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The Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County

SPRING/SUMMER 2018



Spring Clearance Book Sale


- All items \$5-a-bag
- No Limit
- Free Admission
- Bags Provided

Sunday, May 13
Noon – 4 p.m.

Main Library
501 Copper NW

2 hour validated parking available
kitty-corner to the library

Proceeds benefit the Albuquerque and Bernalillo County Public Library



From the Director



In March the Public Library staff and customers celebrated the 93rd anniversary of the Special Collections Library with tours, programs and activities. And then we celebrated the renaming of the North Valley Library to honor the great Rudolfo Anaya. The Seed Library moved from the Juan Tabo Library to the South Broadway Library and we launched two new locations to circulate ukuleles, at Erna Fergusson and Rudolfo Anaya North Valley.

And up soon will be a great Summer Reading program with the theme of Libraries Rock (more information from Debbie Hassi, Youth Services Manager, in this newsletter). This is the flagship literacy program of the Public Library which is supported by the Friends through the funding of all programs, concerts, materials, and prizes.

The Freedman Trust for the Public Library had a very good year of income which continues to enhance material collections with outstanding titles. Look for the dark red bookplates acknowledging the Freedman Trust. Richard Freedman's amazing bequest to the citizens of Albuquerque will be enjoyed by Public Library users for generations.

Our buildings continue to get repairs and enhancements. Westgate renovations are complete and we hope to have this neighborhood library back in operation sometime in May. Lomas Tramway Library will remain open while getting more renovations including much needed new steps and an enhanced entrance courtyard. In March, the City and RMKM Architects, held a well-attended "Town Hall" meeting to get input from residents on what their dreams are for the new library in the International District. The Program design for the building is currently underway for this exciting new project.

Thank you for all that you do for your Public Library!

Dean Smith, Library Director

Greetings from the Board

We are preparing for our big semi-annual book sale, to be held the second weekend in May. Our monthly sale will be Saturday, May 12th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on Sunday, May 13, books are available for only \$5 a bag from Noon until 4:00 pm. Time to stock up for summer reading!

We are also preparing for the 50th anniversary of the Friends organization next year. We've held productive brainstorming sessions and you'll be hearing more about our plans in the upcoming months. We're still looking for Friends to help our efforts – if you're interested, please contact us by email at friends50th@gmail.com or send a note to Friends of the Public Library, PO Box 2667, Albuquerque, NM 87125, and add: Attention: Friends 50th.

I am reaching the end of my term as President, and with the next annual meeting, I will be stepping down from the board. It has been a privilege to serve, and I am proud of efforts we've started in the past two years. I will continue to volunteer at the book sales, so feel free to stop by and say hi!

As always, if you are interested in serving on the board or helping in other ways, please contact us.

Susan Hurley

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News from the Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board has been attending meetings regarding the fall 2018 Bernalillo County General Obligation (GO) Bonds to say thank you and support a healthy amount for the Public Library to use in purchasing books, media and databases. Bernalillo County pays for the operating expenses in the three unincorporated branches—Rudolfo Anaya, South Valley, East Mountain—plus Bernalillo County provides GO Bonds to purchase materials for all County and City residents!

In January, the Advisory Board worked Library Legislative Day in Santa Fe. The results of all the library advocacy that occurred are a 33% increase in statewide materials funding for libraries and core funding to add a Community Room to the Taylor Ranch Library. These are amazing results of citizens making their voices heard and I want to thank the members of the Board for their excellent work!

In December the Board welcomed a new at-large County member, Judy Johnson. Judy moved to Albuquerque after retiring from Wichita State University where she was a Professor of History. Then in April the Board welcomed Devont'e K. Watson as City Council District 1 representative. Devont'e is a native of Albuquerque, has experience in economics and international studies and has volunteered on several youth advisory councils. We are thrilled to welcome our newest members but the Board is still looking for dedicated citizens to represent City Council Districts 3 (Councilor Peña, Westgate and Alamosa), City Council District 4 (Councilor Winter, Cherry Hills) and Council District 6 (Councilor Davis, Ernie Pyle, San Pedro and International District). If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact their City Councilor!

Carla Felsted, Chair, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library Advisory Board

Summer Reading Program



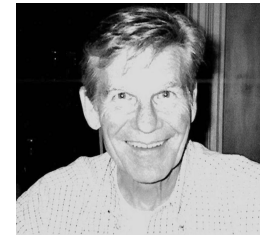
The branches of the Public Library, Albuquerque Bernalillo County are always awesome places to be, but this summer, our Libraries Rock! Readers and learners of all ages are invited to join us for the 2018 Summer Reading Program, which offers a great way for children to maintain and improve their reading skills over the summer months by setting their own personalized reading goals and earning incentive prizes as they achieve those goals to optimize their success.

Adults are also encouraged to join the Summer Reading Program for a sense of personal accomplishment, to show a good reading example for the children in their lives, and to be entered into some excellent prize drawings! Last summer, 1

6,000 people took up their own summer reading challenge, and also enjoyed hundreds of free entertainment and learning opportunities in our branch libraries. This summer, the Public Library has scheduled almost 300 special events for Children & Families, Tweens, Teens, and Adults. Many special events reflect the music theme of this year's Summer Reading Program. Multiple music genres will be featured; of particular note are some events planned for Teens in partnership with the Santa Fe Opera!

The Public Library's Summer Reading Program runs from June 2 through July 28. For more information, please visit the Public Library's website: abqlibrary.org

[The Summer Reading Program of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Public Library is supported by funding from the Friends for the Public Library.](#)



Volunteer Profile: Now Hear This

Bill Meehan was born into a large Minnesota family that included five sisters, two brothers and a father who figured out how to help each child along his or her own path. He noticed Bill's early love of reading, so when Bill was in the second or third grade, he took him to the library in downtown St. Paul. They went by bus; his father never owned a car. Bill remembers how impressed he was by the enormous Italian Renaissance Revival library, facing a green town square. Bill

got his library card that day and checked-out the book limit, 10 or so, enough to last until his next visit. The Hardy Boys were early favorites—fostering a life-long liking for mysteries.

As an adult, Bill headed south to Orlando, Florida, where he lived for 29 years. He took a job in retail for Disney to get in the door, then worked his way into bookkeeping and accounting. He thoroughly enjoyed working for Disney, but when his mother became ill with Alzheimer's he decided to move back to St. Paul to be with his parents. Once again, he figured out where he wanted to work and got himself in the door at Minnesota Life, then worked his way into accounting.

In 2002, Bill and his brother vacationed in New Mexico, where Bill fell in love with the Land of Enchantment. He found Albuquerque "homey," full of friendly people, and he enjoyed exploring a state where a surprise awaited around most every curve in the road. He returned to New Mexico repeatedly over the next 10 years, retiring here in 2012.

Bill lives downtown. A couple of years ago, he was having his usual four o'clock coffee at the Flying Star (since closed), when another afternoon coffee drinker approached his table. Friends' volunteer Willard Anderson said he had noticed Bill was always carrying a book, explained about the Friends' book sales, and asked if Bill might be interested in volunteering.

Doing something to support the Library appealed to him. He met coordinator Melissa Carlisle, whom he liked immediately, and began volunteering. After six months, Melissa asked if he could take on preparing the CDs for the monthly sale, of which media are a growing part.

Bill's past retail experience kicked in. He asked himself what the display should look like, visited stores selling CDs and got to work researching, classifying and organizing the music. Now CD sales have gone up 100% and Bill's volunteer schedule has increased from twice a month to three days a week. He's also expanded his own musical knowledge.

So, next time you attend the Friends' Monthly Book and Media Sale, check out the CDs. Whether your taste runs to classics, the great American songbook or rap, you're likely to find something to improve your personal soundscape. And at a \$1 per CD, it won't break your budget.

—Tamara Coombs

City and County Budget Hearings Are Now Happening!

The Public Library budgets need our support. Visit supportabclibraries.org to sign up for emails with hearing dates. Wear your yellow "Support Libraries" button and join your fellow library advocates to remind our elected officials to adequately fund the Library.

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