

Dear Neighbor,

If you've ever visited the Serrano Branch Library or your children participated in the Summer Reading Program you've enjoyed the way a library can unlock opportunity and, by opening books, opens lives.

In FY 2006/2007 Serrano Public Library, with a service population of 18,955 had patron traffic of 42,182. The branch currently hosts programs for children, teens, and adults in the current joint-use facility shared with Serrano High School. Because it is a shared site public access hours and space is limited. The great news in the Tri-Community area of Phelan, Pinon Hills, and Wrightwood was the January groundbreaking for the new stand alone Phelan Community Library. This new 8,400 square-foot building will provide a children's area, a young adult's area and a 750 square-foot community meeting room. The new facility will be able to support up to 30 public-access computers and is expected to be completed by June 2009.

The "Serrano Friends of the Library" is a non-profit group of volunteers committed to bring attention to library services, facilities, and needs. It is our goal that this beautiful new facility opens with full shelves. A portion of the current library catalog will remain at the Serrano High School Library and, **this is where you can get involved**. We are seeking support from our community and from organizations dedicated to literacy and education to help us buy more amazing stories for our library - more history, more reference, more fiction, and more vivid, memorable stories to fill the shelves. The Friends objective is to help purchase books in all of their many wonderful forms - CDs, audio books, video books, and other media. We have established a \$50,000 goal to help add books and materials to the new community library.

We believe a library is a gateway to the future, a repository of knowledge, a place to learn and grow and a place to laugh and be inspired. By giving generously to the Serrano Friends of the Library Fill the Shelves Fundraising Campaign you're helping build the most important part of the library; books and materials

Please join us in making our public library the best it can be.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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