

- Community Conversations results were written up and distributed as follows: direct email to participants, placed on library website with link on home page, link included in library patron e-newsletter to subscribers, direct emailed to local council/county commission/Nm Rep, provided to both local newspapers: After the Thunder printed the article in full, Jemez Valley Alley printed on graphic and interpreted in the editor's words – I have submitted a letter to the editor so readers of that paper can access the correct & complete information. The information collected is useful in knowing what is important to locals and the experience of working with individuals throughout the Jemez Valley/Mountains was a positive one.
- September and October programming was successful and appreciated... a highlight was an author talk by local author Dodici Azpadu. We have a Halloween scavenger hunt coming up as well. Programs are being held outdoors or indoors in limited numbers when necessary. Mask wearing is required by all over age 2 inside the building; complete library services are also available outside the building.
- Upcoming programming for November includes include an author talk by New Mexico author Valerie Baeza, community as poet, Caregiver support group, book group, aerobics, body conditioning & strengthening, Friday children/family programming, and storytime. Thank you to staff and volunteers for providing these opportunities to the area!
- The Friends of the Library received a lovely art piece donation by artist Liza MacKinnon, in memory of her mother Elsie MacKinnon. The piece was donated as a fundraiser and there is currently a raffle with tickets available for purchase at the library or online at <https://jsplibrary.org/fol/#donate>. A photo and background information are available at jsplibrary.org or see the piece in person at the library front desk!
- Construction costs and low availability of contractors is impacting libraries – the combination of bond fund spending deadlines and lack of materials and labor to complete planned projects is a dilemma as of yet unresolved. The library will attempt to hire out and complete the capital improvement work before the end of the calendar year.
- Thank you to library staff, contractors, and volunteers for keeping the library running smoothly in my absence to deal with personal matters. I am grateful to work with such resourceful people.
- The senior book delivery partnership has met some challenges to solve.
- Like all public places the library deals with conflict over mask wearing, and like all libraries we also deal with some of the most vulnerable and unstable portions of the population. I'm proud of the way the library has met these challenges and how we all work toward improving the situation in what ways we can.
- In addition to in-person services the library also offers contact-free services such as curbside pickup, lockers for 24/7 hold pickups, laptops to use outside the library, and reference via phone/ email.
- 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!