

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OUT OF THE OLD, INTO THE NEW

What a year we have had in 2024, who knew after the big move from Finley Gym to Zimmerly that we would be doing it again only 3 years later!

Everyone is aware that we are having to move, what we didn't know was when the move would take place. Construction started the end of October and we were given the keys to the new room the middle of January. I am so thankful for our wonderful group of volunteers who have spent the last 8 or so weeks packing books and are now moving shelves. We will start moving over 200 boxes of books in February and plan to have our first sale on March 1st.

We are so grateful to everyone who supports the Friends whether it's through donations of books or money, memberships, attending the book sales and volunteering of their time. Thank you for everything you do for us!



Join us for our **GRAND RE-OPENING BOOK SALE** March 1st, 2025 • 9-1

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE SOCORRO PUBLIC LIBRARY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025 at 1 PM MST

AGENDA

Approval of Last Year's Minutes
President's Report
Library Director's Report
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
New Business

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are crucial to the lifeblood of our organization. Volunteers serve on the board, sort and shelve donated books every week and act as sales people/cashiers at the monthly book sales. For the last couple of months volunteers were responsible for packing up all of the books in preparation for the move to our new location. I would like to thank the following people for all they do for our Friends group: Jim Boswell, Mary Cox, Skye Davis, Margaret DiBella, Yvonna Graham, Julie Johnson, Judy Kurtz, Pat Mills, Phil Norton, Susan Oviatt, Jim and Mary Ruff, Allan Sauter, Barbara Skodon, Susan Wiley and Phoebe Wood. Without the help from these individuals our organization would cease to exist!

VOLUNTEER DAY • WEDNESDAYS • 10 TO NOON • ZIMMERLY SCHOOL MODULE

NEED A TAX DEDUCTION? CONSIDER THE LIBRARY

It's tax time again, and the Friends would like to remind you that we are a non-profit organization which supports the Socorro Public Library. As such, your contribution in the form of membership amounts is tax deductible since no goods or services have been exchanged. All funds received by the Friends go directly to the library. In addition to membership fees, there are a number of other ways to support the library and our community through the Friends. For instance, in 2024 several patrons chose to contribute to the Friends as memorials to acquaintances who had recently passed away, so that the library could continue to serve the community by providing supplies, audio books, and special community presentations, a service that the deceased had valued. Another family suggested in their loved one's obituary contributions in lieu of flowers, and the Friends of the Library was mentioned as a suitable choice.

Another way to help can be advantageous to you as well. Contributions can be made directly from IRA Required Minimum Distribution funds to non-profit organizations tax free. Consult your money manager about the proper way to do this. And, of course, there is the opportunity to further the Library's work with a direct bequest in a will.

The Friends of the Socorro Public Library always appreciates your support in any form you choose to offer it!

~Judy Kurtz

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FRIENDS OF THE SOCORRO PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

2024 Expenses - \$4,192

Family Yoga - \$1,100

Programing - \$1,870 (movie + reading programs)

Africa Project - \$733

Misc - \$489 (shelving)

2024 Income - \$6,492

Book Sales - \$3,610

Memberships - \$1,757

Donations - \$1,125

We held 10 Sales, each on the first Saturday of month, 9 am -1 pm.

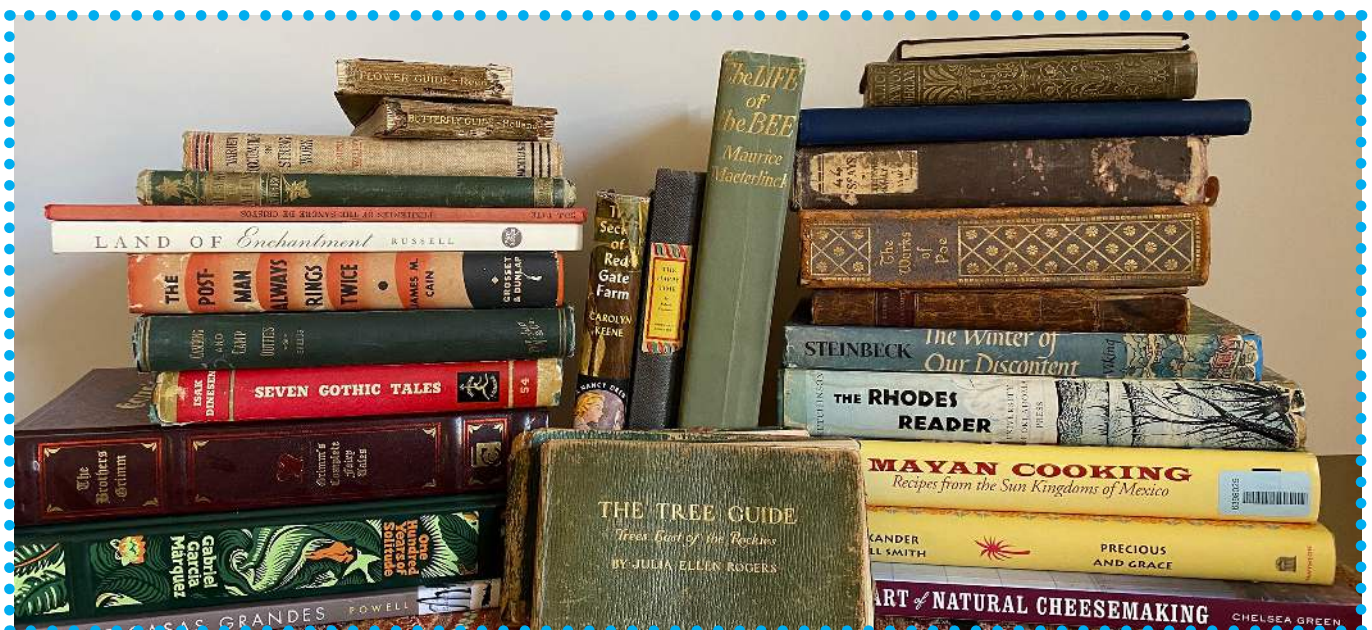
ONLINE BOOK SALES IN THE WORKS!

Our Friends are friends indeed, every week we receive boxes and boxes of books and they just keep coming! One of the most exciting tasks is digging through them. Sometimes you realize, using an app that scans the barcode, or taking a photo in Google and searching, that you hold in your hands a valuable book. It's rare, it's a signed first edition, or it's a sought after out of print volume. Such fun! Some books can be placed with a buyer for much more than we can make at our monthly sales and we have booksellers in ABQ and Santa Fe that we sell to.

Our newest venture, coming soon, will be to list books online and take advantage of the millions of collectors and readers who peruse the internet to enhance their collections. We have had the pleasure of working with a Tech student who has helped us with textbooks in particular and in some cases our shared profit is quite high. Within the next few months we should be taking a small trial collection online and we'll keep you posted.

Last spring I discovered the Albuquerque Antiquarian Book Fair, booksellers from SABA-Southwest Antiquarian Booksellers Association, put this on annually. It's very fun and a chance to see what categories of books are collectible and to get a feel for condition and value. This years sale will be March 14 & 15th, check out their website www.abqbookfair.com for more details.

~Susan Oviatt



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