

PROGRAMS

Storyteller Susi Wolf

Monday, June 28, 1:00 pm

*LOMA COLORADO

Storyteller, Susi Wolf, will tell lively, participatory stories for a general audience, many of the stories will feature animals.

Eyes to the Sky – Birder Photography

July 5 – 24, 2021,

*RIO RANCHO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Submit your original bird photograph for display in the library! And a chance to win some prizes! Submissions will be voted on by library patrons for best in show!

1st Place: Sibley Birds West

2nd Place: Mastering Bird Photography by Marie Read

3rd Place: Audubon Bird Call whistle

Decorated Key Keychains for Adults

Thursday, July 8, 6:00 pm

*LOMA COLORADO - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

"Life is a journey and you hold all the keys" ~ Unknown

Take those keys and decorate them to reflect your journey. All supplies provided, extras are up to you! All registrants will be provided with 3 keys of varying types and keychain chains. This craft is for adults 18+. Programs are either take and make at home or in person, watch the library website for more details.

Changing River

Monday, July 12, 1:00 pm

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Ever wonder how water is used in the Middle Rio Grande Valley and how the surrounding land has changed over time? Join environmental educator, Allison Martin from Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District in Belen, NM to talk to us about these important changes through a hands-on model to recreate the river.

The Hummingbirds' Gift Book Discussion

Friday, July 16, 1:00 pm

*LOMA COLORADO

Did you take part in the community read? Even if you didn't, that's ok! Join us for a book discussion on *The Hummingbirds' Gift* by Sy Montgomery.

Animal Talk with Sy Montgomery

Tuesday, July 20, 5:30 pm

ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join award winning author and National Book Award finalist Sy Montgomery from her home on the East Coast as she discusses her books and animal interactions over the years. Zoom link will be emailed to registrants and posted on the library website the day before the event.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE...

YOUTH (0 - 12 YRS OLD)

1. Sign up for summer reading online at rrnm.gov/library by setting up an account using Zoobean, a reading program online interface accessible at any time via the library's website.
2. When you've recorded 300 minutes of reading in June using Zoobean, you will be entered into a drawing to win a fun gift to pick up at the library.
3. When you've recorded 300 minutes of reading in July, you will win a custom selected book. The library will contact you when your book is ready to be picked up.
4. Complete one or all of the special experience challenges and record your participation online.
5. When a challenge is completed, you will be entered into a drawing for a fun prize.

TEEN (13 - 19 YRS OLD)

1. Sign up for summer reading online at rrnm.gov/library by setting up an account using Zoobean, a reading program online interface accessible at any time via the library's website.
2. When you've recorded 400 minutes of reading in June using Zoobean, you will be entered into a drawing to win a fun gift to pick up at the library.
3. When you've recorded 400 minutes of reading in July, you will win a custom selected book. The library will contact you when your book is ready to be picked up.
4. Complete one or all of the special experience challenges and record your participation online.
5. When a challenge is completed, you will be entered into a drawing for a fun prize.

ADULT

1. Register and be entered to win one of several Tails and Tales themed grand prizes.
2. Log at least 2 books to be entered into our weekly literary themed drawings. Drawings begin June 14.
3. Take part in the community read and connect with other Rio Rancho readers. This summer's community read is *The Hummingbirds' Gift*: by Sy Montgomery. There will be 30 copies available starting June 7, pick up your copy at either library while supplies last.

SUMMER READING CALENDAR



RIO RANCHO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

WHAT'S UP WITH SUMMER READING?

Well, this year's program is a little different as the library wants to help keep the Rio Rancho community healthy and strong.

Like all summers, however, it remains.....

- A FREE program at Rio Rancho Public Libraries.
- An opportunity to earn prizes by reading books. Reading is a proven way to keep brains sharp while having fun.
- A series of interactive experiences that will introduce new skills and viewpoints.

JUNE 7 - JULY 24

WWW.RRNM.GOV/LIBRARY

Loma Colorado Main Library
755 Loma Colorado Dr NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
(505) 891-5013

Esther Bone Memorial Library
950 Pinetree Rd SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
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ADULT

Design Your Own Cryptid Contest for Adults

June 7 - July 3

*RIO RANCHO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Pick up a kit of eye balls, wings, horn, etc. at either library beginning Monday, June 7th. Return your creation for a chance to win cryptid themed prizes. Returned projects will be placed on display and voted on by library patrons for best in show!

1st Place: Mysterious New Mexico by Ben Radford

2nd Place: Tracking the Chupacabra by Ben Radford

3rd Place: DVD copy of Harry and the Hendersons

Literary Musings Book Club

Wednesdays, June 9 & July 14, 1:00 pm

*LOMA COLORADO

Join us at our adult book club that reads a different genre every month. June – genre is revised fairy tales, legends or myths. July – genre is inventors or inventions.

DIY Dog and Cat Toys

Thursday, June 10, 6:00 pm

*LOMA COLORADO - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Upcycle and DIY your own pet toys, and while you are at it make a couple extra to be donated to the City of Rio Rancho Animal Resource Center. All supplies will be provided.

Ben Radford Cryptid's – Tracking the Chupacabra

Tuesday, June 15, 6:00 pm

*ESTHER BONE

Local folklorist and investigator Ben Radford will be discussing his book *Tracking the Chupacabra: The Vampire Beast in Fact, Fiction, and Folklore*.

Finding an Animal Spirit Connection

Wednesday, June 16, 2:00 pm

ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join author Priscilla Stuckey on Zoom for a discussion about the animal spirit connection based on her book "Tamed by a Bear." Priscilla will be joining us live online from her home in Maui. Zoom link will be emailed to registrants and posted on the library website the day before the event.

Chimpanzees and Aging

Wednesday, June 23, 2:00 pm

ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join Professor Melissa Anderson as she discusses chimps and aging. Melissa studies primates in their natural environment for the Kibale Chimpanzee Project in Uganda. Registration begins June 1. Zoom link will be emailed to registrants and posted on the library website the day before the event.

***Location subject to change, in person programs may be changed to Zoom to observe COVID safety protocols.**

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH EXPERIENCE CHALLENGES

- **Eco Challenge** - Get dirty and make a difference! Examples include planting something you can eat, cleaning up litter, and weeding your yard. Do something good for the Earth, and it'll be good for you too.
- **Connect With Someone** - Have you been missing people lately? Reconnect with someone important to you! Call a grandparent who lives out of town, zoom a friend who moved away this school year, or write a letter to someone and send it by snail mail.
- **Create an Olympic Sport** - Have your own Backyard Olympics! Invent a new sport. Decide on what your rules are and what materials you need. (Balls? Pool noodles? Be creative!) Play your new sport with family and/or friends.
- **Animal Adventures** - Meet your animal neighbors. Try some bewitching birdwatching. Be present at the BioPark. Open Space is your place! Hit the trails and find some tails. What animals will you meet this summer?
- **Be a Maker!** - You are special. There is only one you! You can put something in the world that wasn't there before. Ideas include: coding a game in Scratch, creating a work of art, writing a story, knitting or sewing, and more. Leave behind something only you could have done.

YOUR LIBRARY @ HOME

Do you have little ones who are bored at home and miss the Library? Check out our Storytime, Jiggle & Jam and craft videos online. Just head over to the Your Library @ Home webpage and enjoy.

New videos are posted every week, be sure to check it out today!



CONTINUING PROGRAMS

Stories and Songs Live!
Tuesdays, June 8 - July 20, 10:30 a.m.
ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Enjoy Storytime from the comfort of your own home! The library is pleased to present Stories & Songs Live! brought directly to you each week. Join librarians as they read stories, share rhymes, and enjoy music and movement activities that promote early literacy. Storytime is great way for young children to build their vocabulary, learn essential skills, and develop a life-long love of books.

Our live virtual storytime sessions are presented via Zoom to young children and families every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. In addition to Stories & Songs Live!, we also have a library of pre-recorded story times and Jiggle & Jam programs available on our Your Library at Home webpage. Register to receive the Zoom link.

Children's Summer Take and Makes

Wednesdays, June 9 - July 21
RIO RANCHO PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Celebrate this year's summer reading program, Tails & Tales, by bringing home fantastical crafts and scientific activities each week. Pick up your craft kit at the library and follow along with the video instructions on the libraries' YouTube page. Suggested ages for this program are 5-12 years old. Registration is required as quantities are limited.

- June 9th:** Pom Pom Shooters & Cup and Ball Game
- June 16th:** Dino Daze
- June 23rd:** Mermaid Slime & Toilet Paper Unicorns
- June 30th:** Animal Crafts
- July 7th:** Animal Kits
- July 14th:** Dr. Seuss
- July 21st:** Dragon Eggs & Bowtruckles

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Science of Magic - Explora
Thursday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.
ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Magic tricks can amaze and mystify us. That's what makes them so fun. Science can do the same! So let's investigate the science behind some simple activities you can do at home that seem like magic.

All About Sheep
Thursday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.
ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Learn all about the sheep breeds at the NM Farm & Ranch Museum. Wool prep, spinning, and weaving will be demonstrated.

Kitchen Chemistry
Thursday, July 8, 2:00 pm
ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED
The New Mexico Museum of Space history presents safe experiments to do at home that connect with real-world chemistry. For all ages.

Dinosaurs - New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science
Thursday, July 22, 2:00 pm
ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

What makes a dinosaur a dinosaur? How are they different from non-dinosaur reptiles? Join us as we venture into the exciting world of what dinosaurs are!

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
Did you know that reading at home during a child's earliest years can be the key to their future academic success? The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program was created to encourage as many local families as possible to read 1,000 books to their children before they start school. Participation is easy and free!

Register your child online and stop by the Library to pick up a starter packet. Keep track of how many books your child hears on the reading logs. Once your child has reached their 500 and 1,000 book milestones you can return to the Library to receive their prizes. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun, interactive way to help young children develop their reading and language skills and also get them excited to read!



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Programs Are For Those 13 - 19 YRS OLD

Teen Scratchers
Prize scratchers are back this year! Earn scratch-off tickets by interacting with the library this summer, including Grab & Go bags, Take-n-Makes, and more. Each scratcher has a chance to win a prize!

Teen Take-n-Makes
Wednesdays, June 9-July 21
RIO RANCHO PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Try something new each week with our summer Take-n-Make series for teens! Take home everything you need to make a different craft each time. Registration is required as quantities are limited.

- June 9th:** Hand Lettering
- June 16th:** Paracord Bracelets
- June 23rd:** Color Block Soap
- June 30th:** Panda Terrariums
- July 7th:** D&D To-Go
- July 14th:** Creature Keychains
- July 21st:** Dog/Cat Toys

TEEN EXPERIENCE CHALLENGES

- **Eco Challenge** - Do something good for the Earth, and it'll be good for you too. Start a vegetable garden, help clean up your neighborhood, or do your own eco-friendly initiative.
- **Connect With Someone** - Have you been missing people lately? Reconnect with someone important to you! Video chat with a long-distance friend, call your grandparents, or brighten someone's day with a snail-mail postcard.
- **Create an Olympic Sport** - Have your own Backyard Olympics! Just about every sport has been part of the Olympics, and now it's your turn to invent a new one. Write the rules and gather your tools, then try out your sport with family and/or friends.
- **Animal Adventures** - New Mexico is home to more than just roadrunners and coyotes. Now is a great time to get to know your animal neighbors... from a distance, of course! Go birdwatching, explore the nearest Open Lands, or go for a walk and try to spot the wildlife in your own neighborhood.
- **Be a Maker!** - Are you ready to make your mark on this summer? From coding to cooking, songwriting to sewing, it's time to create something only you could have done. Remember, nobody said it had to be good—it just has to be yours.