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Sunday, 6/7 Art workshop with Neebin Southall (*Chippewas of Rama First Nation*)

Sunday, 7/5 Recycled t-shirt printing with Jacob Meders (*Mechoopda/Maidu*)
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Wednesday, 6/10 Embroidery

Wednesday, 6/17 Clay

Wednesday, 6/24 Printing

Las actividades de arte serán de 10am a 2pm

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Miércoles, 10 de junio Bordado

Miércoles, 17 de junio Arcilla

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Miércoles 1 de julio Día de apreciación del barro

Domingo 2 de agosto Arte con plantas

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Sunday, 7/12 Pump Drills

Sunday, 7/19 Printmaking

Sunday, 7/26 Air Dry Clay

Las actividades de arte serán de 10am a 2pm

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Domingo, 12 de julio Taladros manuales

Domingo, 19 de julio Impresión

Domingo, 26 de julio Arcilla de secado al aire



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Q&A

ON THE COVER:

Meghan Montelibano-Gorman and her two kiddos, Charlie (4) and Max (2) Gorman. Photo by Kitty Leaken

What is your name and how old are you?

Charlie Gorman, 4
Max Gorman, 2

What school do you go to (or what grade are you in)?

Charlie: I am in Pre-K

What do you like to do for fun?

Charlie: Play, eat ice cream, and petting my dogs

What is your favorite thing to do outside?

Charlie: Play baseball

If you could go anywhere in New Mexico for a day, where would you go? What would you do there?

Charlie: My cabin (in Pecos)

What is your favorite food or snack?

Charlie: My night snack (cheese, apples, and High Desert Honey), and popcorn

Do you have a favorite animal? Why do you like it?

Charlie: Cheetahs are my favorite because they are really fast

What is something you’re really good at?

Charlie: Cleaning up and building things

What is something new you want to learn this year?

Charlie: To learn how to write my name and about dinosaurs

Who do you love spending time with the most? What do you like to do together?

Charlie: All my friends and my brother Max. We like to play on the purple play structure at school



Photo by Kitty Leaken.

What makes you laugh the most?

Charlie: Penguins (at the zoo) and my brother is really silly

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

Charlie: T-Rex and raptor powers

If you had a whole day to play, what would your perfect day look like?

Charlie: I want it to be Halloween all day and to stay home

Is there anything else you want people to know about you?

Charlie: I want people to play with me

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WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAY

What are your summer plans with your family this year?

"Trying out new restaurants around town" - Jessica

"Probably spending some time at a beach this year" - TJ

"Roadtrips and camping!!" - Kate

"Just hanging out, eating ice cream and swimming" - Paula

The Conversation I Didn't Expect

JEN PAUL SCHROER

There are moments in parenting that feel ordinary—routine even—until they aren't

It was a typical school morning. I was driving my kids, Ryker (8) and Aviva (6), to school. They were in the backseat, deep in conversation, giggling and reciting lines from *Mario Galaxy*—their current obsession. Their laughter filled the car, the kind that makes you pause and think, This is what childhood is supposed to sound like.

Then the tone shifted.

Ryker asked Aviva about a character from a different show. I didn't recognize it, but more than that, something about the way he asked caught my attention. It was subtle—just enough to register as different. When Aviva couldn't remember what he was talking about, Ryker quickly said, "Never mind."

And that should have been the end of it. But it wasn't.

There's a voice we all experience—especially as parents—some call it the Holy Spirit, instinct, or simply your gut. Sometimes it's loud. Sometimes it's barely there. That morning, it was persistent, and I'm grateful I listened.

I asked a few more questions.

Ryker told me it was from a show on Netflix. I remember the immediate wave of relief. I thought, Ok. Netflix. That's safe. That's curated. That's "kids." But that voice didn't go away.

So I kept asking.

Then he said it had "a bunch of people dancing naked."

WHAT.

I took a breath. A deep one. Said a quick prayer. And asked, carefully, "Was it a cartoon?"

"Yes."

Trying to stay steady, I asked if it was on Netflix Kids.

"Yes."



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And then Aviva chimed in, matter-of-factly: “Oh yeah—and that girl that wants to be a boy.”

I paused.

We were pulling into the school parking lot. There wasn’t time to unpack what I was hearing—not in a way that was thoughtful or appropriate. So I did the only thing I could think to do in that moment.

I told them, calmly, that there are things on Netflix and YouTube that are not appropriate for kids their age and are not good for our eyes and minds. That we need to be careful about what we watch. I told them we would talk more after school—and that no one was in trouble.

The car doors closed. They skipped into school like nothing had happened. And I sat there.

Did I respond right? Should I have said something different?

Then I picked up my phone and called my husband, Justin. I told him everything. He said he’d check the viewing history.

In that moment, underneath the initial shock, there was something else—I was grateful. Grateful that my kids were talking. Grateful that they were honest. That trust and love had created space for hard conversations and real processing. Grateful that whatever this was, it hadn’t been hidden from me and that we would navigate it together.

But as I drove home, that gratitude sat alongside something heavier: A sense that I had failed to protect my children.

We all know there’s junk out there. We all know we need to be careful. We tell ourselves that if we use the “kids” settings, if we monitor occasionally, if we’re generally aware, then we’re doing enough.

But that morning exposed something uncomfortable: I wasn’t as in control as I thought I was. And I don’t think I’m alone in that.

Across the country—and here in New Mexico—parents are navigating a completely different landscape than the one we grew up in. The threats are not just “out there” anymore. They are embedded in the very platforms we allow into our homes.

In March 2026, a Santa Fe jury awarded \$375 million in damages in a landmark case against Meta, tied to child exploitation and platform negligence. It was a powerful acknowledgment of what many parents already feel: The systems designed to connect us are not always designed to protect our children.

At the same time, renewed scrutiny around Jeffrey Epstein and his New Mexico connections has reminded us that exploitation is not hypothetical. It is real. It is organized. And it often hides in plain sight, masked by trust, influence, or even entertainment.

Each generation faces new parenting challenges. But this one feels different. Because the access is immediate. And it’s everywhere.

My kids are still young. But they already ask for smartphones. They want to watch videos on my phone. They want access. They want what they see older kids—and adults—have. And we resist. Often. At dinner. In the car. At home.

But I know the day is coming when we will hand them their first phone. And if I’m honest, it feels more intimidating than handing them car keys. Because a car has rules. It has boundaries. It has visible risks.

A smartphone? That’s direct access to my children—their minds, their world, and everything that shapes—or could exploit—their.

Predators don’t have to be in the same room, the same school, or even the same state. They can enter our homes—our children’s bedrooms—through a screen. If I struggled to catch something inappropriate on a “kids” streaming platform, how am I supposed to navigate social media? Online gaming? Messaging apps? Platforms I don’t even know exist or have not been invented yet? And then there is AI.

And the truth is, I don’t feel prepared. Not to monitor it all. Not to explain it all. Not to protect against all of it. And I know, I cannot protect them from all of it. That’s a hard thing to admit as a parent.

What surprised me most wasn’t just what my kids saw. It was how quickly it surfaced, and how easily it could have been missed.

If I hadn’t asked one more question...

If I had ignored that small voice...

I wouldn’t have known. And that’s what stays with me. Because how many other moments have I missed? How many things have they seen, heard, or internalized that I don’t know about?

That realization brings a mix of emotions—fear, frustration, anger. I am angry that something marketed as “safe” introduced content that my 6- and 8-year-old were not ready to process. I am frustrated that the burden falls so heavily on parents to filter, monitor, and decode an ever-changing digital world.

And yes, I felt guilt. But sitting in that, I’ve started to see something else:

Maybe this wasn’t just a failure. Maybe it was a warning. A moment to wake up—not in panic, but in purpose.

After that morning, I started looking for resources. What I found was... not enough. Especially at the local level. There are some national tools worth exploring:

- **Common Sense Media** Reviews, age-based content guidance, and digital citizenship resources
- **NetSmartz** Safety videos and training for kids and parents
- **Bark** AI-powered monitoring for texts, apps, and platforms
- **Family Online Safety Institute** Research and tools for digital parenting

In New Mexico, there are emerging efforts through schools and law enforcement, but there is a clear gap in accessible, proactive training for families. And that’s a problem.

Because digital safety today is as essential as any other form of education we provide our kids. It is directly connected to conversations about identity, boundaries, relationships, and yes—even sex education.

Topics like:

- Sharing nude images
- Online grooming
- Peer pressure through digital platforms
- Exposure to adult content

These are not “later” conversations anymore. They are *now* conversations.

I wish I could say I handled that moment perfectly. I didn’t. I reacted in real time, doing the best I could with the information I had. And

maybe that’s what parenting in this era looks like.

Not perfection. But presence. Listening to that voice. Asking one more question. Creating trusted space for loving conversation, even when it’s uncomfortable. Protecting innocence where we can. And preparing our kids for the world we know they will face.

I’m still angry that their innocence was disrupted by something as trivial, and preventable, as a cartoon on a kids platform. But I’m also grateful. It forced me to pay attention, to lean in, and to start conversations I might have otherwise delayed. It reminded me that this is not a passive role—it’s active, it’s evolving, and it requires all of us to step up, not just as parents, but as a community.

Because if we don’t teach our kids how to navigate this world, the world will teach them instead. And that is a lesson I’m not willing to leave to chance.

Editor’s Note: We have contacted Netflix to request that this program be reviewed and removed from the Netflix Kids category.

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TRADITIONS

Reflecting on 250 years of independence and our place within it



NEW MEXICO
SPIRIT
1776 + 2026

DANIEL ZILLMAN

Two hundred fifty years after the Declaration of Independence, New Mexico takes its place in the nation's commemoration. For many here, identity begins not with 1776 but with the land, with community, and with a history that stretches far beyond a single moment. At the same time, New Mexico is firmly part of the United States, contributing depth, nuance, and perspective to the larger American story.

Across centuries, cultures have met, blended, and endured, Indigenous, Hispanic, Caucasian, African American, and many other communities have shaped a state defined by resilience, continuity, and a profound sense of place. Languages, traditions, and lived experiences layer together, creating a cultural landscape that is distinct and deeply rooted.

This anniversary offers an opportunity to reflect—on where we have been, where we are today, and where we are headed. It invites acknowledgment of our complex history and recognition of the strength found in our shared experiences.

The national Semiquincentennial, known as America 250, encourages each state to consider its history within the broader narrative of the nation. New Mexico's story predates statehood and the American Revolution by centuries. These

lands have long been the homelands of Indigenous peoples, with established systems of governance, culture, and community.

Before joining the United States, New Mexico lived under Spanish and later Mexican rule. Its people navigated tribute, taxation, and centralized authority imposed from afar. These dynamics unfolded even as the thirteen colonies pursued independence from similar external control. New Mexico's history reflects centuries of movement, exchange, and cultural evolution that continue to shape its identity.

Recognizing the importance of this perspective, the New Mexico Legislature created the state's Semiquincentennial Commission, now known as New Mexico Spirit. Its mission is to ensure New Mexico's story is represented in this national milestone on its own terms and through its own lens.

To guide this work, the Commission established five core themes:

- Identity and cultural heritage
- Innovation and ingenuity
- Service and sacrifice
- Land, people, and community
- Opportunity and the future

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These themes provide structure while reflecting the lived realities of communities across the state.

**EXPANDING ACCESS
ACROSS COMMUNITIES**

A central focus of New Mexico Spirit is accessibility. Instead of concentrating activity in a single location or format, the Commission is expanding resources that can be used statewide.

Educational materials are available on an opt-in basis for schools, libraries, museums, and community organizations, allowing each to participate in ways that align with their programs and audiences. One featured activity, Introduction to the Declaration of Independence, invites participants to examine key passages and reflect on how its ideas connect or contrast with New Mexico’s own historic experience. Designed for flexibility, these resources support engagement across diverse communities.

The distributed model ensures meaningful participation in both urban and rural areas..

The Elevate 1776 program reflects a practical understanding of how New Mexico communities connect. Through this program, the state supports both

existing events and newly created ones. Fairs, festivals, exhibits, and local programs receive resources to incorporate New Mexico’s history into their programming in ways aligned with the Commission’s themes.

This approach strengthens what already works while creating space for new ideas and community-driven events to grow.

As part of the national effort, New Mexico will contribute to a time capsule initiative led by America 250, an archival snapshot of life in the United States at 250 years. Every state and territory is submitting items that reflect its identity and lived experience.

The work of New Mexico Spirit reflects that mindset. It is structured, collaborative, and focused on creating opportunities for thoughtful engagement.

Ultimately, there is pride in this effort because it reflects New Mexico’s voice, its communities, and the strength of its identity.

New Mexico’s contribution will honor the people, cultures, and stories that define it today. Placed alongside contributions from across the nation, these items will help tell a broader,

richer American story, one that is shaped by many voices and places. This effort underscores a timeless truth: History is not static. It is continually shaped by the choices and experiences of the present.

New Mexico Spirit also supports the Literary Spotlight Blog, curated by State Historian Rob Martinez. The platform highlights local authors whose work explores New Mexico’s history, identity, and cultural landscape. These narratives deepen understanding, challenge assumptions, and enrich the larger conversation about New Mexico’s place in the American story.

Promoting related events is a priority. The Commission has created a statewide Semiquincentennial event calendar highlighting activities across New Mexico. The public is invited to submit events for consideration, helping ensure the calendar reflects the full range of community engagement—from events like the Common Ground Gathering, Raices y Ritmos, the Big Bang STEM Expo, and many others, to local programs that honor New Mexico’s history, culture, and identity. The calendar serves as both a resource and a connection point, making it easier for residents and visitors to participate statewide.

New Mexico will also participate in the Great American State Fair, held June 25 through July 10, 2026, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

This effort is being developed in partnership with Tourism Santa Fe, Visit Albuquerque, Visit Las Cruces, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, the New Mexico Tourism Department, and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, with additional partners continuing to join. The pavilion will present New Mexico as it truly is—an intersection of cultures, history, landscape, and creativity. It will serve both as a representation and an invitation.

New Mexico’s approach to the 250th anniversary is intentional and grounded. It is not driven by spectacle but by a commitment to representing the state authentically and meaningfully.

Explore the projects at NewMexicoSpirit.org

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TRADITIONS

Espíritu de Nuevo México conmemora los 250 años de la independencia de Estados Unidos y nuestro lugar en ella



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Doscientos cincuenta años después de la Declaración de Independencia, Nuevo México toma su lugar en la conmemoración. Para muchos aquí, la identidad empieza no con el año 1776 sino con la tierra, con la comunidad y con una historia que va más allá de un momento. Al mismo tiempo, Nuevo México es categóricamente parte de Estados Unidos y contribuye profundidad, matiz y perspectiva a la larga historia del país.

A través de los siglos, culturas se han encontrado, mezclado y perdurado; indios, hispanos, anglosajones, afroamericanos y muchas otras comunidades han formado un estado que se define por su resiliencia, continuidad y un profundo sentido de lugar. Lenguajes, tradiciones y experiencias de vida se acoplan y crean un paisaje cultural que es distinto y profundamente arraigado.

Este aniversario ofrece una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre donde hemos estado, donde estamos hoy y hacia dónde nos dirigimos. Invita al reconocimiento de nuestra compleja historia y al reconocimiento de la fortaleza que se encuentra en las experiencias que compartimos.

El aniversario nacional, conocido como “América 250”, invita a cada estado a considerar su propia historia dentro de la narrativa más amplia de la nación. La historia de Nuevo México precede por siglos su categoría de estado y la Revolución Americana. Estas tierras han sido patria para poblaciones indígenas

con sistemas de gobierno, cultura y comunidad establecidos.

Antes de unirse a Estados Unidos, Nuevo México vivió bajo el dominio de los españoles y después, de México. Su gente navegó sistemas de tributación y una autoridad centralizada impuestos desde lejos. Estas dinámicas se desplegaron aún cuando las trece colonias intentaban independizarse de un control externo similar. La historia de Nuevo México refleja siglos de movimiento, intercambio y evolución cultural que sigue a formar su identidad.

En reconocimiento de la importancia de esta perspectiva, los legisladores de Nuevo México crearon una comisión para celebrar este aniversario, con el nombre de Espíritu de Nuevo México. Su misión es asegurar que en este hito nacional la historia del estado se representa en sus propios términos y a través de sus propios lentes.

Para guiar su trabajo, la Comisión estableció cinco temas principales:

- Herencia cultural e identidad
- Innovación e inventiva
- Servicio y sacrificio
- Tierra, gente y comunidad
- Oportunidad y futuro

Estos temas ofrecen estructura mientras reflejan la realidad vivida por las diferentes comunidades en todo el estado.



**AMPLIAR ACCESO
ENTRE COMUNIDADES**

Un enfoque principal de Espíritu de Nuevo México es la accesibilidad. En lugar de concentrar la actividad en un lugar o formato, la Comisión busca expandir recursos que puedan usarse por todo el estado.

Escuelas, bibliotecas, museos y organizaciones comunitarias pueden optar por diferentes materiales educativos disponibles, lo cual permite que participen en formas que puedan alinearse con sus programas y audiencias. La actividad Introducción a la Declaración de Independencia, invita a los participantes a examinar pasajes clave del documento y reflexionar en cómo sus ideas conectan o contrastan con la experiencia histórica propia de Nuevo México. Diseñados para ofrecer flexibilidad, estos recursos apoyan la participación a través de comunidades diversas.

El modelo distribuido asegura una participación significativa tanto en las áreas urbanas como en las rurales.

El programa Elevar 1776 refleja un entendimiento práctico de la forma en que las comunidades de Nuevo México se conectan. Por medio de este programa, el estado apoya los eventos existentes y nuevos. Ferias, festivales, exposiciones y

programas locales reciben recursos para incorporar la historia de Nuevo México en su programación de manera que se ajusten con los temas de la Comisión.

Este enfoque refuerza lo que ya está en funcionamiento mientras hace espacio para que nuevas ideas y eventos liderados por la comunidad se desarrollen.

Como parte del esfuerzo nacional, Nuevo México contribuirá a la iniciativa de una cápsula de tiempo encabezada por America 250, una panorámica de archivo de la vida en Estados Unidos en sus 250 años. Cada estado y territorio presenta artículos que reflejan su identidad y experiencia.

El trabajo de Espíritu de Nuevo México refleja esa mentalidad. Es estructurado, colaborativo y enfocado en crear oportunidades para seria participación.

En el fondo, hay orgullo en este esfuerzo porque refleja la voz de Nuevo México, sus comunidades y la solidez de su identidad.

La contribución de Nuevo México hará honor a la gente, cultura e historias que lo definen hoy en día. Junto con contribuciones de toda la nación, estos artículos contribuirán a contar una historia estadounidense más amplia y rica, formada por muchas voces y

lugares. Este esfuerzo destaca una verdad imperecedera: la historia no es estática. Se va formando continuamente por las decisiones y experiencias del presente.

Espíritu de Nuevo México también apoya el blog Literary Spotlight, comisariado por el historiador estatal, Rob Martinez. La plataforma destaca a autores locales cuya obra explora la historia, identidad y el panorama cultural de Nuevo México. Estas narrativas profundizan el entendimiento, cuestionan suposiciones y enriquecen una conversación más amplia sobre el lugar de Nuevo México en la historia estadounidense.

Fomentar eventos relacionados es una prioridad. La Comisión ha creado un calendario de eventos de los 250 años para todo el estado que destaca las actividades por todo Nuevo México. El público está invitado a presentar eventos para consideración, de manera que se asegure que el calendario refleja la amplia gama de participación comunitaria —eventos desde Common Ground Gathering, Raíces y Ritmos, la exhibición STEM del Big Bang y muchos más, hasta programas locales que honran la historia, cultura e identidad de Nuevo México. El calendario sirve como un servicio y un punto de conexión, al facilitar a los residentes y visitantes su participación a nivel estatal.

Nuevo México también participará en la Gran feria estatal estadounidense que se llevará a cabo del 25 de junio al 10 de julio del 2026 en el National Mall en Washington, D.C.

Todo esto se desarrolla en colaboración con Turismo Santa Fe, Visite Albuquerque, Visite Las Cruces, el Departamento de asuntos culturales de Nuevo México, el Departamento de turismo de Nuevo México, el Departamento de agricultura de Nuevo México y otros que siguen uniéndose a este esfuerzo. El pabellón presentará el verdadero Nuevo México — una intersección de culturas, historia, paisaje y creatividad. Servirá tanto como representación e invitación.

El enfoque de Nuevo México al aniversario 250 de la nación es intencional y fundamentado. No está motivado por el espectáculo sino por el compromiso de representar al estado auténtica y significativamente.

Vea más información en: [www. NewMexicoSpirit.org](http://www.NewMexicoSpirit.org)

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Courtesy photo: All my boys traveling together.

It's Bananas: *Learning Patience, Love, and Letting Go*

FOSTER MOMMA KIKI

Foster Momma Kiki shares her journey as a foster parent and all that comes with caring for children who have experienced more than most of us ever will.

/Re-un-i-fi-ca-tion/ noun

The process of returning a child in foster care to their biological parents when it is safe and healthy. It is the primary goal of the foster care system and a testament to a parent's hard work and resilience.

/Grief/ noun

The deep sorrow caused by someone's departure or loss. In foster care,

grief and joy often live in the same house, especially when a child we love prepares to move on to their next chapter.

These aren't just words in a dictionary anymore. They are words that now live in our home—at our dinner table, in quiet moments after bedtime, and in the in-between spaces where emotions don't always make sense. Reunification and grief—two things that don't seem

like they should belong together—yet somehow, they do.

For those following my journey, you know that my family is a beautiful, sometimes “bananas” mix of adoption, guardianship, respite care, and fostering. Up until this point, our home has not gone through preparing for reunification for any of the children in our care. This season is what I've come to understand as being the bridge.

For nearly a year, we have had a little boy in our care who has become part of our daily rhythm. We've watched him grow from a tiny, timid toddler into a curious, thriving child. We celebrated his fourth birthday, taught

him to speak clearly, potty trained, showed him how to ride a bike, and so much more.

But when he first arrived, he was different. He was quiet in a way that felt heavier than shyness. He would talk to his hands as if they were a friend, having full conversations with them. It didn't take long for us to realize that this likely came from spending too much time alone.

Over time, as he began to feel safe, that behavior slowly faded. He started speaking directly to us, laughing with our boys, and engaging in playtime instead of retreating inward. Those small, beautiful shifts felt like



Courtesy photo: Vacation with foster cousins at NASA.



Courtesy photo: Foster care requires alone time and space.

milestones—proof that connection, consistency, and love were doing exactly what they are meant to do. Recently, as reunification has become more real, we’ve seen glimpses of that old behavior return. And yes, that brings worry. But we are not navigating it alone. We are working closely with his therapist, asking questions, and doing everything we can to support him through this transition.

Even with all those memories and the time spent with our family, we have come to the hard but hopeful reminder that being a foster parent means holding a permanency plan—the potential for reunification—in one hand and a heavy heart in the other.

Part of what makes this moment so meaningful is what has been happening behind the scenes. This little boy’s father has been doing the hard work, the kind that doesn’t happen overnight. He has made intentional changes, stepping away from people and situations that once led him astray. He asks thoughtful questions about his son—his growth, his routines, his education—trying to prepare himself not just to reunify, but to parent well. There is something incredibly powerful in witnessing that kind of effort. This isn’t accidental. This is earned.

As a foster mom, I have to remind myself why we do this. For me, my path to motherhood didn’t center around having biological children. Instead, through personal experience, I felt called to support the many children who need safe and loving homes. As a foster parent, did I avoid thinking about reunification over the past four years? If I’m being honest, yes. I knew it was always a possibility. I saw other foster families walk through it. But quietly, I think I felt lucky that we hadn’t had to face it yet.

Now we are here.

We are the bridge. A bridge’s job is to hold someone up safely until they can get to the other side. It doesn’t choose who crosses. It doesn’t go with them. And if it does its job well, the person eventually leaves it behind to reach their destination. That doesn’t make the bridge any less important—it means it worked.

In the year he has been with us, the growth hasn’t just been his. It’s been ours, too. As parents, we’ve learned a deeper level of patience and understanding—learning to slow down, to meet him where he is, and to see the world a little more through his eyes. We’ve learned his favorite songs, the way he insists on eating an apple every single day, and how to comfort him after a hard moment.

Our boys have grown, too. They welcomed him in as a sibling without hesitation, and over time, they’ve stepped into what it means to be good big brothers: showing him how to play, including him in their world, and loving him in a way that feels both natural and selfless.

This time wasn’t “lost” just because he may be leaving; it was an investment in all of us. We gave him tools, stability, and love so that when he goes back to his dad, he goes back stronger. And we carry forward the growth he gave us, too.

I won’t sugarcoat it. Knowing a goodbye may be coming is its own kind of grieving process. My husband and our adopted children feel it, too. Our boys, who were once in foster care themselves, understand the system in a way that is both helpful and heartbreaking. The questions they ask aren’t always easy: Why is his dad able to do what he needs to get him back when their biological parents couldn’t?

There isn’t a perfect answer for that. Only honesty, compassion, and space for their feelings.

In our home, we are learning to hold multiple truths at once: joy for a father and son being reunited, pride in the role our family played in their journey, sadness for the empty chair that will soon sit at our table, and fear of what could go wrong. And somewhere in the middle of all of that, we keep showing up.

From the outside, people often say, “I could never do foster care. I’d get too attached.” To that, I say: Attachment is the point. This little boy deserved a year of people being “too attached” to him. He deserved a year of being loved like he was ours forever, even though we knew he was ours for a season.

I don’t believe I am more brave or more amazing than any other parent. Every parent does something brave every single day. Yes, foster care brings additional layers of trauma and emotion into your life. But I truly believe many more people could do this if they felt called to it.

What this experience has changed for me, though, is a quiet question about the future. It has made me feel a little more guarded. It has made me wonder—not just for myself, but for our children—if we want to walk through this kind of goodbye again. Do we give our family a break? Do we continue? I don’t have that answer yet.

As we prepare for these next few months, we are focusing on what I call the long hello. We are making memories, taking photos, and—even when it’s hard—cheering on his father. We are practicing the art of letting go, knowing that while he

may leave our home, he will never truly leave our hearts.

Reunification is complicated, sticky, and emotional. But it is also the goal. It is what we are working toward from day one, whether we say it out loud or not.

We are honored to have been his bridge. And when the time comes, we will be standing here—waving him on with tears in our eyes and love in our hearts—as he crosses over to where he is meant to be.

Foster Momma Kiki grew up in a loving home right here in Northern New Mexico. A home that openly took in children and teens throughout her upbringing. She learned from her parents the selfless act of caring for others. She currently lives with her husband and two children, who they have adopted. She also stays in contact with their 19 year old, formerly in their care. She also cares for the little foster 4-year-old mentioned in this story. You can reach her at fostermommakiki@gmail.com




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Now My Kids Carry on the Tradition



DAVID SALMANSON

In June 1979, I flew from New York City to Albuquerque airport to spend a summer in western New Mexico at a summer camp run by the Cottonwood Gulch Foundation out of their Basecamp near Thoreau, New Mexico. When I climbed down the stairs onto the tarmac -Albuquerque didn't have jetways yet - I was hit by a blast of hot, desert air that instantly chapped my lips. On the long drive west out of Albuquerque I was exposed to a landscape like I had never seen before. When we crossed the Rio Grande, the houses and towns seemed few and far between. The city of Rio Rancho was barely a blip on the map, population less than 10,000. We passed stark lava fields and a snow-capped Mt. Taylor (elev. 11,301 ft). Scrubby pinon and juniper dotted what seemed to me an empty landscape. When we left the highway and turned south towards the basecamp that would be my home for the next seven weeks, I could make out ponderosa pines in the distance, where the elevation was higher or water more plentiful. That first night, as I dealt with a lack of electricity and running water for the first time in my life, I had misgivings about my life choices.

Over the next seven weeks, I learned how to chop wood and cook over an open fire, how to set up and take down a tent, and how to choose a good spot on the ground to sleep on. I was a slight kid, always the smallest in my class by at least a head. I was skinny, clumsy and awkward. But in the wilderness, I gained a new appreciation for what my body could do. A few weeks after driving by Mount Taylor, I climbed to its peak and played in a snow field. I explored Ancestral Puebloan sites at Three Turkey Ruin, Canyon de Chelly, and at Chaco Canyon National Monument. I practically had that last place to myself. My group and an archaeological field school were the only folks there; the road in and out was not yet paved and almost impassable when it rained.

I learned that the desert that had seemed so empty was full of life. Horned toads and fence swifts skittered across the sagebrush, innumerable birds roamed the skies, scorpions and rattlesnakes kept me on my toes. Slight changes in elevation or the presence of a spring would completely change the landscape. Water meant bigger animals like rabbits, deer and elk as well as new types of trees such as cottonwoods

Courtesy Photo. David's youngest son, Henry, (far left) on top of Mt Taylor for a sunrise summit vista



Photo by Bruce Kluckhohn. David Salmanson as a trekker with Dulcimer



Courtesy photo: David's daughter, Lenny, in Sedona

and aspen. My group leader, a graduate student who would become one of the foremost paleobiologists in the world, would constantly try to teach us geology and how to read the rocks for both the deep history of the area and what that meant for the landscape today.

I didn't know it yet, but my time in the wilderness would change my life. Over the next four summers with Cottonwood Gulch I ranged further away from the basecamp. I backpacked in Colorado, hunkered down in the mid-day shade of southern Utah's rock formations, awaiting cooler temperatures to resume my hike. I camped on both forks of the Gila and explored the mountain islands and desert seas of Arizona's Chiricahua Mountains. The more time I spent in wilderness, the more I learned how to recognize the differences in the landscapes, the marks of human habitations old and new, the intricacies of the ecosystems, and I pondered my place in these webs of existence.

As my teenage years gave way to my twenties, I found myself working at Cottonwood Gulch, helping teenagers learn the lessons I had learned. I went to graduate school at the University of Michigan to study the complex diplomacy of the 19th century frontier, but in my first year after a late night. I became, instead, an environmental historian studying the same areas I explored as a kid. Wilderness changed me yet again.

When my eldest daughter turned 11, she, too, boarded a plane to Albuquerque albeit from Philadelphia instead of New York. The drive west on I-40 was different now. Rio Rancho pushed miles west of the Rio Grande, snow on Mt. Taylor in late June, much less July, was a rarity, and everywhere there were more people trying to see and do the things I had done. Yet one thing hadn't changed. My daughter

came back from the wilderness a different person. She was more confident, more in touch with her body, and she had picked up the same love of the Southwestern landscapes that had engaged me years earlier. She is on her own journey now, studying geology and the formation of the earth's crust by analyzing rock samples from the Zuni mountains, just a few miles from where we both started our camp journeys.

My youngest, now 10, started attending Cottonwood Gulch two years ago. Unlike me and his sister, he has always been athletic: my partner and I joke that he came out of the womb wearing his rock climbing harness. He's always looking for the next face to climb, river to raft, peak to summit. Yet, he too has been changed by the wilderness. Unlike his sister and me, school is hard for him. Dyslexia made school his metaphorical wilderness, a place of darkness and fear. Yet in keeping a journal of his activities in the wilds of New Mexico, he has become a more confident student and he writes with great descriptive power, if imperfect spelling. I don't know what he will become (currently his future dream job is river guide by day, professional gamer by night), but I know that his time in the wilderness makes him a better person.

So much has changed in the Southwest since I first visited in 1979. The wild places are harder to find now, and often more crowded than they were. But now, more than ever, we need to engage with the wilderness in order to understand it, and through that understanding become better versions of ourselves.

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Embracing kids' curiosity and potential

As the school year winds down, we hear children ask, "What are we going to do this summer?" It gives you more time with your children to turn their curiosity into hands-on learning by transforming the long warm days and evenings into memorable STEM adventures for you and your family.

The adventures start with creating a discovery jar of curiosity-driven questions ("Why is the sky blue?"), pulling one out routinely for quick discovery moments; putting together an inventor STEM cart brimming with recycled, natural treasures to spark unbounded creativity; packing a STEM backpack for impromptu walks with binoculars, wipes, water, snacks, you name it; and grabbing a STEM journal for record keeping.

Curiosity is the powerhouse for reimagining summer adventures. As the launchpad for inquiry, curiosity drives engagement and boosts learning, retention, and recall while deepening STEM critical thinking. It is the "hum" of activity that makes summertime special.

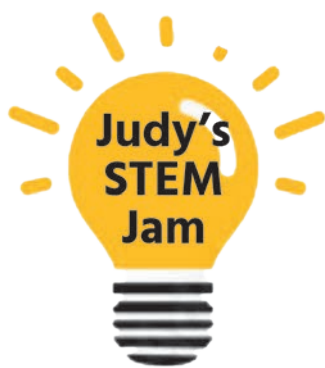
Embrace messy learning, a growth mindset, and a balance between guiding, telling, and discovering to stimulate inquisitive minds with STEM information. Use stories from Beaty's *Ada Twist, Scientist*, Berne's *On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein*, and Santat's *After the Fall* to power children's thinking through their characters who show courage to persist.

Let's welcome summer's "newness" in the Land of Enchantment by looking at Georgia O'Keeffe's landscape images (tpl.org/blog/okeeffe-landscape-viewer) that offer a sense of place, beauty, and color, highlighting contradictions (i.e., desert teems with life), deferring answers (i.e., "That's a mystery, let's find out"), and looking at everyday phenomena (i.e., a puddle disappearing, rainbows, and lightening).

Show a "sweating" beverage can, and ask: "What do you see? Why is this happening? Where did the water come from? Have you seen it before? When?" provide opportunities to introduce the water (hydrologic) cycle. After much back-and-forth of wild answers comes the reveal that oceans and fresh bodies of water get warmer when driven by solar energy, then evaporate, resulting in water vapor that rises and cools driven by winds that form a "superhighway"



Reimagined STEM Possibilities



transporting water around the Earth. The cooling vapor condenses into water droplets or ice crystals, forming clouds. Investigate further, using the Sunny Day Rainmaker (see sidebar) and grab your STEM journal to record observations and draw pictures.

Take morning bird, story, and/or nature walks to enjoy the colors, sounds, smells of blooming plants, and animal tracks and habitats. Bring the STEM backpack, a camera to find things that "look happy, tall, long, and smelly," a coin to flip to determine left or right at a juncture, a small cardboard box for permissible treasures collected to make dioramas, and information about our feathered friends in NM (merlin.allaboutbirds.org/).

Read Hartman's *As the Crow Flies* to understand animals' perspectives, including those of an eagle, horse, and rabbit, Thomas' *Fox: A Circle of Life Story*, Storad's *Life in the Slow Lane: A Desert Tortoise Tale*, Showers' *The Listening Walk*, Paulsen's *Hatchet*, or Richard's *A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds* to learn more about our diverse environment.

Courtesy photo: Eighth graders preparing to speak on the Floor.

Germinating beans in plastic bags combines science and play and offers a front row seat to root and stem development. In a Ziplock bag put four dried bean seeds and four damp cotton balls, seal it and tape it to a sunny window. In 3 to 7 days, children will see germination as the cotyledons (seed leaves) emerge first followed by the true leaves in real time. To add rhythm, listen and move to "Heads, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes."

Take a deeper dive into roots by placing a celery stalk or white carnation in colored water to see what happens and explain why each takes on the color of the water; for more ideas, see All Students

Can Shine (bit.ly/4mcCKxo). And don't discard those potato eyes; regrow them by cutting sprouted potatoes with 1–2 eyes into pieces and drying them for 48 hours to form a callus. Plant them in containers with loose soil, eyes up, and see what happens.

And don't trash those avocado pits either, reuse them to grow new plants. Clean a pit and place three toothpicks in it to suspend it over a jar of water (bottom half submerged); keep it in a warm, sunny spot, changing the water weekly. In a few weeks roots emerge followed by stems. When it's 6 to 12 inches tall, plant in soil. Draw what is observed daily in the STEM journal.

The wonders about cycles in nature continue with the question, "How do plants contribute to the water cycle?"

Wrap the leaves of a well-watered green plant with a clear plastic bag and put it in a sunny place. What is visible in within hours? Water collects on the inside of the bag, demonstrating the process of transpiration; plants release water vapor into the atmosphere through stomata on the back of their leaves, acting as microcosms of the water cycle during photosynthesis. Children record the condensed moisture that forms in the bag that shows how plants absorb water from the soil and emit it through their leaves.

Have you heard the phrase "be a friend to a tree"? Lauber's *Be a Friend to Trees* describes how they are valuable natural resources: people and animals depend on them for food and shelter. Trees are nature's food factories. On pages 22-24, she describes how green plants make

their own food through photosynthesis by taking in carbon dioxide and producING oxygen, a gas we need to live.

Add interactive multisensory plant finger play with rhymes, *This is My Garden* (bit.ly/4mlo0ww), *The Gardener Plants the Seeds* (bit.ly/3OcOq6J), and *Five Little Seeds* (bit.ly/4t0AyvI). They turn abstract concepts into memorable rich experiences that build fine motor skills, foster remembering the steps in the plant life cycle, and introduce counting and one-to-one correspondence in fun ways.

Reimagine and enjoy snack time with building a pizza box solar oven for s'mores (bit.ly/4txSWfI), delicious soft ice cream in a bag (bit.ly/4miCPjg), or edible hands-on engineering structures with pretzels sticks and marshmallows as connectors.

These ideas become more robust engineering projects with egg cartons, paper towel rolls, cardboard boxes, tubes, twigs, bark, pebbles, acorns, and other recycled materials from the inventor STEM cart. Reimagining summer STEM learning would not be complete without inspiring stories about inventors and discoverers starting with Spires' *The Most Magnificent Thing* about a girl and her dog who go on a quest to turn her idea into reality; read

about her challenges and mistakes in tinkering and hammering to invent something magnificent.

Other stories include Kamkwamba and Mealer's *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, a true story about building a windmill; *If I Built a Car* by Van Dusen, Kehoe's *Vincent Shadow: Toy Inventor*, Beaty's *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, Biebow's *The Crayon Man*, Yamada's *What Do I Do With a Chance?*, Luyken's *The Book of Mistakes*, and *Counting on Katherine* by Becker.

Summer presents a golden opportunity to explore the wonders of nature, meet engineering challenges, and develop a love for how the world works. These possibilities ignite curiosity and create unforgettable family memories. Plug into summer STEM learning and let me hear from you.

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Sunny Day Rainmaker: Water Cycle in a Bag

Materials

Self-sealing plastic quart-size bag, small clear plastic cup, permanent marker, measuring cup, water, tape, thermometer, STEM Journal with Observation Table

Date	Time Observed	Length of Time Observed	Description of Observation

Directions

- Pour 2 ounces of water into the plastic cup.
- Mark the water line on the outside of the cup.
- Tape the cup inside the plastic bag in lower right corner, seal it.
- Hold sealed bag at an angle, without spilling water in the cup.
- Tape the bag at an angle onto a sunny window.
- Record observations, same times each morning and afternoon.

Science Talk

- What do you think will happen (predictions), why?
- Do you think something will change every day?
- Has the water level in the cup changed? Where did it go?
- When were the temperatures the highest and the lowest? Were there changes in the water level in the cup at the morning temperature readings? Afternoons?
- What do you think caused the changes from water to invisible vapor in your water cycle model?
- What would happen if you placed the bag in a cool, shady place instead of the sunny one?

Sprinkle Science Terms and Explanations

- When the water becomes invisible that is evaporation.
- What evidence is there that evaporation took place—droplets of water (precipitation) collecting in the bag.
- The water drops become vapor due to energy from the sun.
- Notice that the bag has the same amount of water as at the outset; droplets condense, gather, and cool, provided that the bag remains sealed.

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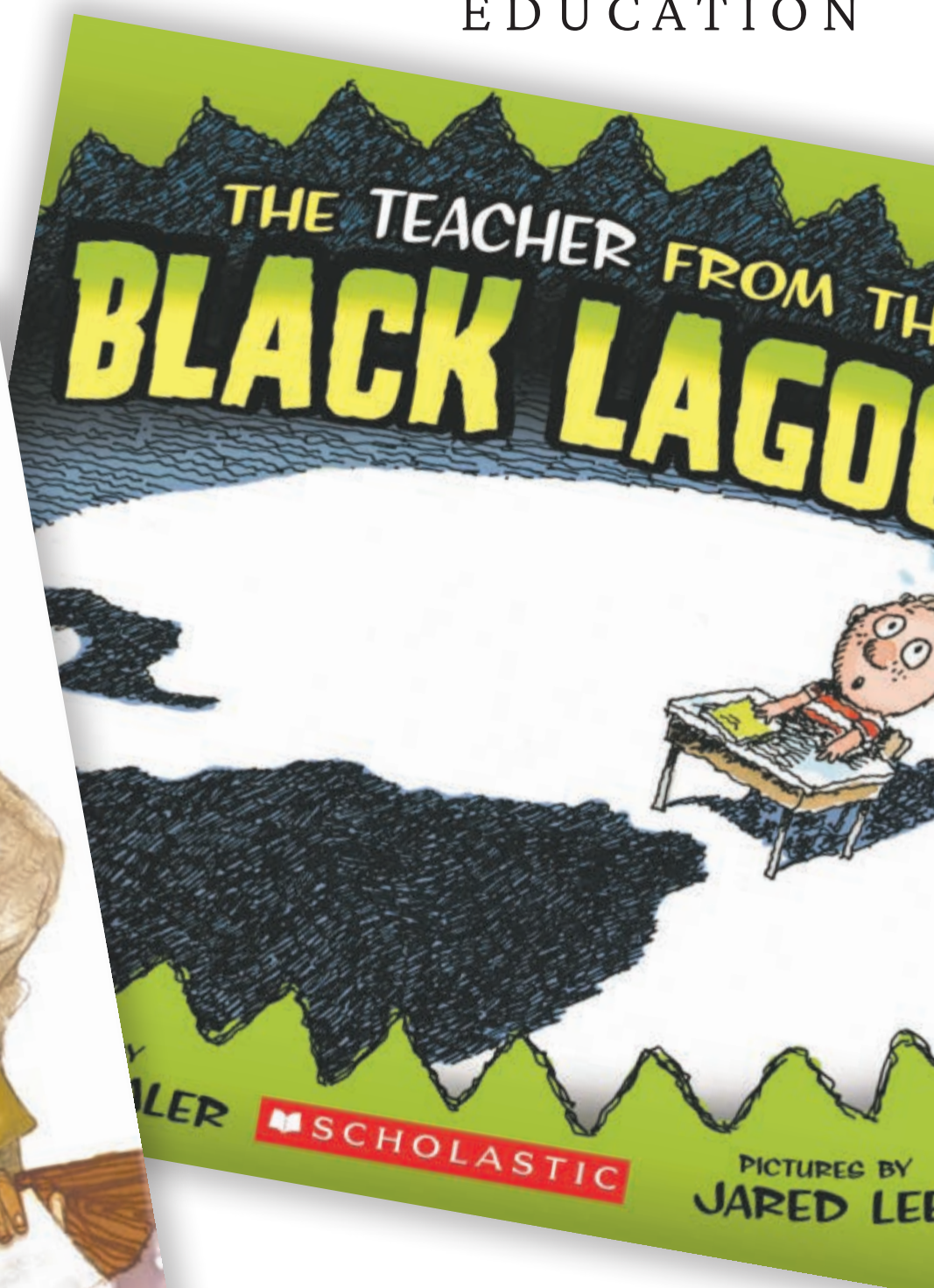


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Creating Lifelong Connections



ROBIN LUCANSKY

Shared reading strategies

“Mom, look, there’s a dog that looks just like Winn-Dixie!”

Why is my heart so full of love and wonderment when I hear this from my daughter? For starters, my daughter is 30 years old, and we

read *Because of Winn-Dixie* together more than 20 years ago. The bond we created while we read the book was strong, mostly due to the phenomenal story by Kate DeCamillo, but also the conversations we had while we read it.

As a veteran elementary teacher and a reading specialist, I know the time spent reading with children is critical. Let’s highlight just a few of the many benefits: It creates shared

experiences which strengthen your relationship, increases vocabulary and speaking skills, and creates an empathetic view of the world.

Reading is active. Reading requires cognitive work, which is very different from watching videos (admittedly, I go down the YouTube rabbit hole all too often) or listening to podcasts. That is why the impact of shared reading is so great.

How can you make the most out of your shared reading time? A favorite reading strategy of mine is built around making connections before, during and after reading. This is a

very natural way to read with your child, regardless of age. Our brain is “wired” to make connections, we build off what we already know in order to understand, strengthen and grow. Connections are made on various levels. Making a connection to yourself is one level, while making a connection to another text is a bit more complex. When you connect to the world in a larger context, that is the most complex. Here is a simple example of text to self connection: let’s say you have a fish tank at your home. You can use that fact when reading an animal story to make stronger connections with your reading. Since you know your child

better than anyone, you can tap into your child's wiring as you read together. "Hey, the beaver in this story is like our fish, because they spend lots of time under water."

But the beaver still needs to breathe air." The beauty of making connections while reading is that age is not a factor. You can bring connections to books with infants or teens, because connections depend on experiences, not skill level or academics.

How does this strategy work in real life? We'll look at another favorite book of mine to show how reading with connections creates meaning and growth for your child. Patricia Polacco's book *Thank You, Mr. Falker* is an excellent foundation for great conversations.

Before you read: Look at the cover of the book and ask your child how the people might be feeling. Why? What clues did you use? Have you ever felt that way? I like to look at the illustrations before I read. It gets my brain active for what will be happening, so feel free to browse the book and perhaps notice there are drawings of the sky and stars. "I wonder why those are in the story?" would be a great prompt to visit at the end of the book. Again, connections made from the conversation is key.

During reading, Notice how your child is reacting to the story. If they are particularly interested in the illustrations, focus on the use of perspective for describing how the characters feel. (Trisha and her grandma have a special relationship and we know that from the pictures.) Do you know a student in your class who might feel like Trisha (text to world question)? In the story, we learn that Trisha's family moves from Michigan to California. Perhaps your family has experienced a move. Bring that up to create a strong connection to how Trisha would be feeling. When Mr. Falker is introduced in the story, a connection to another book about a teacher can be made: *The Teacher From the Black Lagoon* (text to text connection).

After you read AND wipe the tears from your eyes, and after you grab some honey to share, ask your child about the stars and the sky. Was the story what they expected? Does Mr. Falker remind them of people they

know? Did the ending surprise you? Would you like to be an author or illustrator? Does this remind them of another book?

What I appreciate about a book like *Thank You, Mr. Falker* is the depth of plot. This story can be enjoyed by younger children, when read to them. The illustrations are wonderful, and tell a narrative all on their own. Most kids know or experience challenges in school. This can create powerful connections for younger students. I was introduced to this book in my graduate studies program. It was used as a starting point for the topic of special education in public schools. This is certainly something older children can connect with, given their experiences in the school system.

Sharing with your child how you create your own connections can be extremely valuable as well. Songs from my high school days on the car radio would bring about great stories and connections. I remember when Don Mclean's "American Pie" song came on the radio and I sang all the lyrics. This really impressed my kids. But, I was able to tell them about how important the song was and how the lyrics were meaningful to my generation. Bottom line, demonstrating how you connect to your own thoughts is such a great way to teach your child how to think through their own experiences.

Summer break is the best time of all to read with your child. Life is less hectic, days are longer and hotter, and reading should remain part of your child's daily life. There are programs to enjoy this summer. Visit the Santa Fe Library website (santafelibrary.org) to learn about summer reading programs for all ages. Also, readingquestcenter.org offers great support for students.

Yes, this takes time. You won't breeze through a book in ten minutes. But, conversations about what you read has an incredible impact. Hopefully, your family can find their own Winn-Dixie moment.

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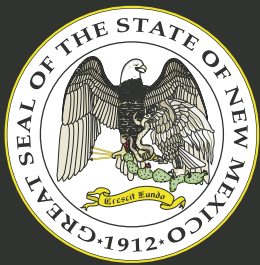

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CAFÉS

BETTERDAY COFFEE AND KITCHEN

Indoor and outdoor seating

Straightforward, made-from-scratch breakfast and lunch featuring handheld breakfast burritos with red or green NM chile. Located in the Solana Center on W. Alameda Street. There is a kids area as well as patio seating. Coffee is done right with attention to detail but is not fussy. In-person, carryout, and online ordering are available

Amenities: Children's menu, cups with lids, play area, changing table in women's room.

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
● VEGAN ● ORGANIC

505-780-5638

CAFÉ FRESH

Indoor seating

Café Fresh, nestled within the Santa Fe Farmers' Market pavilion, offers a refreshing pause from shopping at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market on Saturdays or the Railyard Artisan Market on Sundays. With hearty snacks and fresh drinks, seasonal delights keep the menu lively. Every purchase supports the Santa Fe Farmers' Market, ensuring its sustainability. Eat fresh, support locals, and enjoy the vibrant market experience.

Amenities: Cups with lids, changing table in women's restroom, family restroom

● VEGETARIAN

347-693-8271

SANTA FE FARMERS' MARKET CAFÉ HALL

Indoor and outdoor seating

Visit Café Hall in the Santa Fe Farmers' Market pavilion for breakfast burritos, pastries, donuts, juice, and coffee sourced from local businesses like Whoo's Donuts, Chocolate Maven, Angel's Bakery, and Aroma Coffee. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and support the Santa Fe Farmers' Market, as all purchases help underwrite its operating costs. Open during the Santa Fe Farmers' Market hours.

Amenities: Cups with lids, changing table in women's restroom, family restroom

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
● VEGAN ● ORGANIC

347-693-8271

CHOCOLATE MAVEN BAKERY AND CAFÉ

Indoor and outdoor seating

The Maven is an artisanal bakery and café that has been providing scrumptious lunch, brunch, and baked treats to Santa Fe for 30 years. In that time, it has grown to become an award-winning bakery and a must-visit restaurant where customers have a view into the bakery in action.

Amenities: Highchairs and booster seats, cups with lids, coloring placemats and crayons

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
● VEGAN ● ORGANIC

505-984-1980

OHORI'S COFFEE ROASTERS

Indoor and outdoor seating, drive-thru

Crafting its own freshly roasted beans, Ohori's also serves a wide range of drinks, pastries, and locally made burritos. Come enjoy its St. Francis location's renovated seating: new



JF Mazur Art Studio

booths and a couch area. At Luna, it shares space with Chomp dining hall. Ohori's loves to see happy children enjoying themselves with grandparents, aunts, and friends, hanging out between transitions and after school.

Amenities: Cups with lids, baby changing table in both restrooms

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE ● ORGANIC
505-699-9622

REVOLUTION BAKERY

Indoor seating

If you're looking for stellar gluten-free loaves made in small batches, seek no further than Revolution Bakery. This is a small, woman-owned bakery located in historic downtown Santa Fe.

Amenities: Cups with lids

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
● VEGAN ● ORGANIC

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SWEET SANTA FE

Indoor and outdoor seating

New Mexico's most awarded chocolate shop with a boutique café menu.

Amenities: Cups with lids, play area, children's menu, baby changing table in both restrooms

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
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TRIBES COFFEE HOUSE

Indoor and outdoor seating

Tribes coffeehouse offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner all day every day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Family-friendly relaxed atmosphere with muffins, scones, and cinnamon rolls. In addition, there's a beautiful patio to enjoy.

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
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WILD LEAVEN BAKERY

Indoor and outdoor seating

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Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids, family restroom

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
● VEGAN ● ORGANIC

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CAKE'S CAFÉ

Indoor seating

Cake's is a family friendly (and dog friendly) café, serving breakfast all day. It hosts kids karaoke every first and third Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. It also hosts kids birthday parties. Pizza, French toast, and Italian sodas are top sellers

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids, coloring pages, play area, children's menu

● VEGETARIAN ● VEGAN ● GLUTEN-FREE

505-469-1636

LA LECHERIA

Indoor seating

La Lecheria is a family-friendly ice cream shop specializing in handcrafted small-batch ice cream made with local ingredients. Known for unique seasonal flavors and high-quality dairy, it offers a simple, welcoming space for families to enjoy a classic dessert experience.

● VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
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ICONIK COFFEE ROASTERS - RED

Indoor and outdoor seating

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Amenities: stroller friendly, high chairs, changing tables in both restrooms, kids' menu, kid-sized tables

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CASUAL

CRAFT DONUTS & COFFEE

Indoor seating

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LA LECHERIA

500 Market Street
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I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream—especially during the summer.

Everyone knows the best place to get a scoop of homemade ice cream in Santa Fe is La Lecheria. It started on Lena Street in 2016, then moved to Marcy Street in 2018 as a small walk-up space, and, in May 2022, expanded into a 2,700 square foot space at the Railyard that features 2,000 square feet of production space. The storefront isn't hard to find because there is often a line of customers waiting patiently outside for a glorious scoop of hand-crafted ice cream.

What sets La Lecheria apart is they use no stabilizers, artificial ingredients, or preservatives. Just organic dairy, organic eggs, and organic sugar. And the bonus is when they make something to add into the ice cream, like cookies, they typically make it from scratch.

Owner and chef Joel Coleman says, "As a chef, using quality ingredients is the way it should be and I could never compromise on this. One of my favorite compliments from older generations is when they tell me, 'This is what ice cream used to be like.' It might cost more, but you can taste the difference."

Chef Joel enjoys partnering with other local businesses to make great ice cream even better. They exclusively use Java Joe's coffee for the coffee ice cream, Artful Tea for the tea inspired ice creams, and Eldora Chocolate in Albuquerque. In the



Double scoop of chocolate sea salt and vanilla ice cream.

summer, they partner with different farmers for fruit.

Last summer, Joel worked with Matt Hauser, of Mountain Valley Produce, who has a farm in Colorado and is known for his succulent peaches. Joel says, "We used his stone fruit for a peach amaretto ice cream and we always do a variation with goat cheese mixed with a berry and it comes across as a cheesecake. Even people who don't like goat cheese are blown away. The big one last year was Thai tea. We steep the Thai tea into the ice cream base and the result is amazing."

For dairy-free customers, look for creative combos like pineapple-red chile or strawberry margarita to please the palate.

With ice cream season in full swing, stop by the Railyard and enjoy a cool family outing. Make this a fun challenge to see who can choose the best flavor. Because when it comes to La Lecheria ice cream, there are no losers.



Il Vicino bambino pizza with artichoke hearts, capers, kalamata olives, and sausage.

IL VICINO

321 W. San Francisco Street
505-986-8700

Who doesn't love pizza? And when it's cooked in a wood-fired oven, yes please. With three locations in Albuquerque and one hot spot in Santa Fe near the Plaza, Il Vicino is a contemporary Italian pizzeria and a New Mexico staple that is adored by everyone—and where everyone feels welcome.

Since opening in 1994, Santa Fe customers are drawn to the aroma of savory Italian food and pizza wafting outside. The name Il Vicino means neighbors and you feel the love as soon as you step through the doors. The delightful, hospitable, and loquacious general manager Juan Alvarez started as a cook when they opened and worked his way up. Some of the kitchen crew have been cooking here for 20 years, and Juan proudly boasts that he now has a second-generation employee, which speaks to the family philosophy that Il Vicino embodies.

A thoughtful kids menu for ages 12 and under offers meals for \$8.95 and includes penne pasta with butter and parmesan, marinara, or Alfredo sauce; margherita or pepperoni pizza; or a grilled cheese, also known as piadine mozzarella, which is grilled flatbread with melted mozzarella.

Or zero in on the Bambino, featuring a small salad and personal sized pizza along with a drink. This is a perfect meal for one that is an ideal combination of healthy and totally satisfying.

Parents can savor one of nine tasty healthy salads, a variety of pizzas, paninis, and piadines. Some of Il Vicino's most popular dishes are the Il Vicino salad and the chicken panini, and the pizzas are legendary. Pay special attention to the bottles of olio piccante on the table—this is not to be missed. A spicy oil made in-house, you will want to pour this on your pizza and anything else that needs a zing. It's addictive in the best way.

The calzones are big enough to serve two and are a wonderful starter for the table, while the lasagna is another favorite and the penne arrabbiata is spicy enough to make you want more. Everything is made with love and you will taste it.

Juan says, "People come here for the food, service, and community. This is our cultural fabric that we share with every customer. And that's why they come back. Time and again."

There is an acute attention to detail that makes Il Vicino such a special place. And the music is on point creating a perfect vibe for everyone to enjoy a casual and delicious family meal at a restaurant worthy of frequent repetition.

LA CHOZA

905 Alarid Street
505-982-0909

In the heart of Santa Fe at the intersection of Cerrillos and St. Francis sits La Choza, a beloved landmark institution since 1983. The sister restaurant to The Shed downtown, La Choza is where locals convene and where New Mexican food reigns supreme.

Upon entering the colorful space, you immediately feel at home. The staff are gracious, the service is hospitable, the drinks are delicious, and the food is unbeatable.

Sarah Carswell, the granddaughter of The Shed’s original founders, owns and operates La Choza with the same gracious hospitality her grandparents shared that has made these two restaurants so iconic. With plenty of indoor and outdoor patio dining space, La Choza feeds hungry crowds all day long, an estimated one-third of the customers are families.

Families love La Choza for many reasons—making the space safe, comfortable, welcoming, and healthy for everyone. The restaurant has highchairs for the little ones and a kids menu with dishes for \$7 or less. The kids menu features all the dishes the young one’s love including bean burrito, cheese quesadilla, veggie quesadilla, chicken quesadilla, crispy tacos, enchiladas, chicken or cheese taquitos, cheeseburger, and a grilled cheese. Each kid’s menu item comes with a fresh and colorful selection of sides, such as carrots,



Taquitos kids meal with beans, applesauce, and guacamole

bell peppers, cucumbers, apple sauce, Fritos, potato chips, pinto beans, and refried beans.

Sarah says, “Having had children, it is nice to arrive at a restaurant and have options that the kids will be excited about—and that are healthy. Because we offer salads, we have plenty of raw vegetables that make a wonderful side for kids’ meals. We also offer purple daikon radish and jicama which are crispy, fresh, and colorful.”

Of the kids menu, she says, “We like to make New Mexican food

approachable and familiar for our local families as well as visiting tourists. Our veggie quesadillas and chicken and cheese taquitos are the most popular kids’ items. Very consistently, we see cucumbers and carrots as popular sides. I rarely see kids order chips because the color and crunch of the cucumber and carrots is more enticing.”

Ending the meal on a sweet note is a favorite. “There is something about seeing a fresh, warm pastry, the sopaipilla, delivered to the table. To see the kids’ eyes get big when they

see this—there is this playfulness in their enjoyment that covering it with a little or a lot of honey brings to everyone, me included,” she says.

Outdoor dining on the patios is also great for families, as these spaces are safely enclosed and dog friendly. Sarah intentionally has the patios protected so when kids run around, there is a natural element of security.

And the proximity to the Railyard is both convenient and entertaining for families. Kids love to see the Railrunner and the Sky Railway trains pass by. Being close to the Railyard also means that families can enjoy a walk while waiting for a table, allowing exploration and movement rather than sitting idle.

But waiting for a table at La Choza is part of the experience. Fortunately, the food and service are always worth the wait and make everyone in the family happy.

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Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids, coloring placemats and crayons, children’s menu

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN ● ORGANIC

505-471-3800

PANTRY DOS

Indoor and outdoor seating

The Pantry Dos is a beloved local restaurant serving classic New Mexican and American comfort food. Known for generous portions and a welcoming atmosphere, it offers a wide ranging menu that makes it an easy, family friendly choice for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Amenities: high chairs, kids’ menu

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
- 505-365-2859

PLAZA CAFÉ SOUTHSIDE

Indoor and outdoor seating

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- VEGETARIAN
- LOCALLY PRODUCED INGREDIENTS

505-424-0755

PAPER DOSA

Indoor and outdoor seating

This place is designed to accommodate families, with large round booths and outdoor seating. The menu is designed to share, serving up big bowls of curry and large thin dosas.

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids, booster seats, family restroom, changing tables

- VEGETARIAN ● VEGAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
- ORGANIC ● HALAL

505-310-8019

SWEETWATER HARVEST KITCHEN

Indoor and outdoor seating

Sweetwater Harvest Kitchen is a health focused café offering organic, locally sourced meals with plenty of gluten-free and vegetarian options. With a menu of nourishing breakfast and lunch dishes, it provides a welcoming space for families seeking fresh, wholesome food.

Amenities: family restroom, highchairs, kids’ menu

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN

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BACK ROAD PIZZA

Indoor and outdoor seating

Back Road Pizza is a laid-back, family-friendly spot where everyone—from toddlers to grandparents—feels right at home. Our patio kids’ corner is a favorite, giving families a place to relax while the little ones play. With a casual, friendly vibe and a menu that keeps both picky eaters and adventurous appetites happy, it’s an easy win for family meals. Kids especially love our “cutie pie” 6” pizzas, knots, and soft-serve ice cream treats!

Amenities: Kids’ menu, cups with lids, coloring placemats, highchairs, changing tables in both restrooms

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE ● VEGAN
- 505-955-9055

ROWLEY FARMHOUSE ALES

Indoor and outdoor seating

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Amenities: Children’s menu

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TUMBLEROOT BREWERY AND DISTILLERY

Indoor and outdoor seating



Dragonfly Art Studio

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koi pond where hops creep up trellises and guests relax to watch the sunset, sip cocktails, listen to music on our outdoor stage, play lawn games, or grab a bite from our food truck.

Amenities: Changing table in women’s bathroom, play area

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE

505-303-3808

WHOO’S DONUTS PIZZA AND BREW

Indoor seating

A playful, family-friendly spot known for its creative donuts, casual pizza offerings, and local brews. With bold flavors and a fun atmosphere, it is a great place for families to enjoy both sweet treats and savory favorites.

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Amenities: Kids menu, cups with lids, highchairs, live music

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE
- VEGAN ● ORGANIC

505-986-5037

INDIA HOUSE

Indoor Seating

India House is considered one of the best in the world when it comes to flavor and fragrance. When Indian food comes to our minds, our mouths fill up with water, and we can't resist eating. India House is a prominent Indian restaurant in Santa Fe, and is known for

offering the best Vegetarian and non-Vegetarian Indian dishes in town.

Amenities: Highchairs, cups with lids
505-471-2651

IL VICINO

Indoor and outdoor seating

Il Vicino is a casual Italian restaurant known for its wood fired pizzas, fresh pastas, and classic Italian dishes. With a warm, inviting atmosphere and a menu that appeals to all ages, it is a dependable spot for families to gather over a relaxed meal.

Amenities: highchairs, cups with lids, kids' menu, dough balls for playing

- VEGETARIAN ● GLUTEN-FREE (DOUGH)
- VEGAN

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- SPORTS & ACTIVITY**
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- EDUCATION/ENRICHMENT**
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- ENTERTAINMENT**

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CELEBRATIONS & HOLIDAYS

★ **HOLIDAY MERCADO: MOTHER'S DAY**

MAY 2 | 11 AM-2 PM

Come celebrate a las mamás with us at our Holiday Mercado en el Southside! Shop from local vendedores, artistas y small businesses offering handmade goods, arts & crafts, and unique gifts perfect for tu mamá, abuelita, tía o esposa. It's a great chance to support local entrepreneurs while enjoying a welcoming community event with la familia y amigos.

★ **CINCO DE MAYO CAR SHOW AT SANTA FE PLACE**

MAY 3 | 1-5 PM

The Fourth Annual Cinco de Mayo Car Show, Concert & Vendor Fest rolls into Santa Fe Place Mall on May 3S. Cars, live music, vendors, and culture—free entry to the public from 1–5 PM. Vehicle registration is open. More information at bit.ly/3OxOvSC

★ **MOTHER'S DAY AT THE ABQ BIOPARK ZOO**

MAY 10 | 9 AM-5 PM

Get ready to celebrate Mom in the wildest way at the ABQ BioPark Zoo. Turn Mother's Day into an unforgettable adventure

packed with live music, hands-on activities, delicious food, and all your favorite animals. Discover the incredible world of animal moms at interactive discovery stations and learn how wild motherhood can be. There will be more than 26 local bands which gives many opportunities to groove to the sounds, free kids' activities to entertain all ages, and plenty of food stands to satisfy your hunger. Treat Mom to a well-deserved Bloody Mary or mimosa at the Lounge on the Bandshell. Make this a Mother's Day to remember! ABQ BioPark Zoo, 903 10th St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 More info and tickets at cabq.gov

★ **MOTHER'S DAY IN OLD TOWN**

MAY 10 | 1-5 PM

Celebrate Mom on her special day at the Old Town Plaza with this free community event presented by the City of Albuquerque. Dance the afternoon away as you enjoy performances by Ballet Folklórico de Aztlan, Mariachi Xochitl, and Black Pearl Band NM. Grab a bite to eat from a local food truck or savor a meal in an Old Town restaurant. Lucky Paws will also be in attendance with pet adoptions so you can find your next four-legged family member. The free kids' activities entertain with face painting and a climbing wall. There will be plenty of shopping to find a

special gift for the mothers in your life. It's the perfect way to celebrate with the family.

★ **NATIVE ELEMENTS ART FESTIVAL + MARKET**

MAY 22 - 24

Native Elements Art Festival + Market is a celebration of native land, plants, and people. The event will take place over Memorial Day Weekend, May 21–24 at Santa Fe Botanical Garden and the Santa Fe Convention Center. More information and tickets: visitsfbg.org/native-elements/

DATES: 5/22-5/24

★ **2026 LOS ALAMOS CHAMBERFEST**

JUNE 6 | 10 AM-2 PM

The annual Los Alamos ChamberFest is a fun street fair that celebrates our local small businesses and organizations, with live music, food vendors and lots for the kids to do! Taking place on Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Central Avenue in Los Alamos.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

★ **SYMPHONY STORYTIME AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

MAY 16 | 3-4 PM

Join music educators from the Santa Fe Symphony for singing, movement, and musical stories your little ones will love. Designed for kids 7 and under.

★ **ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET SCHOOL RECITAL 2026**

MAY 23 | 6 PM

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet School students are looking forward to returning to the stage for the 2026 Spring Recital. For more than three decades, the ASFB

School has nurtured young dancers across Colorado and Northern New Mexico, fostering both technical excellence and a lifelong love of dance. This annual performance highlights the progress and dedication of rising artists of all ages as they share their talents in a vibrant 90-minute program. Tickets available at lensic.org/events/asfb-school-recital-2026

★ **ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET FOLKLORICO RECITAL 2026**

MAY 24 | 6 PM

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Folklórico students take the stage once again for their annual recital, celebrating the beauty, rhythm, and storytelling of Mexican folkloric dance. This special performance showcases the hard work and progress of students who have spent the past year training and connecting with these vibrant cultural traditions. ASFB Folklórico provides after-school dance classes in Santa Fe public schools, inspiring young dancers throughout Northern New Mexico. Join us for an uplifting evening filled with colorful costumes, lively music, and the pride and passion of these remarkable young performers. Tickets available at <https://lensic.org/events/asfb-folklorico-recital-2026/>

MOVEMENT & OUTDOORS

★ **BALLOONS OVER ANGEL FIRE 2026**

JUNE 19 - 21 | 7 AM-11 PM

Balloons Over Angel Fire is a three-day event that is one of the few high-mountain hot air balloon events in the country that doesn't have huge crowds and costly fees. Watching 30-plus hot air balloons rising gracefully into the cool morning air of Moreno Valley is a sight not to be missed. **DATES: 6/19-6/21**

★ **2026 RODEO
DE SANTA FE**

JUNE 24 - 27

Every year, Rodeo de Santa Fe brings big-time rodeo action with top cowboys and cowgirls, stock contractors, specialty acts, barrel men, and more to northern New Mexico. Hardcore rodeo enthusiasts say it's one of the state's best live shows and remains one of the top 60 PRCA Rodeos in the nation. Get tickets: rodeodesantafe.org

DATES: 6/24-6/27

★ **EXCEPTIONAL RODEO**

JUNE 27 | 10 AM-2 PM

Open to children and adults with physical and mental exceptionalities, this annual event is a fun way for all to experience the cowboy way of life firsthand. Participants enjoy a variety of simulated rodeo events including riding a bucking barrel, roping hay bales, stick horse races, and much more. Bring the family and enjoy the festivities. More information: rodeodesantafe.org



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RECURRING EVENTS

SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

BIRTH TALK LOS ALAMOS

6:30 - 8:30 PM

A free community talk circle for pregnant women and mothers. Birth Talk Los Alamos is a safe place to learn about options in pregnancy and childbirth. Hosted virtually.

DATES: First Monday

BABYTIME IN LOS ALAMOS

10:15 - 11 AM

Babytime is best for ages 0 to 2 and their caregivers at Mesa Public Library. Library staff share songs, bounces, and rhymes to help babies develop early literacy skills. The program might include scarves, bells, or rattles. It includes focused play and free play. Free admission.

DATES: Every Tuesday

CHILDREN'S HOUR / HORA DE LOS NIÑOS AT LA CIENEGA VALLEY LIBRARY

10-11 AM

Every second and fourth Monday, 10–11, sweet stories and songs for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their grown-ups, in English and Spanish. Cada segundo y cuarto lunes, de 10 a 11, dulces cuentos y canciones para bebés, niños pequeños, preescolares y sus adultos, en inglés y español.

DATES: Every second and fourth Monday

SPECIAL NEEDS/ AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

6 - 7 PM

All parents and caregivers raising children with an autism diagnosis are welcome. This is an in-person meeting at Las Cumbres - Los Alamos Center. Email Abbie. Nelson@lccs-nm.org with any questions about this group.

DATES: Every Tuesday

TUESDAY FARMERS' MARKET - RAILYARD

8 AM-1 PM

Beat the crowds, load up on farm-fresh goodies, enjoy the music, and treat yourself to one of our delicious burritos in Cafe Fresh. The Tuesday market has it all. Meet us at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market Pavilion.

DATES: Every Tuesday

TEEN LOUNGE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

2 - 4 PM

A safe space for teens to decompress after school. La Farge Library has art supplies, homework tables, laptops and Wi-Fi, board games, tea, and snacks.

DATES: Every Wednesday

TEEN LOUNGE AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

3 - 5 PM

Hang out space for teens to relax with games, crafts, snacks, study rooms, and wi-fi.

DATES: Every Wednesday

LITTLE ONES STORYTIME AT LA CIENEGA VALLEY LIBRARY

3-4PM

Every second Thursday at 3, join us for picture books in the library. Ages 2-7 welcome.

DATES: Every second Thursday

CRAFTY KIDS AT LA CIENEGA VALLEY LIBRARY

3:30-5:30 PM

Every Thursday, 3:30–5:30, the library hosts fun and silly crafts for kiddos, designed by a local artist and teacher. Drop in after school and make something fun to take home!

DATES: Every Thursday

THURSDAYS ARE YOURS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

4 - 7 PM

Extended hours and free admission for children under 17 at the

Santa Fe Children's Museum.

DATES: Every Thursday

BOOKS & BLOOMS AT THE SANTA FE BOTANICAL GARDEN

10-11 AM

Join us the first Friday of each month from April to September for Books & Blooms, a story-time program for children 4 and under with their grown-ups. Listen to a story in the Garden, then spend time exploring activity stations set up especially for you and your young ones to explore together. Our theme for June is "What do worms eat?" We will learn about composting using worms and get a chance to look at live worms.

Advance registration recommended, visitsfbg.org/event

DATES: Every first Friday

KIDS HOMEWORK HELP AT LA CIENEGA VALLEY LIBRARY

3:30-5:30 PM

Every Friday, 3:30–5:30, come get that homework done before the weekend starts! All ages welcome.

DATES: Every Friday

BABY AND TODDLER PLAY HOUR AT MAIN LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM

Free, unstructured play where children can explore and interact with other children and new educational toys. Learn and make social connections together with your toddler.

DATES: Every second Saturday

MEET THE MINIATURE HORSES OF MY LITTLE HORSE LISTENER

11 AM

Meet and play with the miniature therapy equines of My Little Horse Listener. Guided tours of our accessible Equine Learning Park, available every Saturday during the fall. Healthy snacks available. Free; reservations required.

DATES: Every Saturday

SANTA FE SATURDAY FARMERS' MARKET

8 AM - 1 PM

Shop a great selection of fresh produce, eggs, meat, honey, bread, chile, apothecary items, and much more. At our market, 100% of the vegetables, fruits, and nursery plants available are grown right here in northern New Mexico. Arrive hungry and stop BY Cafe Fresh for hot coffee and a selection of ready-to-eat treats. Check out our Santa Fe Farmers' Market Gift Shop and its ever-changing selection of fair trade and local items. Your purchases directly support our farmers.

DATES: Every Saturday

DAWN 'TIL DUSK DAY AT LOS LUCEROS HISTORIC SITE

SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Los Luceros Historic Site will extend its hours on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, entrance into Los Luceros is free for New Mexico residents and includes access to the site's visitor center, historic buildings, trails, and picnic areas.

DATES: First Sunday

DAWN TO DUSK AT CORONADO HISTORIC SITE

SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Coronado Historic Site offers extended hours from dawn until dusk on the First Sunday of each month to allow visitors an opportunity to see the site at these beautiful times of day. The early mornings are a great time to see a multitude of different birds, while the evenings offer unparalleled views of the Sandia Mountains glowing pink at sunset. Activities for people of all ages are available throughout the day. First Sundays are free to all New Mexico residents with ID. Regular admission is \$7 for nonresident adults, children 16 and younger are free.

DATES: First Sunday

RAILYARD ARTISAN MARKET

10 AM - 3 PM

The Sunday Market is dedicated to local artisans and small creative businesses, and it's one of New Mexico's oldest and best-loved art markets. This is the perfect place to purchase fine art and crafts directly from the artists, a gift for a special occasion, and souvenirs and mementos.

DATES: Every Sunday

TODDLER TIME AT MANY MOTHERS

11:30 AM - 12 PM

Toddlers and caregivers, join Santa Fe Public Library at Many Mothers of Santa Fe on the first Monday of every month for a special storytime.

Enjoy rhymes, songs, movement, and stories in a lively atmosphere. This program builds on familiar experiences to introduce new vocabulary and sounds, fostering early literacy and joyful learning together. Ages 1-3.

DATES: First Monday

VISUAL ARTS & CULTURE

MONDAY FUNDAY: NM APPRECIATION DISCOUNT AT MEOW WOLF

3 - 8 PM

Make the first day of the work-week a little less Monday and a lot more Funday with Meow Wolf's weekly New Mexico 50% off appreciation discount.

DATES: Every Monday

ARTE PARA CHIQUITOS AT THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER

10 AM

Arte para chiquitos is a free, monthly, 45-minute program for babies and toddlers ages 0 months to 4 years and their caregivers that cultivates creativity and self-expression through the exploration of Hispanic/Latine arts and culture. Participants explore the NHCC Museum, Performing Arts Center, and engage in art making, music, movement, dance, drama, and bilingual story time. NHCC instructors model age-appropriate arts techniques that celebrate self-expression, build vocabulary, and strengthen both fine-motor and gross-motor skills in a fun environment. Free Community Event. Please register here: my.nmculture.org/30048/42138, or call the NHCC Welcome Center at 505-724-4771 for assistance.

DATES: Second Tuesdays

TODDLER CRAFT AT LAFSN

10 - 11 AM

FSN's monthly crafts are a pleasure for grown-ups and kids. Free; drop in.

DATES: Third Wednesday & following Saturday

CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

3:30 - 4:30 PM

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Santa Fe Public Library are proud to offer free drop-in artmaking. Perfect for kids of all ages, expand your creativity and explore your imagination with new art activities every month. All supplies provided.

DATES: Second Thursday

CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

3:30 - 4:30 PM

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DATES: Third Thursday

CREATE WITH O'KEEFFE AT MAIN LIBRARY

3:30 - 4:30 PM

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DATES: Fourth Thursday

FINE ART FRIDAYS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

2 - 4 PM

A weekly exploration into the arts with special guests and hands-on activities.

DATES: Every Friday

FAMILY ART MAKING AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART-VLADEM CONTEMPORARY

10 AM - 12 PM

The first Sunday of each month we invite families to join us in a fun art-making session at the new Vladem Contemporary. Explore the galleries to find inspiration

and enjoy the power of creating with your loved ones and friends. Light snacks will be available. These events are free for all New Mexico residents.

Dates: First Sunday

FREE FIRST SUNDAYS AT NEW MEXICO MUSEUMS

10 AM - 5 PM

Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month to New Mexico residents with ID to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, the Museum of International Folk Art, the New Mexico History Museum, and the New Mexico Museum of Art.

DATES: First Sundays

FREE FAMILY FUN AT GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Bring the whole family to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum for fun activities happening throughout the day including hands-on art-making, storytime, and other surprises. Families can

also enjoy free access to the Museum Galleries.

DATES: Second Sunday

PERFORMING ARTS

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC

10:30 - 11:15 AM

Join us every Monday and Saturday for joyful music and games at Queen Bee Music Association.

DATES: Every Monday and Saturday

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN LOS ALAMOS

9:30 - 10 AM

Musical fun for children ages 0 to 6 and their caregivers. Music and Movement (M&M) is great for brain and body development. M&M uses songs, scarves, bells, rhythm sticks, and more to count, clap, sing, jump, and wiggle together.

DATES: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays at Mesa Public Library; Wednesdays at White Rock Library

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TODDLER TUNES AT LAFSN

10:30 - 11 AM

Children and parents sing, play instruments, and dance together, while Rachel Josephson shares simple ways to engage children in music and movement. Free; drop in.

DATES: First Wednesday

KIDS SING-ALONG WITH QUEEN BEE MUSIC - RAILYARD PARK

10:30 - 11:15 AM

Join us for joyful music and games at the Railyard Park. We meet on the green lawn weather permitting, or in the Community Room adjacent to the parking lot.

DATES: Every Wednesday

KIDS KARAOKE AT CAKE'S CAFE

2 - 4 PM

Come to Cake's Cafe to have some fun, make new friends, and sing. We offer a special kids menu.

DATES: Every Second Saturday

UNITED CHURCH KIDS MUSIC AND CARE FOR CREATION

10 - 11 AM

United Church of Santa Fe is offering weekly opportunities for children of all ages to engage in music and caring for creation as they plant and harvest a children's garden every Sunday morning from June through August. For further information, please contact unitedchurch.dana@gmail.com. Visit our website at unitedchurchofsantafe.org

DATES: Every Sunday

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

MANY MOTHERS' PLAY AREA

12 - 2 PM

Did You know Many Mothers has an indoor play area for children 0 to 3 years old? Monday through Thursday, 12 to 2 p.m., you and your little one are invited to stop by and play, have fun, and explore indoors.

DATES: Monday-Thursday

MY MINI

MENTOR WITH MY LITTLE HORSE LISTENER

10 - 11 AM

Kids ages 7 – 12 engage in learning activities with miniature horses, who demonstrate trust, clear communication, emotional regulation, teamwork, and leadership.

DATES: Monday-Friday

PAWS AND PAGES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Practice reading aloud to a friendly therapy dog from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter Pet Outreach Program. Our dogs are patient, cuddly, and love to hear stories. Reluctant readers will gain confidence and seasoned readers will enjoy practicing their read-aloud skills in a relaxed environment.

DATES: Every Monday

PAWS AND PAGES AT MAIN LIBRARY

6 - 7 PM

Children can practice their reading skills by sharing a story with a furry friend. This program is for early school age children. No registration required. These wonderful dogs are from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter Pet Outreach Program.

DATES: Every Tuesday

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children.

DATES: Every Tuesday

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

10 - 11 AM

The power of music and song is used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow.

DATES: Every Wednesday

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

10:30 - 11:30 AM

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DATES: Every Wednesday

STORYTIME AT WHITE ROCK LIBRARY

10:15 - 10:45 AM

Children ages 3 to 5 years old are invited to attend storytime at White Rock Library. Storytime is meant to teach and affirm early literacy concepts, songs, and fun with kids who can listen to a few books and are starting to put the world together in story form. Babies and older siblings are welcome, but caregivers should be aware of the program's focus.

DATES: Every Wednesday

WEE WEDNESDAYS

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Santa Fe Children's Museum offers storytime for toddlers and special exploration and activities.

DATES: Every Wednesday

WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAY AT MESA PUBLIC LIBRARY

1:30 - 3 PM

Activities for elementary-age kids weekly. It might be Legos, an art project, board games, physical games, a special guest, or something else. Best for children 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 and under must have a caregiver with them.

DATES: Every Wednesday

YOUTH CHESS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

5:45 - 7:45 PM

Youth chess is a weekly chance for school-age youth to continue to improve their critical thinking skills through the game of chess. While playing with other youth, new techniques, strategies, and tricks are introduced. This program is for youth of all ages who

know the basic elements of chess and can play without aid.

DATES: Every Wednesday

FUN WITH FIREFIGHTERS AT SANTA FE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

1 - 2 PM

Join the Santa Fe Fire Department for story time at the Santa Fe Children's Museum and then go outside to visit a fire truck. Free with admission to the museum.

DATES: First Thursday

PAJAMA STORYTIME/ HORA DEL CUENTO EN PIJAMA AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

6:30 - 7:30 PM

A cozy evening storytime that includes a snack and a craft for caregivers and preschool children.

This program is in partnership with the Santa Fe Children's Museum and Growing Up New Mexico.

DATES: Every Thursday

STORYTIME AND CRAFT AT MAIN LIBRARY

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Created with early childhood teaching techniques, this story hour and craft provide social, physical, and cognitive skill practice for kindergarten readiness. This program is for preschool-age children.

DATES: Every Thursday

PASEO POTTERY THROW DOWN

5 - 8 PM

The first Friday of every month, Paseo Pottery hosts a Pottery Throw Down to celebrate our local nonprofit organizations. Each month we will invite a local nonprofit and proceeds from the event are donated to them as our way of saying thanks for the important work they do. There will be live pottery demos, libations, music, and a chance for newbies to try their hand at the wheel with the help of our volunteers. Grab a friend and come play in the mud with us. Cost: \$25 per person.

DATES: First Friday

BILINGUAL BOOKS AND BABIES AT LA FARGE LIBRARY

10 - 10:30 AM

The power of music and song is used as an introduction to language in this program for babies and toddlers. Exposure to new and different language sounds in early childhood can help children with language acquisition skills as they grow.

DATES: Every Friday

CAREGIVER AND TOT CREATIVE MOVEMENT AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

10:15 - 11 AM

This gentle introductory class for children and their caregiver utilizes a curriculum based on child development theories and discovery of dance through play, which sparks a lifelong appreciation for movement arts.

DATES: First and third Saturday

PAWS AND PAGES AT SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Children can practice their reading skills by sharing a story with a furry friend. A local therapy dog will be here at the library eagerly waiting. This program is for early school-age children.

DATES: Every first and third Saturday

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10 - 10:30 AM

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DATES: Every Saturday

SCIENCE SATURDAYS

2 - 4 PM

Scientists and STEM instructors visit the Santa Fe Children's Museum to conduct experiments, explorations, and demonstrations. Free with admission. Presented in the Woods Family Outdoor Classroom.

DATES: Every Saturday

COME BUILD WITH US AT MAIN LIBRARY

2 - 4 PM

Come use your imagination to build your newest creation!

DATES: Fourth Saturday



NATURE PLAYTIME

10 - 11 AM

Start the week off by playing outside at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center. An opportunity for toddlers, preschoolers, and caregivers to explore the nature center and explore the natural world. Each playtime features outdoor play, sensory exploration, and activities focused on a theme in nature. Dress for the weather, we will be outside year-round. Admission is free.

DATES: Every Monday (excluding holidays)

NATURE UP CLOSE

Meet one of our naturalists, learn about our local wildlife and plants, and explore our skies in the planetarium. All Nature Up Close events are free, but they are dependent on volunteer availability.

DATES: Mondays, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Birds: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Walk-In Planetarium Show: Wednesdays 4 p.m.

Gardens: Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT THE NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE CENTER

11:30 - 12:30 AM

Meet an animal ambassador.

DATES: Saturdays and Sundays

MEET CORNELIUS THE SNAKE

1 - 2 PM

Come say hello to beloved corn snake Cornelius and watch him eat his weekly dinner at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. Please be aware that Cornelius will not be able to come out when he is shedding or not feeling well.

DATES: Every Thursday

SEEDS AND SPROUTS BACKYARD PROGRAM

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Hands-on gardening and nature-themed craft projects in the Earthworks Garden (weather permitting) at the Santa Fe Children's Museum.

DATES: Every Thursday

WALK-IN PLANETARIUM SHOW

3:45 - 4:30 PM

Join one of our astronomers for an open house in the planetarium every Wednesday at 4 p.m. They will give a 15-minute plan-

etarium show and then answer questions and take requests from attendees. Doors open at 3:45, and the show starts promptly at 4. Admission: Free.

DATES: Every Thursday



ANIME CLUB

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Anime Club is for anyone in grades 7 to 12. This chill program provides snacks and a comfortable place with friendly people to watch two hours of anime at the Zone at Mesa Public Library. Anime may be rated TV-14/PG-13. Art and freebies.

DATES: Second Thursday

RANDOM FANDOM

6 - 7 PM

Hang out time for youths in grades 7 to 12 to make stuff, play games, eat, and talk. Held at the Zone at Mesa Public Library.

DATES: Fourth Thursday

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4:15 pm – 5:30 pm ~ FREE

Join Queen Bee Music Association & local artists for live music all summer long!



May 14th | June 11th | July 9th | August 13th



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Children (ages 5 – 9) experience hands-on science, creative art projects, games, and playtime!

Week 1 (June 8th – 12th)

Fairy Tale Engineering

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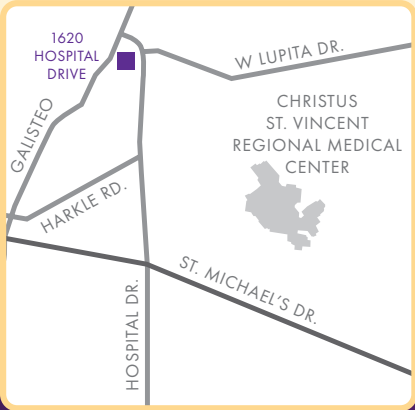
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