THANK YOU to everyone who helped with, donated to, and participated in this year’s 15th Annual Love YOUR Library Game Night! The event was held on February 16th and though only one team took home the trophy, everyone was a winner. As a community college library, we take the term community to heart. This event was a success in that the interactions were across the board: community members meeting a Student Government Senator, faculty playing across the table from staff, students on teams with faculty, and children having healthy competitions against their parents.

In this digital age with so much screen time, it was refreshing to see so many people enjoying actual board games. And, not only were we asked to do a game night on a regular basis, but the Student Government bought a few games for YOUR Library to catalog and make available to the community. This can be a good way to take a break and de-stress during midterms or anytime. Grab a friend and come by the library to check out Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, chess, checkers, Scattergories, mancala, or even TWISTER!

Another annual program that YOUR Library gets excited about each year is El Dia de los Niños/El Dia de los Libros celebration. We have been collaborating with schools across the community to help instill this love of literacy for 10 years. We have celebrated everywhere from our own Kid’s Campus to the Roots and Wings Community School in San Cristobal. One year, our program reached across schools to enable Taos Pueblo Day School students to interact with Enos Garcia Elementary students through Skype capabilities. We look forward to sharing with you the ways we celebrate children and reading this year. Always keep in mind this library is open to all members of the community and we have children’s books available for checkout.

Looking to the future of libraries beyond these events, there are some key legislative initiatives at the Roundhouse this session. Our local legislators, Rep. Gonzales and Sen. Cisneros, have introduced or sponsored several bills that impact libraries and education, such as: SB 194 School Media Literacy, SB 103 Digital Training and Education, and Senate Memorial 27 for School Library Assessment. SB 264 is for a Rural Library Endowment. And last but not least, SB 280 Capital Outlay Expenditures, sponsored by Senator Carlos Cisneros, includes funding for expanded broadband to public and tribal libraries. The legislative session ends March 16th but you can find the results of these bills that can directly affect all types of libraries at www.nmlegis.gov.
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