

LIBRARY NEWS

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We are delighted to announce the election of four new members to the Board of Directors. They are replacing outgoing members Gail Della Pelle, Norma Ruptier, Wayne Sandoval and Bill Dunmire whose focus and activity are already missed.

Long time resident, Frances Sosa, has been deeply involved in several civic organizations including the Placitas Fire Brigade, Placitas Elementary School PTO and Advisory Board, Bernalillo High School PTO and the PCL Young Adult Program.

Lin Robinson recently served as President of Jardineros de Placitas and in several capacities at Haven House. She and her husband Larry, author of the Library's incorporation papers, have long been active supporters of PCL. As a retired attorney, she will provide guidance as the Library moves forward.

Karen Cox moved to Placitas with her new husband about 4 years ago and fell in love with the community, especially the Library, which she describes as "amazing". She is a

retired CPA and a long time bookseller. Her attention to detail, knowledge of finance and history in the book world are all assets the Library can use.

Susan Arreola, a recent addition to our community and retired academic, brings experience in community planning and a variety of skills in research, organization and communication. This kind of experience, as well as her collaborative attitude and enthusiastic nature make her a welcome addition to the Board.

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A Volunteer?

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opportunities available
to you.*

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PICASSO ART APPRECIATION



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Pre-K Story Hour

Thursday, February 9 & 23
at 10:30

Bilingual Story Hour

Tuesday, February 14
at 3:00 pm

Picasso Art Appreciation

Saturday, February 18
At 10:30 am



Jean Kolod is one of our new volunteers to the library and to the Children's Committee. She worked at the Detroit Museum of Art presenting programs to children.

On Saturday, February 18 at 10:30am Jean will show posters of Picasso's art work to participants and lead an Interactive Visual Thinking discussion with the children. She will encourage them to talk about the shapes they see. They will then have the opportunity to look at their faces in hand mirrors and draw their own face, Picasso style, using simple images.

This is a brand new type of program for our children and it is sure to be entertaining as well as educational. By holding a variety of programs we are not only trying to encourage reading but also create good memories of being in a library that will be passed on to future generations.

Come Join us!! Books about Picasso will also be available for check-out.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 4, 1-4 pm—Chess Club; open to youth and adults

Monday, February 6, 4-6 pm—PCL Book Club #1

Tuesday, February 7, 3-5 pm—Third Rail Book Club—
Open to new members

Thursday, February 9, 10-11:30 am—Pre-K Story Hour

Saturday, February 11, 1-4 pm—Larry Goddell and others on the
Thunderbird Bar

Tuesday, February 14, 3 pm—Bilingual Story Hour

Wednesday, February 15, 7 pm—PCL Board Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 6:30 pm—Placitas History Project

Saturday, February 18, 10:30 am—Picasso Art Appreciation Program

Thursday, February 23, 10-11:30—Pre-K Story Hour

Friday, February 24, 7 pm—Teen Game Night

THE THUNDERBIRD: OUR FEBRUARY EXHIBIT

For those who lived in Placitas in the early 70's, the Thunderbird was more than a bar; an institution without the pretention of being anything but itself. It was a place to get together, pass the news, to dance and even a place with a room for children to play. Located just east of the present post office, it was truly the community center in the best sense.

It was also a place of music, and people would come from Santa Fe, Albuquerque and beyond. A plate of Green Chili and Beans could be had for 66 cents. Performers like John Lee Hooker, Earl Scruggs, The Last Mile Ramblers, Albert King Jr. Asleep at the Wheel, Tim Buckley, The Earl White Review, REO Speed Wagon, The Jonny Otis Show, Freddy King, Three Tons of Joy, Freddie King, Bod Diddley and Willie Nelson, not to mention poets Kell Robertson, Larry Goddell and Bill Pearlman who also graced the stage.

The Placitas Mountain craft and Soiree Society, a celebration of the senses, was sponsored by the Thunderbird, first a Christmas Fair, that "included the bar employees and others dressed up as chickens in a barnyard operetta, "The Barnfather", and most importantly, here's a roster of some of the first producing artists and crafters in our village area, as reported in a local newspaper. This was the progenitor of the current Placitas Arts and Crafts for which the town is well known. All good things come to and end. Such was the fate of the Thunderbird when it went up in smoke in the 1970's.



The exhibit will be a show of images from the Thunderbird, including magic posters of music and poetry. It will open Saturday, February 4 and a reception will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 2-4pm.

AMAZON BOOK SALES

Did you know that some of your old, and not-so-old books and media can be donated to the library and turned into funding for other materials?

The library takes donations of books, DVD's, CD's, and other media. Some of the donations are added to the library inventory, catalogued, and put into circulation. Materials that the library cannot use, either because of limited space or the material is outdated or in poor condition, are sorted and taken to used book stores and other outlets, sometimes traded for books that have been requested for patrons. Many other materials are listed for sale on Amazon.com

A team of volunteers maintain the operation of sorting, selling, trading, and transporting donated materials. Mary Morell, library veteran and former bookstore owner, is an ace at recognizing valuable items that can be traded or sold, and she has many contacts due to her background.

Pat Eagan is tireless in the process of sorting the donations and preparing them for sale by changing or removing labels, small repairs, etc. She manages this in her free time after volunteering at two local animal shelters and caring for her family.



Joan Byrd is meticulous about sorting the many categories of materials—for use by the library, for trade, or for sale on Amazon. Joan pioneered the on-line sales on Amazon.

Mary and Joan trained one more volunteer, Linda Spaulding, to list items for sale on Amazon. They have developed a system of checking Amazon to determine how certain items are valued. Whenever there is something that might bring a good price, it is listed and then put in the storage room on the east end of the library building. When a book sells on Amazon, one of the volunteers prepares the package for the post office and makes sure the book gets to the buyer in good time. Joan is also the bookkeeper for Amazon sales, which she reports made almost \$6,000 during 2011. Meanwhile, Mary makes several trips around the state each month taking the donations that were not appropriate for the library or for Amazon, and she magically returns with items the library needs. Sometimes donated items, as well as materials removed from library circulation, are sold during other activities sponsored by PCL such as sales shelves in the lobby and our two annual book sales. There is always a selection of books for sale at the entrance to the library.

The PCL has a policy that donations not exceed 2 banker sized boxes or 3 grocery bags at one time. The workroom where the books are sorted has limited space and the volunteers normally sort only once per week. It is requested that items that are water damaged, torn, critter-bitten, or otherwise in poor condition, should not be brought to the library. Some of these items may be more appropriate for the recycling center.

The materials that are most appreciated are fiction and non-fiction published in the last 4 years, children's books in good condition, materials related to New Mexico and the Southwest, recent college textbooks, classic literature, first editions, and other media (audio books, music CD's, DVD's) that are in good condition.

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**Interested in joining
A Book Club?**

**Do you have a talent to share with
library patrons?
We are always looking for new and
exciting programs to offer.**

TEEN NEWS

February 4th—1-4 pm Chess Club

All ages welcome

February 18th—1-4pm Teen Advisory Group

**Come help us choose new books, movies and
games.**

February 24th—7-9 pm—Game Night

**We now have 3 Xbox controllers and have been
offered a Play Station 3**

**MEET OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR
NORA TIMMONS**



Nora at the old
library with
Bonnie!!

Nora comes to us from the east coast having been born and raised in Maryland in the Washington, DC area.

She attended Towson State University in Baltimore and graduated with a B.A. Degree in Spanish and Secondary Education in 1971. She taught middle school for 30 years in Prince George's County Public Schools, a Washington DC suburb. There she taught Spanish, French, Foreign Language Exploratory, English and Reading. She worked with the University of Maryland supervising student teachers.

She retired in 2004 when her husband, Nick, accepted a position at Sandia National Labs after he retired from the Department of Defense. They moved to Placitas in March of 2005. She has a sister, Janet who lives in Carlsbad, CA and a niece, Elenna, who recently started college in Boston.

Nora and Nick enjoy traveling throughout the West and have visited many of the National Parks. They made many visits to the Southwest before selecting NM as their place to retire. The Atlantic Coast beaches are among their favorite places to visit as well as Nick's family in Kansas City.

Her interests are: gardening, photography, reading, cooking and caring for animals. She works the Help Desk and coordinates the children's programs. She presents the bilingual story hour to children and serves on the PCL Management team. She enjoys working with such dedicated and hardworking people at the library. The Children's Committee volunteers, in particular, are a constant source of inspiration.