

Rio Rancho Public Library

PROGRAM & EVENT

January 2026 - March 2026 **GUIDE**

Feature Events

Keeping Resolutions with Goals that Work

Friday, January 2, 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

The term “resolution” has many definitions, but most refer to “deciding to make a change with determination.” If we’re determined to change, why are only a small number of New Year’s resolutions successful? Madeline Gurney of the NMSU Sandoval County Cooperative Extension will provide techniques, strategies, and steps that resolution keepers can follow to ensure their resolutions are kept.

Police Information Exchange: Active Shooters

Tuesday, January 6, 10:00am - 11:00am
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

The Rio Rancho Police Department joins us for a Public Information Exchange (PIE) discussion – an educational training opportunity provided for the citizens of Rio Rancho. This PIE discussion will share tips on how to react in an active shooter situation.

Growing Roses in the Desert

Tuesday, January 13, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

New Mexico has unique advantages and challenges for roses, even when you’ve successfully grown roses in other states. Master Gardener Kate Shaddock will lead a discussion on the history of roses, basic needs, selection, planting, care and pruning requirements as well as companion planting to support a beautiful and abundant rose garden. Participants will gain knowledge of how to grow roses in our climate.

Local Author Series

Select Saturdays, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - Adults 18+

Hear directly from local authors about their creative process, the stories behind their work, and their journeys through publishing. Enjoy engaging conversations and lively Q&A.

James Stotts

Saturday, January 3, 2026

Janet Walraven

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Suzanne Stauffer

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Steve Bennett

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Glenda Durano

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Cathy Frank

Saturday, March 14, 2026

For more information about each of the authors, please visit our website!

Pet Adoptions

Tuesday, January 13, 11:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday, March 7, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday, March 10, 11:00am - 1:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - All Ages

Come meet your newest potential fur-ever friend! The Rio Rancho Animal Resource Center will be at our library with adorable, adoptable pets just waiting for their forever homes. Your \$100 adoption fee includes:

- ✓ Spay/neuter
- ✓ Rabies vaccination
- ✓ City of Rio Rancho pet license
- ✓ A free follow-up visit to a veterinary professional

Feature Events: Exploring Human Origins

Exploring Human Origins

What Does It Mean To Be Human?

SCAN HERE
to learn more about
the exhibition!



STAYING WARM IN THE AGE OF ICE

Friday, January 9, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - Ages 18+
Join Dr. Sue Ruth for an examination of how early humans processed hides and sewed, creating clothing essential to surviving extreme climate reversals.

THE EVOLUTION OF HUMAN UNIQUENESS

Saturday, January 10, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - Ages 18+
How did humans become a socially complex and cultured species? Join Dr. Sherry Nelson to answer these questions and more using information from fossil records and comparing our ancestral stages.

Feature Events: Route 66 Centennial Celebration

Author Talk with Sondra Diepen

Saturday, January 24, 11:00am - 12:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - Adults 18+

Author and photographer Sondra Diepen is kicking off our Route 66 Centennial Celebration series by taking us on a tour from Texas to Arizona. She'll be sharing highlights from her book, "Route 66 New Mexico: A Visual Tour" exposing the remains of New Mexico's Route 66 including tales of snakes, rustlers, and diners.

Rerouting Route 66

Saturday, March 28, 11:00am - 12:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - Adults 18+

Most of the magic of Route 66 discusses events occurring above the pavement, but Dr. Roger Zimmerman explains the challenges that had to be overcome to lay down the historic highway. From political tensions to geographic complexities, the path to establishing Route 66 was neither straight nor narrow.

Italians' Pathway to Prosperity on Route 66

Saturday, February 28, 11:00am-12:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - Adults 18+

Italian owned theaters, clothes stores, auto shops, and grocery stores shaped the core identity of Central Avenue and the nearby streets. Lynne Franchini Peckinpaugh introduces the families behind the iconic Italian owned businesses that appeared along Albuquerque's Route 66 in the 1900's.



Visit our website to see our full line up of special programs and events for Route 66's Centennial Celebration!

SCAN HERE



Feature Events

FREE online career assistance is available at Rio Rancho Public Library!



Scan the code to access resume help, interview coaching, career assessments, and more!

Visit your local library today!



Workforce Connections Community Career Fair

Thursday, January 15, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - Adults 18+

Ready to explore new career possibilities? Workforce Connections of Central New Mexico is bringing a hiring event to the library! Connect directly with recruiters and staff who are eager to fill open positions. Bring along your resume and learn more about positions available through this community-wide employment event.

Puzzle Competition

Saturday, January 31, 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Ages 9+

Six teams will compete to see who can put together a puzzle the fastest! Each team will have the same puzzle and 90 minutes to build. The team who correctly assembles the most puzzle pieces in the shortest amount of time will win a prize! Attendance is limited to 18.

Paint by Number for Adults

Friday, January 23, 1:00pm - 3:30pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

Join us for a relaxing time painting by number and socializing. Attendees will leave with a beautiful painting - great to have for yourself or to use as a gift! This month's design features a snowy cabin scene. All supplies are provided. Attendance is limited to 15 kits.

Traumatic Grief Workshop

Saturday, January 24, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

Grief is a challenging process to experience. The Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) will provide a two-hour grief workshop that will help survivors of a traumatic loss with their reactions to these powerful emotions, provide techniques for how to cope, and promote resilience. The OMI serves the people of New Mexico during times of loss by providing guidance through necessary procedures with empathy, understanding, and grief support.

Terry Burns Jazz Trio: Live at the Library!

Saturday, January 24, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - All Ages

Bassist Terry Burns, pianist John Funkhouser, and drummer Arnoldo Acosta are performing at the Loma Colorado Library to celebrate their second collaborative album, "Artrio-two"! These talented artists have played around the world and with stars including Freddie Hubbard and Al Di Meola. Enjoy the trio's original, refreshing jazz compositions!



Scan here for the most up-to-date program information or visit rrnm.gov/library/calendar



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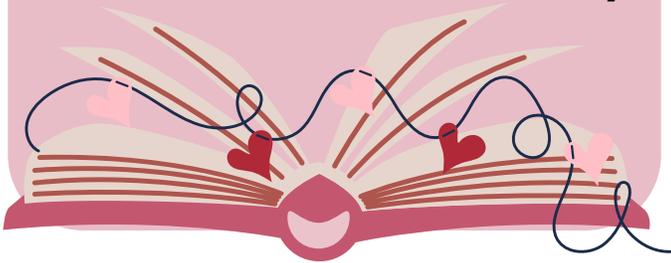
Twice Read Tales Bookstore

BOOK SALE

**February 6th & 7th
from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Shop thousands of used books,
DVD's, CD's, and other items!

Loma Colorado Main Library



Home Buying Tips

Saturday, February 7, 10:00am - 11:00am
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

Are you interested in becoming a new or first-time homeowner? Homewise is a nonprofit that has helped thousands of New Mexicans become successful homeowners. A representative from Homewise is joining us to share Homebuyer Education, including financial tips, to help you prepare for buying a home.

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Reports™

Trusted product reviews and shopping tips are available at any library location or at home using your library card!

rrnm.gov/library/OnlineResources

All Seasons Holiday Decor Swap

Saturday, February 7, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - All Ages

Out with the old, in with the "new"! Our All Holidays Decoration Swap allows the season of sustainable giving to last all year. Bring your gently used holiday decorations from any season and trade them for something new-to-you. It's a fun and eco-friendly way to refresh your festive décor. Stop by and swap!

Goodwill Community Career Fair

Thursday, February 19, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - Adults 18+

Thinking about a new job or career move? Goodwill is partnering with the library to host a hiring event! Connect directly with employers and Goodwill staff eager to meet potential candidates. Don't forget your resume and take advantage of this chance to discover a variety of job opportunities in one place.

Wonders on Wheels: New Mexico Rocks!

Saturday, February 28, 9:00am - 12:00pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - All Ages

The Wonders on Wheels Mobile Museum is joining us at the Esther Bone Memorial Library with the exhibition New Mexico Rocks! Tour the inside of their RV exhibition, showcasing the New Mexico landscape all around us - from mountains to mesas to volcanos and rivers. The landscapes of these regions are time capsules that share the history of our state, from hundreds of millions of years ago to today. This exhibit is brought to us by the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science!

Esther Bone Memorial Library
950 Pinetree Road SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
(505) 891-5012

Loma Colorado Main Library
755 Loma Colorado Blvd NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
(505) 891-5013

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills
7845 Enchanted Hills Blvd NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87144
(505) 891-5008

Feature Events

In Celebration of Historic New Mexico Women

Saturday, March 7, 10:00am - 11:00am
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

March is Women's History Month! Dr. Sylvia Ramos Cruz is joining us to highlight some of the women honored by the Historic New Mexico Women Road Markers Program. These women helped found, grow, enrich and preserve this state. Hear from Dr. Ramos Cruz's work and learn more about the Historic New Mexico Women Road Markers Program.

Navigating Benefits for Older Adults

Friday, March 20, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

Angela from the New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department will be presenting about a variety of benefits available to older adults in our community. Attendees will become familiar with the Aging and Disability Resource Center, a collection of services available throughout our state, as well as New Mexico SHIP, an unbiased program to help advocate for and navigate the process of Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

Bingo!

Monday, March 30, 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Loma Colorado Main Library - All Ages

Get ready for some fun-filled Bingo at the library! We're hosting an afternoon of classic bingo, where participants of all ages can try their luck, play together, and win fantastic prizes. Enjoy some friendly competition and chances to win!

From Observation To Action: A Residential Conservation Series

Select Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

The Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a three-part series bringing together landscape design and conservation experts to support you in establishing and caring for a biodiverse, wildlife-friendly, and drought tolerant landscape.

Keeping Garden Records

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Irrigation Planning

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Plant and Animal Relationships

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Sandia Mountain Dulcimers Concert

Saturday, March 28, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Esther Bone Memorial Library - Adults 18+

Sandia Mountain Dulcimers is a group of enthusiasts of all skill levels that have a passion for dulcimers. Led by Irma Reeder, their mission is to promote and preserve this versatile instrument which is largely unfamiliar in the Southwest. Come enjoy traditional music that meets contemporary! Attendance is limited by available space.



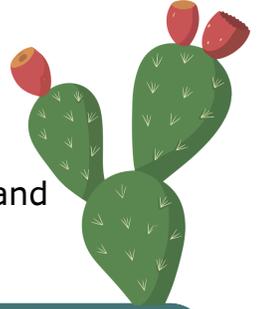
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Garden Expo 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026 | 10:00am - 1:00pm

LOMA COLORADO MAIN LIBRARY



Spring is here, and so is the 5th Annual Garden Expo! We're celebrating New Mexican habitats and landscapes with a variety of gardening lectures by experts in local plants, foraging, and pollinators. We'll also be building bee baths and making wind chimes, hosting a plant swap, exotic animals, and professionals from the gardening community.



Schedule of Presentations

Pollinate Your Garden | 10:00am - 10:45am

presented by Bethany Abrahamson of the
NMSU Sandoval County Extension Office

Porcini Mushrooms, Wines, and Cheeses | 10:45am - 11:30am

presented by local author David Menicucci

Backyard Bird Protection | 11:30am - 12:15pm

presented by Mikal Deese from On A Wing and A Prayer
wild bird rehabilitation facility

Native Plants | 12:15pm - 1:00pm

presented by Sharon Walsh of the
Sandoval County Master Gardeners

**Let's grow
together!**



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Adults

Interest Groups

Gardening with the Masters

Fourth Monday of Every Month,
6:45pm - 7:45pm

Loma Colorado Main Library

Knit Clique

Tuesdays, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 16+

American Mahjong for All Levels

Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library

Creative Writing for Adults

Third Wednesday of Every Month,
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library

Scrapbooking/Card Making Group

First Thursday of Every Month,
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Esther Bone Memorial Library

Tai Chi

Every Thursday, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library



Led by an experienced instructor from Body&Brain Tai Chi studio, this class focuses on slow, mindful movements to improve balance, flexibility, and inner calm. Wear comfortable clothing!

Mindfulness Art

Last Friday of Every Month,
4:00pm - 6:00pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills

Book Clubs

Esther Bone Memorial Library Book Club

Last Tuesday of Every Month,
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Esther Bone Memorial Library

Literary Musings

Second Wednesday of Every Month,
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library

Shine & Unwind Diamond Art

Third Friday of Every Month, 4:30pm -
5:30pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills



Discover the joy of diamond painting!
Library kits are available to complete
during the program, or you're welcome to
bring your kits from home.

Mental Health Matters: Journaling Together

Second Friday of Every Month,
5:00pm - 6:00pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills

D&D for Adults

First and Third Saturday of Every Month,
1:30pm - 4:00pm

Esther Bone— CAMPAIGN IS FULL

Sandoval County Genealogical Society

First Saturday of Every Month,
10:00am - 1:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library

Saturday Crafternoons

Second Saturday of Every Month,
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library



Each month will feature a different project
with materials and instructions provided.

Enchanted Hills Book Club

Third Saturday of Every Month,
4:00pm - 5:00pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills

The New Romantics Book Club

Second Saturday of Every Month,
1:30pm - 2:30pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills



All lovers of romance, spice, and
everything in between are invited! Bring
any book that aligns with the monthly
theme, share your favorite heart-thumping
moments with other romance readers, and
discover new titles.

Adults

Support Groups

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

First Wednesday of Every Month,
9:30am - 11:00am

Loma Colorado Main Library

Third Saturday of Every Month,
9:30am - 11:00am

Esther Bone Memorial Library

Caregiver Support Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of Every
Month, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Esther Bone Memorial Library

Miscarriage Support Group

Second Thursday of Every Month,
5:30pm - 6:30pm

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AARP Tax Aide

By appointment only

Loma Colorado Main Library

Volunteers from AARP Tax Preparation will be offering appointments beginning January 2026. Appointments are limited. For more information, visit www.aarp.org/taxaide

SCHC: Assistance Programs

Last Monday of Every Month,
3:00pm - 5:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library

The Sandoval County Health Commons (SCHC) helps individuals access healthcare and social service programs.

Memory Screening

Every Tuesday, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library

Alzheimer's Foundation of America offers 15-20 minute memory screenings.

Digital Toolbox

Third Monday of Every Month,
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library



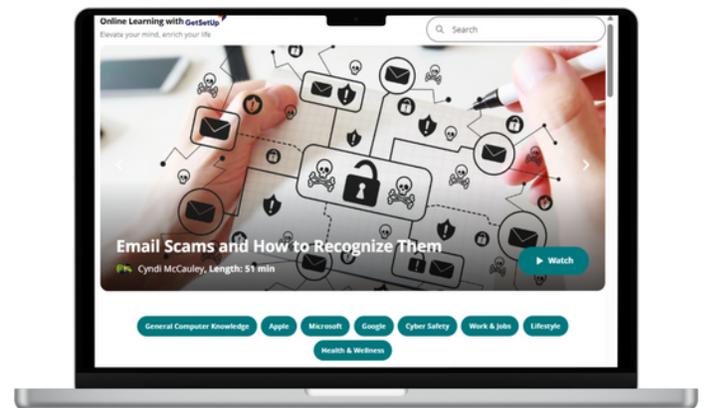
Learn to use our library apps and navigate our databases, explore websites like Canva and ChatGPT, and get an introduction to Google Workspace. We'll cover computer basics by answering your questions and sharing knowledge in a group conversation setting. Please bring your own device to practice with.

Basic Tech 1:1

Every Wednesday, 10:00am - 11:00am

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills

Call (505)891-5008 to schedule a one-on-one session to learn beginner tech skills.



Try a **FREE** online class today!

Topics include technology, general computer knowledge, cyber security, and more.

GetSetUp  rrnm.gov/library/getsetup



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Tweens & Teens

Focus & Fun Afterschool at the Library

Mondays through Thursdays, 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Fridays, 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 11-18

Tweens and teens are invited to get help with school assignments, play video games, enjoy daily self-guided crafts, library programs, and more.

Mario Monday

Mondays, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 8-18

It's time to get your game on with Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros at the library!

Teen Creative Writing Group

First Wednesday of Every Month,
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 13-18

Love to write? Spark creativity, explore new writing styles, and connect with other teen writers.

Homeschool Hangout for Teens

Second Wednesday of Every Month,
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Esther Bone Memorial Library—Ages 13-18

Spend time with other homeschooled teens, eat snacks, and enjoy a different activity each month.

Teen Advisory Group

Third Wednesday of Every Month,
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 13-18

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is always looking for teenagers in our community who want to share their creativity, insight, and love for the library to help shape library services for teens.

D&D: The Chains That Bind

First, Second, and Fourth Saturday of
Every Month, 3:00pm - 5:30pm

The HUB—Ages 16+—CAMPAIGN IS FULL

Game Design & Animation with iExplora!

Select Tuesdays, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills—Ages 8-18

Explora educators are bringing innovative and experiential activities to our library!

Makey Makey Music

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Movie Magic

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Stop Motion Animation

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Chess Clubs

Second Wednesday of Every Month,
4:30pm - 5:30pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills—Ages 8+

Fourth Wednesday of Every Month,
4:30pm - 5:30pm

Esther Bone Memorial Library—Ages 8-18

Teen Chill Zone

Third Friday of Every Month,
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 13-18

Unwind at Chill Zone with Chip, the friendly therapy dog!

Young Adult Book Club

Fourth Wednesday of Every Month,
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 12-18

Visit our online calendar for book selections.

Battle of the Books

First and Third Tuesday of Every Month,
5:30pm - 6:30pm

*Esther Bone Memorial Library—4th - 8th
Graders*

Readers will read at least 10 books from the Battle of the Books list and share all school year long. At the end of the year, our team will compete with other New Mexico teams.

Children and Families

Spring Break 2026!

We're excited to announce "Spring Through Time" as our theme for Spring Break 2026! All three library locations will host special, no-cost events for children, tweens, teens, and families beginning **March 30, 2026, through April 4, 2026.**



Terrific Tuesday

Tuesdays, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 6-18

Every week there's a new creative adventure at Terrific Tuesday! Each activity takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

Curious Crafters

Second and Fourth Thursday of Every Month, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills—Ages 6-13

Young creators explore art, science, and imagination through exciting DIY projects. Each activity takes approximately 15 - 20 minutes to complete.

Storytimes & Jiggle & Jam

Bumblebee Bounce Storytime

Wednesdays, 9:30am - 10:00am

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 0-2

Budding Bookworms Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30am - 11:00am

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 3-5

Little Learners Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30am - 11:00am

Esther Bone Memorial Library—Ages 0-5

Saturday Morning Storytime

Saturdays, 10:00am - 10:30am

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills—Ages 0-5

Jiggle & Jam

Tuesdays, 10:30am - 11:30am

Loma Colorado Main Library—Ages 0-5

Fridays, 10:30am - 11:00am

Esther Bone Memorial Library—Ages 0-5

Read to the Dogs

Second and Third Saturday of Every Month, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Loma Colorado Main Library

Third Wednesday of Every Month, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Esther Bone Memorial Library

Volunteer therapy dogs come to the library so families can practice reading skills.

LEGO Club @ The HUB

First, Third, and Fifth Thursday of Every Month, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

The HUB @ Enchanted Hills—Ages 6-11

LEGO Club supports innovative thinking, problem solving, and, of course, fun!



Scan here for the most up-to-date program information or visit rrnm.gov/library/calendar



Holiday Closures

Libraries Closed for New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026

All library branches will be closed. Regular business hours resume on Friday, January 2, 2026.

Libraries Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 19, 2026

All library branches will be closed. Regular business hours resume on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.



Rio Rancho Public Library Seed Library!

Our Rio Rancho Public Library Seed Library offers a selection of seasonal flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables for you to take home and plant!

Library users are welcome to 15 packets per calendar year. **Here's how it works:**

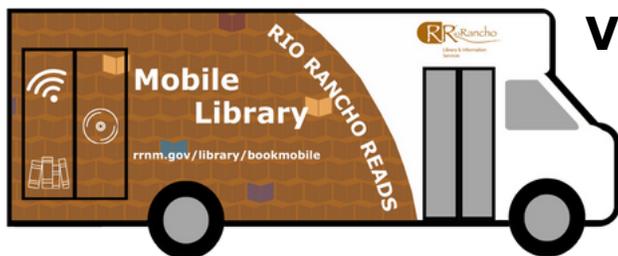
- 1) Visit any of our three library locations.
- 2) Browse the Seed Catalog binders to see what we have available.
- 3) Fill out your personal sign out sheet with the seeds you'd like to take home.
- 4) See a librarian to receive your seeds!



DID YOU KNOW?

Gardening tools are available to borrow from the Library of Things!

rrnm.gov/library/things



VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE

at our regularly scheduled stops

SCAN HERE FOR THE SCHEDULE!



rrnm.gov/library/bookmobile
