

Among Friends Newsletter

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A Taste of Rim Country – Almost Here!

It's almost here! *A Taste of Rim Country* – hosted by Library Friends of Payson - is being held on **Saturday, March 9th from 5pm to 7:30 pm.**

This gala event includes samplings of delightful appetizers and delectable desserts from local area restaurants. Guests enjoy complimentary wine-tasting, with non-alcoholic beverages available, and they can also participate in a 50-50 Cash Raffle. Fred Carpenter serves as our renowned Master of Ceremonies and DJ for the evening, and he will provide a wide range of music for the enjoyment of all the guests.

Tickets are priced at \$35 each, \$20 of which is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution, and include a ballot on which to vote for your favorite chef entries. "Best Sweet," "Best Savory," and the highly coveted "Best of the Best" awards will be given. There is now a full complement of restaurants participating:

Cafe at the Rim/Smoking Gun Barbeque (Forest Lakes)	Majestic Rim
Cedar Ridge at the Mazatzal Hotel & Casino	Oxbow Inn
Culture Crepe	The Randall House (Pine)
Kendra's Country Bakery	



This elegant evening is one of the most popular events of the year in the Rim Country. Sponsorships are still available at four levels: **Platinum** (\$1000 or higher), **Gold** (\$500), **Silver** (\$250), and **Bronze** (\$100). 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 in the library). Please contact Linda Lanctot at 928-472-9160 for more information. Our sponsors to date are:

Platinum (\$1000 or higher)

Romaine Brophy

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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.

President's Corner



Linda Lanctot

Greetings Library Friends,

Here we are again, quickly approaching our big day. The Taste of Rim Country is just around the corner on March 9th, and if you have been at the library lately, you will see posters and signs advertising the event. All the sponsors have signs hanging on the shelving noting name of sponsor – be it business or private – and the level of their sponsorship. Take a minute to walk around and see all of them. Also, in the lobby are two large posters. One names the chefs who will be participating for “The Best” and the other lists our sponsors. I want to thank two library friends who have helped with these posters and signs. Karen Thornton prints the individual signs that are on the shelving and Dolores Goughnour puts together the two large posters in the lobby. I really appreciate their help with these duties.

Don't think I have forgotten to thank the other valuable members of our team. Their time will come in the next newsletter.

Hope to see you at the library. *Linda*



*Anyone who
says they have
only one life to
live must not
know how to
read a book
- Author
Unknown*

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A Taste of Rim Country

Silver (\$250)

Pamela Jackson
Plant Fair Nursery

Payson Premier Dental
Linda Wilkinson LPC goodtherapy.org

Bronze (\$100)

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Jan Owen & Carol Waymire
Lynne Wayne
Craig & Joan Williams

A 50/50 raffle will also provide excitement, as the lucky winner's number is drawn from all the raffle tickets sold during the evening.

Only a limited number of tickets are available to be sold, and are available now at the Front Circulation Desk at the Payson Public Library. **There will be no ticket sales at the door on the evening of the event.** Tickets sell out fast, so patrons are encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

All proceeds from the evening 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.

We hope to see all of you there!



Meet Our New Board Members

In our last newsletter, we introduced Les Hansen and Sarah Brown as new LFOP Board members. This time, please welcome Kay Miller, who will be serving a 2-year term as Financial Secretary, and Shelly Sundra, Member At-Large, serving a 2-year term. We have enjoyed getting to know these new board members and extend our appreciation for their service to LFOP and our library!



Kay Miller, Financial Secretary, born of liberal parents in Little Rock, Arkansas, Kay attended public schools until 10th grade, when the governor shut down the high schools to keep them from being integrated. During her sophomore year, she continued her education, mostly online from the University of Arkansas. For her junior and senior years, she attended Mount Saint Mary's, a girls parochial school. She enjoyed being in a girls school, so then enrolled in Cottey College (then two year, now four year), followed by Little Rock University. She met husband Joe between her college junior and senior years, married after graduation, and then attended Columbia University in NYC. After college, they moved to Connecticut, and Kay stayed home with her newborn son, Alan. They then moved to the Chicago suburbs where daughter Deese was born. During college, Kay worked as a computer programmer/systems analyst. Now retired in Payson since 2008, she and her husband are active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Kay says she now has time to read and appreciate the variety of books that she's been introduced to through Rim Readers.

Shelly Sundra, Member at Large, grew up in New Jersey even though she was born right here in Arizona. Her mom still lives in Jersey, so she usually makes at least one trip back to the Garden State each year. It is great to visit the shore and the East coast but Arizona is definitely her home! Shelly has been in Arizona for 22 years now and wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Shelly worked in the financial industry in New Jersey prior to moving to Arizona, and continues to work in that industry today. She has worked for Chris Smith at Chris Smith Investments/Wilde Wealth Management Group for many years. All together, she's worked in this industry for 29 years now and enjoys what she does every day.

Her favorite hobbies are spending time with her grandsons. Grandkids are the best thing in the world!



Thank you, Smart Systems!



A very special thank you to our local business, **Smart Systems**, for their donations of computer hardware to our Library. Most of the donations have been memory, which has majorly increased the speed of our public computers as well as a few hard drives that have given us a lot more space for transferring/backing up important data. Total value to date is approximately \$1300.

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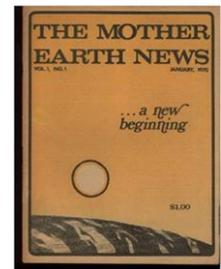
Book Sales

The Mother Earth News, Vol.1, No. 1, January, 1970

by John & Jane Shuttleworth

Very good condition. Includes 12 issues, Volume 1, No.1 January, 1970 plus No. 2 thru No. 12. Bound in brown "The Mother Earth News" hard cover binder. \$35 before LFOP discount. LFOP members get a 20% discount.

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 Feb. 4, 2019:

General Fund	\$ 73,447
Building Fund	\$ 490,197
Restricted Fund	\$ 185



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Rim Country Readers

This year, 2019, marks the centennial of the Treaty of Versailles. Unfortunately, it was not “the war to end all wars”. Rim Country Readers on January 16, undertook to read the classic “All Quiet on the Western Front”.

Erich Maria Remarque's sympathetic, albeit fictional, account of young German soldiers on the war front made them everybody's sons, no matter their nationality. Hitler, in the 1930's, so resented this portrayal that he unsuccessfully sought to capture Remarque, and in frustration had his sister beheaded.

At the next Fourth of July fireworks show when “the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air” makes your heart swell with patriotism give a thought to where all that noise and light originated from. The soldiers on all sides of the front in WWI, often wearing gas masks, were diving into their trenches trying to escape the shrapnel from those bombardments, the searchlights, and the screams of wounded horses. Most wondered if they would ever see the other side of nineteen—kind of takes the fun out of it.

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. *(Reported by Linda Teasley)*

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

April 17 – **Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon (642 p.) – rec. by Cindy Diehl

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

**(Please note that the April selection has been changed.)*



Upcoming meeting:

Wednesday, March 20

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.

Bookstore Update



March Specials

All gardening, and self-help books are buy one, get one. Per usual, the second item must be of equal or lesser value than the first.

The Bookstore is humming along smoothly due to all our friendly and capable volunteers. Come in and meet them, and check out our constantly changing supply of books and magazines. We also have puzzles, DVDs, crafts and do-it-yourself books. And don't forget to look at our very own elk logo t-shirts designed by our librarian, David Grasse. We have a new supply of L, XL, and 2XL. Adult size is \$15, children's \$12. Also available are eco-friendly tote bags for just \$1.50.

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.

April Specials

All 50 cent books are 2 for 1. Come see the great selection we have!

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!



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



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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.

Come and enjoy these presentations in March and April and learn more about Arizona's colorful history.

March 18 Laura Tohe, from AZ Humanities Council. Rhodes Scholar Tohe is Dine'/Navajo, Poet Laureate of the Navajo Nation 2015-2019 and Professor with Distinction in Indigenous Literature at ASU. Professor Tohe will present a program on the Navajo Code Talkers, who using the Navajo language, devised a secret code during WWII that the enemy never deciphered. These men were finally honored for their military contributions by Presidents Reagan, Bush, and the Navajo Nation. Laura edited the oral history book, *Code Talker Stories*.

April 15 Eduardo Paga'n, PhD, ASU Bob Stump Endowed Professor of History. Dr. Paga'n has a special interest in the history of the Southwest. He attributes his interest in all things historical to his elementary school teacher, Inez Turley, the sister of one-time presidential candidate Morris Udall. He says she made history come alive. Dr. Paga'n's book on the Pleasant Valley War, *Valley of the Guns: The Pleasant Valley War and the Trauma of Violence*, was released in October 2018. *Valley of the Guns* explores the reason for a violent feud that ended with 18 men dead and 4 wounded. Neighbors turned against each other in this nightmare of violence in the late 1880's. Dr. Paga'n employs rigorous scholarship to examine the source of the conflict and demonstrates a new way of looking at settlement of the West. Dr. Paga'n will bring copies of his books to sign and sell. Cash or checks will be accepted for book purchase.

May 20, 2019 Sylvia Lee from Boyce-Thompson Arboretum, talking about the history of the arboretum. She has written a book on its history and is looking for a publisher

June 17, 2019 Doug Von Gausig, Mayor of Clarkdale and executive director of Verde River Institute, talking about the Verde River. He is passionate about preserving the water flow and riparian habitat of the river.

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**

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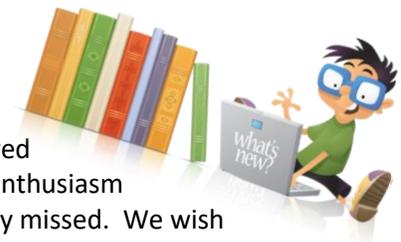
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Staff News

Danielle Hirepan has resigned her position as Children's Librarian and moved to Gilbert where she will be teaching high school Spanish. Her passion and enthusiasm helped create wonderful, meaningful children's programs. She will be greatly missed. We wish you the best, Danielle!

Kylea Donaldson will assume the duties of Children's Librarian in Danielle's place, while Sarah McCormack will move into the Circulation Clerk position vacated by Kylea. Interviews will be held in the near future to fill the open page position.

The library expansion plans are still in the preliminary stages of development. Watch our newsletter for updates on project progress.



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