

- The library is now using an Acknowledgement Statement to share at the beginning of Adult Library Programs: “We would like to begin with an acknowledgement that the land on which we are gathered was originally inhabited by the ancestors of the Pueblo of Jemez, who now reside at Walatowa due to forced removal in the late 1600’s.” (In agreement with Mayor Mike Nealeigh May 2024)
- The public meeting process for the determination of Sandoval County Library Bond fund allocations and amount has continued. The first two meeting provided libraries in the county an opportunity to present information about their needs for the upcoming bond cycles. There was some discussion about historic funding versus population growth and questions about how the process at the next meeting (Friday June 14th at the County Commission meeting chambers) will proceed. The first two meetings were recorded and are viewable on the Sandoval County website under commission videos. The JS Library Board will discuss prioritization of the JSPL funding request at the June 11 Board Meeting.
- Building updates: We are now moved back into the Conference Room and the children’s area and library operations are now in the library building! The reconstruction contracts are nearly complete! Funds are allocated for completion of all of the remaining work. FOL has contributed generously to allow for the completion. Work remaining is carpet cleaning, and installation of lighting in the south portion.
- Funding updates:
 - One insurance claim has been addressed (awaiting final payment, which is now not a certainty) and a second claim is currently being addressed with an unknown payment amount anticipated.
 - 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** have begun! We had a great turnout for the first program, which was about robots, presented by R4 Creating of Rio Rancho. The participants also received reading logs and raffle tickets and many took advantage of being able to check out books. PR was distributed widely, including to all the JVE and JVMS students, online, and in the “After the Thunder”. Save your Wednesday mornings of June & July for family events and select Saturday’s for events for adults!
- **May Special events** - Kai’s event performing and talking about his musical process at the gazebo on Saturday May 25 in partnership with Mission Street Arts was well attended and appreciated!
- **Regular programming currently includes** community as poet, aerobics, yoga, stretch & strengthen, storytime (ages 0-5), and book chat. Thank you to staff and volunteers for providing these opportunities!
- 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! FOL

also recently hosted a fundraising talk by Dr Christopher Roos about historic indigenous fire management techniques. Thank you to all who contribute as volunteers and as donators of funds!!!

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