Librarian Notes October 2023

- As included in the newsletter as a message from the Friends of the Library, this is the time to reach out to your representatives, governor, and others in support of fully funding the Rural Library Endowment. Funding this endowment would ensure the continued existence of rural libraries in New Mexico. A special thank you to the FOL for quickly filling in, distributing, and mailing the postcards received to show support for the endowment.
- The remediation contract is complete and awaiting final payment. The reconstruction contracts are partially complete and awaiting word for the Village Office about funding for completion. The electrical work for the lighting has begun. Funding for the remediation, repairs and associated costs are anticipated to come from insurance. The weather is cooling off so we are working to find indoor spaces for holding regular programs. The Jemez Springs Community Presbyterian Church continues to be a generous partner in this regard thank you!
- September events including Mission Street Arts poetry reading program in the park with artist Daniela Molnar, Pam Cornell's facilitation of a book discussion about the book "Elderhood", and the Sept 28 at 7pm Kitty & Elizabeth travelogue from their adventures in Slovenia were all well received.
- The special events for October were/are MSA hosted a theatrical production by Agile Rascal Theatre on Sunday Oct 8 at 7pm at the gazebo, followed by a pizza party at the brewhouse. This event drew a crowd of more than 70 people and was well appreciated! The FOL will be holding a book sale at the book barn during the trail sale. Still to come is annual the Halloween Mini Carnival in the park before trick-or-treating.
- **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 be light with the winter holidays approaching. In November we will be showing a one-hour documentary about teen community activists in Shiprock. Please visit the website, facebook page, or NextDoor for dates, times, and location updates.
- The Library Board is seeking another 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 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!!!
- Thank you to those who were able to attend the **Volunteer Appreciation Event** and were able to find us with the last minute change of location! We enjoyed celebrating your accomplishments and enjoyed your company immensely! Thank you to all, whether present or not, for your efforts in making this library and community a better place! And a big thanks to Amanda who organized all the food selections and purchases, and thanks to Nora who ran into town and did the shopping and chopping!