

- **Special Programs:** December ended on a quiet note with holiday closures and patrons dropping in to stock up on good reads, dvds and games to play at gatherings. An FOL Travel Talk about the Camino by Debi & Greg is coming up on Saturday January 11. On Saturday January 25 Mariano Ulibarri of LANL will guide all ages through taking apart computers to see the inside and learn how to rebuild/recycle old computers. And of Feb 15 Shannon Webster will read and sign his new book “Simulacra”. There is a Smokey Bear reading challenge is taking place and extended through April, challenging all ages to read 3 books about the environment – stop by for details! The new service of the NM State Library to offer a rotating collection (quarterly) of additional Large Print books for patrons is in place – come in and browse the selections!
- Library projects & system improvements:
 - The Library Board will be reviewing the draft Conference Room Use policy and other documents.
 - The New Mexico State Library is providing a computer to the library via funding obtained by Senator Heinrich.
 - Budget tracking with the Financial Consultant continues toward changes which will make the budgeting and tracking process much more clear in the future. Thank you Jim!
 - IT completed the device protection for circulating devices in early January. They will be cataloged and ready for use by mid-January. Thank you Fred for your persistence! Replacing old staff computers has been enabled by a generous donation by the FOL and will be the next IT challenge.
 - The final bill for library construction project was received and accounted for.
 - Progress is being made toward implementing a 2020 pre-pandemic council approved plan to host local artist displays in the conference room. Thanks to Susan Dollenger for help in creating the plan! Thanks to Doug Parker for volunteering to install the art hanging system!
- Building updates:
 - The water heater has failed and requires replacement.
 - The propane tank had a stuck-in-place float valve and ran out causing the library to close for the morning of Jan 7 for troubleshooting and getting the heat back on. All is well.
 - The same occasional foul odor has returned in the area near the stacks, as in previous years.
 - 2024 Capital Outlay funds will be used to make improvements to the library facility in coming years. Quotes for sound booths have been obtained and await funding.
- **Regular programming currently includes** the **new** Monthly Challenge (ages 8-18), **new** Dungeons & Dragons (ages 12 to adult), Stretch & Strengthen, Storytime (ages 0-5), Homeschool 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 special purchases as well! Thank you to all who contribute as volunteers and as donators of funds!!!

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