

- The last set of notes was from early November so we have some ground to cover here...
- Just after the November Library Board meeting new orders came from the Governor to curb a spike in Covid-19 cases in New Mexico. While the order did not require libraries to shut down, many did and via guidance and agreement with the Village the library closed from November 16th until Friday December 4th. On December 4th the library reopened to the previous levels to provide opportunities for browsing, computer use, and hold pickups in the lobby area.
- On December 4th we also added the option to text the library from the parking lot for curbside service. A doorbell and signage were added for walk-up curbside pickups as well. These options allow for a contact-free experience.
- An online calling system was used to deliver a message to patrons about the library reopening, hours, and services. This was well received in the community with only one person removing their name from the list. It was a one-time use, with no plans to make any further automated calls at this point.
- The quarantine system is working smoothly and we are back to safely turning items around within a week from return to available for checkout due to use of the quarantining racks.
- Judith Isaacs presented a release event for her new book via the library and zoom. Judith and locals Ted Green & Linda Sweet read selected stories from the book "Jemez Mountains 100 Years Ago: Stories told by Joseph E. Routledge". Judith's daughter in Florida hosted the zoom event, which added a fun aspect. The event was well attended and appreciated.
- The library was fortunate to have the temporary assistance of Rayha J. via a Workforce Connection program from late September to early December for about 12 hours per week. She was a great help and we accomplished a number of projects with her here. Thank you Rayha! Rayha's efforts culminated in preparing the bags for the following project:
- Paper book bags with a free book and handouts about library services and a few other items for each JVPS student at the schools in Canon who receive deliveries via the school bus system were prepared. The funding for the books was provided by the Friends of the Library; books were purchased at a deep discount via the Scholastic Literacy Foundation. On December 11th the book bags for grades prek-12 were picked up from the library and will be delivered to the students in the coming semester since bus services were suspended in December.
- Hadassah Fragua accepted the position of Summer Reading Coordinator for summer 2021 and began attending New Mexico State Library zoom meetings on the topic. Welcome back Hadassah!
- Savannah Gilbert will continue on an occasional basis at the library. She is already missed here on a regular basis and we are proud of and happy for her new position at the Water Coop.
- Amanda Lewis continues to provide the support of cataloging materials, maintaining the history website, and so much more.
- The library closed for a holiday break from December 25-January 1 so staff could have extended time off. Patrons were encouraged to check out additional items before the closure and most had plenty of reading and movies to last through the holidays.
- We continue to strive toward pointing people in need toward helpful resources and pointing out entertainment and learning opportunities to all via the website, facebook, nextdoor, and newspaper.
- Library staff continues to roll with the changes with grace and good humor – thank you all!
- The FOL continues to meet and be creative about fundraising and continues to provide excellent support to the library. Another amazing online talk by Tom Swetnam was presented on November 21st and raised \$1000 in donations!!!