

Palace of the Governors

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BANNED BOOKS EXPOSED! CELEBRATING THE FREEDOM TO READ

WHAT: Librarians are among the frontline fighters in the battle to retain Americans' rights to read, learn, and have access to government information. How are New Mexico's libraries protecting these freedoms? FREE presentation by Valerie Nye and Beth Aeby Teel. Join them as they talk about the important role libraries have in protecting first amendment rights. The presentation will include book talks of interest to all ages, exposing banned books. Following the Banned Books presentation at the Santa Fe Public Library, Pamela Smith will lead a gallery talk and tour of *Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico* at the Palace of the Governors.

Valerie Nye is an assistant professor and librarian at Fogelson Library at the College of Santa Fe and has recently co-authored *Breakfast Santa Fe Style: A Dining Guide to Fancy Funky and Family Friendly Restaurants*. Valerie received her master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Beth Aeby Teel, a library specialist at Sombrillo Elementary School in Española, tours the state telling stories and singing medieval ballads as the New Mexico Troubadour. This native northern New Mexican currently is writing a book to accompany her ballad on the history of the first atomic bomb.

Smith is an author, guest curator, and former director of the Palace Press. Her most recent work is *Passions In Print: Private Press Artistry in New Mexico, 1834-Present*, published by the Museum of New Mexico Press.

This is a free event in conjunction with the Palace of the Governors' exhibition, *Lasting Impressions: The Private Presses of New Mexico*. It is presented in cooperation with the Palace of the Governors and with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

WHEN: Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Presentation at the Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe. Gallery talk and tour to follow at the Palace of the Governors, 105 W. Palace Avenue, Santa Fe.

COST: Free

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Cheryle Mitchell, 505-476-5055 or Joy Poole, 505-476-9712; reservations are not required, but seating is limited. Visit www.privatepress.org.

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The Palace of the Governors, built from 1609 to 1610, is the state history museum for New Mexico and is housed in the oldest continuously occupied public building in the United States. The museum's collection of more than 17,000 historical objects documents the Spanish Colonial, Mexican, American Territorial, and recent eras in New Mexico history. Items date from the time of the earliest Spanish explorations in the 16th century and chronicle 223 years of Spanish administrative control, 25 years as part of Mexico, 66 years as a territory of the United States, and from statehood in 1912 to the present. The Palace also administers the Fray Angélico Chávez History Library and Photo Archives, The Palace Print Shop & Bindery, and the Portal Program.

The Palace of the Governors is a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Information for the Public: The Palace of the Governors is located on the Plaza in Santa Fe at 105 W. Palace Avenue. Call 505-476-5100 for more information, or visit www.palaceofthegovernors.org.

Museums are open Tuesday through Sunday, except from Memorial Day to Labor Day, when Museums are open every day. Museum hours are from 10AM to 5PM.