

# Your support makes a difference!

You never know what a gift reading is until it is taken away....

Dear Friend,

When former English professor Patricia Mendius developed Macular Degeneration, it was devastating.

"I spent my whole life reading," she said. "I love to read...and then that was taken away from me. You feel robbed of your ability to read."

When she found out how much it helped to use a reading magnifier she did everything she could to make these machines available to the 1,000 + people in Los Alamos and White Rock who suffer from Macular Degeneration.

When she told the Board of the Friends of the Mesa Public Library about the reading magnifiers, we bought four: two for Los Alamos

and two for the White Rock Branch.

We were able to do this, and much more, because of the generosity of the people in the community who have donated books to the used bookstore and contributed to our Endowment Fund.

The Friends of the Mesa Public Library is a non-profit organization that was established in 1978 to support the library and help further its mission.

We do this by funding things like:

- Special events
- Gallery shows
- Book group kits
- Books and honoraria for the Authors Speak series
- After-school tutor program

Over the years we have annually spent between \$45-50,000 making the library a more enriching place

for everyone. Sometimes we can do even more.

We also offer support beyond the library to important programs like the Jail Library, regional rural libraries and the annual scholarship program.

Please consider joining, or rejoining the Friends of the Mesa Public Library, and contributing to the Endowment Fund.

A cumulative donation of \$500 is recognized with a commemorative plaque displayed on the wall of the upstairs rotunda. Every additional \$500 that you give is recognized with a turquoise stone.

Your contribution of any size is truly what makes the library thrive!

Thank you,

Charlotte Stark, President  
661-2408

Jane Sherwood, Membership Chair  
662-3194

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Yes! I will attend the Meet the Scholars Luncheon on May 19, 2010 from 11:30 - 1:00 pm in the Library Rotunda. \_\_\_\_ (Please tell us how many people will be in your party.)

Yes! I would like to activate my annual membership to the Friends of the Mesa Public Library. This membership is from April 2010 to March 2011. Make checks to "Friends of Mesa Public Library."

\$10 Individual       \$15 Family       \$5 Senior

I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Endowment Fund.

I would like to volunteer:  Hospitality  Endowment  Publicity  Bookstore  Scholarship  
 Board Member

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the bookstore or mail it to P.O. Box 402, Los Alamos, NM 87544