



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.

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Our Board: Alana McGrattan, Susan Sheldon, Linda Mowbray, Paul Brice, Sandra Bundy, Kate Oldroyd, Ann Davis, Angela Matzelle, Kathryn Sherlock Lucinda Surber, Spencer Wertz, Willa Sisson, and Andrea Gross

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Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 29

2-4 p.m.

Southside Library, Community Room

See you there!

In addition to taking care of business, there will be the introduction of new board members and the election of new officers. And, of course, refreshments.

The featured speaker of the meeting: C.S. Merrill

Carol Merrill was a graduate student at the University of New Mexico in November, 1972, when she wrote an admiring letter to Georgia O’Keeffe. To her astonishment, the young poet received not only a reply but an invitation to visit. It took months to screw up her courage, but in August, 1973 she finally walked through O’Keeffe’s gate. Merrill was 26; O’Keeffe was 85.

It was the beginning of seven years of on-off weekends and short stays with O’Keeffe as a librarian, secretary, cook, nurse, companion, confidante, reader, and caregiver. Her journal from that time was published by the UNM Press as *Weekends with O’Keeffe*.

In his column in the Santa Fe New Mexican Marc Simmons included this volume in a list of six most notable books of 2011 in New Mexico. La Alameda Press published her book of poetry entitled *O’Keeffe: Days in a Life* in 1996. Merrill will describe her experience, read from both books, and answer questions. These books contain rare insight into the life of Miss O’Keeffe as she was losing her vision, facing old age and death.

Merrill became very active in the world of poetry and play-writing and worked overseas teaching English as a Second Language in China. After 30 years of teaching, Merrill has retired to be volunteer librarian at Ghost Ranch near Abiquiu, New Mexico.

She will be selling and signing copies of her 2 books, with a percent of sales going to the Friends.

Meet Amy Barr

Children's Librarian
at the Southside Branch Library

Amy Barr is the Children's Librarian at the Southside Branch Library. She has taken on the responsibility for the branch's preschool story times, Teen programs, the monthly elementary kid's craft program, and monthly performance programs. And she loves working on all of them!

Barr received her Masters of Library Science at the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. Before joining the Southside Library, Barr spent five years as the Youth Services Librarian / Assistant Director at the Kilgore Memorial Library in York, Nebraska. Highlights from her tenure at the Kilgore Memorial Library included creating a popular geocaching program, creating a teen area in the library and masterminding the Art Thingy event. Art Thingy is an annual community event that explores the different types of artistic expression including both the visual and performing arts. The focus of this program was to give people an opportunity to play with different types of artistic expression.

"Youth Services librarianship is a good fit for me. I am basically a very silly professional nerd. I love answering "what did you do today at work?" Today I dressed up as Snow White and led preschoolers around the library. Today I got teenagers to do the "Candy Elevator" Minute to Win It game. (You ever see teenagers trying to bring M & M's up to their mouths using only two #2 pencils, string and their ears as pulleys? It is hilarious!) Today I got a 2nd grade class so excited about story time, that they all pinched their noses to make the main character's funny voice. Today I got to hear an 8 year old tell me all the reasons why Franny K. Stein books are the best books ever!"

Amy proudly proclaims that she has the best job ever—not just in the Library.

Community Partner Rewards

Email us your mailing address and we will send you an Albertsons Community Partners Card. When presented, Albertsons will automatically donate a percentage of the sale to the Friends of the Library. In 2011 the Friends received nearly \$1000 from Albertsons. Let's double it this year!



**FIRST SANTA FE
BABY OF 2012
TO RECEIVE
BOOKS THANKS
TO NEW
PROGRAM**

BOOKS FOR BABIES NEW MEXICO, a partnership between the Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library, the Santa Fe Public Library and St. Vincent Hospital Foundation, was created to stress the importance of reading to children.

Beginning with the first baby of the new year, every child born in the hospital will go home with a brightly colored canvas bag containing a book, a CD of lullabies, an innovative die-cut brochure on the importance of reading to babies (which can be folded into a box), an application for a library card, and information on community resources.

Printed on the side of the bags, soon to be seen all over town: "I READ TO MY BABY EVERY DAY." An estimated 1600 babies will receive the gift bag and their first book in 2012.

"This is an opportunity to reach the youngest members of our communities and their families," stated Pat Hodapp, director of libraries. "The partnership with donors and the St. Vincent's Hospital Foundation has given this new program the boost it needed to become a reality."

Books and Babies

Books and Babies is a 6-week program for babies (from 6 months to 2 years old) and their caregivers. It's never too early to start your child on the road to reading. Your child will enjoy books, songs, and finger games from the comfort of your lap. Please call to register for this free program.

Ongoing Sessions

- **Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 AM, at La Farge Library (955-4863)**
- **Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 AM, at the Southside Library (955-2828)**

Sponsored by a grant from the Brindle Foundation and Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library.

Join RSVP and Receive Extra Benefits for your Volunteerism

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The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a nationwide organization dedicated to the belief that volunteers make the world go round and so you deserve great support. If you are age 55 or over and you volunteer with the Friends or anywhere else, or you wish to become a volunteer, we invite you to join us.

We offer many free benefits including supplemental liability insurance while you drive your auto as a volunteer; supplemental personal injury insurance while volunteering; and accidental-loss-of-life insurance, while you are volunteering. We will also invite you to an annual recognition banquet with catered lunch and a dance band; take you to the annual N.M. Conference on Aging; pay for you to take the AARP Safe Driving class to reduce your own insurance premium; offer modest mileage reimbursement when funding is available; and give you volunteer recognition gifts throughout the year.

To join, just fill out our brief enrollment form which is at the Friends of the Library bookstores, or contact RSVP and we'll send you the form. Then, four times a year, we'll ask you to email, mail, fax or deliver to us a total of hours you have volunteered in the past three months.

By being an RSVP member you can also help us bring grant funds into our community from the federal government and the state of New Mexico. So please call Kristin Slater-Huff at 955-4760 or email kwslater-huff@santafenm.gov.

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Another Year of Great Deals

March Sale at Main March 24 & 25
Spring Sale at Southside April 28 & 29
Summer Sale at Main June 30 & July 1
Fall Sale at Southside Sept. 22 & 23
Fall Sale at Main Oct. 13 & 14
Pre-Thanksgiving at La Farge Nov. 17 & 18
Holiday Sale at Main Dec. 1

Mark Your Calendar!

Those who gave donations \$50 or over in November and December (not including the recent appeal):

Ken and Betty Earle, Judy and Richard Crawford, Jeanne Jacobs, Michael P Gross, Alan and Margaret Hill, Rick and Kathy Abeles, Elizabeth and Michael Hendrick, Douglass Rankin, William Ruggles, Andrew Merriell, Kitchen Dimensions (Joan Viele), Lynn Bickley, Carol and Marv Lachman, Jane Clayton Oakes, Grace Brill and Daniel S. Schwartz, Leslie and Brad Burnside, Judith Polich, Margaret C. Montgomery Lunt, Jan Duggan, Edis Barnes, Jack and Judith Justice, Paul Abrams and Abigail Adler.

Memorial Gift in December

In memory of Kermit Mowbray, given by Alisha Mowbray and Steve Brice

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

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- Sustaining Membership \$100

extra contribution to FOLS_____ (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

Friends raise \$3210 at Alternative Gift Market

Shoppers enjoyed free Java Joes coffee, hot cider, and holiday-baked goods while choosing gifts that benefit those in need at the second annual Santa Fe Alternative Gift Market. The shopping list for the Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library included books and DVDs for the library, sponsorships for Children’s Programs, prizes for the Summer Reading Program, computers for the Teen Afterschool Homework Program, and supplies for the Books-and-Babies Program and the Feed-A-Teen Program.

The Market began with a grand opening celebration Friday, December 16th and continued through the weekend at the DeVargas Center in Santa Fe.

Honorary Chair Ali McGraw, Kiefer Fitzgerald, 5, (the first shopper), Santa Fe Mayor David Coss, and Tony Princ of Alternative Gifts International, cut the ribbon to officially mark the opening of the Second Annual Santa Fe Alternative Gift Market on December 16th.

Many thanks to Lonnie Zamora, for the wonderful mural that hung behind the Friends’ table. The roaring fire warmed everyone’s hearts and lit up our corner of the store.

Thanks to the readers, singer, and storytellers who entertained one and all. Thanks to Sue Schneider for the loan of the rocking chair.

It was through the efforts of Jamie Morris and his team that it was such a success.

THANK YOU!

**Tony Princ, AGI,
sent a check for
\$3,210 for the
purchases made
from the Friends’
shopping list.**

**A great way to
start the year!**