

- The south roof repairs have been completed. Thank you to Mayor Sweet for being on-call for site inspections during repairs. We are currently soliciting bids for remediation work for the moisture-damaged areas of the library. Testing by an independent lab to discover the extent of the damage was conducted and results are awaited. The how, who, and when of the process is still not determined. Thank you to members of the art community who have volunteered to assist with temporary storage of local artwork. If additional volunteers are needed we will put out the word. Library operations will be fluid during this time, with some closure likely. 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. The manufacturer is shipping the items so we will find a place to store the lights for the interim.
- The Library Board finalized the updated the Strategic Plan.
- Rio Rancho Libraries faced a challenge to some books recently. The Rio Rancho Governing body unanimously passed a resolution to support the library staff and policies. Public support for the library policies far exceeded opposition; the letter of support from JSPL was among 85 such letters.
- Planning for the Summer Reading & Events continues... looking to be an exciting fun summer! The national Summer Reading theme is “All Together Now”
- Monthly book displays are returning to the library after a long hiatus with the pandemic reducing foot traffic. May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month - come choose a book or color in a mandala at our creation station!
- **The special events of the month were well-attended and appreciated:** JAIP’s Advanced Directive Workshop, and a Pollinator Talk by Dr Olivia Carril were both well attended and appreciated.
- **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:** book discussion with special guests from UNM Health “How to be a Patient”, and How to Make Your Home Firewise, MSA author discussion with Steven Cheslik DeMeyer, Brujeria – Witchcraft in NM history (June 3). 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!