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WANT TO MAKE A LITTLE LIBRARY?

The new thing these days are these little libraries where you pick a book up and drop another off. The idea behind them is to help spread the joy and power of sharing books. They can build community, spark creativity and inspire readers.

You too can set up one of these libraries with a little initiative. The first step is to find a location and make sure it is approved by the local land owners or community to place your library there. The next step is to build or buy your little library. At this point, you have some options for how you will make this all happen. One can go online and register a Little Free Library © with the society by that name or you can be an independent and forgo any special administration. The last step is to put some books in your library and that is where the Friends of the Socorro Public Library come in. We will give you 2 boxes of books from our storage room to initially populate your library. Contact Julie Johnson for more information at jjinsocorro@gmail.com.

Here are some tips:

1. Most of the first Little Libraries were roughly 20" wide by 15" deep by 18" high and on a sturdy post or secure foundation. You most certainly can vary the dimensions as you see appropriate.
2. Use recycled and found materials if you can to demonstrate green building techniques.
3. Build and finish the library to last. Use screws rather than nails, and several coats of stain, paint or sealer.

Use your imagination! Include your family and friends too.

Special Dates:

**Book Sale
Saturday
April 8
10am-2pm
Book Sorting Room**

**May 6 book sale is
cancelled!**

**Book Sale
Saturday
May 13
10am-2pm
Book Sorting Room**

Membership Drive!

This is the first newsletter of the year and it is time for the membership drive. Many of you have paid your dues and we appreciate it! Some of you have not had time to do so and we would love to update your membership. If you are ready to do so or have a friend who wants to become a member, fill in the membership form on the last page of this newsletter.

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



The Friends Unites and Enriches Our Community

We are a group of people who love books. In this new age, books have taken on the appearance of “old tech.” Moving on to the future is important, but for most of us, this “old tech” has a tangible heft and feel that embodies entertainment and the continuation of our society.

These days, the library is moving to embrace the “new tech.” It started small with books and movies on tapes, then these media moved to DVD and CD discs. Today you can download a book to your book pad to read and you can go to your library to brows the International WEB. Amazing!

With all of this in play, we still love our books. Perhaps a book is the perfect analogy for a digital file! A file consists of blocks, blocks consist of records and records consist of bytes. In our analogy, a byte is a word, a record is a sentence, a block is a chapter and a file is the book. Books are so logically ordered with page 1 followed by page 2 and so on, so intuitive, just like a file! It is no wonder we admire books in this digital age.

We, the Friends of the Library, deal in the world of old technology. We do this because there is still educational and entertainment value in these abandoned books, records, cassettes, VHS tapes, DVDs and CDs. By making this media available for a community that loves these various media, we contribute. Our members and patrons can continue to read, listen, watch and enjoy the many items in our sales room. The bonus is that it also can fund our local libraries. It is a win-win situation.

Our community comes to our book room to buy these orphaned books for their own enjoyment and the money they spend goes into improving our library, the old gives to the new. Our library supports the community with free internet, books to read and hear, movies to enjoy at home and events such as Holi, Christmas shows and Youth programs. Everyone needs this library and the Friends are here to see that it is your legacy to the next generation. Support us and you support your library.

Julie Johnson
President, Friends of the Library

Upcoming 2017 Book Sales:

May 13, Saturday, 9am-1pm

June 10, Saturday, 9am-1pm

July 14, Friday, 9am-1pm

July 28, Friday, 9am-1pm

August 11, Friday, 10am-2pm

September 9, Saturday, 10am-2pm

**All sales re located in the
Finley Friends Book Sorting Room at the
SE corner of McCutcheon and Park Streets**

Book Donations

**Contact
Julie Johnson
575-449-2666
or
jjinsocorro@gmail.com**

We will arrange to pick up your books or meet you at the book room, the library no longer forwards donations to the Friends. If you want the books sold in the community and the proceeds to go to library programs, then the Friends will make that happen!



Building a Better World

This year's Summer Reading bears the motto "Building a Better World". What better chance to get into hands on building/creating/constructing, as well as influencing our community in positive ways? We will be starting early with activities, as the New Mexico Makerstate initiative will pay us a long expected visit on May 19th, 3:30-6:30pm. Fun for youth and adults with 3-D printing, circuits, and paper electronics are on the program in this hands on work shop. Stay tuned for this great event. On June 14th, Explora (Science Center Albuquerque) will be at Socorro Public Library with a three-hour workshop, and multiple projects. We will among other things build doodle-bots!! We also are looking forward to several artsy afternoons with teens (tie dye, toy hacking, free form painting etc.).

Britta Herweg-Samuels

New Young Adult Books:

Carve the Mark — V.Roth
 Heartless — M. Meyer
 Lumberjanes Friendship to the Max
 Moon Chosen — PC Cast
 Scythe — N. Shusterman
 The Serpent King — J. Zentner
 The Inexplicable Logic of my Life — B. Saenz
 Samurai Rising — Turner & Hinds
 The Midnight Star — M. Lu
 The Chemist — S. Meyer
 This is Where it Ends — M. Nijkamp
 Undefeated — S. Sheinkin

New Children's Books:

Behind the Canvas — A.Vance
 They All Saw A Cat — B. Wenzel
 Dragonwatch — B. Mull
 Fantastic Beasts — JK Rowling
 We Are Growing! — L.Keller
 Dog Man Unleashed — D. Pilkey
 The Princess and the Warrior — D. Tonatium
 Radiant Child — J.Basquiat
 Blue Moo
 The Girl Who Drank the Moon — K. Barnhill
 Animals by the Numbers — S. Jenkins
 Juana & Lucas — J. Medina

FOL Holds 2017 Annual Meeting at Skeen Library

This year the annual meeting was held at the Skeen Library on the NMT Campus on January 29 because the Socorro Public Library will not support a Sunday meeting. The minutes for that meeting are available on the Friends page of the Socorro Public Library website. The 2017 officers are: Julie Johnson—president, Peg Hardman—vice president, and Christa Hockensmith—treasurer. It was decided that next year the annual meeting would be set up at 11am on a Saturday, so that we will have the meeting at the Socorro Public Library. Another resolution was discussed to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city as there does not seem to be one now. The meeting was adjourned and followed by a talk by Dr. Wolberg, the departing president of the Friends.



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HOURS

Monday-

Thursday

9 am - 5:50 pm

Friday

9 am - 4:50 pm

Saturday

9 am - 1:50 pm

We're on the Web!!

www.adobelibrary.org

"FRIENDS"

Look for us on Facebook

"Friends of the Socorro

Public Library"

Give a membership application to a friend! ->

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| FRIENDS OF THE SPL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION | |
| Individual (annual) | \$10 |
| Family (annual) | \$15 |
| Patron (annual) | \$25 |
| Sponsor (annual) | \$50 |
| Lifetime | \$100 |
| Benefactor | \$250 |
| NAME _____ | |
| ADDRESS _____ | |
| TELEPHONE _____ | |
| EMAIL _____ | |
| RETURN TO SOCORRO PUBLIC LIBRARY OR MAIL TO Friends of Socorro Public Library 401 Park Street Socorro, New Mexico 87801 | |

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