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Jemez Springs Library to Sell Signed Books, Rare Works by Tony Hillerman, Feb. 27

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—The Jemez Springs Public Library in Jemez Springs, New Mexico will give fans of the late author Tony Hillerman a rare opportunity to purchase everything from unedited manuscripts to signed books and first editions at a special book sale on Saturday, Feb. 27, which coincides with the village's Cabin Fever Festival.

At least 30 published and unpublished works written between 1970 and 1990 will be sold at the sale – all of which were donated from Hillerman's daughter, author Anne Hillerman.

Hillerman had a deep affinity for Jemez Springs and its inspiring beauty, and would frequently participate in the library's annual Speakers Series for several years which featured notable authors, alongside fellow New Mexico authors Rudolfo Anaya and N. Scott Momaday. Incidentally, Anaya's fictitious book, Jemez Spring (correct spelling) was set in the village.

"It is a great honor for the library and community of Jemez Springs to receive a collection like this," said Suzanne Swetnam, president of the Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library. "We are very thankful to Anne Hillerman for remembering Jemez Springs Library in such a special way. We know that the village must have been near and dear to Mr. Hillerman's heart and we are grateful that we'll be able to share his memory with those who have been touched by his words."


The books, many of which are signed, have been appraised. Prices will range from $75 to $150 each, which will go directly to the Friends for the library's numerous reading programs including summer programs which include movie nights, educational programs, children’s programs and the Jemez Historical Project run by Judith Isaacs and more. Each book will contain an insert featuring a certificate of authenticity.

The library will feature a permanent exhibition of some of Hillerman's work in the upcoming months.

The book sale has been scheduled as part of the Cabin Fever Festival on Feb. 27 from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. in Jemez Springs. The Cabin Fever Festival will be held at Fitzgerald Park in the village, and features a Chile Cook Off, professional chainsaw carvers from the Sandia Bear Company who will auction their work, a crosscut log cutting contest, arts and crafts sale and much more. There is no entry fee.
The Jemez Springs Public Library is located at 30 Jemez Springs Plaza at the Village Plaza near the gazebo.

Tony Hillerman, who passed away at the age of 83 in 2008, was a former reporter whose evocative mystery novels were often set in the Southwest and usually infused the Native American culture into his stories. His 1973 book, *Dance Hall of the Dead* won him an Edgar Allan Poe Award, and an Agatha Award for memoirs published in 2001. Other popular Hillerman books include *The Blessing Way, Listening Woman*, and many others.

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