

- The remediation contract is complete and awaiting final payment. The reconstruction contracts are partially complete and awaiting funding for completion*, with the exception of the final portion of winter protection which has been approved for completion and is nearly completed. The electrical work for the lighting has begun. We have relocated programming to indoor spaces for the winter. The Jemez Springs Community Presbyterian Church continues to be a generous partner in this regard – thank you! Financial, morale, service and storage issues are some of the continued impacts for the delays of financing for this project.
- * Funding updates: The Library Director is now working with a grant writer, generously funded by MRCOG, to try and find funds to support library operations or repairs. One insurance claim has been addressed (awaiting payment and documentation) and a second claim is awaiting review. Finalization of insurance will allow the pursuit of other funding for non-covered aspects of the repairs. There are a lot of great people with many life experiences putting thought into how to bridge this large financial gap that is about \$100,000 after we receive funds promised/intended for the library towards the expenses. If you have ideas to share please send them my way. Thanks to all who are trying to help out!
- **New books and dvds** are slowly being added to the small collection at the library housed at the church. Ebooks & Eaudiobooks are also continuing to be added to the collection. And Kanopy streaming video has been continued as a service of local patrons. Take a look!
- **January Special event is** – a book swap so patrons can bring back some of the items long-held onto and check out items that others bring back! Refreshments will be served so people can visit and share their good reads!
- **December programs were**– the regular programming but no special events as the community has many holiday events and the library programs in December have traditionally had low attendance. Regular programming currently includes community as poet, aerobics, yoga, storytime (ages 0-5), friday fun, and book chat. Thank you to staff and volunteers for providing these opportunities to the area!
- The winter weather is here and has caused several days of library closures already. The sloped entry and parking at the temporary location at JSCPC gets less sun and can be an icy walk to the south side entrance. We are hoping for some plowing of the drive for future snowy days when library staff is able to get there and open the library. Please be careful!
- 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 donors of funds!!!