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SUGGESTED REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLUBS

Book and Movie Clubs

1. Book Club: Generalist

Fiction and non-fiction, old and new, famous and obscure: choose, read, reflect, discuss! Open entire new layers in your enjoyment and appreciation of the book by sharing your thoughts, impressions, and ideas with others.

2. Book Club: Sci-Fi

Let your imagination roam from the most distant worlds and the wildest, most recondite scientific ideas to the deepest and most obscure corners of the human psyche and motivation in the company of your fellow sci-fi lovers!

3. Book Club: Slow Reading

Have you attempted Thomas Mann's *Magic Mountain* or Homer's *Odyssey* half a dozen times over the years, only to give up on page twenty-seven? (OK, OK, it was twenty-eight, I stand corrected!). With the club's support and encouragement, you can finally surmount that classic you always wanted and perhaps discover that the effort yielded a much bigger reward than you ever imagined!

- a. **Book Club: Other.** Would you like to be part of another subject-based book club? Please leave your suggestions on the provided form or email us at library@jsplibrary.org

4. Cinephiles

An equivalent of a book club for movie lovers! Especially a "slow reading" book club: the idea is to watch and discuss more complex, challenging, outstanding, and thought-provoking films. Which doesn't mean that, once in a while, a latest thriller or action movie might not fit the bill, too!

Gaming

5. Chess Club

Does chess even need an introduction? Despite the evolution and, especially recently, a real flowering of all kinds of wonderfully complex board games (please check out our Board Games Club!), chess remains

as safely enthroned in its role as the ultimate sovereign of the game universe as ever. Come, let us play and learn together!

6. Board Games Club

Any and all board games! (Except chess and D&D (Dungeons & Dragons), which have their own clubs). From a two-player five-minute-round design to a tableful of people enjoying a complex unfolding of the game over multiple hours, from games based mostly on luck, to those demanding a high level of skill: if it is a board game, we can play it!

7. Game On! Video Game Meetup

Get ready to test your skills and compete for glory at our Video Game tournaments! Whether you're a seasoned pro or just getting started, all players are welcome to join us for a night of competitive gaming. We'll be playing a variety of fighting, racing, and other competitive games in a tournament-style format. Come on out, challenge your friends, and find out who the ultimate champion is!

8. Learning Through Minecraft

Join us for a hands-on adventure where we'll explore, build, and create with Minecraft! This program goes beyond just gaming, using the popular block-building world to teach STE(A)M concepts—that's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We'll work together on building challenges, solving problems, and bring our imaginations to life. Whether you're a new builder or a Minecraft master, this program is a great way to learn new things and have fun with friends in a creative and collaborative environment.

Art & Crafts

9. Arts & Crafts

Sometimes it seems that Jemez is composed entirely of artists, painters, and craftsmen! And, of course, there are already multiple groups uniting these creative people based on media, genre, or some other parameter. But maybe you are not quite in that league (yet!). Maybe you want to try your hand at various things. To dabble, to experiment. Or just spend a quiet hour coloring a pattern. Then this club is for you! (And we hope to draw on the Jemez artist pool for the club's coaches, instructors, and presenters).

Health and wellness

10. Yoga

Most of the Mindfulness and Meditation Club descriptions would fit here, too, and the same goes for the Tai Chi Club below. Depending on demand and availability of instructors, these three clubs may end up merging in various configurations. For now, we would like to gauge your interest in each of these specific body-mind modalities. The benefits of gentle focused movements combined with controlled breathing and non-violent cognitive and emotional regulation are self-evident. Let's give it a try!

11. Tai Chi

See the descriptions of the Mindfulness and Meditation Club and the Yoga Club.

12. Mindfulness and Meditation

Calming. Centering. Focusing. Paying attention. Improving concentration. Increasing one's resilience. Deepening one's self-knowledge. Most of you would be able to continue this series for quite a while (after a few seconds of focused thought!). As modalities of self-care and wellbeing, mindfulness and meditation need hardly any introduction. Even in our small community, there are already multiple venues for engaging in this practice. The purpose of this club is not to compete with, but complement those, as well as to provide an additional opportunity in terms of one's schedule and logistics.

Writing, Language, Theatre, and Sciences

13. Writing Workshop

Prose writing of all genres. Let's come together to support one another on our writing journeys: to share and learn, inspire and critique, grow and mature, discover and evolve, and always and first and foremost, to generously encourage and be encouraged, and to have a wonderful time!

14. Poetry Group

"Poetry in motion," "that was sheer poetry"—when we thus praise some human activity and achievement, from architecture to athletic performances, we unconsciously pay homage to the notion of poetry as the most sublime type of human creativity and expression. Discover and nurture your inner poet by writing, reading, discussing, appreciating, and learning from the vast poetic universe out there and from the published poets of our own community!

15. Storytelling & Public Speaking

Everybody has a story. Or, more accurately, everybody has a whole trunk worth of stories. Stories that deserve to be told well and listened to with attention and appreciation. Through a wider lens, storytelling fits under the larger umbrella of public speaking—an indispensable skill in many contexts and situations. We will decide together whether to engage with a more formal model of public speaking training, such as Toastmasters, or to retain more flexibility and focus on storytelling and the art of informal discussion and conversation.

16. Performance!

Recapture the magic (or exorcise the horror) of reciting a holiday poem in front of the extended family or your elementary school class! Practice deep listening and thinking-in-the-moment skills with an improv practice. Depending on demand, this club may merge with the Community Theater, but right now it is conceived as a separate platform for smaller-scale individual types of performance (recitation, sketch, standup comedy, miming, etc.) and improv.

17. Community Theater

Release your inner thespian! Give Derek Jacoby and Patrick Stewart a run for their money! Depending on demand, Community Theater may end up being a platform for all scales of performances, plus improv

(please see the Performance! club). At the moment, however, it is conceived as an opportunity for aspiring actors and actresses of all ages to work on full-scale plays.

18. Language Lovers/Polyglots

Do you love languages? Their mysteries, their structures, their histories, their stories, their trivia? Their often invisible but no less powerful for that, role in human affairs? Are you fascinated by the phenomenon of translation? (“Traduttore, traditore”^{*}—do you agree or not? Why? Discuss!) If you answer yes to any of the questions above, this club is for you! | ^{*}“Translator, traitor”—Italian pun (mostly lost in English) first used in the 14th century to criticize French translations of Dante. | NOTE: this is not a club for learning a particular language. Please see our language study groups for that.

19. Spanish Language Study Group

There is an embarrassment of riches available today, especially online, when it comes to learning a foreign language. Two things remain incredibly useful, however, that are not as easy to come by: a qualified language teacher and an in-person group of peers to practice with. We may or may not be able to secure the former (we will try). But we can definitely create the latter! Let’s come support one another in our quest to master a new tongue.

- a. **Language Study Group: Other** what language or languages would you like to practice in a peer group and, if possible, with an instructor? Please leave your suggestions on the provided form or email us at library@jsplibrary.org

20. Hemish Language and Culture

This club may take a little while to set up, as it requires working closely with the Jemez Pueblo Department of Education. We may have to scale it down to a finite series of presentations, or even just several standalone lectures. We want to start by aiming high, however! Which means working toward a regularly scheduled club with a continuity of content, including a possibility of acquiring some basics of the Towa/Hemish language. Please let us know if you are interested!

21. Astronomy Club

The mystery of stars in the boundless night sky has inspired and fascinated humans since the beginning of time and led to incredible discoveries, deepening both our understanding of the universe and our awe before the remaining and newly revealed unknowns. Experience direct astronomic observation with a telescope and get exposed to the main concepts and facts of this incredibly fascinating field!

22. The Magic of Math and Logic

Math and logic do not have to equal dryness, boredom, and stress! Mathematical and logical thinking are about clarity, parsimony, and elegance. The history of math and logic are full of drama, colorful characters, and thrilling suspense. Our daily life is full of small moments where a slightly more conscious application of mathematical and logical thinking would yield us disproportionate benefits. Brain teasers, logical puzzles, and recreational math problems can be incredible fun. If the above sounds appealing to you, please join us in this challenging and magical club!

23. Philosophy Club (Socrates Café or our own)

Socrates Café (TM) is a non-profit organization and a movement that was launched almost thirty years ago by author and civic leader Christopher Phillips, PhD (please see <https://socratescafe.com/> for more details). Starting a Socrates Café requires no fees or lengthy special training, but one must be in sync with the movement's vision and ethos of maximum openness and inclusivity, commit to the use of the Socrates Café Method of open-ended enquiry into fundamental philosophical questions through respectful dialogue, and register the club with the original non-profit. Executed well, this can be a powerful model for increasing mutual understanding, encouraging much deeper thinking, and building bridges. Worth trying? Please let us know!

WRITE-INS FROM THE OPEN HOUSE

24. Pilates

We are going to be one healthy community! Tai Chi, Yoga, and now Pilates, too!

25. Book Club: History

26. Book Club: Historical Fiction

It was difficult to say if the first of these were distinctly meant exclusively for non-fiction, and whether there is a need for two distinct clubs or just for one whose participants would read both historical fiction and non-fiction. Stay tuned—and don't hesitate to pitch in with your own take on the matter.

27. Shakespeareana

The name speaks for itself! The Bard, the Bard, and nothing but the Bard. We will read, watch, listen, discuss, and, above all, enjoy. We will take this [blog post](#) and its recommended sequence of reading the *complete works of Shakespeare* (yes! we *are* that ambitious!) as one of our first sources of inspiration.

CURRENT REGULARLY SCHEDULED AND RECURRING CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

Body Conditioning & Strength Training

Every Thursday, 10:30am-11:30am, at the Cañon Community Center

Improve your muscle tone, performance, and flexibility! Each 45-minute class starts with a movement-oriented warm-up, followed by resistance training, a cool down, and a stretch.

Light weights are provided, but it is recommended that students bring their own resistance bands. The class is taught by Nancy Swanson, an ISSA Elite Trainer and Exercise Therapy Coach with over two decades of experience, certified in Silver Sneakers classes and other modalities. Come ready to have fun, laugh, and have a great time! (Ages 15 and above).

Book Chat

Monthly on a Saturday, 10:00am-11:00am

Share your passion for reading and your latest finds and recommendations! Book Chat differs from a traditional book club in that the participants don't all read the same book in time for the meeting but use the show-and-tell format to broaden one another's reading horizons and provide their fellow readers with encouragement and inspiration.

D&D (Dungeons and Dragons)

Every Friday, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Embark on a magical journey where your adventure begins at a whimsical circus and leads you through a portal into the enchanting land of the Fey in one of the oldest and most popular fantasy tabletop role-playing games (TTRPG). Uncover mysteries, encounter fantastic creatures, and navigate through a world full of wonder and peril!

Friday Fun

Every Friday, 11:00am-12:00pm

Something new and exciting each week for the younger crowd. From sports to arts and craft, from nerf fun to quiet board games, and much more! The possibilities are endless, and we are always open to new suggestions and ideas.

Movie in the Park

Monthly on a Saturday, 8:00pm-10:00pm

Enjoy a fun, relaxing night out with your family: bring your blankets, chairs, and dinner, and settle in for a free, family-friendly movie under the stars. The Friends of the Library will be there with popcorn, soda, and snacks available for a small donation. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move indoors to the Library Conference Room. Hope to see you there!

Storytime for Babes & Tots

Every Wednesday, 10:30am-11:30am

Stories, songs, and rhymes! A delightful experience for babies and toddlers and their adults. Outside or inside, as the weather permits. Then pop into the library and explore our children's collection: from board books to engaging stories for budding readers, from the latest titles to the time-tested beloved classics.

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UPCOMING RECURRING AND ONE-TIME PROGRAMS

- ASL (American Sign Language): History, Importance, Uses
- Author Reading & Book Signing Events
- Computer Skills
- Cybersecurity/scam awareness, your device functionality, typical interface menus and symbols
- Health, Healthcare, Wellbeing
- Diet and exercise, early development, adolescence, ACA (Affordable Care Act), end-of-life care, grief and loss
- Highway safety with Chief Joe Moreno: Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones!
- Legal Workshops
- Library Electronic Resources / Information Literacy Skills: Basic to Advanced
- Life Skills
- Social Security, estate planning, home ownership, résumé and job interviews, home safety
- Live Music Performances
- Sandoval Extension Master Gardening (SEMG) Presentations
- Today's Intellectual Property Landscape: What to Know, Where to Look, How to Keep Up