

- **Thank you for the privilege** of being your library director for nine years – wow! This will be my last set of “Librarian Notes”, as my last work day is March 29. I have enjoyed working with the community in so many ways. I inherited an awesome library, and added my bit to it. I look forward to visiting as a patron in the future, as I will stay living in the area for the foreseeable future. It has been a pleasure working with the many different library staff members, volunteers, patrons, community partners, peers, local governing body members, and county, state, and federal representatives. Thanks for the memories!
- **Special Programs:** The February 8 Paint Party was led by John McEvoy who subbed in for Helen. It was well attended and enjoyed! The Feb 15 Shannon Webster reading and signing of his new book “Simulacra” was also quite appreciated by a good crowd. **Upcoming** we have a: March 8 talk by author and hunter Christie Green, who will speak about and sign her book “Moon Light Elk”; March 29 Open Mic Poetry hosted by Dodici with special guest former Albuquerque Poet Laureate Mary Oishi; April 5 Tom Swetnam author talk & book signing; April 12 Katie Niles Author talk & book signing; April 19 Mission Street Arts painting workshop; and on April 26<sup>th</sup> Jemez Sustainable Solutions is hosting a big Earth Day event at the library and park.
- Library projects & system improvements:
  - Mayor Mike is working with an interview committee on the selection process for a new Director.
  - Rose Marie Mauzy, the 2025 Summer Reading Coordinator, already has most of the summer events booked for SRP 2025! Thanks Rose Marie!
  - The Conference Room Use policy and application process are now in place <https://jsplibrary.org/request-conference-room/>.
  - Progress continues on migrating to the new staff computers and putting all the patron computers into service with the help of Fred Simmank – thanks Fred! Old laptops are being evaluated by Damien Spencer for viable reuse by replacing drives with SSDs and replacing CMOS batteries.
  - Progress continues toward implementing a 2020 pre-pandemic council approved plan to host local artist displays in the conference room. Thanks to Susan Dollenger & Doug Parker!
  - The improved budget structure will be used in developing the draft 2026 budget in March.
- Building updates:
  - Large touchscreen tablets were purchased to provide patron access to the catalog in the children’s and adult’s reading areas. Thank you to Library Aide Damien Spencer for setting these up.
  - The same occasional foul odor has returned in the area near the stacks. Temperature and humidity sensors inside and under the building continue to collect data for future analysis.
- **Regular programming currently includes** the March Challenge - Coding with Scratch (ages 8-18), Dungeons & Dragons (ages 12 to adult), Stretch & Strengthen, Storytime (ages 0-5), Homeschool Meetup, and Book Chat. Also ongoing is the Smokey Bear reading challenge and the rotating Large Print collection from NMSL. Thank you to staff, NMSL, 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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