

- The public meeting process for the determination of Sandoval County Library Bond fund allocations and amount has begun with the first public meeting being held at the Placitas Community Library on May 15, 2024. Ensuing meeting dates are posted on the Sandoval County Commission website.
- Building updates: The reconstruction contracts are nearing completion! Funds are allocated for completion of all of the remaining work. FOL has contributed generously to allow for the completion. Work remaining is painting, carpet cleaning, and installation of lighting in the south portion. We are now moved back into the Conference Room and are making use of that space. We are excited to move back into the children's area and front when painting is complete. When we need help moving back in we will put out the word! The Jemez Springs Community Presbyterian Church continues to be a generous partner in providing temporary space for the library – thank you!
- Funding updates:
 - A follow-up meeting irt grants with MRCOG funding grant writer has been delayed to deal with more immediate goals of construction completion and summer reading.
 - One insurance claim has been addressed (awaiting final payment) and a second claim is awaiting review.
 - There are a lot of great people with many life experiences putting thought into how to bridge this large financial gap towards the expenses to repair and reopen the library. Thanks to all!
- Current overarching goals for the library building, which will involve input from the community (item 4) and assistance from the Library Board, as finances and time allow are:
 - Complete the reconstruction of the library building and reoccupy it.
 - Find a partner and funds to conduct an engineering study and engineering recommendations to address the presence of a more active hot spring underneath the building and other effects of severe weather.
 - Find funds to follow the recommendations to mitigate the effects of the hot springs and severe weather. AND/OR
 - Decide whether to move library operations to another location if conditions warrant a move.
- **Summer Reading Events** planning is complete and we are finalizing PR and purchases of materials needed. Thanks to our many community partners! We anticipate having the calendar ready to distribute to students before school is out. In the meantime preliminary fliers are online on the library website, FaceBook, and NextDoor. Save your Wednesday mornings of June & July for family events and select Saturday's for events for adults!
- **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!
- **May Special events**
 - The Aldo Leopold event hosted by Elena Kayak was well appreciated by the small group who came out after the hailstorm and tornado warning!
 - Kai will be talking about his musical process at the gazebo on Saturday May 25 in partnership with Mission Street Arts.
- **Regular programming currently includes** community as poet, aerobics, yoga, stretch & strengthen, storytime (ages 0-5), Friday fun, and book chat. Thank you to staff and volunteers for providing these opportunities to the area!
- 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! The FOL has also contributed to the reconstruction of the building by donating funds to the Village of Jemez Springs. Congratulations and thank you to FOL for recently winning a \$5,000 grant award from LANL Foundation! Thank you to all who contribute as volunteers and as donators of funds!!!