## Librarian Notes September 2024

- The Summer Reading report required by the NM State Library was completed and submitted. There were a total of 47 library programs offered in the two months of Summer Reading (June & July) with a total of 636 attendees. The four weekly fitness offerings for adults drew between 1-7 attendees each session and were of great value to the attendees thanks to Anita, Nancy, Gary, and all the yoga instructors! Storytime was consistently well attended by about 20 people thanks to Hailey! The weekly family events drew from 30-50 attendees each week thanks again to all of the community partners!
- The annual report, which is required by the state and in turn federal government for library funding was been completed and submitted to the NM State Library in late July. A copy of the report, including the prior year data, is being made available to the Library Board, FOL Board, and Trustees for the September meetings. The report involves extensive data about the library and funding. You can view previous reports here: <u>https://nmstatelibrary.org/services-for-new-mexico-libraries/statistical-reports/</u> The report was sent to the Mayor and Financial Consultant for review of the financial portions prior to submittal. NMSL will review the report for accuracy and submittal to the Federal Govt.
- Building updates: Moving work is nearly complete, with a few little projects remaining. Thank you to Chad
  and Chase who moved the final pieces of furniture and other large items back into the building from both
  the Canon Community Center and the Village Office where they were stored! The age of the building
  continues to show with little repair needs cropping up each week the front door operator failing, critters in
  the trash, old deck boards popping up and the wood underneath to re-secured them being rotted out, the
  inadequate a/c during the hot spell are just some of the things which have come up in the last month. The
  status of the underground hot springs under the building continue to be a concern.
- Library services are nearly back to normal, again, with a few exceptions. The community is utilizing the library services again and we are thrilled! The items patrons stored for us for over a year continue to trickle back into the library. Once we reach critical mass we will reopen the outdoor book drop. In the meantime we have offered to make special arrangements for returns from patrons who cannot come during regular hours.
- **Regular programming currently includes** Community as Poet, Move!Aerobics, Stretch & Strengthen, Storytime (ages 0-5), Friday Fun, and Book Chat. Thank you to staff, independent contractors, and volunteers for providing these opportunities!
- The annual Volunteer Appreciation event will be held in early October this year in Father Fitzgerald Park. The number of volunteers who helped out this year was huge, with the move back into the library being a big part of the numbers. We have sent invitations to 52 people!
- 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. Thank you to all who contribute as volunteers and as donators of funds!!!

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