

Among Friends Newsletter

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Library Expansion Moves Forward

As most homeowners know, with every project, whether it is remodeling a bathroom or building a new home, things move very slowly at the beginning. That is the case with the room addition to the library. Shannon Long, with Long Design Associates, LLC, recently advised the LFOP Board that plans for the electrical system have been finalized and plans for the structural design are being developed. Once those are completed, the next step is to present all plans to the Town of Payson for building permits. The Town has agreed to waive all fees and permit costs associated with the project.

At this time there is no projected date to begin construction. Once construction does begin, the existing meeting room will be closed off. Groups who have reservations have already been advised that the meeting room will not be available during the construction period.

The addition to the existing meeting room will provide space for larger groups to meet, and will also allow for up to three different groups to meet at the same time, with room dividers to section off the various rooms. There is great need for the proposed meeting space by various groups within the community.

Currently, the meeting room is available to local clubs, non-profit groups, businesses and government entities for meetings, workshops, and seminars. Non-profit groups with 501 C-3 status or any government agency may use the meeting room at no cost, so long as the event held is free and open to the public. Businesses, for-profit groups or organizations providing classes/seminars where attendance fees are collected are charged a room rental fee of \$100 (for up to 4 hours, \$25 for each additional hour). The meeting room may not be used for private parties or events.

For more information about the Payson Public Library Meeting Room, go to www.paysonaz.gov/Departments/Library/LibraryHome or contact the library by calling 928-474-9260.

Submitted by Kathy Morgan

Community and Library - A Shared Future!

Payson Public Library

328 N. McLane Road
Payson, AZ 85541
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



A day
without
reading a
good book
is like a
day
without
sunshine.



President's Corner

Hello dear Library Friends,

Here we are again – September coming with school buses, cooler evenings and hopefully more rainy days. The Library Summer Reading program is over, so the library isn't as hectic as some of those program days were. Do you ever wonder what keeps the staff busy? Emily, our director, shared some statistics at our last LFOP Board meeting. We were impressed! During the fiscal year from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019, there were 403 programs provided, 11,320 reference questions answered, the circulation of materials totaled 125,000 and there were between 6,000-8,000 patrons through the front door per month. Patrons' usage of the library has taken a different direction. The library has become more a community center for meetings and programs, computer usage and DVD/books and tape check out. Our mission might be changing to reflect patrons' needs but our Payson Public Library is still a vital part of our community, and I am still proud to be a part of our Library Friends group.

I want to thank all of you who have helped with the Chili's Give Back Day promotion. The May check was \$80, June was \$80 and July was \$150. I'll report on the August and September amount in our next newsletter. Please continue to support LFOP by going to Chili's on the first Wednesday of each month through October. The September date is the 4th – call a friend or neighbor, and invite them out and enjoy a meal that helps the library.

Hope to see you at the library. I am at the front desk every Thursday afternoon from 1-5. Please stop by and say hello.

Linda

Library News

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



Meet Sarah English, Youth Services Specialist



Sarah has lived all over Arizona and we are very fortunate that she has chosen to call Payson home! She received her BA in Library Science and Media from Ashford University in San Diego. Sarah's most-loved hobby is her music. She's a talented musician who plays guitar, piano, ukulele and sings. She loves to read (of course!) and writes poetry. Sarah is enthused to become part of the library team and use her skills. She believes in their goal of serving the community and helping everyone. Welcome, Sarah!

Library Policy Update

In order to be more consistent with library policies throughout Gila County, the following changes were implemented effective July 1, 2019:

- ✓ the only late fines charged will be on DVDs (\$1.00 per day) – other items will not be charged;
- ✓ the 7-day check-out limit for new books has been rescinded;
- ✓ the county is updating the system to have books automatically renew once with a maximum of two renewals.

Community and Library – A Shared Future!

Upcoming LFOP Officer and Board Election

Our general meeting on September 16 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: Newsletter, Membership, Programs, and 2 At-Large positions. Each Board position is a 2-year term.

The nominees to date are:

President – Linda Lanctot; Vice-President – Les Hansen; Treasurer – John Wilson; Secretary – Kathy Morgan; Newsletter – Dolores Goughnour; Membership – Alice Natale; Programs – Denise Blanchette; At-Large – Jim Brannan and Jeanne Schoonover.

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!'

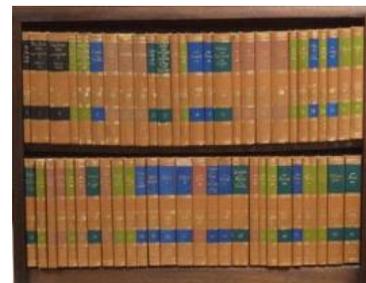
If interested in submitting your name or nominating someone for a position, please contact us by email at library_friends@hotmail.com.



Book Sales

Britannica Great Books of the Western World

A 54-volume set in light brown hardcovers. All in Good to Very Good condition. Some have small chips on covers. \$100 for the set. \$80 for LFOP members. Books will be available to view in the LFOP bookstore Sept. 1. Please stop by next time you are in the Library.



Party Chicken Salad

- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1 cup seedless grapes, halved
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, chilled and chopped
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup blanched slivered almonds

Sprinkle chicken with lemon juice and salt, chill several hours. Add celery, grapes, chopped eggs, mayonnaise and almonds. Toss lightly. Season salad with salt to taste. Serve in lettuce-lined bowl. Serves 4-5.

Submitted by Linda Lanctot



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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Treasurer's Report

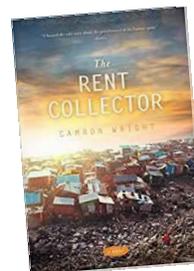
Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances as of June 30, 2019:

General Fund	\$ 86,996
Building Fund	\$ 555,085
Restricted Fund	\$ 2,140



Rim Readers Discuss *The Rent Collector* at the July 17 Meeting

It is the storytellers who show us who we are in the world. Sang Ly and her husband eked out a living in a dump in Cambodia just after the decline of the Khmer Rouge. An old alcoholic woman, known as the rent collector, agreed to teach Sang Ly to read. Literature became her window to all humanity thereafter, and Sang Ly wanted that for her little son. The dump, Stung Meanchey, means River of Victory. This fictional story is based on a real place and real people. The book was inspired by a documentary film called "River of Victory", produced by the author's son. It was followed by a second film "Finding Sang Ly" four years later. *Submitted by Linda Teasley*



Come join us on September 18 to select our books for the upcoming season!

***IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BOOK CLUB PROCEDURES:**

- ☞ We will no longer have discussion leaders.
- ☞ We ask that each member who has read the book chosen contributes a comment or question in order to keep commentary lively.
- ☞ Everyone is welcome even if they have not read the monthly selection.

Upcoming meeting:

Wednesday, September 18

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



September Specials

All \$.50 books, 2 for the price of 1. Standard paperbacks are 20 for \$1.00!

The Bookstore had good sales as a result of our **August Bag Sale**, which created a lot of interest. We are, however, still overloaded with paperbacks, so for September, we are offering **20 paperbacks for \$1**. We have such great support from the community and so many regular customers who come in monthly, whether we have a sale that they are interested in or not. Often these patrons say to "Keep the change" and that they will bring the books back and buy more next time. They like that there is no due date on what they buy at the Bookstore. It is win-win for everyone!

We're ready for you! Our inventory is forever changing and our friendly volunteers will help you find what you need. Remember there's book bags for your purchase. 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.

The Library Friends looks forward to hosting a variety of programs this fall. On **September 16**, we welcome local resident **Ray Kinsman**. Ray was featured in an article in the Payson Round-up last December and is enthusiastic about sharing his experiences during WWII. Ray says he is one lucky fellow, having grown up in a foster home, then surviving some fierce battles during the war, including Anzio in Italy and Hurtgen Forest in Germany. He ended the war as a prisoner of war in Germany on starvation rations, but eventually made it back to San Diego and started his own printing business. He finally made his way to Payson, where he loves to dance and share his life story.

On **October 21**, we host another resident who was featured in our paper, arborist **David Mikulak**. He was scheduled to speak at the library in February, but the program had to be canceled due to snow. David could not get out of his driveway and it was too dangerous for residents to drive! David was in CA for the Paradise fire and it has become his mission to encourage residents to fire-wise their homes. He will give the community suggestions for preparing their homes to withstand wildfires.

Have you or your children found an injured wild animal and not known what to do? **Delphia Strickland** is another local resident and the only licensed wildlife and migratory bird rehabilitator in Gila County. On **November 18**, she will share her knowledge of local birds and small mammals, and let us know when an animal should be left alone, and when it should be taken to AZ Wild Rescue.

Come join us as our wonderful local residents share their passion for the work they do in our community. 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!

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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