

## Librarian Notes March 2023

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- We continue to have a dehumidifier running, are monitoring the ceiling tiles in the problem area. A time to replace the tiles and inspect the space above the ceiling has been scheduled.
- 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 current 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. A draft has been created for review.
- The foul odor underneath the building has subsided with the colder temperatures and lack of rain. The wall has efflorescence where the moisture reveals it's presence at the base of the wall. Director is discussing possible moisture mitigation ideas with the maintenance person.
- Planning for the Summer Reading & Events has begun.
- Monthly book displays are returning to the library after a long hiatus with the pandemic reducing foot traffic. March is Women's History Month - come choose a book!
- The special "Planning your vegetable & flower gardens in the Jemez" talk by Elaine Sutherland was well attended and well received with about 45 local gardeners gathering. There is now a Gardening resource page on the library website with information from the talk and beyond. Attendees were encouraged to join in local gardening volunteer activities and the NextDoor group for gardeners or landscapers.
- The Book Discussion for "An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States" is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> and will feature guest host Jon Ghahate from the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Local interest in this event has been strong so we are looking forward to a good event.
- 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:

- Kimmerer/Leopold Connections: Reciprocity/Restoration with Environmental Educator Elena Kayak, Saturday March 25, 2pm.
- Open Mic Poetry Reading – bring your own creations of poetry to share, or just listen, Saturday April 1, 2pm.
- Tom Swetnam talk "Tree-Ring Dating of Pueblos and Historic Buildings in the Jemez Mountains" as FOL fundraiser, April 15, 2pm
- 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!