

- You may have seen in the March newsletter that several of the projects of last month are indeed coming to fruition.
 - Thank you to Anita Punla “Community as Poet” is returning as an online program until we can do in-person programming again. <https://jsplibrary.org/community-as-poet/>
 - The new lockers are installed against the back of the library so that patrons can pick up library materials even when we are closed (by request). <https://jsplibrary.org/library-lockers/>
- Thank you to local Dr Allison Lindman for providing another Covid-19 talk, which shared valuable information about vaccines and variants. You can find all of her talks here: <https://jsplibrary.org/covid-19-talks/> and on the library facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jemezspringslibrary/>
- Summer Reading planning continues (taking a different direction rather than training someone from the ground up to be the SRP Coordinator during another strange year of virtual programming we are recruiting community members to create virtual/hybrid content and Janet is taking on the coordination process for now).
- Janis Kenny has joined the library team and is doing the job of cleaning the library. We’re thankful for her help!
- A major focus during the month since the last meeting was in applying for a grant which would enhance efforts in the direction of the strategic plan and accomplish some needed communications. I’m not going to detail the grant application here as if we do not receive funding it won’t happen. However I do want to say thank you to those in the community who provided support letters and editing assistance in the process – you know who you are – thank you so much! Hopefully we will have more to share on this next month!
- The library director attended the 4 hour community meeting for JVPS which gathered input from the community about the greatest needs of the schools/students.
- No new/revised policy is available for review this month as the efforts to create the grant application and also update procedures and system supports to integrate the new lockers as part of our routine consumed that sort of time and energy.
- While the Sandoval County GO Bond for Libraries was approved by voters (thank you voters!!), the amount was significantly reduced in total and the share for JSPL was reduced to about half of the previous bond cycle annual allotment. Hopefully there are no building/maintenance issues in the next two years – happily we recently repaired the roof!
- JSPL received an unexpected boost of \$2,100 distributed by the New Mexico State Library from CARES Act funding which will offset a few of the costs incurred in changing operations to be able to function safely and still provide service during the pandemic.
- We continue to post opportunities and information on the website, facebook page, and NextDoor for community members.
- The FOL continues to meet and be creative about fundraising and continues to provide excellent support to the library. More locals are donating cars to the Friends of the Library via the system (<https://jsplibrary.org/fol/#donate> and scroll down) they worked so hard to set up – very rewarding! Thank you to the many community members who contribute so generously!