

- **Thank you for the privilege** of being your library director for nine years – wow! This is REALLY my last set of “Librarian Notes”, as my last workday is March 29. Rather than repeating my notes from February on this topic, I’m going to let you know that the library history on JemezValleyHistory.org has now been brought up to date and that Tom Swetnam has been contributing some articles to the site. If you haven’t perused it in a while give it a look! This has been a great journey – thanks for the opportunity!
- **Special Programs:** the March 8 talk by author and hunter Christie Green was marginally attended but well appreciated, **Upcoming** we have a: 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. May 3<sup>rd</sup> will bring an introductory presentation by Damien Spencer about a new local website he is developing.
- Ed Samuels was the first local artist applicant and will be displaying some of his local landscape work in the Library Conference Room in April and May! The pieces will be for sale by contacting Ed directly.
- Library projects & system improvements:
  - Mayor Mike continued working with an interview committee on the selection process for a new Director and held some interviews. Thank you to the committee and the applicants!
  - An agreement for Amanda Lewis to take on additional duties with appropriate compensation has been reached. Amanda will take on the day-to-day operational aspects of the library while Mayor Nealeigh will manage the financial/budgetary aspects of the library in the interim between library directors. Thanks to Amanda for taking on this load for a while!
  - The draft FY26 budget, with an improved method for tracking library grant/bond funds, has been prepared and submitted to the Mayor and Jim Cox.
  - Documentation of March expenditures has been completed and the reimbursement request to the 2023 County Bond has been prepared, awaiting a few pieces of information for submittal.
  - The Library Director’s office has been neatened and prepared for the new director. Copious guides and notes are available for the new director and consolidated for easy access.
  - Normal monthly tasks are accomplished for the month of March and program planning is completed for several months.
  - Damien Spencer completed upgrading older laptops for program use with linux. Thank you Damien!
  - Thanks to Fred Simmank, who oversaw the migration of account information/device prep for the new director.
  - The art display policy and procedure were finalized and implemented.
- **Regular programming currently includes** the April Challenge – Build a Car (ages 8-18), Dungeons & Dragons (ages 12 to adult), Stretch & Strengthen, Storytime (ages 0-5), Homeschool Meetup, and Book Chat. Also ongoing is 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 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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