

# Rio Reader

Rio Area Library Friends

Official Newsletter

January 2021

Rio Area Library Friends (RALF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization – donations are tax deductible

## Annual Meeting - 2020 Highlights-Upcoming Events

### Fundraising

Even though we had to cancel our usual fundraisers and events in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we still were able to add to our funds through generous donations, sales of book bags (still available at the library for \$5 each), sales of used library books (check the carts at the library), and the Amazon Smile program.

### Amazon Smile

With more and more people shopping online, you can help RALF when you order through Amazon. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), choose Rio Area Library Friends, and each time you order from Amazon Smile a donation is made to our organization. There is no cost to you. Since 2016, this program has brought in about \$150.

### Quilt and Artisan Show

Coming this summer (we hope), the Bi-Annual Quilt and Artisan Show, a joint effort of RALF and the Rio Quilt Guild. While all plans are subject to change depending on how the COVID pandemic continues to unfold, we hope to hold this event on August 7, 2021.

**Other Events** We also hope to return to the Rio Farmer's Market this summer and to host our annual Santa Visit in cooperation with many organizations in the Rio community. Assuming COVID cooperates, Santa will be coming on December 4, 2021.

### Volunteers of the Year

**Rhonda Corning** has been named RALF's 2020 "Volunteer of the Year" for her work in helping to design and print the RALF book bags. Her knowledge and skills were invaluable. 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

The next time you visit the library, check out the new message board outside and the new DVD shelves. There are also activity bags to take home and a jigsaw puzzle exchange. Lots to help keep you busy! Regular business hours continue.

### RALF's Officers & Trustees

Serving on the RALF board are: President- Jeanne Traut, VicePres-Sara Mills, Secretary- Deb Wearne-Neurohr, Treasurer- Phyllis Nelson. Trustees are Jill Landsverk, Kim Scott and Beth Scott. Questions? Contact any of these folks.

**Funds Approval** At the annual meeting in January, Board members voted to provide \$3,500 to the library for books, technology, the summer library program, and early lit and afterschool programs. We also approved funding for ½ the cost of a Cricut machine and will be looking at another funding request at our April meeting. From 2011-2020, RALF has funded projects for the library totaling \$42,657!

### Upcoming Events

- RALF Meetings – April 13, July 13, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm,
- Quilt and Artisan Show – August 7, 2021
- Santa Visit and Bake Sale – December 4, 2021, 10 am - noon
- Annual RALF Meeting – January 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm