

- The well-used “Awe” stations which are internet-free computers for children ages 3-8 (and used by children 1-16) both came to the “end-of-life” during November. The AWE stations were purchased sometime around 2013 so they have lasted nearly 10 years of use without requiring replacement. Replacement cost is significant at about \$4,000 per station, or \$8,000 so funding method is under consideration. The disable computers have been removed and the location is currently being repurposed as a coloring station.
- A commitment to an upgrade in shelf-lighting for the adult fiction and non-fiction area was made prior to the AWE station failures, and is also a cost of about \$8,000 utilizing County Bond funds.
- The Library Board finalized the updated Collection Development Policy in October and will finalize the updated Community Assessment at the November meeting. These documents are 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 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.
- The library hosted 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. The students and their teachers appreciated the outings and activities the library offered. The Elementary student visit included book talks and several storybooks read aloud, talking about what libraries offer, a brief library tour, an art activity of bookmark making, and a STEM activity of design challenges using a wind tube. The Middle School visit included book talks including importance of #ownvoices and representation, a brief read-aloud, a library tour/browse time, button-making activity, and a horror-town creation activity. The High School visit included book talks including importance of #ownvoices and representation, discussion about library services, library tour and browsing time, green screen photo creation activity, slam poetry presentation & activity. Thanks to Annie Riley, Nancy & Pat Swanson, Kai Mammoser, and Ember Reyes for their assistance during the visits!
- Programs are going well with several special programs and also the return of regular programs.
- The special programs which were well attended and enjoyed in October & early November included a Homeschool Meetup, a Halloween Carnival, a film premiere of a short film by Eric Beacham, writing workshop by local author Dodici Azpadu, and an MSA Art Event with Sophie Anne Edwards. The art event culminated in the production of a beautiful book with creations of participants which is available for viewing at the library. The Halloween Carnival included Jemez Mountain Brewhouse (which served the free hot dogs the library provided to 50 kids) and Los Ojos (which provided the trick-or-treat wagon ride and family activities at the restaurant afterwards). More than 50 children came to the park and participated in carnival activities or activities of their own invention. It was great to see so many folks having a good time! Special thanks to Kai!
- Two new recurring programs continued as well: Device User’s hosted by library staff, and Grief Support hosted by Sally Hunter and Lori Birkolz. Grief group is currently scheduled through December. Device User Groups end in November but individuals can bring devices to the library for assistance; if you have a need of a lengthy consultation please schedule a time with us.
- Additional regular programming continuing through the winter includes community as poet, books & brunch, aerobics, body conditioning & strengthening, yoga, Reader’s Theatre, storytime (ages 0-5), Friday Fun (for school age children), Homeschool Meetups, . 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!

- 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!