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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Summer 2007

Wolves come to the Library— and the children are eager to meet them

Seven programs have been scheduled to be presented at Library branches by the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary, with the final one set for May 18 at East Mountain.

They have been, you might say, a howling success! So far, each has attracted an audience of about 150 people, except for the Juan Tabo session which attracted about 200!

Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary

WSWS's mission is to educate the public about the wild wolf and wolves and wolf-dogs in captivity. Their ambassadors travel around the state to offer first-hand knowledge to counter their "big, bad wolf" reputation.



A WOLF AND A CHILD make close but friendly contact during a session presented at the Main Library by Leyton Cougar, director of the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary. Cougar led an interactive discussion about wolves. For more information, see www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org.

Mark your calendars for our summer sales events at the Main Library!

- May 12-13 **Semi-annual, two-day sale**
Saturday 10 am-4 pm: admission \$1, free after 1 pm; always free to members and children 12 and under
Sunday (Mother's Day) noon-4 pm: all items, \$2 per bag; admission free
- July 28 **Sixth Annual Children's Book Sale**—library surplus clearance
10 am-4 pm: admission free; over 25,000 children's books; all hardbacks only 50 cents each.

Don't forget our regular monthly sales the second Saturday of each month!



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President's message: Libraries change lives! *You* help them do that!

The other day, Albuquerque The Magazine asked me for a list of what I thought the "hidden treasures" were Downtown, and I immediately thought of our Main Library and all that it has to offer.

In fact, libraries are our hidden treasures throughout the community. Where else can the entire

Bravo to Summer Reading!

family go any day of the week for a multitude of free and *quality* entertainment?

Our slogan at the Friends has long been "Libraries Change Lives!" and it's so true! Your membership fees, participation by purchasing items at the monthly book sales and your many volunteer hours help us raise over \$100,000 annually to put back into our Library System for quality initiatives like the Summer Reading Program.

In fact, the Summer Reading Program just won the Bravos Award for Excellence in Literary Arts, presented by the Albuquerque Arts Alliance. The Bravos Awards celebration, honoring excellence in the Albuquerque arts community, began in 1985 with 30 artists and friends in attendance. The annual awards dinner now attracts hundreds of guests, and recipients are

honored throughout the year. Bravos celebrates the best in all of the arts disciplines: visual, dance, music, theater and literary.

We should be very proud of this accomplishment! The Bravos Award winning statement reads: "Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library's Summer Reading Club provides free and consistent access to the literary arts by integrating reading with visual and performing arts. The Club started in 1968 with 500 participants. By 2006, the Club had grown to 23,383 readers, 16,710 of them children. Sixty teenagers volunteered to help younger members. The individuals who completed the program read a cumulative 188,000 hours over the summer. This broad-based approach has made the libraries a hub for reading, literacy education and books on tape. The approach also leads to the

development of lifelong relationships among libraries and the throngs of youngsters and adults they serve. As one parent puts it, 'Without it, my kids would be less apt to read during the summer.... The Summer Reading Program builds enthusiasm and a love of reading and books. There are many distractions lurking in children's lives from the Internet, computer games and other media. The Summer Reading Program helped us keep the TV and computer off.'"

And, YOU help make this happen! We could not run programs like this without your continued support. This year's Summer Reading Program runs from May 18 to July 20. New teen programming has also been added to this year's line-up. So, call 768-5136 to sign up!

—Brian Morris

**IT ISN'T
EASY to
sort and
pack all
the prizes
for the
Summer
Reading
Program.
These are
for the
2007
event
that
begins on
May 18.**



The Friends
Used Bookshop
at the Main Library

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768-5123

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



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

From the Director: Librarians love to learn

Every day in a library is interesting! Our staff learn from our customers, and our customers tell us that they learn from us. This is what makes work in a library both fun and rewarding.

Library Administration makes every effort to provide training opportunities for staff whenever possible. We believe that knowledge is the basis for effective customer service. To that end, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System staff are participating in a number of training opportunities this spring.

During the month of March, 100 percent of our staff took a six-hour course called "Millennium Training." Millennium is the Innovative Interfaces, Inc., software that is used to operate our acquisitions, circulation and on-line catalog functions. Seven staff members pooled their knowledge and developed a training program which everyone agrees helps all of us in the daily performance of our jobs.

Sometimes, we travel to different states for training. In February, Lauren Fernandez attended a two-day seminar on emerging library technology sponsored by Innovative Interfaces, Inc., in San Jose, California. In the first weeks of March, Julia Clarke, Cindy Burns and Ida Mazzoni attended the Public Library Association's Symposium, also in San Jose. They attended sessions on literacy programs, improving customer service and preparing budget proposals. In early May, Troy Smith, Daniel Alcazar, Kelly Darnell, Linda Kennedy and Annette Colbert will travel to California to attend the Innovative Interfaces annual conference. Each of these staff members is responsible for a unique point of service within our system. They will learn not only from the programs offered, but from their colleagues in other library systems.

Did anyone reading this article run into a large group of librarians in mid-March? The joint conference of the New Mexico Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association took place at our Convention Center March 14 through 16. Over 700 librarians attended this three-day event,

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Profile: Joseph Diaz, actor, director and editor, is now a Friend

Aristotle once said, "Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." Joseph Diaz, one of the Friends' newer volunteers, has found pleasure and perfection in the world of books in his careers as an actor/director in the theater and an editor in book publishing.

Joseph was born in England where his father was assigned to diplomatic service for the country

Meet him in the Bookshop!

of Nicaragua. Because of the nature of his father's assignments, Joseph attended schools in England, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and the United States..

After his father left the diplomatic service and moved the family to New York City, where he became a theatrical photographer, Joseph graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School. In New York, he had exposure to many of the professional performers who used his father's photographic services. That exposure was the catalyst that later steered him to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

Before pursuing his studies in drama, Joseph served in the Army for two years, doing overseas duty in Germany for most of that time.

After discharge from the Army, he completed his studies in drama and other aspects of theater at the

American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He was now ready to start his acting career.

Joseph worked as an actor for 10 years, performing in all manner of plays from Sophocles to modern drama. He then turned to directing plays and worked in that area for the next 10 years.

At about this time, his wife, Marie, went to England for two years to complete work for a graduate degree in classical studies (Latin) at Oxford University. Joseph chose to remain in New York for that period. He left work in the theater and became an editor for a book publishing company before moving to England himself.

Joseph and Marie lived in England for the next 20 years, during which time he continued to work in book publishing and served as manager of subsidiary rights for Pergamon Press and later for 15

years as copy editor for Oxford University Press.

In 2005, after retirement, the couple moved from England to Albuquerque. They had visited the city in the past and considered it a desirable place to live in their retirement years.

In Albuquerque, one of the first places Joseph visited was the Public Library. There, he picked up a flyer from the Friends about their need for volunteer workers. He applied and worked at one of the monthly book sales. Joseph now works in the Friends Used Bookshop at the Main Library.

Stop in and meet him on any Thursday from the hours of noon to 4 pm! At the same time, you can pick up some great bargains in new and used fiction, nonfiction and children's books, as well as books on history, architecture and other specialty categories.

—Rose Ricco

***The Friends annual meeting/
volunteer appreciation brunch
will be coming up soon.***

***Watch for your
invitation in the mail!***

In Remembrance...

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to the husband and wife team of Pete and Jo Kaestner, Friends volunteers since 2000. Jo passed away in October 2006, after a nearly year-long illness. Pete passed away unexpectedly this past March.

Pete and Jo were very active in our community. Jo was involved with the Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra, which she founded in 1972. She had also worked with KNME, HealthNet New Mexico, the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and Magnifico, and served on the boards of the YWCA, the June Music Festival and the New Mexico Zoological Society. Pete, a Sandia Labs retiree, was also a regular volunteer at the Rio Grande Nature Center and was active in the senior center's stamp club.

They were preceded in death by their son, Stuart, also a volunteer with the Friends and the Library, who passed away in 2002. They are survived by their son, Steve, an APS science teacher, and his wife, Kathy, along with two treasured grandchildren, Evan and Beth.

They will be missed.



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: _____

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Fire in the Main Library— but only in the garage

You may have heard “*fire in the basement of the Main Library*” on the 10 o’clock news on Wednesday, April 11.

But, luckily, it was pretty much contained to the lower-level garage. “It smells a bit smoky in here,” Friends administrative coordinator Melissa Carlisle said the next morning, “but I don’t think it was thick enough to permeate any of our books, and, except for the garage, the Library was undamaged.”

The April 14 sale went on as scheduled.

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including 52 staff members from our Library System. All of us had a great time showing off our home town! The opening reception was held at the Main Library and featured a presentation by Kathy L’Amour, wife of popular author Louis L’Amour.

The Friends for the Library make it possible for our staff to travel out of town for training opportunities. This support means that staff can participate in training specific to their job duties. Whenever I travel, I visit the local public libraries. It’s exciting to observe successful services and to introduce innovations to our customers in Albuquerque.

—Julia Clarke