

Librarian Notes February 2023

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- We continue to have a dehumidifier running, are monitoring the ceiling tiles, and we are covering the tops of the bookcases in the problem area. So far most patrons don't notice and the functionality of the library for patrons hasn't been affected.
- An upgrade in shelf-lighting for the adult fiction and non-fiction area is still upcoming – the lights have been ordered and are being manufactured. Communications are ongoing about shipping dates and a local installation contract.
- The next project for the Library Board is to update the Strategic Plan, another document required by the State Library for funding and a helpful planning process.
- The foul odor underneath the building has subsided with the colder temperatures and lack of rain. It would appear that the odor was caused by the increased moisture under the slab, and within the wall which was previously an exterior wall and became an interior wall in a remodel many years ago. The wall has efflorescence where the moisture reveals its presence at the base of the wall. Director is discussing possible moisture mitigation ideas with the maintenance person.
- Monthly book displays are returning to the library after a long hiatus with the pandemic reducing foot traffic. February is Black History Month - come choose a book!
- Programs are going well with several special programs and also the return of **regular programs**:
 - Grief Support hosted by Sally Hunter and Lori Birkholz is now scheduled through May.
 - Additional regular programming continuing through the winter/spring 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!

Upcoming Special Events Include:

- History Talk – hear about Indigenous NM Civil Rights Hero Miguel Trujillo, 2pm Saturday February 11 at the Jemez Springs Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Room, presented by Gordon Bronitsky, sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council **Council Members & Library Board & FOL Board members please come to this one if you can – it should be very well done and we have received grant funds for this!**
- Book Discussion – “An Indigenous People's History of the United States” March 11, 11am – multiple copies of the book available at the library for this discussion – come get a copy!
- 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! With the failure of the AWE computers, new lighting project, and potential for moisture mitigation needs in the future the FOL support remains crucial!