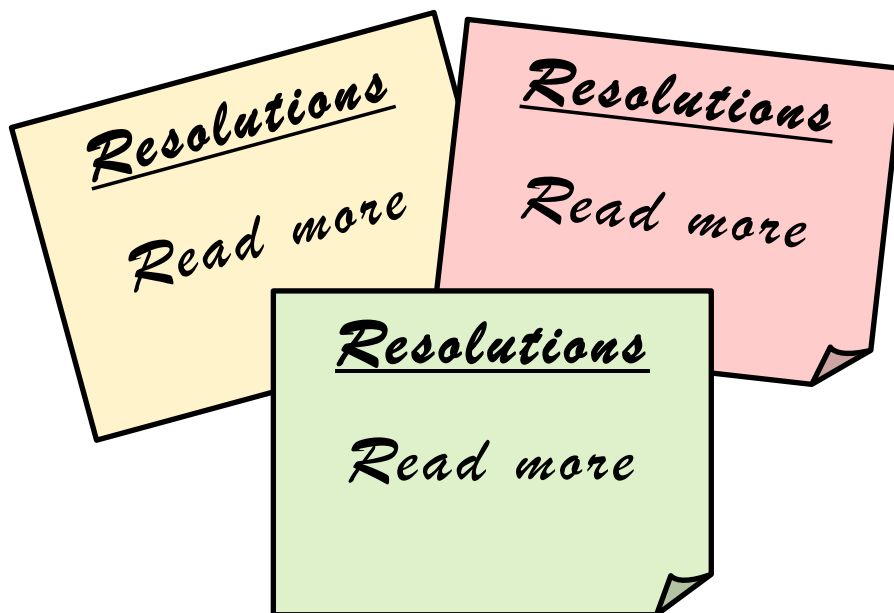


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**NEWSLETTER**

**NEW YEAR EDITION**  
**2025**



*"Maybe it was just the pleasure at having good company under my roof once more, with anticipation of more to come the next day."*

*-page 152, Bag Limit: a Sheriff Bill Gastner Mystery  
by Steven F. Havill*

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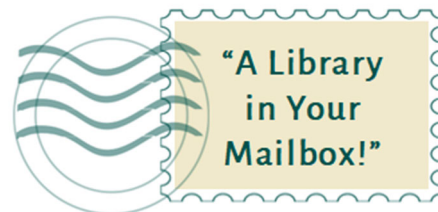
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## Happy New Year, dear patron!

As we enter 2025, we're also celebrating an exciting milestone: Books by Mail is turning 50! After a successful pilot program on the Bookmobiles in 1974, the New Mexico State Library Books by Mail program officially became available to New Mexicans living in rural areas that were without library services. With large print becoming more available and daily praises being sung from around the state, the program expanded to include individuals that were homebound or had a visual impairments. By mailing books directly to patrons' homes and mail boxes, the program has created access to literature, information, and entertainment in New Mexico's book deserts for 50 years.

We're incredibly proud of this 50 year legacy and are committed to continue providing library service to our fellow New Mexicans. Books by Mail is made possible by your continued support. Thank you very much!

Looking forward to serving you another year!



Berdina Nieto

## 2025 State Holidays

Please note that Books by Mail will be closed on the following observed State holiday. Make sure to mark your calendars and get your book orders in!

- ◆ **January 1st - New Year's Day**
- ◆ **January 20th - Martin Luther King Day**
- ◆ **May 26th - Memorial Day**
- ◆ **June 19th - Juneteenth**
- ◆ **July 4th - Independence Day**
- ◆ **September 1st - Labor Day**
- ◆ **October 13th - Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- ◆ **November 11th - Veterans Day**
- ◆ **November 27th & 28th - Thanksgiving**
- ◆ **December 25th - Christmas Day**



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## 2024 Books by Mail Top Ten Books

These are the most popular checkouts from the Books by Mail library in 2024 by patrons statewide!

**#1 LP-6033 The Sacred Bridge by Anne Hillerman** Chee investigates the death of a Dine artist, putting his own life at risk while Manuelito searches for the killer of a hitchhiker connected to a Dine Nation cannabis enterprise. *This was #2 in 2023!*

**#2 LP-6037 Death of the Black Widow by James Patterson** A case from his very first night on the job, where a woman bludgeoned her kidnapper and then vanished, still haunts a detective years later and he discovers he is not alone in his search. *This was #3 in 2023.*

**#3 LP-6026 Shadows Reel by C.J. Box** Joe is called out for a moose poaching incident that turns out to be something much more sinister. Marybeth opens an unmarked package and finds a photo album connected to an infamous Nazi. *This was #1 in 2023!*

**#4 LP-6065 22 Seconds by James Patterson** With rumors of a last-ditch shipment of drugs and weapons crossing the Mexican border, Lindsay finds out just how close to home the case hits. She could lose her badge or her life. *This was #9 in 2023.*

**#5 BX-2159 and LP-6166 Quicksilver by Dean R. Koontz** Quinn's on the run when he meets Bridget and her grandpa Sparky. They decide to help each other stay alive and keep moving through the Sonoran Desert away from the sinister enemy. *This was #4 in 2023.*

**#6 LP-6260 After That Night by Karin Slaughter** Sara's Life changed forever when a celebratory night fifteen years ago ended in a violent attack that tore her world apart. She battles to save a broken young woman as GBI Special Agent Will Trent investigates.

**#7 LP-6073 Shattered by James Patterson** Michael risks venturing outside his jurisdiction to find out why an FBI abduction specialist failed to show up at the DC headquarters. Parker's enemies had both the means and motives to silence her and her protectors.

## 2024 Books by Mail Top Ten Books

**#8 BL-4047 and LP-5035 Song of the Lion by Anne Hillerman** A deadly bombing takes Navajo Tribal cops Bernadette, Manuelito, Jim Chee, and their mentor, the legendary Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn back into the past to find a vengeful killer.

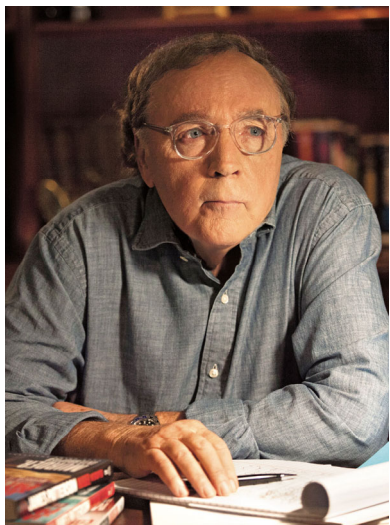
**#9 LP-6235 The Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham** After their fathers chose different sides of the law, two childhood friends are separated, and meet again as they head for a courtroom showdown.

**#10 LP-6190 Girl, Forgotten by Karin Slaughter** US Marshal Andrea Oliver looks to find justice for Emily, a girl that was murdered on her prom night forty years ago. There is one final chance to uncover a killer.

## 2024 Books by Mail Top Ten Authors

1. James Patterson - 101 checkouts
2. Danielle Steel - 49 checkouts
3. CJ Box - 42 checkouts
4. William W. Johnstone - 34 checkouts
5. Karin Slaughter - 34 checkouts
6. Anne Hillerman - 32 checkouts
7. Tracie Peterson - 27 checkouts
8. David Baldacci - 20 checkouts
9. Douglas Preston - 18 checkouts
10. John Grisham - 15 checkouts

### JAMES PATTERSON



James Patterson was born in Newburgh, NY on March 22, 1947. After retiring from advertising in 1996, he devoted his time to writing. With books in multiple subject categories including children's, Patterson's books have sold more than 425 million copies and he was the first person to sell one million eBooks. He's donated millions of dollars in grants and scholarship to various educational institutions to promote literacy.

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**CE-1386 The Woman in Blue by Elly Griffiths** A vision of the Virgin Mary foreshadows a string of cold-blooded murders, revealing a dark current of religious fanaticism in a medieval town.

**BN-7128 A Magical Match by Juliet Blackwell** While planning a 1950s themed brunch to benefit the local women's shelter, Lily Ivory begins to suspect that one of her magical enemies is targeting her loved ones in an attempt to weaken her.

**BR-4530 The Alchemyst by Michael Scott** Twins Sophie and Josh find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

**BX-0092 White Ivy by Susie Yang** Ivy is a thief and liar, but you'd never know it by looking at her. Thieving allows Ivy to attract the attention of Gideon Speyer, the golden boy of a wealthy political family. But when Ivy's mother discovers her trespasses, punishment is swift and Ivy is sent to China.

**LP-5606 The Two Lives of Lydia Bird by Josie Silver** A woman grieving the loss of her fiancé finds herself swapping back and forth between parallel lives, including one in which her first love has survived and another involving a new person who is asking her to move on.

**LP- 6178 Ms. Demeanor by Elinor Lipman** Jane is a valued member of her law firm, until her prudish, nose-y neighbor snitches on her romantic rooftop encounter. Life looks bleak with Jane now jobless and trapped at home. She tries to adapt to house arrest and discovers her tattletale neighbor's past isn't as decorous as her 911 snitching would suggest.

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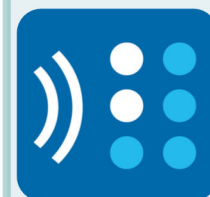


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