



**Friends of the  
Santa Fe Public Library**

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**Library E-Newsletter: March, 2011, edition**

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**Spring Book Sale  
at Main Library  
April 2-3**

**Saturday, 10 am\* - 4 pm**  
(\* Friends' members only  
from 10 am to Noon;  
memberships sold at door;  
open to public Noon-4 pm)

**Sunday, 1-4 pm**  
**BAG DAY (\$3/bag)**  
**Open to the public**

(Specially priced books in the Southwest  
Room both days; Discount books in the  
Community Room)

**Discount book prices:**  
**Hardbound \$1 paperbacks \$.50 or 3/\$1**  
**Children's books \$.25**  
**CDs, DVDs, tapes on sale**  
(Southwest Room, all books individually priced)

**Notes on all book sales:**  
**Cash or checks only**  
(no credit or debit cards)

Scanners now allowed, but please be courteous; no hoarding  
of books (removing large numbers from public view to scan  
or look through by yourself.  
(NO scanners in book stores.)

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**Bookstores open, prices are great!**

(Hardbound \$2, Paper \$1)

**South Side Library  
Bookstore**

(just inside the front door and to your left; big selection of  
books)

**Main Library Bookstore**

(down hall to your left as face circulation desk; nice variety)

**Both open 10 am – 4 pm**  
**Daily except Sundays**

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**March Book Sale  
at Southside Library  
March 12-13**

**Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm**  
**All hours open to public**

**Sunday, 1-4 pm**  
**BAG DAY (\$3/bag)**  
**Open to the public**

**Different selection of books**  
at Southside and at Main Library

Some quality books and sets  
are specially priced;

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**The mission of the Friends of the Santa Fe  
Public Library is to support the public  
library by providing funding, advocacy,  
programming, services and materials that  
enrich the diverse groups within the  
community it serves.**

**OUR BOARD:** Alana McGrattan, Susan  
Sheldon, Linda Mowbray, Paul Brice, Sandra  
Bundy, Kate Oldroyd, Ann Davis, Angela  
Matzelle, Willa Sisson, Lucinda Surber, Ann E.  
Yarick, and Andrea Gross.

## **What do libraries do to help enrich our lives and the community? The easy answer is EVERYTHING!**

Public libraries flourished in the early 1700s in the United States, replacing subscription libraries where one paid to be able to borrow books. Public librarians are committed to the free access to information and also equity of access. The American Library Association promotes the access to information to all; no one shall be denied information because he or she cannot afford the cost of a book or access to information in any format.

One of the first challenges to public library use came about in the late 1800s when children's rooms were created in public libraries and programs to encourage children to read. A librarian in Denver cut the legs down on chairs and tables to make the furniture on the children's scale. Summer Reading Programs were established to lure children into the library during the summers when out of school. It was innovative then to have children using the library! Today it is the norm.

How important are Summer Reading Programs? Close to 1000 children took part and read in last year's Summer Reading Program at the Santa Fe Public Library. Studies show that children who read over the summer go back to school with no lag in their reading scores. When New Mexico is struggling in getting children to read by the fourth grade, public libraries, their books and programs are more important than ever. The children's rooms have trained staff who know and can recommend books to children and parents. Most importantly, the Santa Fe public libraries are open 177 hours a week—the library is jammed with children and students after school, in the evenings and on the weekends. Libraries are committed to our youth and making them successful in school and in their lives.

Today computers are a necessary part of life. The public libraries are one of the few places people can get access to the internet for school projects, their jobs, for information and research. In the Santa Fe Public Library in 2009-2010, 161,300 patrons used the library's 45 free internet computers.

With over 950,000 visitors to the Santa Fe Public Library last year and 730,000 books, DVDs and CDs circulated prove the worth and popularity of the public library.

The Santa Fe Public Library is funded with City revenues plus funds from a General Obligation Bond put forth by the State. With tight City budgets and all departments looking to save money and cut services, can the City afford to cut Library services? With all due respect for funding parks, baseball fields, and recreation centers, those services can be found for free. A child can always find a place to kick around a ball or shoot a hoop, but they cannot find a place to get a book or a computer to use. Your cost as a resident of Santa Fe for the public library is approximately \$50 a year—less than \$1.00 a week. What a bargain!

Great cities deserve great libraries for all of its residents.

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By Pat Hodapp, Director of Libraries

## **Have you seen the new look of our website?**

Thanks to the work and artistry of Lucinda Surber, the website is both more useful and more attractive.

Check it out at  
[www.santafelibraryfriends.org](http://www.santafelibraryfriends.org)

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**What is your book club reading?** Some oldies but goodies will make the winter pass quickly:

*To the White Sea* by James Dickey (author of *Deliverance*) - in WWII an American tail gunner is shot down over Japan. He struggles to make it to the island of Hokkaido and safety.

*Snow Mountain Passage* by James D. Houston - This 2001 tale is the retelling of the Donner party who are blocked in the Sierra Nevada by early snow.

*John the Baptizer* by Brooks Hansen - the Herod clan and Salome make current headlines almost mild. Hansen's writing style makes this a page turner.

*Mudbound* by Hilary Jordan - life in rural Mississippi before and after WWII is related through the voices of 6 people each with a unique perspective.

*The Piano Teacher* by Janice Y.K. Lee - two stories are interwoven in this WWII and 50's drama set in Hong Kong. It has it all...love, politics and war.

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**WE THANK ALL THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR ANNUAL APPEAL CAMPAIGN, WHICH IN TOTAL RAISED \$7,530 IN SUPPORT OF MORE LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES!**

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Guest Opinion Article by Stanley Rosebud Rosen, Prof. Emeritus, U. of Illinois, Santa Fe resident and member of the Friends of the Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library

Is the written paperbook in jeopardy and why should we care?

Dramatic changes in new technology present an opportunity, a challenge and a threat to public libraries, book publishers, book sellers, reading specialists, literacy educators and writers. This short article calls for the examination by library leaders and book lovers of the issues involved and the development of programs of education and action to meet current challenges.

From The Futurist, July-August 2008: "The web and the digital age is giving rise to totally unique forms of expression ... different from the kind found in books."

The time spent by both youth and adults on facebook and twitter often leaves little time for reading a book. Even when they are reading one of the models of books in a digital form, it is a different experience yet to be evaluated in terms of impact as compared to a written or hand held book. If we feel that reading the traditional book is a special experience, book lovers have to make that case, through sharing personal experiences about the impact of books on our professional and personal lives. At a recent Santa Fe Antiquarian book fair, several presenters expressed that the new technology has already won the battle and the printed work in a book form will soon be dead.

Nobody would urge a luddite approach. But passive and uncritical acceptance of highly advertised trendy and educationally unproven new formats is a capitulation and not leadership. If the printed hand held book is in fact a unique and important discipline and learning experience, those in agreement must defend its place in libraries and education. This purposeful consideration will result in the best and most educationally effective combination of visual, written and digital formats, with the traditional book being included as an important player.

If we are to lead, we should:

1. Do an inventory and publish a list of all Santa Fe City and County organizations that have an interest in the subject and what programs they are offering to the public on reading, library use and literacy.
2. Develop an annotated list of books and articles that address the many issues involved in this new library and reading environment.
3. Develop a list of individuals who will share in lectures, oral histories or in written form the important role of books in their lives.
4. Encourage a statewide conference on the subject, possibly funded by a humanities council, to share the broadest spectrum of ideas and experiences.

Santa Fe is populated by enthusiastic book readers at our well stocked libraries and book sellers, both new and used. The New York Times reported that in 2010 there were 400 fewer book stores. Now 10,600 remain, with recent closures of major and long term book stores. Closures of both small and national stores in Washington, New York City and other locations is worrisome. We are fortunate that our local political leadership has provided continuing support for our library system.

These are times of change, and I hope these comments and questions stimulate a spirited discussion and action.

*NOTE: if any are interested in writing a one-page response with a differing view on digital formats and changes in recent years, send submissions to us at [friends@santafelibraryfriends.org](mailto:friends@santafelibraryfriends.org). Editorial committee will choose the most appropriate article and retain the right to edit submissions.*

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Among the donations received since the last newsletter were the following:

We received a large bequest from the estate of Eileen A. Maynard.

The Brindle Foundation once again supported our Books and Babies program with a grant.

Since the last issue of our newsletter, the following persons gave gifts of \$50 or more, either in the Appeal Campaign or as gifts over and above the membership fee during renewal:

Linda & Kermit Mowbray  
Vera & Dan Metzger  
Helen B. Cahn  
Henry C. Wilson  
Emma S. Lyon  
Jack & Judith Justice  
Joseph Ginocchio  
Carol & Marv Lachman  
Cecilia Dunne  
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Dr. James H. Auerbach  
Catherine N. H. Lewis  
Gayle E. Manges  
Lucinda Surber  
Nancy & Tom Florsheim

#### MEMORIALS:

The following gifts have come in memory of a loved one:

In memory of Dorothy Ray: given by Sarah Mathews and by Diana L. Thatcher;

In memory of Judy Angus: given by Dr. Edward L. Angus;

In memory of Marie Chancey: given by Joe & Peggy Silva;

In memory of Joyce Graham and Marjorie Obermier, given by the Santa Fe Women's Club and Library Association;

In memory of Janice Mathews: given by Gayle E. Manges.

And also a gift given in honor of Pat & Dick Shapiro: given by Lorraine Schecter.

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**SUPPORT SPEAKS VOLUMES**

Through membership dues, extra contributions and sale of books in the bookstores and in special sales, the Friends of the Santa Fe Library pays for **new books and programs**. Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter and are admitted early at some sales. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization, so dues and extra gifts are **tax deductible**.

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OR

\_\_\_ Household Membership, \$15.00

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(to help to buy more books!)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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