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Deep Background

With great pride the Library features its collection of local and regional literature. For all of our patrons who want to dig into the fascinating past of the place we have chosen as our home, we recommend a little browse among the many texts on offer.

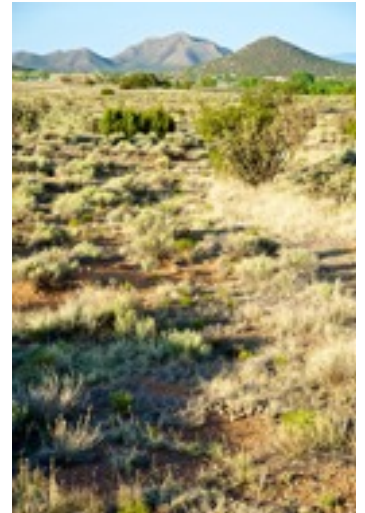
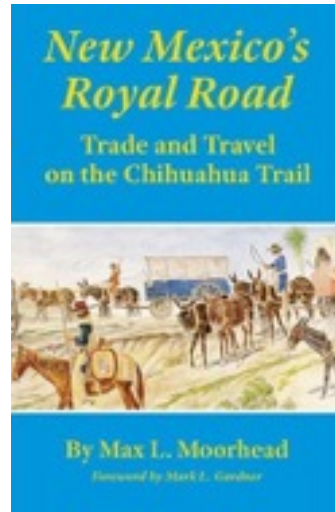
Featured this Month

New Mexico's Royal Road: *Trade and Travel on the Chihuahua Trail* by Max L. Moorhead

Moorhead covers the period from the earliest excursions into New Mexico by the Spaniards until 1958, the year in which the book was originally published. It starts with a brief description of some of the early Spanish expeditions that used routes other than the one that was to become the Chihuahua Trail.

The first person to head an expedition that used the route of that trail was Don Juan de Oñate, in 1598. This expedition is described day-by-day in detail based on the official reports, journals or other writings of various participants and other contemporary documents. The main innovation of this expedition was opening a trail directly north from Chihuahua to El Paso rather than the earlier routes that circumvented this mostly desert area. The description includes the composition of the expedition, the terrain passed and the populations encountered along the way.

The trail was first used to support the missions established in New Mexico and the caravan service was subsidized by the Spanish royal treasury. Originally it ran only once every three years. After the Pueblo Revolt and reestablishment of control by the Spanish the caravan service gradually became more and more commercial and was eventually controlled by the merchants in Chihuahua. This, not surprisingly, led to practices that resulted in exorbitant profits for these merchants at the expense of the New Mexico residents. All attempts to trade with New Mexico from outside Spanish territory were suppressed by the



Spanish government by arresting the merchants and confiscating their merchandise. That was the situation until the Mexican Revolution resulted in the end of Spanish rule in Mexico.

With the change in the Mexican government came a change in trade policy that led to the creation of the Santa Fe Trail. Over the next few years the combined trails grew into a major new trade route between the Mississippi River in Missouri, and later Arkansas, and central Mexico at Chihuahua and beyond. The story concludes with the use of the Chihuahua trail during the war between the United States and Mexico that resulted in the annexation of New Mexico.

The remainder of the book discusses the legacy of the trail and the improvements in transportation along its route starting with the railroads and later improved roads for motorized transportation.

The book contains four maps of the routes discussed representing their paths at various times from the original Oñate trail until the time of original publication of the book. It also has numerous footnotes and an extensive bibliography. It is well indexed. The copy reviewed is a republication in 1995.

Review by Joseph H. Diel

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New at the Library

Non Fiction

This Vanishing Land: *A Woman's Journey to the Canadian Arctic* by Dianne Whelan
New Mexico's Royal Road: *Trade and Travel on the Chihuahua Trail* by Max L. Moorhead
Endurance: *A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery* by Scott Kelly
The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

Mystery

The Girl with Braided Hair by Margaret Coel
The Silent Spirit by Margaret Coel
Buffalo Bill's Dead Now by Margaret Coel
The Perfect Suspect by Margaret Coel
Watching Eagles Soar by Margaret Coel
Deep Freeze by John Sandford
The Spider's Web by Margaret Coel
The Velvet Hours by Alyson Richman
The Midnight Line by Lee Child
Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye by David Lagercrantz

Science Fiction

Obelisk Gate by N K Jemisin
Stone Sky by N K Jemisin
The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August by Claire North
Book of Dust by Philip Pullman
Beautiful Mutants by Deborah Levy
A Conjuring of Light by V E Schwab
A Darker Shade of Magic by V E Schwab
A Gathering of Shadows by V E Schwab

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

Fiction

A Column of Fire by Ken Follett
Tenth of Dec by George Saunders
Lullaby Road by James Anderson
How to Be Both by Ali Smith
Autumn by Ali Smith

Books on CD

The Black Echo by Michael Connelly
The Sleeping Doll by Jeffery Deaver
Sudden Prey by John Stanford
Field of Prey by John Stanford
The English Spy by Daniel Silva
Fresh Disasters by Stuart Woods

Films on DVD

A Ghost Story Personal Shopper

Notes from the Library Board

The Annual Meeting of the HCL is this Friday, February 9, 2018, at 3 p.m. in the Betty Reynolds Reading Room.

Officers for the next term will be elected. The position of HCC Liaison is open. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Bookmobile Schedule

Third Wednesday of the Month

February 21, March 21

Hillsboro 1:00- 2:00 Kingston 2:30- 3:30

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