

Among Friends Newsletter

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Payson Public Library Receives Generous Donation

Payson Public Library has received a \$100,000 Legacy Gift from Arlene Kowaliski. The gift was presented at the October Library Friends of Payson (LFOP) Board Meeting by William Backes, trustee for the Kowaliski estate. Ms. Kowaliski passed away earlier this year, preceded in death by her husband, Ken. After spending many years in the San Diego area where both were employed, she and her husband retired in Payson. She enjoyed oil painting and gardening at her Payson home.



Arlene Kowaliski

The gift is a most welcome addition to the LFOP's general building fund, and as a consequence, much discussion has developed around the library's needs. Emily Linkey, Director, noted that meeting room requests often go unscheduled due to the current library meeting room being constantly in use. The room is open to any nonprofit or government organization free of charge, making it a very popular venue for meetings and programs. In addition to the possible expansion to the south side of the library to better accommodate meeting needs, a drive-through window will also be considered to facilitate

library use particularly for handicapped individuals. The LFOP Board has given the approval to hire an architect to prepare a preliminary design including its cost. Ms. Linkey noted that book stack space at this time is not an immediate need, but will be in the near future. Electronic library resources help minimize book stack need.

"The Library Friends of Payson is very grateful to have received this large donation from Ms. Kowaliski. This unexpected gift has opened some doors we thought were out of reach. The Payson community is in need of usable meeting rooms, and if our plans and dreams come true, we will be able to add meeting room space to our existing library and continue to serve our community with a valuable asset. You will be hearing more about this project in the future," Linda Lanctot, LFOP president added.



John Wilson, LFOP Treasurer,
Linda Lanctot, LFOP President,
William Backes, Trustee

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Emily Linkey, Director

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.

Community and Library - A Shared Future!

President's Corner

Dear Library Friends,

Fall, a lovely time to be in Payson—elk bugling in the morning, herds of elk running down the streets, trees turning red and yellow, sweaters found in the closet, and oh yes, blankets on the bed again. I tend to feel nostalgic this time of year – shorter days, memories of snow in the Midwest. I feel thankful for many things and this is a good time to share my thoughts with you.

First of all, I am very thankful for the members of the Library Friends officers and board members who agreed to serve again, or those who are just joining our team. We have four new members: **Les Hansen** as Vice-President, **Kay Miller** as Financial Secretary, and **Sarah Brown** and **Shelly Sundra** as Members At Large. It is wonderful to have new interests on our board - I will share a little about each one in future articles.

Secondly, I am truly thankful for **Donna Hickman**. Donna has been the Homebound Coordinator for many years and has done an excellent job of keeping our Homebound Patrons matched to volunteers. Another person who is invaluable to us is **Pete Rothenbach**. Pete is the leader of a very dedicated group of volunteers who sort, price, sell and ship books of interest. These people can take a pile of discarded books and make money with them!

Thirdly, I am thankful for **Lynne Wayne**. She has managed and sent out our Blast Emails, notifying people of meetings and special events.

Another person behind the scenes who makes my life and LFOP flow smoothly is **Romaine Brophy**. Romaine makes the posters for our monthly speakers and does the data entry for membership, dues and donations.

I'll stop here because my space is full. Needless to say, there are many more people who help with duties – and they are all appreciated.

See you at the library, *Linda*



Linda Lanctot

*Whenever
you read
a good
book,
somewhere
in the world
a door
opens to
allow
in more
light.
Vera
Nazarian*

Save the Date!

It's not too early to save the date for the 2019 *A Taste of Rim Country*! This exciting, annual event will be held on **Saturday, March 9th, 2019, from 5pm-7:30pm**. An elegant evening at the Payson Library will delight one and all with a variety of wines, non-alcoholic beverages, and the best appetizers and desserts our local chefs can offer. Fred Carpenter will once again serve as our Master of Ceremonies and DJ, playing tunes designed to get you in the mood for dancing, and a 50/50 Raffle will entice you to take a chance on a great prize.

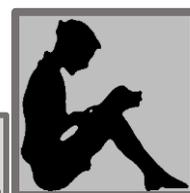
Sponsorship opportunities for both individuals and local businesses are available at **four levels: PLATINUM - \$1000 or more GOLD - \$500 SILVER - \$250 BRONZE - \$100**. Every sponsor receives the following, plus a framed plaque showing level of sponsorship:

- ☞ Two (2) Complimentary tickets to *A Taste of Rim Country* (a \$70 value);
- ☞ Prominent recognition on signage throughout the Library;
- ☞ Prominent recognition in press releases, Library Friends of Payson website and Facebook pages;
- ☞ Sponsorship featured in the Library Friends newsletter, *Among Friends*.

Tickets for *A Taste of Rim Country* are available for \$35 per person (\$20 is tax-deductible) and will go on sale at the Payson Library in January 2019. Tickets are limited and sell quickly, so put this date in your calendar now!

For more information, contact Kathy Morgan, 928.474.5981 or Linda Lanctot, 928.472.9160.

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LFOP Annual Election Results

The September general election yielded the following Officers and Board of Directors:

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 – Kay Miller



From left: Les Hansen, Linda Lanctot,
Kathy Morgan, John Wilson

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.

Our thanks to these fine individuals who step up and guide the valuable resources vital to our library programs and its patrons.

Rim Country Readers

As excitement builds for the Great American Read, we here at Payson Library are gearing up for the **Great Rim Country Readers Read**. Following are the titles selected for the next eight months. We will be choosing three more books to complete the year's selections as we go along and welcome the input of all who attend our meetings.

November 21 - *The Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles (468 p.)
– rec. by Charlene Scott

December 19 - *Sleep No More* by P. D. James (208 p.) - rec. by
Valerie Smith

January 16 – *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Eric Maria
Remarque (240 p) – rec. by Linda Teasley

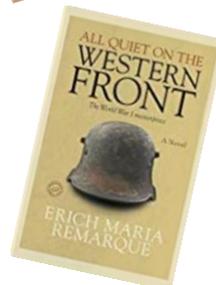
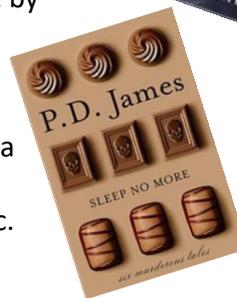
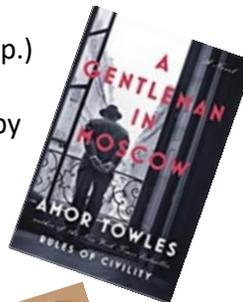
February 20 – *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon (642 p) – rec. by
Cindy Diehl

March 20 – *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No
Horse* by Louise Erdrich (384 p.) - rec. by Romaine Brophy

April 17 – *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee (496 p.) - rec. by Wilma
Dalby

May 15 – *Blackbeard: The Birth of America* ((385 p.) - rec.
by Valerie Smith

Submitted by Linda Teasley



Upcoming meeting:

Wednesday, November 21

Meeting Time & Place:

10 A.M. All Rim Reader meetings are open to the public.
Third Wednesday of each month
Southwest Room of Payson Public Library - No membership fee

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Book Sales

Collectible Genuine
Leather-Bound
Biographies of
Founding Fathers

Four gift-quality Easton Press biographies are available for purchase. All are in very good plus condition with genuine leather covers embossed with gilt letters and decoration. Also, raised ribs on spine, gilt page edges and attached ribbon marker. **Set \$200** or buy individual volumes:

\$50 Alexander Hamilton: A Biography

by Forrest McDonald

\$25 Thomas Paine

by David Freeman Hawke

\$55 American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas

Jefferson by Joseph J. Ellis

\$105 John Adams

by David McCullough.

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	\$ 159,767
Building Fund	\$ 443,569
Restricted Fund	\$ 415



Library News

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



Preliminary Planning for Library Expansion

A most welcomed donation has spurred discussion of library needs. Based on need as exhibited by the number of meeting room requests, Emily Linkey, Library Director, has recommended an expansion to the south side of the existing library to include more meeting rooms, public restrooms and the possibility of a drive-thru window for accommodating disabled patrons. The expansion will serve community needs particularly for meeting rooms. During the October board meeting, the Library Friends of Payson Board approved the plan to engage an architect to further determine need and provide a preliminary design including cost. Stay tuned for more information on the progress of your donations at work!

Carpet!

Come see our new carpet! Installation was completed early October. The entire library flooring now consists of carpet tiles, making replacement as needed a simpler process. The central area where the checkout counter is located is now laminate, also making the area much easier to maintain.



Plan Ahead

The Staff/Volunteer Holiday Party will be held on **Friday, December 7th at 4pm**. For more information, please check at the Library checkout counter.

Bookstore Update



November Specials

Buy one, Get one free on all Holiday items: Fiction, cookbooks, craft books, etc. – second item of equal or lesser value. Also - standard size paperbacks 10 for \$1.

New Bookstore Shelving

New shelves for the Bookstore's receiving/sorting room have arrived! This addition will make it so much easier for the librarians and bookstore volunteers to sort the donations and shelve them, and actually find specific books. The shelves were generously paid for by the LFOP.

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

The Bookstore has an assortment of items for Christmas including fiction, romance, cookbooks, crafts as well as puzzles, DVD's, and audio CD's. There are a number of table top books displayed behind the desk and on top of our bookshelves that would make great gifts. We also have our t-shirts with our friendly elk logo available for purchase: adult, \$15, and children's \$12. **Now in stock: adult x-large and 2x-large sizes.** To save you on giftwrap, you can put your gift in one of our eco-friendly tote bags for just \$1.50.



T-Shirt Logo

Please come in and check out our ever-changing inventory! 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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LFOP Upcoming Programs

Please join us for our free programs! A variety of programs are offered and we appreciate recommendations and requests from the community.

Meetings are on the **third Monday of each month**, except July and December. There is a short business meeting at 10:00 am and presentations begin at 10:30 am. Meetings are held in the library meeting room.

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.

No Meeting in December

January 21 Cameron Mower, biology associate professor at Gila Community College, will be presenting a program on native plants of Arizona.

February 18 Tessa Branyan will speak about archaeology of AZ. She will give a short summary of the different prehistoric cultural traditions in the State.

March 18 Laura Tohe, from AZ Humanities Council, will present a program on Navajo Code Talkers: *Armed With Our Language, We Went to War*. Dr. Tohe is professor of Indigenous Literature at ASU and Poet Laureate of the Navajo Nation, 2015-2019.

April 15 Eduardo Paga'n, PhD, ASU Bob Stump Endowed Professor of History, will present a program on the Pleasant Valley War and have his book on the war available for purchase, which will be released this fall.

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

Amazon Smile!



It's that time---- *holiday shopping* !

You can help the Payson Public Library by purchasing items on the website 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 a great start on your holiday shopping!

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



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