

## Librarian Notes September 2022

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- The Library Board is working on revisions/updates to the Collection Development Policy and the Community Assessment as required by the New Mexico State Library to meet funding requirements. Both are 5-year documents. The last update was 2017- 2022, and the new documents will be for the range of 2023-2028.
- The Volunteer Appreciation event was enjoyed in September. Thank you to hosts Cliff Elliott & Barbara Stone, caterer Ramona Chinana (505-321-1565), musician Doug Parker, and to all the attendees - amazing volunteers!!!
- The next approach to investigating the foul odor underneath the building is to use a small-diameter inspection camera to inspect the area in question. The camera has been purchased and will be added to the "Library of Things" for patron use once this internal use is completed.
- Programs started up again in September with several special programs and also the return of regular programs.
  - The special programs which were well attended and enjoyed a postcard embroidery craft program with Liza MacKinnon, Homeschool Meetup, Advanced Directive Options, sponsored by Jemez Aging In Place, and an MSA Art Event with Saya Moriyasu on October 1.
  - Two new recurring programs started as well: Device User's hosted by library staff, and Grief Support hosted by Sally Hunter and Lori Birkolz.
  - Additional regular programming beginning in September and continuing through the winter included community as poet, books & brunch, aerobics, body conditioning & strengthening, yoga, Reader's Theatre, storytime (ages 0-5), Friday Fun (for school age children). Thank you to staff and volunteers for providing these opportunities to the area!
  - The Stretch and Strengthen class taught by Nancy Swanson has shifted location to the Sr Center in Cañon starting in October. One Aerobics session is also hosted at the Sr Center. Thanks to Stephanie Witt and her staff for welcoming these programs into the center!
  - Special programs coming up in October include MSA Community Walk & Talk with Sophie Edwards October 29 11:30-1, and Halloween at the Library October 31<sup>st</sup> 5-6pm
  - November will bring a writing workshop by local author Dodici Azpadu, and a short film premiere of a short film by a local director Erik Beacham featuring local talent!
- The library will host field trip visits by the JVPS elementary, middle school, and high school during October in partnership with the Jemez Historic Site and the Valles Caldera. We are looking forward to hosting the students and their teachers!
- The Library Board is now seeking a new member. Please visit <https://jsplibrary.org/library-board/> to learn more about the board and contact the library if you're interested.
- 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. This amazing, hard-working, group deserves all the kudos we can provide! Thank you also to the many community members who contribute so generously!