

FALL NEWS

For the Love of Reading Newsletter



Back To School—Reading Begins

In early October 'For the Love of Reading' started back to school. We began reading to students at Arroyos del Norte on October 5th and Ranchos Elementary on October 10th. The students and teachers were excited to get back to it. Here are a few of the comments we have received:

Thank you for giving my kindergarten students the opportunity to take a book and build their own library at home. The excitement and joy that they show is beautiful. – Eliza Sanchez

The dedication that the Rotary Club Volunteers show to support reading at Arroyos models to our students that reading is fun, books can teach us and take us on adventures and encourage us to explore! All the students can choose a book to KEEP! My students look forward to this time of the year. – Connie White

For the Love of Reading has been an integral part of our school year at Arroyos del Norte. This program has provided a connection to the community through reading. I am the 2nd grade teacher at Arroyos del Norte Elementary. These community members have provided such an impact on my students' lives. The program has given my students the chance to make a new kind of connection with a person from the community. It has also shown them that reading is loved by all through buddy reading and the book distributions. For the Love of Reading has brought such joy and happiness to my class. – May Burnett y Velarde

The Taos Rotary Club's Love of Reading program has been a wonderful support for my 3rd grade students over the last few years. By matching up a volunteer to read with each student throughout the year, my students build a relationship with their Reader while practicing their reading skills. Students often comment on how they tried a new book because of their Reader. "Rotary Reading is so fun!" is often heard from my students after spending their 30 minutes reading. I am so grateful for this program and the opportunity it brings my students. – Liz Gilroy

The Rotary Club's Love of Reading program has been an awesome program that donates books to our students four times a year. It allows our students the opportunity to build libraries at home and encourages them to read more. – Jen Martinez

I believe the book distributions are a fantastic way for students to build or begin to build their own library of interests. I have had students that come from low-income families and can not afford to buy books. The look on the faces of these students is so thankful and humbled to have something of their own. Also, I love that the participants of the book distribution ask the teachers what our students are interested in. Sometimes, it can be difficult to encourage students to read if their interests are not being met. When the book distribution comes to our school there is a great variety of books for students to choose from. – Sonya Romero

We also want to thank our readers/volunteers who make 'For the Love of Reading' possible.



For Love of Reading News

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Welcome on Board-Janet Sands

We are pleased to have Janet Sands join as the new Co-Coordinator with Lucille Gallegos-Jaramillo for the 2023-2024 school year. Janet began as a volunteer reader with the For the Love of Reading Program in 2017 at the Ranchos de Taos Elementary school. She served as a reader there for two years. During the COVID19 pandemic, she focused her attention on her daughter's 8-year-old twins to ensure that their reading skills continued during remote learning. What a great grandma!

The following year, she read remotely with the Arroyos del Norte Elementary 2nd and 3rd Graders. She and her colleague readers were able to provide continued reading support to the children via Zoom using the Epic Program. We were happy to have her return last year to the Arroyos del Norte in-person program!

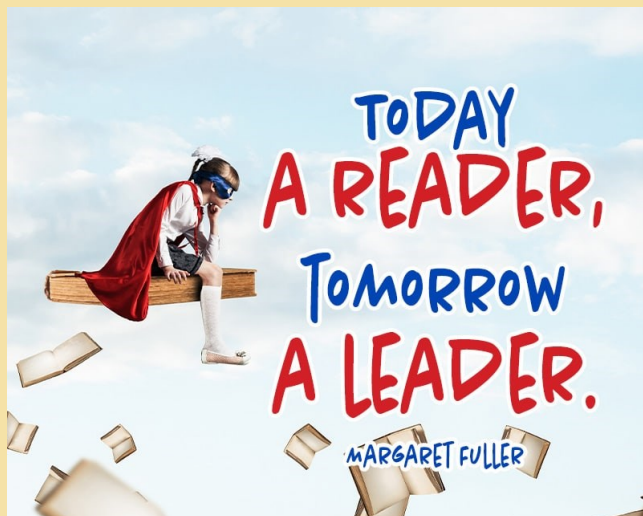
We are also incredibly happy that she has chosen to step up and replace Sharron Flaherty as the Co-Coordinator. Sharron found it necessary to step away from that position. We continue to be grateful to her and her husband John Flaherty for their service last year.

Janet has a background in the medical field as a Respiratory Care Practitioner and coursework in Adult Learning. She has said that she has discovered that children, as well as adults, all have their unique ways of learning. Reading is essential for young children to become critical thinkers, informed and inspired. She is committed to these young children to help them obtain their reading skills. She says that "it is a joy to see those little light bulbs go on!"

She has hit the ground running this summer working with Lucille to make sure that all the books have been re-assigned to the appropriate levels for work with the program and/or book distributions. It is easy to see that her experiences with her own grandchildren will be helpful in her position as Co-Coordinator.



Welcome aboard, Janet!



Reading makes all other learning possible. We have to get books into our children's hands early and often.

— Barack Obama —

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Meet our Reading Volunteers
2023-2024

Arroyos del Norte Volunteers Substitutes

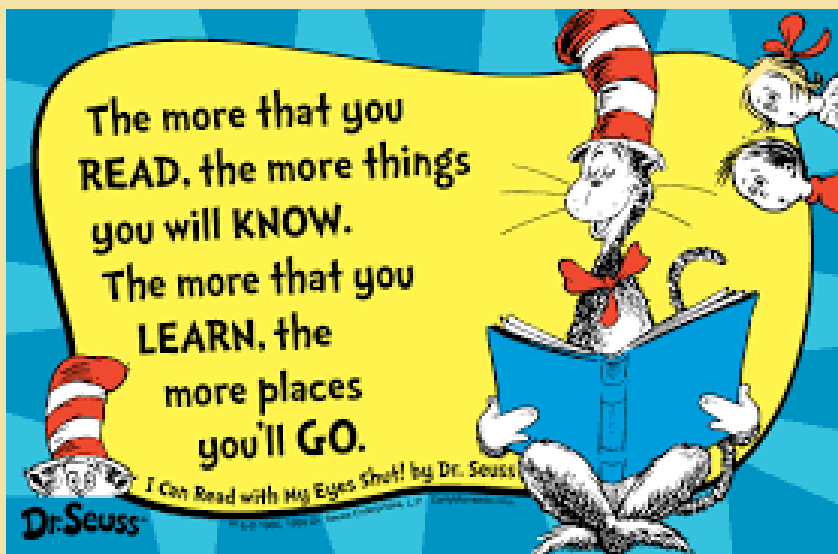
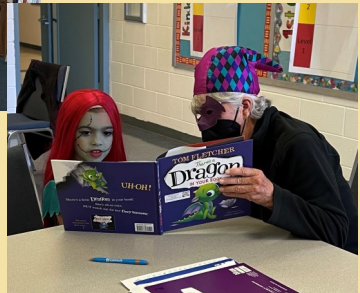
Laurel Adcock
Betty Backer
Cid Backer
Stacey Blish
Janis Checchia
Jeff Graff
Gary Hillman
Bruce Mulligan
Dru Philippou
DeEtte Spence
Judy Titpon-Katzaman
Julie Turner
Vince Ann Wahrlab
Coordinator – Janet Sands

Julie Bouchard
John Flaherty
Sharron Flaherty
Lucille Gallegos-Jaramillo
George Jaramillo

Ranchos del Taos Volunteers Substitutes

Cathy Boyle
Caryl Bournique
Michelle Chacon
Tami Coyle
Cid Fee
John Flaherty
Kathy Herman
Gordon Hirsch
George Jaramillo
Celinda Kaelin
Harold Kaelin
Angela Legh
Besty Martinez
Elizabeth Mitchell
Dr. Herbert Rachelson
Anne Riebli
Sandy Romero
Veronica Harold
Francis Rinehart
Coordinator – Dr. Lucille Gallegos-Jaramillo

Elizabeth Hicks
Sharron Flaherty
Janet Sands



Little Free Libraries, Locations, Stewards
(Book Bin: In front of St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall)
208 Camino de Santiago, Taos, NM 87571

Youth and Family Center #47013

407 Paseo Del Cañon E, Taos, NM 87571
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Gusdorf Park #47014

Intersection of Gusdorf Rd and Gusdorf Pl, Taos, NM
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Family Practice Associates #47012

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Ranchos Plaza Grill #48016

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Sue McDowell 575 770-0310 - sm@cmlawnm.com
Previously at Llano Quemado Headstart

Questa Health Center #48018

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Midtown Market #48019

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Linda Freidman - (575)770-6555 - lpickett78@gmail.com

Ziggy's Frozen Yogurt #65483

1008A Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571
Gail Westbrook – (575) 770-1886 – gbrook@taosnet.com
Previously at Vigil's Trailer Park

Talpa Community Center - #65482

7143 NM-518, Ranchos De Taos, NM 87571
Francie Eckert
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505 238-1906
Talpa Library helps care for this box, as well

Somos #42532

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lmobrien45@gmail.com

Field Institute of Taos #52578

9 D Ben Romero Rd, El Prado, NM 87529
Field Institute cares for this box - (575) 770-2391

Arroyo Seco Live #52576

480 NM-150, Arroyo Seco, NM 87514
John Henderson, (575) 770-2467
johnhenderson@hotmail.com

Taos High School Vocational Bldg. #53578

134 Cervantes St., Taos, NM 87571
Checking on location and steward.

1 Upper Rim Road #47105

1 Upper Rim Rd., Carson, NM 87517
Need a new steward

Holy Cross Women's Health Institute #12982

1329 Gusdorf Rd. Taos, NM 87571
Marissa Romero (BBBS Mountain Region) (575) 779-1124
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Non-Rotary LFL in Taos County

Blueberry Hill & Intersection of Mesa Vista #48665
Near Martinez Hacienda on Don Roberto Ln
Kit Carson to Las Cruces - DeVargas St First in Taos
Anansi Charter School
Taos Pueblo Governor's Office
Eagle Nest – not Taos County, Girl Scouts care for this box to earn a badge!

Rotary



Why Rotary Supports 'For the Love of Reading'



Education stands as one of the prime areas of focus for Rotary. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 per-cent of the world's adult population. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN through programs like 'For the Love of Reading' and taking action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.

TIPS FOR CHOOSING BOOKS FOR INFANTS FROM BIRTH TO 6 MONTHS

1

Books with large pictures or bright and bold illustrations

2

Wordless picture books or books with a single word along with a big picture

3

Stiff cardboard books, cloth or soft vinyl books, or books with handles

4

Try reciting rhymes and songs that you remember by heart



Office of Head Start



To find out more see:

[https://
www.rotary.org/en/
our-causes/
supporting-education](https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/supporting-education)



NEWBORN - 1 YEAR

- Point at things and name them (dog, cat, house, car)
- Talk back and forth with your baby
- Play games with them while you are reading



1 YEAR - 2 YEARS

- Smile and answer your child's questions
- Encourage them to point at objects and name them
- Have them help turn the pages



2 YEARS - 3 YEARS

- Ask them questions about the book
- Talk about the pictures and what the words mean
- Let them pick out the book they want to read
- Reward them and set goals for reading



3 YEARS - 4 YEARS

- Point out letters and numbers
- Look at pictures and make-up stories about them
- Talk about the different characters
- Ask them their take on the story



4 YEARS - 5 YEARS

- Have your child tell the story
- Encourage writing and drawing
- Ask them the meaning of the story
- Have a conversation about what the words mean



Well, it's a start...

Back to School Reading Tips +Book Recs

courtesy of SMART Reading

A great way to get kids excited about school and motivated to learn is to make reading a fun and engaging habit. Here are a few tips and book recommendations to help get this school year off to a great start:



Ease back into reading skills

Even if a child has been reading all summer, it's still possible to experience the “summer reading slide,” a common experience of kids forgetting some of the reading skills and techniques they learned in school. Kids usually pick up these skills again once they begin regular instruction, so don't be alarmed if they seem to have forgotten what they knew last year. It's okay to read for fun during the summer and ease back into more rigorous books during the school year!

Have kids read aloud at their own pace

As your child is getting back in the groove and building new reading skills, it's great to read aloud to them and then gradually have them share the reading with you. This may look like “I'll read one page, you read one sentence” at first. As their confidence grows they can begin reading more and more. The modeling you provide when you read aloud will help them ease into reading aloud more themselves!

Make reading a routine

The best way to build strong, confident readers is to have them read every day, even just for a short time! Start up a regular reading routine, like reading before bed or after dinner. This could also include reading in a special spot that gets associated with reading time, which may help your child focus when it's time to pull out a book.

Be a good reading role model

Families are a child's first teachers! If your child sees you reading frequently, they'll likely want to copy you and pull out a book of their own. Encourage family reading time when everyone reads a book together or independently.

Ten Great Books to Read When School Starts

Below is a list of books about starting the school year! From finding the courage to face first-day nervousness, to the excitement of showing off a new outfit or what you did over the summer, these books are perfect for reading during the back-to-school transition!

[The Day You Begin](#) by Jacqueline Woodson

[My First Day](#) by Phùng Nguyễn Quang and Huynh Kim Liên

[The Truth About My Unbelievable Summer](#) by Davide Cali

[Sam's Super Seats](#) by Keah Brown

[All Are Welcome](#) by Alexandra Penfold

[First Day Jitters](#) by Julie Danneberg

[The Name Jar](#) by Yangsook Choi

[I'm New Here](#) by Anne Sibley O'Brian

[The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!](#) By Mo Willems

[Your Name is a Song](#) by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow