

Among Friends Newsletter

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Ready, Set, Go.....

Time To Plan for *A Taste of Rim Country*

Mark your calendar! The highlight event of Payson's social season, this year's "A Taste of Rim Country" will be held on **Saturday, March 9th from 5pm to 7:30 pm** at the Payson Public Library, 328 N. McLane Road.

This gala event includes samplings of delightful appetizers and delectable desserts prepared and served by local Rim Country chefs. Guests enjoy complimentary wine-tasting, with non-alcoholic beverages also available, and a 50-50 Cash Raffle. Fred Carpenter will once again be our renowned Master of Ceremonies for the evening, with a wide range of music for everyone's enjoyment.

Chef Competition - Invitations to participate in this acclaimed event will be issued this month to local Rim Country chefs, and we expect a good response. Competition for the highly coveted *Best of the Best* award is fierce, and two other awards – *Best Appetizer* and *Best Dessert* – are also awarded, with each guest being encouraged to vote for their favorite dish and chef.

Something New - Sponsorships are available now at four individual levels: Platinum (\$1000 or higher), Gold (\$500), Silver (\$250), and Bronze (\$100). In thanks, sponsors receive two complimentary tickets to the event (a \$70 value), a complimentary one-year membership in the Library Friends of Payson, and prominent recognition in our publicity efforts (Facebook, newsletter, press releases, and signage at the event). For more information on how you can become a sponsor, please contact Linda Lanctot at 928-472-9160.

There will be no Silent Auction this year; instead, the focus will be on the chefs, the delicious food, and the entertainment in the main part of the library.



Volunteers Needed – With an event this size, many helping hands are needed. A Volunteer Sign-up Sheet will be available at the January 21st General Meeting and then available at the Library's Circulation Desk. To thank each volunteer who signs up to help, discount tickets are offered at \$15.00 each.

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Payson Public Library
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928/474-9260
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.



Linda Lanctot

*We read in bed
because reading is
halfway between
life and dreaming.
our own
consciousness
in someone else's
mind.
Anna Quindlen*



President's Corner

Dear Library Friends,

Greetings! In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we have 4 new members on our Library Friends' Board. I have asked each one of them to write a short biography so we can get to know them better. In this issue, you will learn about Sarah Brown and Les Hansen. I hope you enjoy reading about their lives and take time to greet them at the next general meeting. I thank them for becoming part of our team. Please go to page 3 to meet them!

See you at the library, *Linda*

For a change of pace after the holidays, this Mexican dish fits the bill!

Walking Taco Casserole

Ingredients:

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| 1 lb. ground chicken, beef or turkey | 1 can enchilada sauce |
| 1 small onion, sliced | (10 oz.), red or green |
| 1/2 can of Rotel (diced tomatoes
with green chilies) | 2 oz. cream cheese |
| 1 packet of taco seasoning | 2 cups shredded cheese |
| 1 bag of Frito Corn Chips | Small can sliced black olives |
| 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed | 1/2 cup sliced green onions |



Directions: In a skillet, brown the meat and onion. Add the Rotel and taco seasoning. Simmer until any liquid is evaporated. Add black beans. Turn off the heat and stir in the cream cheese until melted and combined. Stir in the enchilada sauce.

Spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray. Add 1/2 of the bag of Fritos to the bottom of the pan. Top with 1/2 the meat mixture and 1/2 of the shredded cheese. Repeat the layer—chips, meat, cheese. Sprinkle black olives and green onions on top. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and casserole is heated through.

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In addition to needing volunteers, we are asking for donations of wine (we need varieties of red, white, and pink) and sparkling cider. These donations can be brought to the Library's Circulation Desk.

Tickets Go on Sale – Tickets will go on sale at the January 21st General Meeting. Tickets are priced at \$35 each (\$20 of which is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution). A limited number of tickets are available, and **there will be no ticket sales at the door on the evening of the event.** Tickets sell out fast, so we encourage everyone to purchase their tickets as soon as possible. As of January 22nd, tickets will be available for purchase at the Library's Circulation Desk. Payment can be either cash or check (please make checks payable to "Library Friends of Payson").

All proceeds from this annual fundraiser benefits the Payson Public Library, providing equipment and supplies, and supporting programs that are not included in its regular budget from the Town of Payson and Gila County.

Currently, we have four sponsors from our fall campaign. We thank these 4 businesses for helping keep our Payson Library filled with new books, DVDs, and books on CD. They are all at the Bronze Level (\$100.00):

Rod and Kim Anderson
Payson Concrete

Payson Realty
Payson Wireless

A sincere **thank you** to these people and all those in the future who help support *A Taste of Rim Country* through their sponsorships.

Community and Library – A Shared Future!

Meet Our New Board Members

Please welcome two of our four new board members. Each has a really different background—we are fortunate to have their talent and experiences to assist our board. Les Hansen will be serving a 1-year term as Vice-President and Sarah Brown, a 2-year term as a Member At-Large. A very heart felt thank you to both for your service to our library and community!



Sarah Brown, Member at Large, was born in Champaign, IL, but spent most of her childhood years in Charleston, IL. She graduated from Charleston High School and also attended Eastern Illinois University located in the same town for two years. Once married, she became an Air Force wife, which involved moving to not only various U.S. locations but also living in England and Germany for 3 years where her son and daughter were born. Eventually relocating to Arizona, she completed her B.S. in Elementary Ed. at ASU and a M.S. in Elementary Ed. at NAU. After teaching K, 1, 2 grades, she became an elementary school librarian. Most of her career she spent in Chandler, AZ. Retiring in 1997, she and her husband moved to Payson in 2000. Sarah's family includes 4 adult children and 8 grandchildren. She has always loved libraries. Some of her earliest memories were of sitting on one of the two lion sculptures outside the Carnegie Public Library in her hometown, reading her book! She loves family, friends, reading, quilting, volunteering and walking.

Les Hansen, Vice-President, born and raised in Western Washington, enjoyed trout fishing, pheasant hunting, clam digging and reading science fiction and *The Great Books of the Western World* in his youth. First attending Harvey Mudd College, a private Southern California engineering school, on a scholarship, he then became interested in economics, switched majors, and transferred to California Polytechnic University. After graduation, Les joined the Navy, training in navigation in Coronado, CA. and then deployed to Danang, Vietnam in '68 and '69. After honorable discharge, he worked at a process equipment manufacturing company while attending Glendale College of Law part-time. During that time, Les provided start-up and management for a new, fast-growing division of the company that included world-wide operations, then became president and CEO after taking an intensive executive training course at Harvard Business School. Les' interesting and varied career has included serving as president of 5 manufacturing companies that supplied components and equipment to a variety of industries.



He has been married for 37 years to Sharon, a 4'10" Texas tornado, who volunteers in the library bookstore. They raised three boys, now scattered around the country. Retiring to Payson from Southern California 7 years ago, Les enjoys reading, and now lets the pheasants, trout and clams live a long life unmolested. He's an active Elks Club member, and spends most weekends frequenting Payson's live music venues with friends. His motto: "Laissez les bon temps roulez!" Let the good times roll!

Kay Miller and Shelly Sundra will be featured in our next newsletter.

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Book Sales

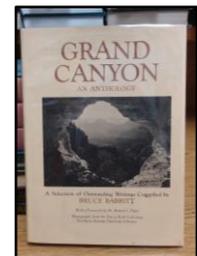
Grand Canyon: An Anthology

(compiled by
Bruce Babbitt)

Very good plus condition, hardcover with clear mylar protected dust jacket. First edition stated and signed by author on title page. 258 pages including index. Published 1978. \$35 before LFOP discount. LFOP members get a 20% discount.

Bookseller Inventory
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The book is available to review in the Bookstore. Please stop by next time you are in the Library.



Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund	\$ 58,325
Building Fund	\$ 544,312
Restricted Fund	\$ 193



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Rim Country Readers

The *Great Rim Country Read* happens at Payson Library **every third Wednesday** of the month with a wide variety of book titles selected by you, the reader, who then becomes the discussion leader. As many genres as possible are covered, and everyone's opinion is respected. Quality writing is sought from both old and new titles. The following five titles have been named to read for the upcoming season, leaving three more to be sought. Join this friendly group for book chat and listening.

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

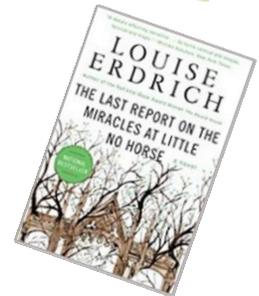
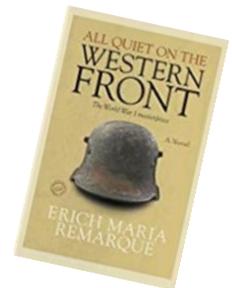
May 15 – *Blackbeard: The Birth of America* ((385 p.) –
rec. by Valerie Smith

Submitted by Linda Teasley

Meeting Time & Place:

Upcoming meeting:
Wednesday, January 15

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.



Bookstore Update



January Specials.....Storewide Sale!

- * Buy one, Get one on all hardcover books. The second book is of equal or less value than the first.
- * Small-size paperbacks 10 for \$1. Large size paperbacks not included--they remain \$1 each.

February Specials All Romance paperbacks 10 for \$1 in recognition of St. Valentine.

New Bookstore Shelving

The shelves in the back room have helped Bookstore organization greatly. When a client comes in looking for a particular title or author, it is much easier to look in the backroom to help them. Tuesday Bookstore volunteer, **Bruce Halvarson**, has given much time labeling the new shelves, which is much appreciated by all! Time and space will determine if more labeling is needed.



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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.

January 21 Cameron Mower, Biology Associate Professor at Gila Community College, will be discussing native plants and while exhibiting spectacular photos. According to the Arizona Native Plant Society, "Arizona has an extremely rich flora due to its diversity of altitudes and climate. It contains floristic associations ranging from sub-tropical to alpine with transitions zones between the Sonoran, Chihuahuan, Mohave and Great Basin deserts. This rich flora, almost 4000 species of native plants, is unequalled by few other regions of the United States." Come learn more about this interesting topic from our speaker!

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**

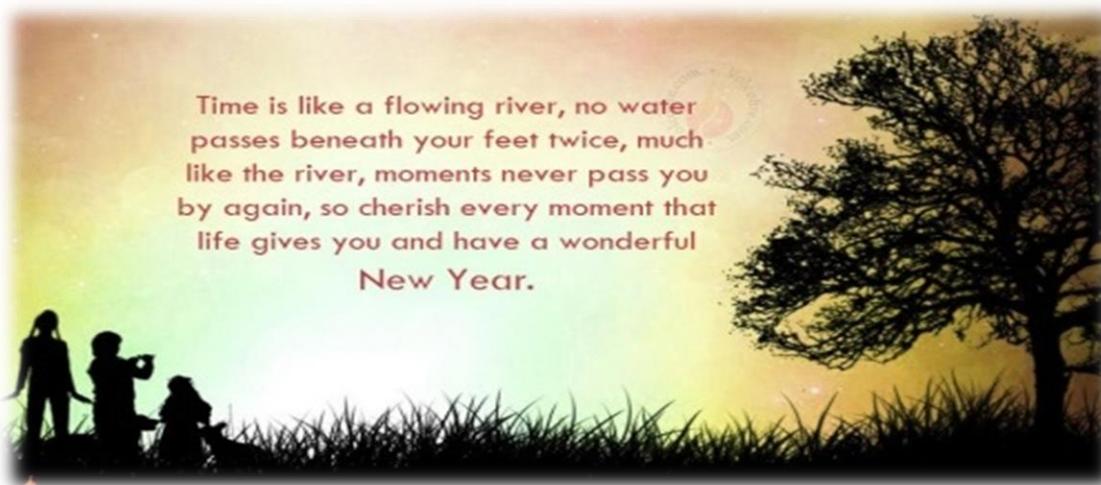
Amazon Smile!



Your continued support is welcomed!

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!

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



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