

Among Friends Newsletter

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Sept - Oct 2018

Summer Reading Program— Another Success Story!

The Summer Reading Program was a great success with a total of 40 programs for Preschoolers and children in grades K-5. The total attendance for these programs was 471 children and 279 adults. The five programs with the highest attendance were as follows:

- 🎵 **Summer Reading Kickoff!** Puppet show, hot dogs, and lemonade! 37 children 20 adults
- 🎵 **Friday Family Movie and Popcorn!** Paddington Bear 2! 25 children 12 adults
- 🎵 **Wacky Wednesday Science! Explore Rotational Inertia with Tops!** 22 children 6 adults
- 🎵 **Crafty Thursday! Tube Craft Animals!** 22 children 19 adults
- 🎵 **Wacky Wednesday Science! Exploring Polymers!** 20 children 6 adults.

Preschool Story Times also had record attendance the last week of June and the 1st week in July with 39 children and 28 adults combined!

The **Tween & Teen Summer Reading Program** had a total of 23 programs with 109 Tweens/Teens attending and 35+ adults. The Tweens and Teens most attended programs were the Techie Tuesday Coding Class and the Gaming Hour!

Numbers are still being compiled on the number of bags and reading logs distributed, as well as the number of Preschoolers, Children, Tweens and Teens who finished 1000 minutes of reading.



Danielle Hirepan

In September, we will be doing **Wild Wednesday Art** with a kickoff of a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, Beads, Bobbles and Bracelets, Clay Creations, and Junk Robot Sculptures! We will also have **Talk Like a Pirate Day** on September 19th—and, will also resume **Lego Family Fun** in September, as well as **Gears! Gears! Gears!**

Submitted by Danielle Hirepan



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Library Hours

M, Th 9am—6 pm
T, W 9am—7 pm
F, S 9am—3 pm

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The **Library Friends of Payson, Inc.**, is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial and community support to the Payson Public Library. We believe that public libraries comprise an integral aspect of community identity and development, and we support endeavors that encourage literacy and free inquiry within the individual, the family, and society.

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President's Corner

Dear Friends,

Here we are, the end of another summer. Seems like we just celebrated Memorial Day and Labor Day appears. I have had an interesting experience during these last 6 months which maybe made the summer go so fast.

I have been on the Gila Country Grand Jury since the middle of March. This means I go to Globe every Tuesday from March to September. There are 16 members on the grand jury and it has been fun to get to know them. Out of 16 members more than half are working, so they need to be excused from their jobs to take part in this process. I have met bankers, school teachers, miners, auto store owner, a ranch owner, a retired military scuba diver and some others like me – just retired. It has been a real joy for me to drive to Globe with two Payson ladies. We have the best conversations and the 89-mile trip flies by! When mid-September gets here, I won't know what to do with myself on Tuesdays.

Our director, Emily, reported 49 programs offered in June and 7086 patrons at the library – what a busy place. There have been many staffing changes but all the positions are filled so that is a plus. The new carpeting is still to be installed. It should really be nice, especially in the meeting room.

Don't forget about our Chili's Give Back Day. For the months of May – July, LFOP received \$230 from Chili's. The last day of the program is Wednesday, October 3. Please put that date on your calendar—be sure to have a coupon and help support LFOP and the library by eating at Chili's.

See you at the library, *Linda*



Linda Lanctot

Bookstore Update



September Specials

2 for 1 on all 50 cent books. Also, all small paperbacks are 20 for \$1.

We still need you!

The Bookstore is currently seeking more **volunteers** for morning and afternoon shifts. Shifts are Monday through Thursday 9 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm. On Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 3 pm. You can also serve as a **substitute** if committing to a regular shift does not fit your schedule. Please contact **Judy Smith at 474-4189** if you are interested.

Do you know we've got great gifts in our Bookstore?

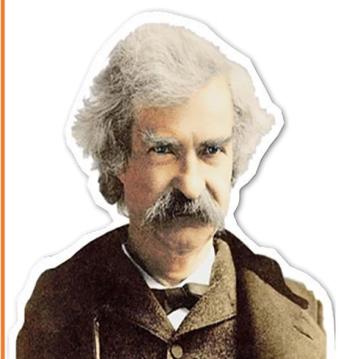
There's DVD's, audio CD's, book sets, children's books, coffee table books, jigsaw puzzles, and more! Many are new or in like-new condition. We also have our t-shirts available for purchase for adult, \$15, and children's \$12. **Now in stock: adult x-large and 2x-large sizes.** To complete your gift, you can put your gift in one of our eco-friendly tote bags for just \$1.50.

Inventory is always changing, so don't miss out! Check in regularly! Our friendly volunteers will help you find what you need. The Bookstore is located inside the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road.

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*Be careful
about reading
health books.
You may die
of a misprint.*

*Mark
Twain*



LFOP Annual Elections in September

Our September general meeting includes the election of Officers and selected Board of Director positions. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected for a 1-year term. Board positions up for election are: 5 At-Large positions; Bookstore; and Financial Secretary. Each Board position is a 2-year term.



More nominations will be accepted from the floor during the general meeting. Please come, nominate someone (yourself!) and vote. We welcome your participation!

If you have been considering getting involved in your community, there is no better place than our Board. You'll work with some of the nicest people in Rim Country! Don't worry if you have no experience—we will work with you and help you learn. You will always be 'Among Friends!'

The nominees to date are:

President – Linda Lanctot; Vice-President – Les Hansen; Treasurer – John Wilson; Secretary – Kathy Morgan; Bookstore – Dianna Wagner and Judy Smith; At-Large – Karen Thornton, Stephanie Collins, Pam Jackson, Sarah Brown, Shelly Sundra; Financial Secretary – Linda Lanctot (Acting).

If interested, please contact us by email at library_friends@hotmail.com

Rim Country Readers

John Brown's Body discussed at July 18 Meeting

Patriotism, duty, sacrifice, honor were principles that galvanized 3.2 million combatants to serve in America's Civil War, claiming over 650,000 lives, and wounding half a million more. It is difficult to imagine any cause that would generate that level of commitment in today's world. Combining meticulous research and creative imagination, Stephen Vincent Benet crafted *John Brown's Body*, a 15,000-line epic poem of the Civil War in just 2 years. Published in 1927, an instant best-seller and Pulitzer Prize winner, it was described by one literary critic as "the best single book ever written on the subject."

In *John Brown's Body*, we meet historical leaders – Lincoln, Davis, Lee, Grant and others - as real-life, 'fleshed out' persons. We also became acquainted with fictional characters representing all facets of American society: restless New Englander Jack Ellyat, seeking to make his mark on the world; Clay Wingate, handsome scion of a Georgia plantation family; Mary Lou Wingate, Clay's mother, who ran the plantation with 'an iron fist in a velvet glove'; Sally Dupre, dark and mysterious, never quite fitting into the South's rigid caste system; Jake Diefer, Pennsylvania farmer, 'a slow, thought-chewing Clydesdale horse of a man'; Luke Breckenridge, southern mountain man with a shooter's eagle eye, and more. Each played their part in the unfolding events of that great conflict.

Benet's view of the Civil War was holistic, respectful, sympathetic, and genuinely affectionate to all participants – projecting an abiding love for this country, and for all of the diverse cultures and peoples who make us who we are. *Submitted by Romaine Brophy*

So that everyone has time to buy/borrow/read/listen to the **October selection, *The Handmaid's Tale*** has been chosen. Further selection of titles will be completed at the September meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

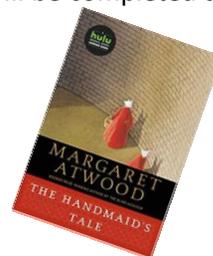
Wednesday, September 19 – Selection of titles for next season

Meeting Time & Place:

10 A.M. All Rim Reader meetings are open to the public.

Third Wednesday of each month

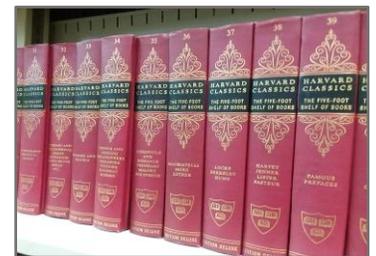
Youth Room of Payson Public Library - No membership fee



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Book Sales

Are you interested in a wonderful deal on 52 books of classics? The *Harvard Classics—The Five Foot Shelf of Books* is available for purchase. This attractive set would make a wonderful gift for someone who loves to read the classics by all the notable authors. The price is \$80; however, if you are an LFOP member, your price is \$64. Please stop by and see them in the Bookstore next time you are in the Library.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances as of July 31, 2018:

General Fund	\$ 57,874
Building Fund	\$ 436,675
Restricted Fund	\$ 2,791



Library News

<http://www.paysonaz.gov/Departments/Library>

Where did summer go? As described in the summer reading article on the front page, the Library's summer was very busy! It's gratifying to see so many children and tweens enjoying our Library. A very special thanks to all staff for their encouragement and support for all these youngsters.



One returnee and a new staff member are now on board. **Timothy Branson**, who left us last summer to pursue his education, is back in Payson and is now our new full time **IT and Technical Services Specialist**. Tim was born in Flagstaff, moved to Washington, then returned to AZ. After completing high school, he attended seminary in Ohio. Concluding that it was not for him, he returned here, worked for 2 years, then headed to Mesa to attend Benedictine University. Finding that adventure too expensive, he moved back to Payson, working for Smart Systems for a bit, and now he's back with us! His favorite thing about this job?—he loves the people he works with! In his spare time, he enjoys computers (!), music and video creation, and likes to write about theology. Welcome back, Tim!

Sarah McCormack, Library Page, is new to our Library. She knew she wanted to work in a Library since elementary, where she learned the Dewey system and cataloguing. Originally from Ohio, she attended Pima College in Tucson, then ended up in Phoenix as manager for Vanco Fasteners Co. for 20 years. She retired to Payson to escape the heat and traffic! In her spare time, Sarah likes knitting, quilting, sewing, collecting children's books, and camping. She volunteers at the Payson Humane Society and has previously done a lot of volunteer work with handicapped children. Her favorite part of the job is meeting new people, learning about new books and authors—just plain being around books! Glad you are here, Sarah!

On the Library front, the carpet is coming soon! It is currently being installed in other town facilities. It will be a great change for our Library, especially in the meeting room where it definitely needs replacing.

Come in and enjoy our many programs, including the Ukulele Club on Tuesdays which will become a regular Library program this fall. Check our website for start date and time.

Submitted by Dolores Goughnour

Marty Cordano, August Speaker

Marty Cordano, a wildlife biologist and former employee of the Bureau of Land Management, shared images and stories from his extensive collection of wildlife photography. His love for wildlife photography began while spending time in the Florida Everglades, a wildlife refuge in Roswell, NM, and later the San Juan River riparian area. The next 17 years were spent as a contract photographer for *Arizona Highways*. Marty's subjects range from bugs to bears, with many images requiring hours of patient waiting for the 'perfect shot.'



He shared unusual images: a female scorpion carrying her young on her back; a ferruginous hawk with his head turned completely upside down as he looked curiously into the lens; gopher snakes hatching; and a rare California Condor, recently released in the Grand Canyon area. His work has been published in *Audubon Birder's World*, *Field and Stream*, *National Geographic World*, *National Wildlife*, and many more.

After living in Bisbee, AZ for 24 years, he moved to Alaska for 10, and just recently returned to Arizona, calling Payson his home. We are fortunate to have Marty right here in Rim Country. Maybe we'll see him around with his camera, waiting for another perfect shot!

Submitted by Romaine Brophy

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LFOP Upcoming Programs

Did you know that Library Friends sponsor free programs for the community on the **third Monday of every month**, except July and December? We try to have a variety of programs and appreciate recommendations and requests from the community.

We are excited about our fall program!

September 17 Betty Delano from the AZ Attorney General's Office will speak about consumer scams and identity theft. According to the Payson "Roundup," at least three people in northern Gila County have fallen for a telephone scam from individuals claiming to represent the IRS; thousands of dollars have been lost by senior citizens. Attendees will even receive a copy of the Senior Tool Kit, a magazine-quality publication listing different scams to be aware of, what to do if you are scammed, how to prevent identity theft and what to do if you are the victim of identity theft.

October 15 Felicia French, a resident of Pine and community volunteer, will share her experiences as an Army combat veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Felicia enjoyed a career as a nurse, but always wanted to fly. Because of her persistence, she was able to convince the Army to accept her into flight school. She flew Medevac helicopters and retired as an Army Colonel after 32 years of service. Felicia continues serving our community as a member of Tonto Search and Rescue and the Civil Air Patrol. We hope to see a lot of veterans at our October presentation!

November 19 A more light-hearted program is presented as we prepare for the holidays. Anyone who has heard her stories or songs will not forget our Arizona treasure, Buckshot Dot. Dot was born in Flagstaff, but grew up on the Navajo and Hualapai reservations. This AZ Culture Keeper has recorded five albums and has been honored as Cowboy Poet of the Year. She taught in elementary and secondary schools and continues to entertain in Payson and neighboring communities. We are privileged to welcome her in November.

If you would like to hear a presentation on a specific topic, but do not know a presenter, please contact me. We are amazed at the number of generous people in our community who are willing to share their knowledge and experiences. **We want to extend a special invitation to older homeschool students.** Look for exciting programs on Navajo code talkers and the Pleasant Valley war in the spring.

Contact information: **Denise Blanchette, Programs, deniseblanchette1@gmail.com**



Amazon Smile!

It's not too soon! Plan ahead and do some holiday shopping!

You can help the Payson Public Library by purchasing items on the website <http://.smile.amazon.com>. Use your regular Amazon account to register Friends of Payson (or any non-profit of your choice). In addition to the donation, the Smile program vendors offer special pricing and discounts you won't find on the regular Amazon site. Register today, and get great start on your holiday shopping!

It's a great way to support your Library. Every little bit helps!

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