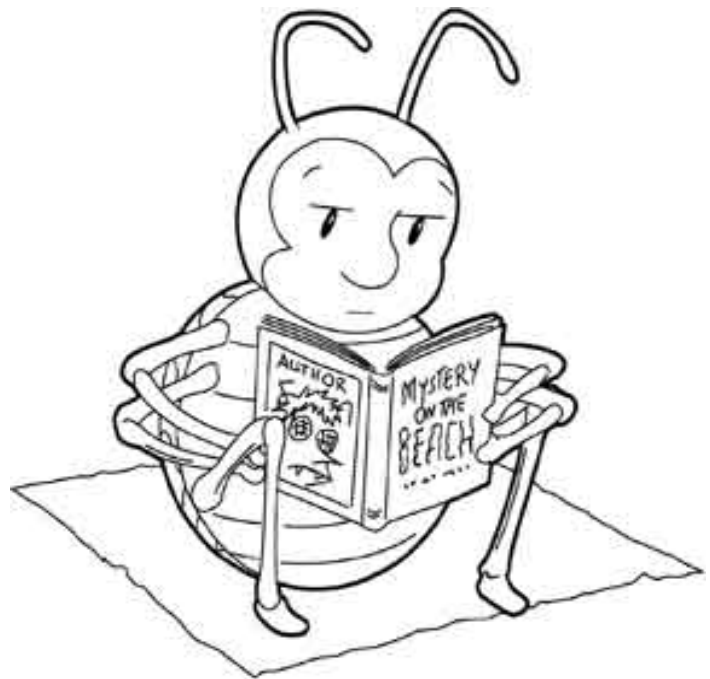
Register now!

Library and the South Valley Library. There will be live entertainment and the chance to be among the first to register for the 2008 program.

For every 10 hours of reading, participants can enter their names in a raffle for some great prizes. To register, stop by your local library during its regular hours from May 30 through July 25.

The Library is looking for teens interested in becoming Summer Assistants; staff members at your branch have application forms.

The program is sponsored by the Friends for the Public Library. For additional information, call 768-5136 or check out the web site: www.cabq.gov/library.



Two-Day May Book Sale Main Library, 501 Copper NW

Saturday, May 10, 10 am to 4 pm
\$1 admission—free after 1 pm
Members & children free

Sunday, May 11, noon-4 pm
Semi-annual clearance sale
All items \$3 a bag—no limit—bags provided
Free admission



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Downtown customers enjoy art, music and atmosphere on Main Library's second floor

Welcome to the second floor of the Main Library!

Along with the current and archived magazines and newspapers, various databases, microfilm, microfiche and the Foundation Center Cooperative Collection, you will find the Upstairs Gallery, a venue for local artists to showcase their

Upcoming programs include Blue Mesa Strings, a professional string ensemble (May 21).

Finally, don't miss the four display cases as you enter the second floor. In May, crafts of the librarians and Library staff are being featured here.

In the past, we have experienced the New Mexico Wood-

turners, Project Linus and the Albuquerque Coin Club.

Included in the Main Library permanent exhibit are Artext monotypes printed at the Tamarind Institute. This display is sponsored by the Albuquerque Public Art Program.

—Karen K. Schmiege
Main Serials Librarian
Program Committee

Welcome!

work. The natural light streaming through the northeast window reveals a vibrant space for photography, acrylic and oil paintings, watercolors and pastels.

In May, the Upstairs Gallery is featuring "Artists of the Library," many forms of art produced by librarians and staff from all 17 branches.

In April, Glenn Hohnstriter's photography was featured. (One of Glenn's photographs was selected as the official Albuquerque Tricentennial photograph.)

Once a month—every third Wednesday—you are invited to "Lunch at the Library." Join us from noon to 1 pm for musical entertainment including string, wind and vocal groups/musicians. (See photo at right.) Perch on our new high café tables or sit in one of our comfortable chairs. Don't forget to bring your brown bag lunch!



APRIL'S Lunch at the Library program featured John Dillon and Vivian Nesbitt, creators and hosts of Art of the Song—Creativity Radio, a nationally syndicated radio program. The Lunch at the Library series takes place on the second floor of the Main Library on the third Wednesday of every month. It is sponsored by the Friends for the Public Library.

**The Friends
Used Bookshop
at the Main Library**

**5th & Copper NW
768-5123**

**Tues.-Sat. 10:30 am-4 pm
Closed Sunday & Monday**



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From the Director: Our Library is moving forward...

Reports of budget shortfalls and reduced spending fill the newspapers and airwaves. Like all city entities, the Library System is impacted by reduced funding. Our planned expansion of hours at five locations will not occur. Library Administration and staff respond to requests for additional hours each day, and we are extremely disappointed that this service enhancement is being postponed.

Plans are in place for a superb Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Bug." The Summer Reading Program is for youth, teens and adults, and we do hope everyone will join the fun!

Staff are preparing for the renovation of the Special Collections Library at Central and Edith. This \$1.2 million project is being paid for with General Obligation Bond funds and State of New Mexico Capital Outlay grant funds. Many Albuquerque residents refer to this beloved landmark as "Old Main."

New carpeting is in place at the South Valley Library, Westgate Library and the Los Griegos Library. Additional upgrades are scheduled at the Juan Tabo, San Pedro and Taylor Ranch libraries.

Thanks to the Friends for the Library and our talented staff, more than 2,500 programs have been presented in the last nine months. Please remember to watch for flyers when you come to the library, or visit our website: www.cabq.gov/library.

—Julia Clarke



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Profile: Jan Sampson specializes in processing donated books on medicine

Jan Sampson approaches her volunteer work for the Friends with the same resolve as in her preparations for a career in nursing. She works in Pricing & Sorting and specializes in the processing of donated books on medicine and related subjects, as well as children's books. She helps set up for the monthly book sales and the return to stock of unsold books and other items.

33 years at the VA

Jan was born in the state of Illinois, but most of her education was in schools in the state of Washington. In Illinois, she attended elementary school through sixth grade and, when her family moved to Washington, she attended junior high and high school in the Seattle area.

She went on to Washington State University, the University of Washington and the University of New Mexico, where she was awarded a bachelor's degree in nursing.

She married during her senior year at UNM. Her husband is a self-employed insurance agent.

Jan's nursing career began in Albuquerque at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the only veterans hospital in New Mexico. She points out

that key cities in the state, such as Artesia, Farmington, Gallup, Raton, Santa Fe and Silver City have veterans outpatient clinic services only. New Mexico veterans who need hospital services and choose to use a veterans hospital must travel to Albuquerque.

At the VA Medical Center, she was employed as an intensive care nurse, requiring a working knowledge of difficult medical technologies and the ability to work closely with medical teams. She fulfilled this role for more than 20 years and was then promoted up the ranks to nurse manager and then nurse supervisor with responsibility for the center's nursing staff.

For the next 10 years in these positions, she was responsible for setting nurse schedules with special attention to evening, night

and weekend needs; watching over nurse case load and patient activity in the different sections of the hospital; and making shifts in the nursing staff to accommodate other-than-routine situations. She was responsible for coordinating arrangements for special emergency patients arriving by air, ambulance or private transportation, keeping in mind bed availability, patient discharge and transfer and, where required, doctor authorization. She did performance ratings on the nursing staff and performed other related administrative duties in providing nursing services for the Medical Center. She worked at the facility for a total of 33 years.

Although now retired, Jan continues to work in nursing for a private company as a homecare nurse.

Jan has two daughters. One is a nurse who lives in Denver, and the

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The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System and the Friends for the Public Library will be holding their annual volunteer appreciation luncheon on June 25 at the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum beginning at 12 noon.

Watch for your invitation in the mail!

Friends award scholarships to staff

Three members of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System were awarded scholarships by the Friends for the Public Library to help them continue their education.

They are Brandon Felix, Main Library; Lin McNickle, South Broadway; and Adrienne S. Warner, Taylor Ranch. The grants totaled \$5,000.

Brandon received his bachelor of arts degree in classics with a minor in French from UNM in 1996. During his years as an undergraduate, he worked at Zimmerman Library and at the Clark Field Archive and Library in the Anthropology Department. "I have always been interested in library science as a career path," he said, "but was frustrated with the lack of a program within New Mexico." He pursued a program online and applied to the MLIS program at Drexel University in Philadelphia. While he was engaged in the application process, he got a call from the Library System about interviewing for a position. "I was thrilled and by Christmas, I was waiting to hear from Drexel, the Library System and was enrolled for spring courses at UNM, just in case. I was accepted by Drexel and a few days after Christmas, I was hired by the Library. I love my

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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.

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Friends award scholarships

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job here and look forward to a long and fruitful career in Albuquerque.”

Lin McNickle says that she finally found out what she wanted to do when she grew up when she started work at the South Broadway branch four and a half years ago, after careers as a social worker and as the executive administrator of a small non-profit that awards educational scholarships to women 35 years of age or older. “I feel like I am one of the fortunate who can say they love coming to work in the morning and they love the people they work with.” Lin, who is from a small town in Nebraska, graduated with a master’s degree in social work from the University of Nebraska. She lived and worked in Athens, Georgia, for 25 years and came to New Mexico eight years ago. “I have three rescue cats and a purebred Shetland sheepdog—only the Sheltie is grateful.”

Adrienne was born and raised in Albuquerque and has been a lifelong user of the libraries here. “I remember smelling the roses at Wyoming and snuggling into the plush book nooks with a stack of books at Juan Tabo. In my adulthood, I started off as a volunteer in the Main Children’s Room. As a city employee, I’ve worked at Wyoming, Main (including Customer Services) and now I work

Jan Sampson specializes...

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second is a massage therapist in Albuquerque. And she has two grandchildren, ages 4 and 7. Her brother, sister and parents live in the Seattle area. Her father was a U.S. Air Force officer, which suggests that her decision to work at the VA Medical Center was probably influenced by her growing-up years in a military family. Reading is her favorite hobby; she also enjoys sewing and cooking.

The Friends have had the good fortune of having Jan as an active member these past five years, and we look forward to having her with us for many more years to come. Thank you, Jan!

—Rose Ricco

at Taylor Ranch, part-time. Storytimes are one of my favorite things to do.” Adrienne is working on her master’s degree in library science through an online program at Texas Woman’s University; she is aiming to be a children’s librarian in the public library system. “After this semester, I have four more classes.”

All three winners are very grateful to the Friends!