

- The annual report effort is complete. Budget reconciliation was indeed a large challenge this year, and the library budget numbers are very different this year with all of the building repairs. Repair expenses are being tracked via the library budget, as makes sense since the funds are needed for the library to exist in that building. Copies of the annual report for the last two fiscal years (one report showing both years) are being sent to both the Library Board and the Friends of the Library Board. Questions can be emailed or asked at the board meetings – replies may be delayed rather than immediate but will of course be provided! The changes brought by the pandemic and the building closure for repairs complicate the viewing of trends. Once the NM State Library reviews and collates the reports from all the libraries, they are available for viewing on the NMSL website. So if you are interested in data from other years it is viewable at <https://nmstatelibrary.org/services-for-new-mexico-libraries/statistical-reports/>
- The remediation contract is complete and awaiting final payment. The reconstruction contracts are partially complete and awaiting word from the Village before completion. The electrical work for the lighting has begun.
- Funding for the remediation, repairs and associated costs are anticipated to come from insurance.
- August was a quiet month program-wise, as it always is. The exception to that was some of the fitness programming continued and Kiki Trout continued Storytime for ages 0-5 through August.
- **The special events for September were/are** – Mission Street Arts hosted a poetry reading program in the park with artist Daniela Molnar, Pam Cornell facilitated a book discussion about the book “Elderhood”, and Sept 28 at 7pm Kitty & Elizabeth will present a travelogue from their adventures in Slovenia.
- **Regular programs are also going well including:** community as poet, aerobics, yoga, storytime (ages 0-5), Friday Fun, Thank you to staff and volunteers for providing these opportunities to the area!
- **Upcoming Special Events will resume in October:** MSA is hosting a theatrical production by Agile Rascal Theatre on Sunday Oct 8 at 7pm at the gazebo. We are brewing up a pre-trick-or-treat Halloween event at the park – if you have ideas to share and want to help out please let us know. Please visit the website, facebook page, or NextDoor for dates, times, and location updates.
- Monthly book displays have instead become a flier listing books available on the topic in the small library at the church or online.
- The Library Board is seeking another new member, and welcoming new member Pam Cornell. 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 Friends of the Library continue to be a tremendous support to the library by contributing to operations costs as well as funding all of the programming expenses! Thank you to all who contribute as volunteers and as donators of funds!!!
- The **Volunteer Appreciation Event** is being planned for the 24th of September and invitations have been sent to volunteer – please let us know if we somehow missed you! All library volunteers please save the date!!!