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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

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“Goodnight Moon” comes to Albuquerque

The New Mexico Library Association and The Albuquerque Museum are collaborating to bring to Albuquerque an exhibition featuring children’s literature. It is called “From Goodnight Moon to Art Dog: The World of Clement, Edith and Thacher Hurd.”

This interactive art exhibit, organized by the Shelburne Museum in Vermont, will run through April 24. It focuses on the beloved illus-

trations from such favorite picture books as “Goodnight Moon,” “Runaway Bunny,” “Art Dog” and “Mama Don’t Allow” by the Hurd family members. More than 60 original illustrations ranging from early sketches to final illustrations provide a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the steps involved in creating a picture book. In addition to the original works of art, the exhibit includes an inviting reading area, a life-sized, bright red “Brushmobile,” and a mural-sized reproduction of the great green room from “Goodnight Moon.”

and their parents. Encouraging a love of reading in children at a young age helps to lay the foundation for lifelong learning and success.

The Friends, in support of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, is the Presenting Sponsor for this community event. Valued Partners supporting the exhibit include The Albuquerque Museum Foundation, the New Mexico Library Foundation and Dion’s.

The New Mexico Library Association will host a reception at the exhibit on March 30 from 5:30-7:30 pm to open the 2005 conference, “Libraries Lend a Hand.”

Ernie Pyle to be portrayed at two Library branches

The life and career of American journalist Ernie Pyle will be portrayed by Dr. Doug Mishner in two Chautauqua performances at Library branches on April 16 (Ernie Pyle Memorial Library, 900 Girard SE, 2 pm) and April 17 (Special Collections Library, Edith and Central NE, 7 pm). The presentations are supported by the New Mexico Humanities Council and by the Friends. Call 848-1376 for additional information.

Friends sponsors exhibit



Shop and automatically raise funds!

The Friends for the Public Library is asking its members to support the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System in an easy and secure way. The “Love Your Library” shopping program offers an innovative system for Library supporters to generate funds—just by shopping at participating merchants and paying for their purchases with their credit cards.

Under the program, community-minded merchants agree to rebate a percentage of Friends’ purchases back to the Friends when they use credit cards they have registered through the program. It’s effortless, and it costs the Friends nothing. As more Friends join, we can raise more money for the Library System. Here’s how to get started:

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President's message: "If I take them for granted, they may go away."

I ran across a speech I believe sums up the future of libraries and indicates the important role Friends can play in continuing to support them. In a June 24, 2003, address to the American Library Association entitled "Librarianship as a Revolutionary Choice," Naomi Klein said:

"No matter what you do, libraries are going to have to fight for their very existence. That means you are going to need your most valuable asset on your side: library users. Your communities will have to fight for you

Increasing pressure

and with you. If that's going to happen, your users have to know in their bones that there is no comparison between a chain of superstores, or an Internet café, and a genuine community library. They have to feel your "publicness"—which is about much more than whether or not your funding comes from the state and whether your services are free. It's about that ephemeral quality that gives a community a sense of collective ownership over a space...a never-ending conversation between the library and the community it serves."

We have supported our Library financially over the years and did

so again in the last election—passing both county and state-wide bond issues. As Friends, we further support our libraries through membership dues, contributions of volunteer time, donation of books and purchase of books at Used Book Sales.

But there is going to be increasing pressure on libraries across the United States, including the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System.

For example, there are ongoing dialogues about why we even need libraries with the advent of the Internet. Or why we can't use volunteers to replace highly trained librarians and save money. These are easy arguments to counter. Just try a reference search on the Internet—and pull up four million hits. Or call a reference librarian and ask for the specific information you need. I can tell you right now which resource will provide better, more accurate information. And the fact is, no matter how highly trained a volunteer is, there are things he or she cannot do without the formal training provided by a degree in library science.

But beyond that, to me our public libraries are about much more than a book, or a reference question. They are about an experience. I still recall the first time I visited my hometown library as a young child. The sheer

number of books, magazines and newspapers available in one place fascinated me. I adored the fact that the librarians were very smart, answering my questions and helping me find books with amazing ease. I was amazed that there was actually a system (the Dewey Decimal System) for organizing books. Most of all, I really liked the fact that I felt immediately comfortable there, and that all sorts of other people did, too.

To me, that type of experience is unique. In fact, when I was visiting my home town three years ago for my father's funeral and I needed a quiet, serene place to write the eulogy I was to give to honor him, I chose to do so at the very first library I had ever visited. Some things had changed, and some things were the same, but I still felt comfortable there.

I truly believe our libraries are one of the last few places left where everyone can have a good experience—no matter their age, socioeconomic status or education. I still cherish being at a public library, and I'm pleased when I see young children, students, parents and seniors having fun in one, too.

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Mon., Tues. 12-4 pm
Wed.-Sat. 10:30 am-4 pm



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**From the Library Director:
Thank you for your support!**

Special thanks are due to all who worked to help pass the Library bonds in November. The state bond will provide Albuquerque with \$1.4 million and the county bond with another \$1 million. Both bonds are intended for the purchase of books and other library materials and information resources. Bernalillo County voters overwhelmingly approved these bonds and indicated their support for their libraries with their votes. We appreciate that support.

Bonds from earlier years are being used to pay for several upcoming library renovations. For example, the Main Library will receive a much-needed facelift in 2005. Working with Cherry, See Architects, the project team has developed an ambitious plan to update the east side of the Library, changing the entrances and allowing for possible retail space. While the award-winning building designed by George Pearle will remain virtually unchanged by the updates, new landscaping and other improvements will be seen outside. Inside, the Library's new entrance will also allow us to feature a new check-out desk, new information desk and other improvements on the first floor and lower level. The Friends Book Store will also be enlarged, with a new entrance downstairs as well. Beginning in March, the project is expected to take eight months and to cost approximately \$1.3 million.

In the next few months, there will be more improvements begun at Lomas-Tramway and San Pedro libraries. Plans are under way for updating Wyoming Library and Botts Hall at Special Collections. And, thanks to voters' approving library bonds, Albuquerque's public libraries are getting better looking each day.

We are happy to share these plans with the Friends. For more information, please call me at 768-5134—I would love to tell you more details.

—Eileen Longsworth



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Norma Arlowe, a good Friend

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Norma Arlowe, long-term volunteer and member of the Friends. Norma died on October 16, 2004, following a brief illness.

In memoriam

Norma was the manager of the Friends Used Bookstore at the Erna Fergusson Library for 10 years. As a strong believer in the Friends mission, she moved over to the Main Library in the late

1990s to continue her volunteer work as part of the Pricing & Sorting crew, where she shared her expertise in Southwest and collectible materials. She also helped set up for, and staff, the monthly book sales.

She was a “giving” person, giving of herself, her time and talent, her energy and her love for service to others and her community. She will be sorely missed.

Norma’s husband, Duane, is also a Friends volunteer at the monthly book sales, serving with the same dedication and energy as did Norma.

April 2005 is kickoff for Tricentennial, Albuquerque’s 300th birthday

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System will have numerous Tricentennial programs, activities, exhibits and displays, sponsored by the Friends, to celebrate the city’s 300th year, which will begin in April 2005.

The Library will feature monthly themes, such as dance, music, authors and architecture, as well as focusing on different ethnic groups with a series of Heritage Months. The Library will have reading lists available for youth and adults and will be ready to make recommendations.

The Special Collections Library, located at Central and Edith, is an important information resource for the celebration. It holds an extensive collection of books, pamphlets, magazines, maps, archives, genealogies, documents and illustrated materials on Albuquerque’s history and cultures.

If you would like more information about the Library’s Tricentennial efforts, contact Elizabeth Haskett at 768-5195.

Sales of broadside to benefit Friends

Jane Hellesoe-Henon, an Albuquerque artist and Friends Pricing and Sorting volunteer, has created an original linoleum cut which the Center for the Book has printed on artist’s quality, mould-made Italian paper in an edition of 75 copies, numbered and signed by the artist. The work measures 11 x 17 inches and is priced at \$35. (See the last issue of *Between Friends* for a photo.)

Jane designed this work as a fund raiser for the Friends. It is a handsome piece. To date, we have sold 14 copies. To reserve your own keepsake broadside, the first that the Center has produced, please call Jeff Bantly at 768-5115 or e-mail at jbantly@cabq.gov.

“One Book” project to begin in spring

Albuquerque Readfest’s “One Book” project, a community-wide reading program, will begin with “A Lesson Before Dying” by Ernest Gaines. Community conversations about the book will begin in the spring. Many copies are now available in the libraries.

Watch for announcements regarding discussion locations on www.AbqReadfest.com and in book stores and libraries. The next book in the series will be selected by community members.

Albuquerque landmarks and history will be featured in 2005 Summer Reading Program

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System will feature Albuquerque landmarks and history with this year's Summer Reading Club theme: "Read Albuquerque." The reading program, sponsored by the Friends, begins Friday, May 20, and ends Friday, July 22.

Every year, the Library encourages children and young adults to continue reading throughout the summer. This summer, they will be encouraging adults to join in as well. Studies show how important it is for children to see adults reading, and they want everyone to join in the fun!

To celebrate the city's Tricentennial, the Library has chosen the theme of "Read Albuquerque/Lea Albuquerque." An accompanying reading booklet will help the reader take a trip through time to celebrate Albuquerque's 300th birthday with facts about the Petroglyphs, the Sandia Peak Tram, the first balloon flight in Albuquerque and much more.

Library branches will have lively programs throughout the summer. Look for more information at your local library as summer approaches or call Elizabeth Haskett at 768-5195.



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 bookstore 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: _____

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Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING. PLEASE CONTACT ME.

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Once you register your cards and shop, you will receive a monthly e-newsletter from Tricordia.com reviewing how much you have personally raised for the Library. The system is absolutely secure and does not require any personal information. So sign up today and tell your friends and family. Take an active role in supporting our Library System while making everyday purchases. Just visit www.loveyourlibrary.org.

President's message

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And I feel I can offer suggestions to "my" librarians about activities, books or magazines or to schedule community meetings at our libraries. I hope you do, too.

I hate to think of even one library anywhere having to close, reduce its hours, not add to or update its collection, not have computers available to its patrons, or not be open to anyone, free of charge, no matter who they are or what they need.

So, when I have to decide how to spend my limited volunteer time and energy, I'm happy to spend it in support of our libraries. And I realize I have to actively support them rather than just passively use them. If I take them for granted, they may go away.

I never want any child or adult NOT to have a very special experience at their public library. So, I'll continue to support them. I hope you will, too.

—Patti Watson