

- Things rolled along smoothly at the library during my eleven days away from the library – thanks to Amanda Lewis and Diane Duback for working the library hours, and to Cynthia for being on standby. Thanks also to Greg for his continued improvements and maintenance of the IT systems at the library.
- As of Friday May 21st the mask rules for the library are being updated to match the NMDOH Health Orders, which reflect recent CDC changes. Fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear masks in the library. Staff will wear a mask upon request of high risk individuals. Unvaccinated individuals will be required to wear masks. In-person programming will be conducted using NMDOH health orders and guidelines for gatherings.
- In June the library will be open for regular hours as printed on the front window rather than the truncated hours we have used during the height of the pandemic. The hours will be T-Th 10-6, and Fri-Sat 10-5.
- Plans for summer events and raffle are coming along well by involving community members as creators of the content. Programs will be held in person, given the new “turquoise” level of Sandoval County and corresponding NMDOH Health Orders. Ashlee Redmond is creating a science program with hands on activities for elementary age students, Billy Ehret is coordinating a hands-on art series for teens and adults with a variety of artists involved, Corey Coombs will be teaching yoga and Kiva Lucero will host Zumba classes, and library staff will be hosting storytime, a tween book group, adult book group, and grand finale. Coordination continues to be done by the library director at this time, but will continue with the help of new contract employee Nora Sutherland. Thanks to all!
- Through the generous donation of time by architect Tom Mnich, we have drawings of shade coverings and a continuous rain covering around the building from front door to back to review. Even though material costs for construction are high right now the funds to accomplish this modification must be spend by the end of the calendar year so the board will discuss options.
- The Library Board welcomes two new members this month! Welcome Heather Gutierrez as the Village Representative, and Doug Parker as a new Board Member!
- Virtual programming continues and will migrate to in-person when health orders and logistics allow:
 - “Community as Poet” continues as an online program hosted successfully by Anita Punla – thank you Anita!
 - Amanda hosted the first virtual book group, and will migrate to in-person gatherings in June.
- JSPL was awarded \$3,000 in grant funds from ALA for the “Libraries Transform Communities” grant cycle for small and rural libraries!!! A group of library board members and the FOL Board president are pursuing training in holding community conversations. Highlights of the training will be reviewed at Library Board meetings so that the whole board gains an understanding of the process, intentions, and goals. Thank you to Barbara Stone, Anita Punla, and Suzanne Swetnam for your time and energy dedicated to this process! Announcements and information about this is forthcoming to the Village Council in June, and the conversation organizing process will involve and inform residents throughout the corridor.
- The library director continues to work with the Municipal Clerk to get an accurate budget report and identify reimbursement funds received from a variety of sources and attribute them to the correct budget.
- A minor modification to the new borrowing policy will be reviewed by the Library Board this month.
- JVE has not allowed volunteers to enter the school so the school has been unable to accept in-person assistance offered to the JVPS Librarian, Mildred Peck. Sorry Mildred!
- 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!