

- THIS IS STILL CRUCIAL \_ PLEASE VOICE YOUR SUPPORT! As included in the e-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. 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!
- Funding for the remediation, repairs and associated costs are anticipated to come from insurance. Due to the lack of response from insurance Library Board President Barbara Stone and new Library Board member Pam Cornell volunteered to assist the Village with communications with the insurance company. The Village recently received the first estimates from insurance and the Library Board volunteers will work with the Library Director and the new contracted Finance Manager to respond and move forward. Given the approach of winter weather the urgency of completing any protective building projects is high. The Friends of the Library recently voted to give an advance donation to the Village to alleviate cash shortage problems, which will allow progress to continue to protect the library.
- **The special events for October were**– 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 held a book sale at the book barn during the trail sale. The annual Halloween Mini Carnival, generously funded by JVCU, in the park before trick-or-treating was a great success and Los Ojos partnered by dovetailing the event with a neighborhood wagon ride and children’s event at Los Ojos following the carnival. The event was well attended as was a similar event hosted in San Ysidro, and a Trick-or-Trunk event at the JVE. It was lovely to see the community coming out for local events in all locations!
- **November Special events are** – a screening of documentary “Mayors of Shiprock” on the 9<sup>th</sup>. And upcoming Community as Poet & Jemez Painters event at the Fine Arts Gallery on Saturday Nov 18 (1-4pm reception, 2pm poetry).
- **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!
- The Library Board is seeking another 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 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 and some book purchases as well! Thank you to all who contribute as volunteers and as donators of funds!!!