



# Newsletter

## Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library

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Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library raise funds for the purchase of new books, media, and other items for our public library system, by donations, grants and the sale of books given to the library. Sales offer a wide variety of low-priced books, both hardcovers and paperbacks. Check out our stores at Main and Southside Libraries.



### Book Sales

#### Main Library

145 Washington Avenue

#### Saturday, March 24

Members Only 10 a.m. – Noon

Open to the public Noon – 4 p.m.

Discount Books in the Tatum Community Room  
Hardcover Books \$1! / Paperbacks \$.50 or 3 for \$1  
CDs, DVDs, audio books also available  
Specially Priced Books in the Southwest Room

#### Sunday, March 25

1-3:30 pm Sunday, bag day (\$3 per bag)

**Cash/Checks Only**

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**Our Board:** Paul Brice, Sandra Bundy, Ann Davis, Angela Matzelle, Alana McGrattan, Kate Oldroyd, Carol Rose, Susan Sheldon, Kitty Sherlock, Willa Sisson, Lucinda Surber, Spencer Wertz

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#### Southside Library

#### Saturday, April 28

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Open to the Public)

Hardcover Books \$1! Paperbacks \$.50 or 3 for \$1  
Children, Young Adults, Books, Videos, DVDs, CDs

All at ridiculous prices

Plus Specials -- Priced as Marked

#### Sunday, April 29

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Open to the Public)

Bag Day (Bags provided) \$3 per bag

**Cash/Checks Only**

**Teen Programs  
Southside Library  
at 4:30 p.m**



**1st Thursdays:**

Teen Book Club

**2nd Thursdays:**

Librarian's Choice

**3rd and 4th Thursdays:**

Anime Club

**5th Thursdays**

(if there is one): Par-tay!

The Southside Library is located at 6599 Jaguar Drive at Country Club Road. For more information, call 955-2829

**Celebrate the Santa Fe  
Poet Laureate Program**

Three Laureates Read:

Arthur Sze

Valerie Martinez

Joan Logghe

April 27th, Friday, 6:00 PM

New Mexico History  
Museum Auditorium  
113 Lincoln Avenue  
Santa Fe, NM 87501



**Happy Fifth Birthday, Southside Branch**

Seventeen hundred people swarmed into the new Southside Branch Library on March 23, 2007. They knew a good thing when they saw it!

Welcoming the patrons were the Mayor, Councilors, Friends and neighbors and new staff. Over 1700 items were checked out that day, starting the five year run of high usage of the new Southside Branch.

Although there were entertainers and face painters, the star of the day was the Library itself. Adults and children sat in reading cubbies to look at new books. The weather was perfect, so many explored the three outdoor patios. The overall sound one could hear was "oooooh" as someone discovered another special place in the Library.

"Before we opened, a friend drove to the corner of Jaguar and Country Club and called me to ask where is that library you are bragging about?" Pat Hodapp related. I replied it was right there on the Northeast Corner of the intersection. My friend said, "I can't find the library, there is some huge building on that corner!" Few expected the beautiful 25,000 square foot building on the site was the new Library.

Today, five years later, the Southside Branch welcomed over 175,000 visitors who last year checked out 205,229 books, CDs and DVDs! The Children's Room held 247 programs drawing in 9,669 children. The Summer Reading Program hosted 534 of the 1096 kids who signed up system wide. The branch's weekly Preschool Story times routinely bring in 60-70 participants and the ever popular Books and Babies is full every session.

Those who have not been to the Library recently will find a new Plaza and amphitheater in front of the branch and the Teen Patio was named in honor of the late author Tony Hillerman.

Naysayers claim that libraries are a thing of the past. Everyone in the future will just carry their own computer or electronic reader. I suggest those naysayers come to the Southside Branch to see what a real community-oriented library is and always will be.

The Southside Library, through the vision of City, State and community leaders, has become the hub of the neighborhood for everyone of all ages. Five years. It seems just like yesterday.

Join in the festivities on Saturday, March 24 as the Five Year Anniversary is celebrated with city officials, Friends and neighbors. The festivities will start at 11:00 am. The Library is at 6599 Jaguar Drive. There will be entertainment for the whole family as we turn Five. Come wish the Library a happy birthday!

## In Memorium



*Kat Campion*

*SouthSide Circulation Manager*

Kathleen MaryClara Campion was born on September 11, 1954 in Meriden, CT where she spent her childhood. Kathleen attended St. Joseph's Grammar School and Platt High School. She received a BA in education from Central Connecticut State University and a master's de-gree in library science from Southern Connecticut State Uni-versity. Her love of libraries began at age 16 while working for the Meriden Library, first as a page, then a reference librarian. She went on to become the circulation manager at the Wallingford Public Library in CT for 20 years.

In May of 2007, Kathleen and her husband Bob moved to Corrales, NM. *She worked as the circulation manager at the Southside Branch of the Santa Fe Library for four years.* Kathie had just taken the position of branch manager for the Albuquerque Library System when she passed away from a sudden illness. She is survived by her husband, Robert Highbridge. She will be greatly missed. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Watermelon Mountain Ranch, 1512 Deborah Road SE, Suite #203, Rio Rancho, NM 87124.



## Library Board Explains "Mysterious Migration"

A few recent Letters to the editor have raised questions about a "mysterious migration" of librarians from the Santa Fe Public Library. The Library wishes to dispel these rumors of mysterious, missing staff and "the end of Libraries as we have known them" in Santa Fe. There have been no "unexplained departures of longtime librarians, just many retirements and people moving.

From December 2011 through January 2012, a record seven library staffers have retired due to their own accord. Those staff people had an average of 19 years per person on the job with the top three having served 30, 32 and 34 years respectively. In addition, four staff moved for other jobs both in-state and out of state. They were highly appreciated by colleagues and the administration. We, too, miss them.

Library staffers usually give one-month notice when they leave. However, when they have accumulated months of annual leave, the Library cannot hire for a position until that time has run out. City hiring requires that any accumulated annual leave must be spent out before replacing the particular staff person. The Library cannot double-fill any position.

With this being the case, the Library was forced to look for ways to cover the more than 440 hours per week these vacancies have brought about. Library staff studied many ways to cover the hours and made suggestions. No solution was going to be easy or well received. It was critical that the Library keep as many services intact for the nearly one million patrons who visit the Library every year.

At no time has the Main Library been totally closed as part of the solution to staff shortages. However, the Main media department is temporarily closed, with patrons only being able to access DVDs and CDs by placing them on hold for pick up the next day. This one temporary closure has given the Library 60 hours of staff time to disperse to areas more critically in need of staff to keep the libraries open.

In closing the La Farge branch on Saturdays, staff could more fully cover the other days of the week. The core of La Farge's service is to children and families. The Library hosts school tours, preschool story times and Books and Babies programs on weekdays plus providing homework help after school and in the evenings. For this reason, the Saturday closing was deemed the best way to avoid an interruption of weekday service to the LaFarge patrons, who still have access to the Main Library and the Southside branch on Saturdays.

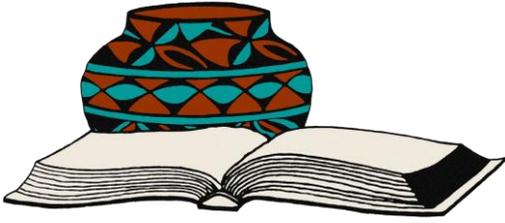
This is a temporary situation. As hiring is taking place, the Libraries plan to reopen with full staffing as of May 1. The Board would like to join the Library administration in thanking all the Library staff for their hard work during this time of transition.

*Grace Brill, Board Member, Santa Fe Public Library*

## Memorials

In memory of Kermit Mowbray, given by Travis Mowbray, in memory of Kermit Mowbray given by Linda Mowbray

## Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library



### Join Now Support Speaks Volumes

Through membership dues, extra contributions, and sales of books, the Friends of the Santa Fe Library pay for new books and programs. Members receive newsletters and early admission to some sales. Friends of the Santa Fe Library is a non-profit organization, so dues and extra gifts are tax deductible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual Membership, \$10
- Student Membership, \$5
- Household Membership, \$15
- Business/Sustaining \$100

**extra** contribution to FOL\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(to help buy more books!)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check here if you want info on helping as a volunteer.**

Send form and check to:

Friends of the Library  
145 Washington Ave.  
Santa Fe, NM 87501



### ***Celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Southside Branch Library***

***11 a.m.  
Saturday, March 24***

***A relaxed time with YOU and the Mayor and the architects – a special cake, marimba band and other entertainment.***

***We hope you will join us!***

### **Contributions \$50 and Over**

Frank Katz and Consuelo Bokum, Robert and Serena Lancaster, Elizabeth M. Hancock, Martin Buse, Jane Clifford, Deanna M. Einspahr, Pat Mora, Jessica Schar, Dr. William C. Holmes, Sandra & James Bundy, Tom & Nancy Florsheim, Eugene Weisfeld, Peggy Creelman, Parotte Family, and Tina Richards

### **Passport Santa Fe**

The Friends are working with the NM Museum of Art to raise awareness of this great place in downtown Santa Fe.

Free Family Passes are available in the SS Library Bookstore, Mon - Sat. 10-4