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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Winter 2010

Many, many books!

Two-Day Holiday Book Sale—Nov. 13 & 14

Main Library, 501 Copper NW

Saturday, Nov. 13: 10-4. \$1 admission; members and children free. Everyone free after 1 pm. Large selection of “like new” art, coffee table, Southwest, children’s, classics, cookbooks, crafts, history, gift and much more. Most books priced at 20 percent or less of cover price.

Sunday, Nov. 14: noon-4. Free admission. Semi-annual clearance sale. All items just \$3 a bag. (“Like new” items available Saturday only.)

Summer Reading

For the recently concluded Summer Reading Program, there were:

- 20,825 people registered
- 305 programs
- 14,884 people in attendance at programs
- 6,695 in outreach participation

“Not too shabby,” says Natasha Casteel, assistant director of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Libraries. Indeed!

THE LOMAS-TRAMWAY LIBRARY reopened on August 17 to a crowd of eager customers after being closed for six months for a major renovation. The biggest change is that the public access computers are now located in an area where sunlight does not reduce visibility.





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Connecting students and libraries: New Thomason Memorial Transportation Program

Tom and Jo Thomason loved the Library and wanted others to have the opportunity to enjoy age-appropriate programs and activities. So they established the Tom and Jo Thomason Transportation Program to provide an opportunity for kindergarten through 12th grade students from Title I schools, as well as children from daycare/educational organizations

Educators who would like to take their classes on field trips to the Library, but lack funding for transportation, are urged to apply to this program. They must submit their application to Riann Powell at the Main Library at least three weeks in advance of the requested field trip date. Once she receives the application, she will contact the branch they would like to visit and provide the educator with information on the date and time of the visit.

connected with the Albuquerque Business Education Compact.

This program would not be possible without the generous support of the Tom and Jo Thomason Estate and the Friends.

United Way of New Mexico has donated \$12,000 for the Every Child Ready to Read program sponsored by the Friends.

Free field trips

...serving low-income families and children with special needs to enjoy free field trips to Libraries in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County System.

The Transportation Program, which is now getting under way, will provide free round-trip transportation for students, faculty and chaperones, allowing them to take field trips to the Libraries, participate in Library programs and events, visit the Center for the Book, and more!

The application and additional information about the program is now available on the Library's home page, as well as the Friends for the Library website.

Information is being sent directly to teachers in Title I schools, as well as to educators



MICHAEL TEMPLETON, co-owner of the ABQ Coffee Connection at the Main Library downtown, is a cheerful presence in the café which opened last May. He has been serving tasty sandwiches, salads and desserts—as well as coffee and other drinks—and finds that Library patrons and employees are “very supportive.” Profits from the sale of dry-roasted coffee go to the Friends.

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

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

Open:

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

Closed: Sundays



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

From the Director:

Early childhood literacy—important to all of us!

Early literacy is all the things that children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write. These skills begin to develop during the first five years of life. Children who are exposed to interactive environments that offer fun ways to learn language will develop early literacy skills. For this reason, library programs such as traditional read-aloud story times and programs offering music, movement and stories are so important. The goal is to provide a stimulating, verbal and fun atmosphere so that a child can acquire skills.

With support from the Stocker Foundation, Target, Sandia National Laboratories, the United Way of Central New Mexico, Lockheed Martin and the Friends for the Public Library, our Every Child Ready to Read program helps parents and caregivers acquire the skills to ensure that children receive a firm foundation for reading readiness. The good news is that these skills can be taught without flashcards, memorization or expensive equipment—and everyone can have in in the process!

During our 2010 Summer Reading Program, the Stocker Foundation funded a special series of story times that incorporated the six skills necessary for reading readiness (print motivation, vocabulary, print awareness, letter knowledge, narrative skills and phonological awareness), dialogic reading and word games. These programs were presented in the libraries serving populations with high eligibility for free and reduced lunches. 1609 children attended these special programs, a 12 percent increase over 2009.

We are grateful for the assistance of the KMPG accounting firm's Interns for Literacy. This is the second year that the KMPG interns have participated in Every Child Ready to Read story times, and they are a huge hit! KMPG raises funds to purchase books for the children who attend these special programs. Needless to say, the smiles tell us how much these books mean to the children and families.

Our Every Child Ready to Read Coordinator is Hallie Barnes. Please contact her if you would like to learn more about this program or schedule a presentation. She may be reached at 768-5103. Information is also available on the Library's website: <http://www.cabq.gov/library/everychild.html>.

—Julia Clarke



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Profile:

Ann Hemmens, our new secretary on the Board

Ann Hemmens is the new secretary on the Board of Directors of the Friends—and we are glad to have her!

A newcomer to Albuquerque—she’s been here for only about a year—she is the assistant director for public services at the UNM Law Library. Ann supervises the reference, circulation

Ann has also been engaged in HIV and AIDS education work for a nonprofit and helped develop medical policy for North Carolina’s Medicaid agency.

When she lived in Seattle, she did volunteer work at the Seattle Animal Shelter. In Albuquerque, she sought out the Friends as a way to volunteer in the public library world.

Ann says she is becoming more engaged in the Albuquerque community through her work with the

Friends. She is enjoying the sunshine and the openness of the community and is “learning the landscape of New Mexico” by hiking the Sandias and the Petroglyphs. Recently, she purchased a used piano with the goal of improving her skills and finding a good balance between work and play. And, “as you might suspect,” she adds, she enjoys reading.

She shares her Highland-area home with a cat, Gabrielle, and a dog, Nina.

Learning the landscape

and interlibrary loan departments, and develops policies and new services for the law school community and the general public.

She managed to resist New Mexico’s charms the first time she passed through our state about 11 years ago, on her way from North Carolina to a job in Seattle as a reference librarian at the University of Washington Law Library, where ultimately she became head of reference.

She grew up in Chapel Hill, NC, and attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, her parents’ alma mater. After earning a degree in psychology, she returned to Chapel Hill to obtain a master’s in library science and a law degree.



THE MUSIC OF COLORADO BLUEGRASS band Spring Creek drew a crowd of about 175 people to a lunchtime concert at the Cherry Hills Library on September 10. The Library collaborates with nonprofit AMP to bring diverse, high-quality American and international music to the branches. The monthly concerts are sponsored by the Friends and AMP.

Fiction-to-go really goes!

Here's an update on Fiction-to-go, a modest little program that got started in 2009. It allows Library patrons to buy gently used hardback and paperback fiction at their local branches for suggested donations of \$2 per hardback and \$1 per paperback.

For the six months from January 1 through June 30, 2010, the total income for all participating branches was \$8,877, for an average of \$1,480 per month. These figures include Juan Tabo, Erna Fergusson, North Valley, Taylor Ranch, Tony Hillerman, East Mountain, South Valley, Cherry Hills and Los Griegos. (Lomas/Tramway and South Broadway are not included since they were not open for much of that time.)



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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Check out the Library Advisory Board's new website

**By Ceil van Berkel, Chair
Library Advisory Board**

Have you visited the new "Support ABC Libraries" website yet? If not, take a look! It is funded through the advocacy budget provided to the Library Advisory Board by the Friends, so it is very much *your* website. The link is <http://supportabclibraries.org>.

The purpose of the site is to:

- Explain how our Library System is funded
- Make voters aware of the declining Library budget
- Allow online sign-up to the Support ABC Libraries email distribution list
- Urge Library supporters to take action to help increase

funding for the Library by asking elected officials to provide adequate funding through Library bonds and operating budgets, by voting "yes" for Library bond issues, by encouraging friends and neighbors to vote "yes" for Library bonds, by joining the Friends, and by volunteering to work on Friends projects or in their local Library branches.

Please do visit Support ABC Libraries and then let me know what you think. I welcome suggestions for improvement of the site. You can reach me (and future site editors) at info@supportabclibraries.org.

By the way, if you look at the "Show Your Support" page on our website, you'll see that the Coffee Connection, the coffee shop in the lobby at Main, is distributing bright yellow "Support Libraries" buttons. Those buttons have been very effective in showing elected officials how many Library supporters we have in our community, without the wearers having to say one word!

Until next time, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!