

August 2025 Librarian Notes

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- **Accomplished Operational Tasks and Projects**

- a. Successfully hosted a New Mexico Rural Libraries Initiative (NMRLI) site visit
 - Prior to the visit, submitted a survey requested by NMRLI
- b. State Library's Summer Reading Program (SRP) Report submitted
 - Parent/caregiver SRP surveys actively promoted. We should know within a month the number of people who have taken the survey. We will also receive the aggregate data from the state library.
- c. Successfully hosted a New Mexico State Library site visit
- d. Identified gaps and posted to the library website all required Library Board meeting documents

- **Ongoing and Upcoming Operational Tasks and Projects**

- a. Policy reviews

- **Library Conference Room Art Display**

- a. August 11-October 13: Theodore Greer's exhibit *New Works and Old Favorites*
- b. Adjustments to the *Library Conference Room Art Display Policy* are to be addressed during this month's Library Board meeting

- **Community Relations**

- a. In cooperation with Mayor, the library spearheaded a project to secure access to the soon-to-be-demolished Mary Mother of Priests Chapel for a team of photographers headed by Ted Greer, to document the building as an aesthetic and historical object of interest. The images generated by the team will be catalogued and made available to public. The timeline and other details are to be decided.
- b. The library volunteered to assist the Jemez Valley Public School with increasing awareness among all stakeholders (students, parents, and educators) of the wealth of electronic resources purchased for all New Mexico residents by the state library

- **Facilities and Equipment**

- a. Water system repairs are ongoing. Library building has water and operates on regular schedule. Library garden continues to be manually watered by volunteers.
- b. There is enough capital improvement money available across several grants to start the project of replacing the back deck. The plan is to have a covered deck of more environmentally appropriate and weather-resilient material, with an ADA-compliant ramp, and with enough seating to be used as a regular outdoor patron area and for programming.
- c. We are researching better furniture options for the reading room and the teen room
- d. A white paper and vendor quotes for the children's area shelving upgrade have been submitted to the donor
- e. Patron desktop computers are in the process of being replaced. Once the new hardware is installed, the operating systems and the software will be upgraded to the latest versions. The library thanks JVCU for their contribution to this upgrade.

- **Personnel and Professional Development**

- a. Librarian and Library Assistant will attend ARSL 2025 Annual Conference in Albuquerque (Sep 17-20, 2025)
- b. No staff meeting in August. Next staff meeting on September 2, 2025.
- c. Live and on-demand professional webinars attended by the library director and the librarian assistant

- **Programs and Events**

- a. All ongoing programs continue to be highly successful
- b. By popular demand, the *D&D (Dungeons & Dragons) Club* has switched to a weekly from a biweekly (once every two weeks) schedule!
- c. Three large, extremely successful events happened in August:
 - Dr. Menicucci's mushroom talk, followed by a foraging trip guided by a representative of the New Mexico Mycological Society
 - MSA (Mission Street Art) even: Liza MacKinnon's mixed media workshop *Mapping the Heart*
 - Ted Greer's reception for the opening of his exhibit *New Works and Old Favorites* in the library conference room
- d. Revamped *Friday Fun* program starts in September
- e. The library has been working closely with the homeschooling group. There is a schedule of monthly educational events to be held by the group at the library between September 2025 and May 2026.
- f. The library has created a list of new potential clubs, recurring events, and one-time events, available to the Library Board and Friends of the Library for situational awareness and feedback. Some of these are already in the works, with various levels of commitment from volunteers. The library will solicit community feedback on the whole list during the open house on September 26 and will prioritize its efforts accordingly.
- g. Major upcoming September events
 - Library Open House
 - Volunteer & Staff Appreciation Dinner

- **Media and Patron Communication**

- a. An article about Liza MacKinnon's and Ted Greer's event submitted to *After the Thunder*
- b. Handwritten book teasers/reviews by staff members are available
- c. The library has been posting on Facebook several times a week
- d. New, professionally designed suggestions box installed at the circulation desk
- e. Working on creating an institutional library account on NextDoor

- **Contact-Free & Outside-The-Working-Hours Services**

- a. Curbside pickup, lockers for 24/7 hold pickups, laptops to use outside the library, and reference via phone/ email.

- ❖ **A huge thank you to all the library staff and volunteers** who make our daily operations, along with such a rich schedule of programs and events, possible!
- ❖ **The Friends of the Library** continue to be a tremendous support by assisting with the library's operational costs and by funding programming expenses and special purchases. **Thank you for your invaluable contribution!**

Library Board Agendas (prior to the meeting), and Librarian Notes and Library Board-Approved minutes (minutes are typically reviewed and approved at the subsequent board meeting) can be found on the library website here: <https://jsplibrary.org/board-meetings/>