

Among Friends Newsletter

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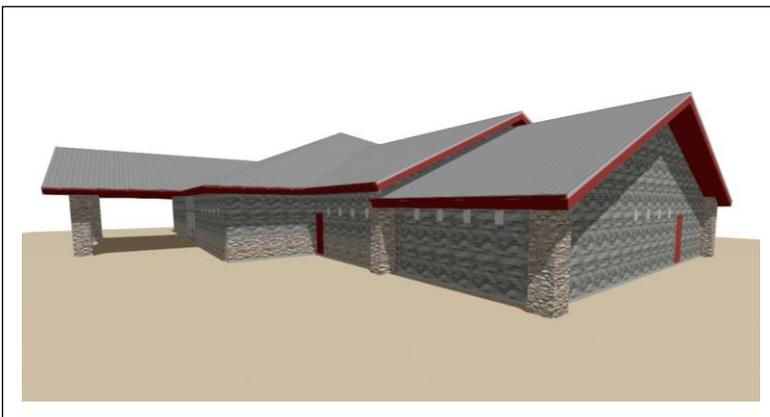
The Library is Expanding

Have you heard the news? The Payson Library is expecting....with a new meeting room addition! The Library Friends of Payson (LFOP) has agreed to fund a building expansion for a large meeting room to be used for Library programs and by the Rim Country community. Everyone is excited to see this project set in motion and groundbreaking ceremonies are expected to be held later this summer.

Funding

When the library was completed in 2001, the LFOP collected donations to provide chairs, tables, computers, shelving, etc. The remaining funds from these purchases were invested and designated as a building fund for future Library expansion. These funds have continued to grow considerably over the years, and will now be utilized for this expansion.

LFOP gets a windfall! In April 2018, LFOP was notified that we were named as a beneficiary of \$100,000 by local resident and LFOP supporter Arlene Kowalski, with additional funds coming once all estate properties were sold. This was exciting news and everyone was grateful for this amazing donation. The LFOP Board agreed that the donation received from the Kowalski Estate would be added to the building fund.



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Payson Public Library

328 N. McLane Road
Payson, AZ 85541
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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.

President's Corner



Linda Lanctot

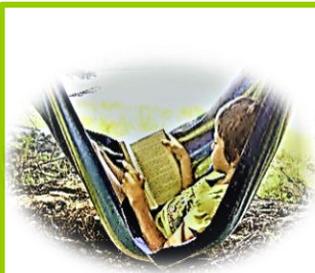
Dear Library Friends,

Summer finally made it. Seemed like we had wind and wet until one day the sun came out and it was 80 degrees. At the Lanctot residence that means great deck-sitting days. Husband Ed has his I-Pad for games, news and lovely Baroque music while I have a book. There is always time to watch a bird or a cloud develop; our days seem to float by. We also enjoy doing crossword puzzles together. I have to admit, we are doing easier puzzles than in the past years.

The Library and staff have been busy with Summer Reading Programs, issuing new library cards and keeping patrons happy with new books and help for e-readers. All the staff work very hard to cover all the positions since Bobbie Scott retired at the end of May. They are actively working on filling the Children's Program Coordinator spot.

Our first Chili's Give Back Day in May brought in \$80.00 to LFOP. I don't know the dollar amount for June, but even if we don't bring in as much, it was fun to see friendly faces at Chili's on June 5th. Our next date is July 3rd and then August 7th. Please put these dates on your calendar, grab the coupon on the last page of this newsletter and come to Chili's to help support Chili's, the Library Friends of Payson and our Library.

Wishing all of you a Happy and Healthy Summer! *Linda*



*Reading is a joy
for my kids, and
to swing in a
hammock on a
lazy summer day
reading a good
book just goes with
summer.*

*Marcia Gay
Harden*

Library Expansion (Cont'd from page 1)

The expansion idea

We were then approached with an idea....how about funding a Library expansion—not for more books and shelves, but rather for a large meeting area to hold up to 150-200 people at one time? The need for more space has become evident over the last few years when the Library was unable to accommodate meeting space requests. The LFOP Board discussed the idea and agreed that this would be an excellent use for the funds we had been holding for almost twenty years.

The proposed addition increases the existing meeting room by approximately 2,000 square feet, with the option for a folding divider, similar to the divider now in place in the meeting room. Having a divider, instead of a fixed wall, allows for more flexibility in usable space between the existing meeting room and the new meeting room. The Library would then have the option for three meeting rooms, two meeting rooms, or one large meeting room, as needed.

The planning

In December 2018, the LFOP Board contacted architectural firms which resulted in the selection of Mr. Shannon Long of Long Design Associates, in Payson. In April, 2019, Mr. Long met with the LFOP Steering Committee, consisting of President Linda Lanctot, Vice-President Les Hansen, Treasurer John Wilson, and Secretary Kathy Morgan, along with Library Director Emily Linkey, to discuss the project. His proposal to build the needed square footage accommodated the LFOP budget. In addition, being a local business allows for his availability to be on-site, and more accessibility to meeting with the Town Building and Zoning Department.

The project is now in the bidding phase for structural engineering and the development of the floor plan. No start date is confirmed at this time, but the LFOP Steering Committee is planning for the groundbreaking later this summer.

Submitted by Kathy Morgan

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Upcoming LFOP Officer and Board Election

Now's the time to think about the September LFOP Election---and consider becoming involved as an officer or board member! **Nominations will be accepted from the floor during both the August and September LFOP general meetings. Please come, nominate someone (yourself!) and vote. We welcome your participation!** Don't worry if you don't have any experience...we have a great team of people to help!

All officer positions are open for election: president, vice president, treasurer and secretary (all a 1-year term). Board member positions open for election are 2 At-Large members, membership coordinator, programs coordinator and newsletter editor. Each board position is a 2-year term. The current officers and board members have all agreed to run for re-election. If interested in submitting your name or nominating someone for a position, please contact us by email at library_friends@hotmail.com.



Library News

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



Staff News

Library staff are on the move again! Bobbie Scott has resigned her position to travel the US in her RV with her husband. Her last day was May 30. Bobbie was the Circulation Supervisor for the library for the last 6 years. She will be dearly missed! We wish her the very best on her adventures!

Kylea Donaldson will leave her position as Youth Services Specialist and assume Bobbie's post. We congratulate Kylea on her promotion to a full-time supervisory position. Interviews for the Youth Services position were held in late June and the person to fill the position will be announced later.



Book Sales

The Story of Civilization

by Will and Ariel Durant

11 volume hardcover set. All volumes are the same size and are good plus to very good condition. Dust jackets have some edge wear. \$100 (\$80 with 20% LFOP discount). Books will be available to view in the LFOP bookstore. Please stop by next time you are in the Library.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances as of April 30, 2019:

General Fund	\$ 88,224
Building Fund	\$ 547,676
Restricted Fund	\$ 2141

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.

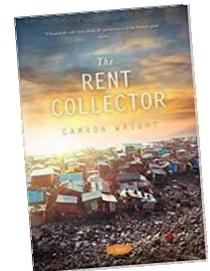
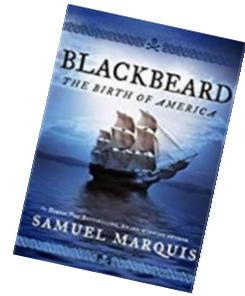
Every little bit helps!

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Rim Readers Discuss *Blackbeard: The Birth of America* at May 15 Meeting

Blackbeard, possibly the most notorious pirate who roamed the Caribbean and the Atlantic Seaboard from 1715 through 1718, commanded a fleet of over 800 fearsome sea rovers at one time. He plundered French, Spanish, and British ships, salvaged treasure from the bottom of the Floridas, where ten Spanish ships had floundered in a storm. His black beard, which he braided and tied with ribbons, was wild and fearsome, and it was rumored that he liked to put lighted candles in it to enhance the effect. Add to that the bandoliers and pistols and cutlasses he carried, his reputation for murder was immense. Interestingly, Edward Thache's (Blackbeard's) technique for getting a ship to surrender to him was just that.....fear, because he never killed a man. Piracy was the first true democracy in the New World. Every sailor on board shared equally in the spoils; their pay was substantially better than what they could draw in any European navies; each man had one vote; slaves were generally set free or at least unshackled and fed decently; and the goods they brought to the colonies were sold at a fair price unlike the usury they experienced from the British Crown. Folk hero, maybe Robin Hood, he was a true American Revolutionary who helped set the sparks for freedom a burning. Come join us on July 17 to discuss *The Rent Collector*!



July 17 – *The Rent Collector* (304 p.) by Cameron Wright – rec by Norma Christenson

Upcoming meeting:
Wednesday, July 17

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



July Specials

History and politics are highlighted. Buy one, get one on any books in these categories.

August Specials

Time for our **\$5 bag sale!** Fill a plastic grocery bag with paperbacks, hardbacks, magazines or puzzles (DVDs not included). Also, all paperbacks are 2 for the price of 1.

The Bookstore has a lot of books on the \$.50 shelves. Please come in and stock up for your summer reading. It's a great way to find books to take traveling. For those grandparents out there who want to keep the grandkids busy during the summer, bring them to the bookstore to choose books and puzzles while they are visiting in Payson.

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.

August 19 **Oscar Knoblach**, a survivor of the Holocaust, spent time in a Displaced Person's camp in Germany after the war, before moving to Canada. The move was made possible by a Canadian family's sponsorship. He arrived in Halifax, Canada in June, 1949. He married and then moved to the US in 1953. "There, we raised three children and began living a wonderful life in this truly great country. After living in many beautiful states of the U.S., I retired in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1995. With much encouragement from my family, I began writing a journal of my Holocaust experience. Finally, in 2007, my journal evolved into a book, *A Boy's Story - A Man's Memory Surviving the Holocaust 1933-1945*, published in 2010. I am honored to be asked to come into classrooms and auditoriums to speak to children and adults of all ages about my book and details of the Holocaust."

September 16 **David Grasse**, Payson Library Assistant Library Manager, will present interesting and colorful information on the **Train Robbers** of the Southwest.

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**

It's Chili's Give Back Time Again!

Wednesday, May 1 is the first date for this great program. This is an excellent opportunity to help your Library. Mark your calendar for the **first Wednesday of each month** now through October! Just present the flyer below.

<p>CHILI'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT</p> <p>LIBRARY FRIENDS OF PAYSON, Inc.</p>  <p>more GIVING BACK happens here</p>	<p>Let Chili's do the cooking while we support Library Friends at the same time. With each flyer presented on First Wednesday of the month, Chili's will donate 15% of the event day sales back to this great organization.</p> <p>Library Friends Give Back Event is: May 1 ~ June 5 ~ July 3 ~ Aug 7 ~ Sept 4 ~ Oct 2 From Open to Close At Chili's Payson location</p> <p><small>Give Back Event flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount with flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.</small></p>
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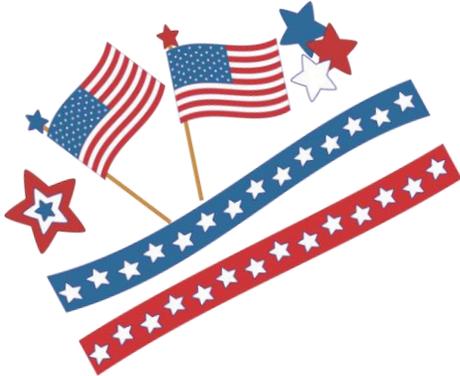




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