



# Between Friends

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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Summer 2011

## 20,000 expected to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program

The 2011 Summer Reading Program—"One World, Many Stories"—kicks off on Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4. The program runs through July 30.

There will be a full schedule of events for children, teens and adults. For participating children, there will be a reading prize each week. Teens and adults who fill up a reading log of 10 hours will

are excited about the international cultural and travel theme this year! We expect to register more than 20,000 participants this summer.

"The summer reading committee of the Library System has worked diligently all year to prepare for all of our fun family activities. It is very important for families to read together, and we will spread that message throughout the coming months."



### "One World, Many Stories"

be entered into a weekly prize drawing. At the end of the summer, there will be grand prizes for teens and adults.

The teen theme is "You Are Here," and the adult theme is "Novel Destinations."

Visit any of our Library branches throughout the summer for events for kids, such as puppet shows, musical performances and magic tricks. Teens can enjoy building their own robots to race, designing T-shirts and designing their own comic books. Adults can look forward to international cooking demonstrations, dancing and book discussions.

According to Natasha Casteel, assistant Library director, "We

### TWO-DAY BOOK SALE

**Saturday, May 14 & Sunday, May 15**

**Saturday: regular monthly sale**

**10-4, \$1 admission until 1 pm; members, children free**

**Sunday: semi-annual clearance sale**

**All items just \$5 per bag, no limit, bags provided**

**noon-4, free admission**



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## Profile:

### Wendy Orley, a new volunteer finds her treasure

Sometimes, when people decide they just *have* to make room in their home libraries for their overflowing collection of books, they create a treasure for Pricing & Sorting. A volunteer will open a bin of donated books and find a rich collection on a theme that speaks directly to her.

Wendy Orley found such a treasure recently on one of her first days as a P&S volunteer. It was all about embroidery, one of her great loves.

#### Not the retiring type!

As much as she enjoyed her discovery, Wendy's interests spread in many directions. She loves to read, be it paper or Kindle. She enjoys presenting programs for seniors at Oasis on "around-the-world" subjects, many prompted by her travels with her husband, Ray, who was in the Foreign Service. (Ray, himself, has been active for about 10 years as a Friends volunteer and previously served as a member of the Board of Directors.) She has led walks in Barelás and along acequias for Oasis. She is a member of the UNM Chorus, which is open to community members, as well as to students who participate for credit.

She and Ray love to travel. His work has taken them to Nigeria, Germany and Zimbabwe, among other places. They have just returned from a year in Australia, where they visited their daughter and grandchildren. "I didn't expect to be a grandmother," she says. "I love being a grandmother!"

They made their way around Australia, house sitting and dog sitting to facilitate their travels. During the year, they joined four different libraries to indulge their reading habits. "We usually visit libraries wherever we travel."

Her mother was an English teacher and librarian—perhaps that's where her love for books began. She has worked part time in the Albuquerque Library, usually as a reference librarian. During her time abroad, she ran the library of a military hospital in Germany, worked as a librarian for a Canadian embassy and, in Nigeria, was a member of the "best reading group I have ever been in!"

A native of the Midwest, she earned a degree from the University of California at Berkeley. Mostly, she was a teacher, but later, when they were traveling a lot, she decided to "dig into" Information Sciences and work for a master's degree, thinking she might find work in corporations. That didn't happen, but she ended

up doing library work in specialized areas.

Since 2000, they have lived in Albuquerque on the West Side. "We are just 10 minutes from downtown, the Main Library and UNM. It's just perfect!"

She is impressed by the accomplishments of Friends volunteers. "Very few people realize how much a few volunteers do to make

**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, Fiction to Go and the Bookshop at the Main Library. To become a member, go to [www.friendsforthelibrary.org](http://www.friendsforthelibrary.org) and download a membership application. Dues start at \$10 annually and cover the calendar year from January 1 through December 31. Members receive free admission to the monthly book sales and 10% off at the Bookshop.**

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

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768-5123**

**Open:**

**Mon.-Sat. 10:30 am-4 pm**

**Closed: Sundays**



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**VOLUNTEER WENDY ORLEY, right, takes payment via credit card from Marilyn Motteler for her purchases at the March Friends Book Sale at the Main Library. The Friends recently added the capacity to accept credit cards at the sales and at the Used Bookshop, an idea that has met with favor from potential buyers.**

## **Friends will help support professional library survey by Orange Boy Research**

The Friends Board of Directors has voted to approve a contribution of \$34,000 to support a professional library survey by Orange Boy Research, which specializes in public libraries.

The survey is useful in capturing information that can be used to directly impact services and collections in branches. It is also important in collecting data that can be used when soliciting support from funders. It has been approximately 10 years since the last survey was done.

The six-month process includes an electronic survey and in-person interviews, as well as an analysis of the collections and demographics of the city and its various neighborhoods and branches.

The total cost is \$59,000; the city of Albuquerque is providing \$25,000.

## ***Third award granted***

Lin McNickle, circulation supervisor at the Los Griegos branch, was awarded a grant of \$1,200 by the Friends to help finish her work for a degree in library science this spring.

This is the third grant Lin has received from the Friends to help finance her online studies. The remainder of Friends funds designated for scholarships will be used to reimburse staff for conference and training expenses.

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## **New members to be appointed to Library Advisory Board**

This year, many of our long-time members will be retiring from the Library Advisory Board. They have each served two three-year terms and may not be reappointed. I'd like to thank Maria Geer, Bruce McClure, Tina Miles, Judy Gibbon and Scott Perkins for their years of service to the Library System. Several of them have continued to participate in the work of the Board beyond the termination dates of their appointments. Thanks to their dedication, we have been able to continue our work as we wait for the city and county appointment processes to be completed.

This spring has been a busy time for Library advocacy. The Mayor and City Council have worked hard to find the resources to propose well-funded Library bonds to the voters in October: \$3 million for materials, \$500,000 for automation, \$3.5 million for construction of the new Central and Unser Library (to replace the West Gate Library), \$500,000 to acquire land and plan for a new International District Library (to replace the San Pedro Library) and \$750,000 in Councilor

set-aside money for the libraries in their districts. If the voters approve these bonds, the Library System will be able to improve its collections and computer system and replace two very small libraries with two new full-service ones. We are encouraging Albuquerque voters to support these vital bonds in the fall.

Meanwhile, during the next few weeks, both the city and the county will approve a budget for Fiscal Year 2012. The Board is working with City Councilors to try to prevent further personnel cuts for the Library System and with both the Councilors and the County Commissioners to improve the Library System's operational budget. It is a difficult task when both the city and county face declining revenues.

Once more, many thanks to all the Friends volunteers who work to fund all of the Library System's excellent programs and who provide the materials used by the Library Advisory Board to promote city, county and state funding. You are an inspiration!

—Ceil van Berkel, Chair  
Library Advisory Board