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The Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County

FALL/WINTER 2018

Saturday, November 10

10:00 - 4:00 pm
Admission: \$2
Kids and members free
Free to all after noon
Featuring holiday themed books
and media

Sunday, November 11

Noon - 4:00 pm
All items \$5-a-bag
No limit
Free admission
Bags provided

Holiday Book Sale



**Main Library
501 Copper NW**

*2 hour free validated parking available at parking garage
on southeast corner of 5th and Copper*

Thank You For Thinking Of Us, But...

Tell the truth. The reason you go to the book sale is to buy encyclopedias from the 1970s, audio books missing discs 7 and 10, water-logged paperbacks without their front covers, out-of-date text books, VHS tapes of unknown movies, the past 18 years of National Geographic and... Wait a minute! You don't want any of that stuff?

If you wouldn't buy the items listed above, it's likely nobody else would either so please don't donate them. Put them in your blue recycle bin (or offer them to your doctor's office).

Don't get us wrong. We love your donations. Gently-used books and very recent magazines (six months of monthlies; six weeks of weeklies), DVDs, complete audio books in good condition. That's the way we raise money to support the library.

Our many volunteers have to sort and price just about everything that comes through our doors, so make it easy on them and discard the junk. That said, please think of us when you finish reading that bestseller, or want to donate that rare or collectible tome or want to pass along a good movie. It's great to hear someone at a sale or in the bookshop say, "Wow, I found just what I was looking for."

—Norma Klein

Hello Fellow Friends Members

I told you in the last newsletter that I would be stepping down in June. Due to unforeseen changes in the board and the Friends organization, I came to feel that I could not in good conscience leave at this time. So I just began a new term, and am happy to be with you for two more years.

We welcomed two new board members and have hopefully found a new Treasurer. With new members, we are re-energized in our overall goals: to increase revenue and membership, and to celebrate our 50th anniversary next year. You can help!

Our annual membership mailings and printing is a significant cost that we can easily decrease by using online forms more heavily. When you renew your membership this year, please consider doing so online at <https://www.friendsforthelibrary.org/membership>. There is a link on that page where you can submit your membership and fees. We will then mail you your membership card.

As always, if you are interested in serving on the board or helping in other ways, please contact us! We are still searching for someone who knows Salesforce to help set up our membership.

Enjoy the crisp cooler temperatures of fall in New Mexico and have a wonderful holiday season.

Susan Hurley, Friends President

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Celebrating the Friends of the Public Library at 50: 1969-2019

Fifty years ago, on September 29, 1968, an announcement appeared in the Sunday Albuquerque Journal inviting all those interested to the founding meeting of the Friends of the Public Library. The meeting was organized by Mrs. Frank Riordan, wife of the owner of Riedling Music Company. (It's likely 1969 became the official first year because of time-consuming legalities.)

“Why celebrate the 50th?” A volunteer who prices and sorts books asked that good question. Here's the long answer:

It's too good an opportunity to pass up. Fifty years is impressive for any organization, but especially one run by volunteers and one exceptional part-time employee, Melissa Carlisle. We want, above all, to raise awareness of what these hard working Friends have accomplished. Did you know that since just 1998, the Friends have raised over \$1.1 M to support Summer Reading and other cultural programming? That's something to be proud of and worth noting!

The work of the volunteers is based on their commitment to our Library, which has a far smaller budget than libraries in comparable cities. It's not by happenstance that our Library has automated check-out, rollers at the return windows, and hold books on the floor rather than behind a librarian's desk. Those smart decisions were made years ago to free up staff time. Celebrating the Friends also means celebrating the Library, drawing attention to its resources and its need for advocates.

Here are our three principal external goals:

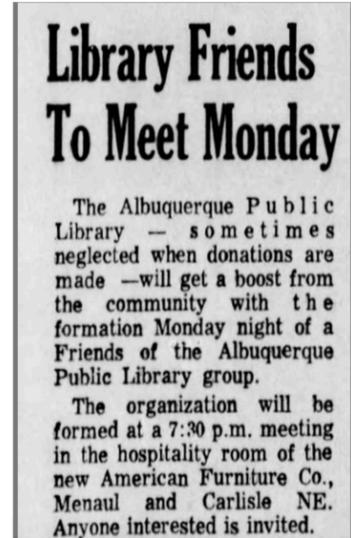
- Increase public awareness of the Library & the Friends of the Public Library
- Increase membership in the Friends (memberships are an important source of revenue)
- Increase active participation (at all levels: from single project to continuing commitment)

Saturday, April 27, 2019 will be the kick-off event at Main Library and Special Collections. There will be varied music, lively talks, informative demonstrations, a members' tour, family movies, displays, kid-friendly activities, door prizes, and much more. Al's Big Dipper will be open for business, so excellent lunches will be close at hand. **In June of 2019**, the Friends Annual Meeting will include a luncheon in appreciation of the dedicated volunteers who support the Library, at Main and at the branches. **Our closing fall event** will be a ticketed luncheon and talk.

Other 50th projects: a new Friends logo that relates to those of both the Library and the Albuquerque Library Foundation; individualized posters in each of the branch libraries that show examples of what the Friends fund; Info Sheet with background on Main Library and all of the branches: year constructed, architect, public art, and special features. (This may develop further over time).

So, mark your calendars and stay tuned for further information on the Friends website <friendsforhelibrary.org> and in your mailbox (electronic or otherwise).

If you want to volunteer to help with the celebration, please contact me, Tamara Coombs, at 505-242 4354, or tcoombs@centurylink.net



New FPL Board Members

Bill Noel has been collecting books since elementary school, inspired by his grandfather's personal library of over 4,000 volumes. Perhaps presciently, one of Bill's earliest purchases was Manned Spacecraft: Engineering and Design by Max Faget. He moved from Ohio to Albuquerque in 1983 to work at Sandia National Laboratories and has spent most of his career designing and building spacecraft systems. Bill was a customer at the annual book sale at The Pit and has been a Friends volunteer for over 10 years. Bill and his wife, Meralyn, can be found at the Main Library most Friday mornings, doing the initial sort on incoming donations.

Bob McMahon, a native of Chicago, moved to Albuquerque in 2008. He was a pension actuary for 30 years before retiring in 2010. He has a undergraduate degree in Mathematics from Lewis University and a Masters degree in Actuarial Science from Ball State University. He has volunteered for a number of organizations since retirement. Bob loves to read, geocache, travel and play golf.



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From the Director

Summer Reading finished in July with over 16,400 participants reading in 17 of our libraries. The theme for the year was Libraries Rock and related programs, supported by the Friends, ranged from music to geology.

Our *All of Us* grant from the National Institutes of Health was launched in August and is already initiating programs for citizens and staff throughout the County. The program is an outreach initiative that supports health education and introduces a comprehensive research study being launched by NIH to collect data for 'precision medicine.'

Design for the International District Library continues and a second well attended 'town hall' was held in August to share progress and get further input from the community.

Albuquerque was host to the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in September. The JCLC is held every six years and this was only the third conference. The Library was fortunate to be able to have five staff participate thanks to the financial support of the Friends. Staff who attended came back inspired and with many useful new skills and knowledge.

Thank you for all that you do for your Public Library!

Dean Smith, Library Director