



# Rio Reader

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**Official Newsletter**

**February 2024**

## Annual Meeting - Highlights-Upcoming Events

### Fundraising

In 2023 RALF raised funds to support the library through the Artisan Fair, Stamp and Snack, the Santa bake sale, sales of used books (check the carts at the library) and generous donations. We expect to continue many of those activities in 2024.

### Artisan Fair

On June 8, 2024, from 9 am – 1 pm, RALF will again sponsor an artisan fair. If weather cooperates it will be held mostly outside at the library with the Rio Elementary School as the rain location. The work of a wide variety of artisans will be for sale and there will probably be a food truck (or trucks). This year RALF will sell baked goods (similar to what we have done for the Santa visit). If you can help out by baking, we would really appreciate it (watch for more information). If you create art or hand-crafted items and are interested in participating, please contact Kim Scott at [samuel11602@yahoo.com](mailto:samuel11602@yahoo.com) or (920)992-3967 as soon as possible.

**Other Events** RALF plans to hold a "Stamp and Snack" cardmaking event on April 18 and to help on any library sponsored events that

may occur. Check Facebook and the library website for more information. We will also host our annual Santa Visit on December 7, 2024, in cooperation with many organizations in the Rio community.

### Volunteer of the Year

RALF's 2023 "Volunteer of the Year" is Sarah Wells. We really appreciate all the work she put into cooking presentations and grant writing and her unflinching support of the library. Volunteers are truly the lifeblood of our organization and RALF is grateful for the many people who give of their time and talents for our community library.

### Find RALF on Facebook

RALF has its own Facebook page! Please "like" our organization, share with your friends, and watch for information on upcoming events. Don't forget that the Rio Community Library also has a Facebook page and a website [www.riolibrary.org](http://www.riolibrary.org)

**Library News** "Lunch on the Lawn" will take place from noon to 12:30 for seven weeks beginning on June 10, 2024. Community groups provide free meals each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

and many fun activities and guests are planned for those times. RALF has the week of July 1. Let us know if you can help.

### RALF's Officers & Trustees

Serving on the RALF board are: President-Kimberly Scott, Vice Pres- Sara Mills, Secretary-Deb Wearne-Neurohr, Treasurer-Phyllis Nelson. Trustees are Melanie Gilbert, Beth Scott and Samantha Marquardt. Questions? Contact any of these folks. All positions will be up for election in January, 2025. Please consider joining the Board. You'll make a real difference and have fun too!

### Funds Approval

At the October, 2023 meeting, Board members voted to provide \$7,500 to the library in 2024 to support the library collection, technology, and the summer reading, early literature and after school programs. At the Annual meeting RALF also voted another \$1900 to help fund special collections, "Imagination Playground" sets, and the wine and paint program. With a reduction in other funding sources, RALF's contributions are all the more important!

## Upcoming Events

- RALF Meetings – April 9, July 9, October 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Stamp and Snack cardmaking – April 18, 2024
- Artisan Show – June 8, 2024, 9 am – 1 pm, Library (Elementary school if rain)
- Santa Visit and Bake Sale – December 7, 2024, 10 am - noon
- Annual RALF Meeting – January 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm