

# Rio Reader

Rio Area Library Friends

Official Newsletter

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

## 2020 A Year Like None Other

### COVID-19 Leads to Cancellations

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Trivia Night scheduled for April 18, 2020, was to be held at the American Legion Hall this year, but was cancelled due to coronavirus concerns. COVID-19 also led to the decision not to have a summer library lunch program. We did get book bags printed (thanks, Rhonda Corning) and had a booth and sold concessions at the Rio Farmer's Market. We were unable to hold the Quilt and Artisan Show in 2020, but hope to do so in August of 2021. Finally, it looks like we will not be able to host the annual Santa Visit this year. The library staff is working hard to come up with some alternatives such as collecting letters to Santa and getting them mailed and possibly having photos taken by appointment. For more information on this and other changes at the library, be sure to check the Rio Community Library website and Face Book page and the Rio Area Library Friends Face Book page.

### Library Tote Bags

Tote bags with a cute dinosaur logo and the words "Dinosaurs Didn't Read and Now They're Extinct. Coincidence?" are available in red or black at the library. Cost is just \$5.00. Great for yourself or as a gift or gift bag!

### Library Adapts

The library staff has done a great job of making the best of a tough situation. After a time of closure the library re-opened for curbside pick-up and then returned to in-person. They have set up take home brown bag activities for kids and adults and keep developing creative ways to serve our patrons and keep them engaged. Upgrades to the facility include repainting the building sign, refurbishing the book drop, and (soon to come) a new message board outside and new DVD shelves.

### New members sought for RALF Board

We will hold elections for the RALF Board at our annual meeting in January of 2021. Kelly Griffiths will not be running this time (thanks, Kelly for many years of great service!) so we will have at least one vacancy and we're always looking for new members. Please contact the library if you are interested.

### RALF's Officers & Trustees

Serving on the RALF board in 2020 are: President- Jeanne Traut, Vice/Pres-Sara Mills, Secretary- Deb Wearne-Neurohr, Treasurer- Phyllis Nelson. Trustees are Kim Scott, Kelly Griffiths and Beth Scott. Questions? Contact any of these folks.

### Amazon Smile

With holiday shopping time coming up, 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 a donation is made to our organization. There is no cost to you.

### Upcoming Events

- Annual RALF Meeting – January 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- Quilt and Artisan Show – TBA (summer, 2021)