



Friends of the Taos Public Library - Winter`2019



newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, it's certainly been a real winter this year compared with last years "pseudo winter". I'm sure the trees and all the plants are loving the snow as much as the skiers are!

I would like to say a few words about the Taos County Imagination Library. Dr. Coryle Zorumsky is the TCIL Coordinator and the program is now providing children's books to almost 700 children age 5 and under in Taos County. The Friends are the fiscal agent for the program. We are happy to be associated with the program and applaud Caryle for her fine work. There is a full article enclosed in this newsletter describing the program.

The Friends winter board meeting was held in February and we are happy to add a new board member to our ranks (Chai Sipaseuth). For the first time in a long time we now have our full complement of eleven board members and look forward to another productive year in 2019. In other news we are working on finding speakers for our Summer Lecture Series and I am involved in preliminary meetings for the expansion of our garden this summer. The friends also will participate in sprucing up the conference room at the Library this spring. There will be more information on the summer lectures and book sales and the garden in the spring newsletter.

That's all for now folks.....enjoy the snow!

Ken Harrold
President, FOTPL

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"You would not believe the battery life on this thing.
I've been reading it for weeks!"

Hello Friends, and greetings from the Taos Public Library.

The winter is flying by here at TPL! The staff has been hard at work with new programs, outreach and of course running our beautiful library and serving our wonderful patrons.

We have just wrapped up our February Love Your Library Month celebration. To show our love for our patrons, we offered a Food for Fines program from February 11-23. Patrons were encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items in exchange for amnesty from overdue fines. All proceeds are heading to our friends at Inside Out Recovery. The library is also featuring a Black History Month Mini exhibit in our Fine Arts Room. The highlight of the exhibit is the original Ebony Magazine Cover from May 1968. The Cover features Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. one month after his assassination. This fascinating and important piece of history was donated by Mr. Richard Snider of El Prado. This generous gift to the library was originally given to Mr. Snider by friends who personally knew Dr. King. The exhibit runs through March 1st. If you've yet to see it, please stop by.

Librarian Carmen Gonzalez heads up our weekly Knitting & Crocheting Circle. Carmen and the group have knitted and crocheted hats and scarves and generously donated their crafts to the Taos Men's Shelter and Communities Against Violence. In the coming weeks they will be focusing on creating sustainable grocery bags. This program runs every Wednesday from 3-5PM and is open to all!

We are also happy to announce our Conversational Spanish Group, headed up by Librarian Sam Hurtado. This program is designed for anyone who wants to practice their Spanish. Beginners to native speakers are welcome. This program runs every Tuesday from 3-5PM, stop by and brush up on your Spanish skills!

The Library is also pleased to offer First Saturday Yoga in the Stacks! Our Yoga program is taught by a different certified yoga instructor every First Saturday of the month. It's a great way to start your month. This Program runs every First Saturday at 1030AM.

Our children's library is, as usual, busy at work with programs and projects. Our weekly Storytime runs every Thursday at 1030AM and our librarians are busy planning Summer Reading! Children's Librarian Raquel Martinez and Cataloging Librarian Alex Reese have also been hard at work promoting services at Taos High School. Through their efforts, we have distributed over 200 library cards to students!

The staff at the Taos Public Library has done a great job implementing new library programs, and I want to take a moment to personally thank each and every one of you. You should know that programming is funded through the Friends. Whether purchasing yoga mats or books for our children's book giveaways, your generous contribution to the Friends makes all of this possible. Please stop by for a program and see what your good work is doing in our little library!

The winter in Taos is a little chillier than I expected, but it's hard not to feel awe and wonder when you get to look up at beautiful snowcapped mountains every day!

Warm Regards,

Kate Alderete

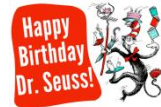
Taos Children's Library

Annette, Montoya, Children's Library Supervisor

December 14, 2018, we had our **Christmas holiday book giveaway**. We gave away **134** books to each child. Plus, we had Mayor Dan Barrone as our Santa Claus. We took **85 free photos** with Santa and also gave each child a **free treat bag with fun goodies**, it was a busy fun day with over 140 kids.



I would like to Thank our special guests Mayor Dan Barrone who helped out as Santa Claus and also Friends of the Library and Library Advisory board members who volunteered. It was a great day, Thank you.



March 1, 2019, we will be celebrating **Dr. Seuss Birthday** from **1:00 – 4:00**. The library will be participating in Dr. Seuss **115th** birthday party at the Youth and Family center. We will enjoy **Dr. Seuss birthday party** with lots of fun, games and stories.

We are still asking for civic support and individual donations to continue our book giveaways. Unfortunately we have run out of funds to continue this program. We do 5 book giveaways through out the year for children birth -18. All our book giveaways are sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and we are very thankful. All donations help tremendously and are very much apprecitaed.

Ongoing is our **Story Time and crafts for toddlers** with children's librarian Raquel. This is held every **Thursday at 10:30**. We also are partnering with Taos First Steps Program with Kathy and Feliz every first Thursday of the month. Come enjoy stories, singing, crafts and a healthy snack @ 10:30.

In closing, I want to thank the **Friends of the Taos Public Library** for all they provide and what we are able to give to our community.

For further information, contact Annette at the Children's Library @ 575-737-2589 or amontoya@taosgov.com

New Books:

Fiction:

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Cherokee America by Margaret Verble

The Hundred Wells of Salaga by Ayesha Harruna Attah

Milkman by Anna Burns

Nonfiction:

No Beast So Fierce: The Terrifying True Story of the Champawat Tiger, the deadliest animal in History by Dane Huckelbridge

I Think You're Wrong (but I'm listening): A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversations by Sarah Stewart Holland

Parkland: Birth of a Movement by Dave Cullen

A Beginner's guide to the Universe: Uncommon Ideas for Living an Unusually Happy Life by Mike Dooley

New on OverDrive

Fiction:

The Christmas Scorpion by Lee Child

A Dog's Way Home by W. Bruce Cameron

Galatea by Madeline Miller

Curse of the Pogo Stick by Colin Cotterill

Nonfiction:

Kitchen Confidential by Anthony Bourdain

The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and the Four Months that Changed the World by A.J. Baime

The Astronaut Wives Club by Lily Koppel

Tiny World Terrariums by Michelle Inciarrano

Full listing of new books is located on the library catalog and the OverDrive Catalog.



Dr Caryle Zorumski

TAOS COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY (TCIL)

Our Mission: To deliver on a monthly schedule high quality age-appropriate books to the preschool children of Taos County, thus promoting experiences with reading and language as a foundation for future learning success and kindergarten readiness.

What Do We Do? The Taos County Imagination Library (1) registers preschool children who are under the age of five who then receive a free, age-appropriate book mailed to their homes each month, and (2) raises the funds to pay for the books, mailing costs, promotion, administration and sustainability of the program.

Why We Do It: New Mexico ranks 50th among the 50 states in overall child well-being according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Report. A lack of preschool programs, low reading proficiency scores and high poverty are some contributing factors.

A wide body of research and local parent feedback tell us the difference the books make in families' lives. Kids look forward to receiving personally addressed books and they treasure story time. Children who have their own books at home have bigger vocabularies and are more successful at school.

Who Are We? TCIL is a Dolly Parton Imagination Library affiliate with grant support from the Taos Community Foundation, some state support through New Mexico CYFD, and some small grants from local community organizations. TCIL is one of 35 fully or partially functioning county affiliates in New Mexico, the first state to offer some bilingual books to recipients.

Our fiscal agent is the Friends of the Taos Public Library (FTPL) which was responsible for the establishment of our local library more than 20 years ago. Dr. Caryle Zorumski, a mental health clinician and infant mental health specialist, is the TCIL Coordinator. She has managed volunteer programs in the areas of child welfare, community food support, and student after school enrichment activities. Currently she is active in community programs and activities that focus on the needs and development of children ages 0-5. Dr. Zorumski also serves on the Steering Committee for the Imagination Library of New Mexico.

What Have We Done to Date? With your support we currently have 682 children registered across Taos County, a 53% increase in just the last year. In the first nine months of 2018 these youngsters received 5884 age appropriate books mailed directly to their homes for free. In the last two years 139 TCIL recipients turned five-years-old, graduated from the program at a higher level of literacy and began kindergarten better prepared to learn.

What Does the Future Hold? Given sufficient financial resources, at our current rate of growth we anticipate reaching 60% of our eligible population within the next 9 months.

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