

- The effects of extreme moisture and snow causing ice damming have revealed themselves in two regions of the library. Roof ridge venting and a wider ridge were accomplished on the north roof on April 8th. When inspecting the south roof it was discovered that the southernmost roof timbers require replacement and the ridge cap there will be upgraded as well. Moisture mitigation will follow roof repairs and will require closing the southern section of the library and moving the books to protect them during the process. The how, who, and when of the process is not yet determined. If volunteers are needed we will put out the word, but we are hoping for the professionals to take care of the entirety. Library operations will be fluid during this time, with some closure likely and otherwise operating from the conference room as we did during the height of the pandemic. The library is grateful to community partners – both the Jemez Springs Community Presbyterian Church and the Canon Senior Center have offered use of space for library events during this time. Some events will be held outdoors. Thank you to all library staff and contractors for your help and flexibility!
- An upgrade in shelf-lighting for the adult fiction and non-fiction area is still upcoming. We requested the lights not be shipped during the library repair/mitigation process since storage would be an issue.
- 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.
- Planning for the Summer Reading & Events continues... looking to be an exciting fun summer!
- Monthly book displays are returning to the library after a long hiatus with the pandemic reducing foot traffic. April is Poetry Month - come choose a book or write a poem at our creation station!
- **The special events of the month were well-attended and appreciated including:** Book Discussion for “An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States March 11th with guest host Jon Ghahate from the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center; Kimmerer/Leopold Connections: Reciprocity/Restoration with Environmental Educator Elena Kayak, Saturday March 25, 2pm; Open Mic Poetry Reading, Saturday April 1, 2pm; Mission Street Arts – Susan Roden, April 8th, Tom Swetnam talk “Tree-Ring Dating of Pueblos and Historic Buildings in the Jemez Mountains” as FOL fundraiser, April 15, 2pm
- **Regular programs are also going well including:** community as poet, book chat & book discussion, aerobics, body conditioning & strengthening, yoga, Grief Group, 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:** JAIP Advanced Directive Workshop, Pollinator Talk with Olivia Carrill, book discussion with special guests from UNM Health “How to be a Patient”, and How to Make Your Home Firewise. Please visit the website, facebook page, or NextDoor for dates, times, and location updates.
- 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!