Librarian Notes June 2023

- The proposals from remediation companies were evaluated by a team using a rubrix. The selected company was contacted and a meeting was held to talk about schedule and preparations required to proceed. One delay ensued but work started 6/15/2023. On 6/16/2023 we were informed that the moisture damage problem extended further north inside the building than the original containment system allowed for. We were told to empty out the kitchen and north bathroom by Monday so that the work could continue north to find the boundary of the problem. If moisture damage extends past the conference room wall then we will have to vacate the conference room. If that happens we will meet with a variety of stakeholders to determine the best way to handle the situation. This will include whether to completely close the library for the duration of the remediation of to find another solution.
- Preparations required for the remediation contract were/are significant basically emptying the library of everything in the affected areas! Messages were put forth to the community every step of the way asking for assistance in a variety of ways and explaining the changes in library operations. We used direct email to patrons who subscribe to the newsletter, Facebook, and NextDoor to post these messages. The website was also updated with a page for patrons to understand the services currently available and for volunteers to know when/what is needed. The response was strong with some individuals spending several days assisting and other just a few hours but the work has been accomplished with great speed and great care. We are forever grateful to the many who came forward and those who offered but couldn't match our timing!
- Thank you to members of the art community, led by Jim Forcier-Call, who have volunteered to assist with temporary storage of local artwork.
- We will be having a larger than usual crowd at the Volunteer Appreciation event this year and are so grateful for the community!!! Thank you to community partners such as the Jemez Springs Community Presbyterian Church and the Canon Senior Center which have offered use of space for library events during this time. Thank you to Doug Parker for assisting with contract compliance and rfp development issues!!!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.
- Summer Reading has begun and is off to a great start! We are handing out reading bingo sheets this year to readers of all ages to track reading for entry into the July 22 raffle.
- Monthly book displays are reduced in size as we are in the conference room.
- The special events of the month were well-attended and appreciated Book discussion on "How to Be a Patient", Firewise talk, MSA Author visit, TNET's Trans Culture talk & Busting the Binary talk and Ted Greer's photography talk and MSA's Soulaf Abas event were all appreciated by attendees! The Rob Martinez' Brujeria talk brought in 55 people and the FOL Matthew Liebmann talk brought in 100 folks!
- **Regular programs are also going well including:** community as poet, book chat & book discussion, aerobics, yoga, storytime (ages 0-5), Thank you to staff and volunteers for providing these opportunities to the area!
- Friday Fun (for school age children), body conditioning & strengthening, Homeschool Meetups Grief Group, Reader's Theatre, are all on a break for the summer months.
- Upcoming Special Events Include: are too numerous to list. Every Wednesday morning at 10:30 is a special event for families and every Saturday morning at 11:30 is an event for teens/adults and some topics allow for younger kids to attend as well. Please visit the website, facebook page, or NextDoor for dates, times, and location updates.

- The Library Board is seeking a new member. Please visit <u>https://jsplibrary.org/library-board/</u> 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! The FOL recently won a grant from LANL to help support the library and is gearing up for the July 4 duck race!