

Among Friends Newsletter

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Your Support Is Needed!

Fundraising for the Payson Library is one of the primary functions of the Library Friends of Payson (LFOP), and this year, we are once again offering the opportunity to demonstrate your support for the library through our Sponsorship Program. Donations received through this program support funding for:

- various programs and activities offered by the library,
- the purchase of items for library collections, and
- maintenance needs not covered by the Town budget.

On average, LFOP provides over \$50,000 each year. In 2019, LFOP purchased 1,447 books, 206 DVDs, and 64 e-books. The Payson Library offered 403 different programs for the local community, including programs for all ages—from 6-month-old infants to teens to active seniors. A total of 6,836 people attended these programs. Without the support received through the Sponsorship Program, these programs and events would not be possible. Most recently, LFOP funded the expansion to the library that will provide much needed room for community organizations' meetings and activities.

We invite you to become a sponsor at one of FOUR levels:

Platinum - \$1000+ Gold - \$500 Silver - \$250 Bronze - \$100

Sponsors are recognized with posters and plaques inside the library, as well as being listed in the LFOP newsletter, *Among Friends*, in press releases, and on the Library Friends' website and Facebook page. Sponsors also receive a 1-year complimentary LFOP membership and subscription to *Among Friends*.

Library programs offered educate, inform, enrich, entertain and inspire our patrons. Everyone who helps sponsor our programs is a part of this successful effort. It is important to remember that every story time, every reading incentive, every creative project, every cooking or music class, and every lecture provide a positive benefit to those who participate.

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Community and Library – A Shared Future!

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

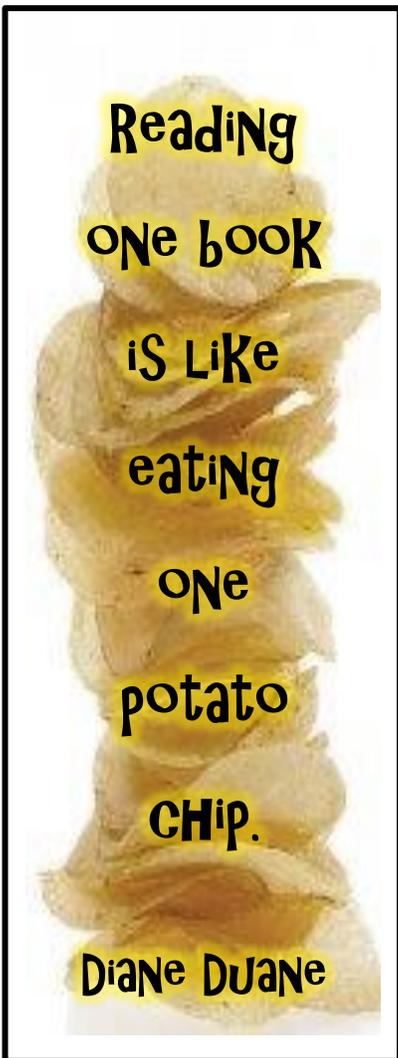
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The Library Friends of Payson, Inc., is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial and community support to the Payson Public Library. We believe that public libraries comprise an integral aspect of community identity and development, and we support endeavors that encourage literacy and free inquiry within the individual, the family, and society.



Linda Lanctot



President's Corner

Happy New Year, dear Library Friends!

There are two topics I want to cover today. First, I want to thank Emily and her wonderful staff for the fun Volunteer Potluck on December 6th. The meeting room was decorated and the tables of food were loaded with staff specialties and volunteer contributions. It was a delightful gathering and a grand opportunity to see and visit with other volunteers I don't get to see too often. So, thank you Emily and staff for the party. I have to admit the Oreo Truffles and Mississippi Mud Cake were fantastic, and luckily, I don't have them around my house.

Secondly, the construction of the addition has begun and some Town notables joined Emily and her staff, LFOP Board members and Library Friends at the groundbreaking also on December 6th. It was a festive event. We even had a shovel to help with the day. There is a new poster on display at the library and a very large construction fence around the work area that brings home the fact that this is real and going to happen. I have included a picture of me and the backhoe to prove we are a go. I am going to send the photo to my brothers and tell them I finally let husband Ed get a toy. Thank you for Judy Herbolsheimer for sharing the photo.

See you at the library! *Linda*



Linda Lanctot, LFOP President



Library Dir. Emily Linkey, LFOP President Linda Lanctot, Ken O'Dell, Architect, Shannon Long, both of Long Design, & Tyler Goodman, 1st Priority Builders, Project Contractor

Bookstore Update



January Storewide sale: 2 for 1 on everything, includes fiction, non-fiction, hobbies, home improvement, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, and anything on the 50¢ shelves.

We have a great inventory, thanks to the many donations we continue to receive. Please come and take a look. You're sure to find something definitely worth reading, or listening to. Remember we have a great variety of CDs also for sale. 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.



Rim Readers Discuss *Holidays on Ice* at Annual Christmas Brunch on December 18

If you have ever wondered who is screaming in terror about sitting on Santa's lap at the mall, it might just be the toddler clutching at dad's coat as a long line of parents stand with grim smiles, reassuring Junior that the fat man with the huge white beard is his friend. And, of course, the elf is there by his side to keep things jolly. David Sedaris tells all about when he was that elf working at Macy's during the holiday season in his earlier, hungry years. If all that seasonal cheer gets you down sometimes, Sedaris' book will have you splitting your sides in laughter and will definitely chase all the blues away.



Romaine Brophy at brunch



Catherine Thompson at brunch

If you get hooked on one of today's funniest, if not weirdest, humor writers and performers, you can find David Sedaris free podcasts on http://www.npr.org/david_sedaris. Also, you can watch a plethora of videos on YouTube just by going there and typing in his name. Try to catch the "Calypso – Fitbit" sketch. It is a stitch if you are trying to get in your 10,000 steps a day.

Following is the book selection for 2020. Individuals' names recommending books are in parentheses. Come join us!

- January 15 - **THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD** by Colson Whitehead- 336 p. (Sarah Brown)
- February 19 – **THE GREAT ALONE** by Kristin Hannah – 435 p. (Wilma Dalby)
- March 18 – **BEFORE WE WERE YOURS** by Lisa Wingate – 352 p. (Judy Herbolsheimer)
- April 15 – **THE WHIP** by Karen Kondazian – 306 p (Linda Teasley)
- May 20 – **THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY** by Erik Larson – 447 p. (Sami Frazoer)
- June 17 – **THE ROSE PROJECT** by Graeme Simsion – 316 p. (Sally Mercier)
- July 15 – **SPOONRIVER ANTHOLOGY** by Edgar Lee Masters – 320 p. (Romaine Brophy)
- August 19 – **THE LOST GIRLS OF PARIS** by Pam Jenoff – 384 p. (Pat Kuzma)

***Please note:**

SPOONRIVER ANTHOLOGY is currently free for Kindle on Amazon (thanks, Romaine).

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

- ☞ We will no longer have discussion leaders.
- ☞ We ask that each member who has read the book chosen to contribute 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
January 15**

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.

Submitted by Linda Teasley

Community and Library – A Shared Future!

Book Sales

World War II Time-Life Series

38-volume set. All volumes are in Very Good to Fine condition. \$100.

20% discount for LFOP members.

Stop by the Bookstore to view.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances as of Oct. 31, 2019:

General Fund	\$ 237,256
Building Fund	\$ 483,281
Restricted Fund	\$ 2,502





LFOP Upcoming Programs

Come join us! LFOP offers a variety of programs during the year **every third Monday of the month** at no charge, except July and December. There is a short business meeting at 10:00 am and presentations begin at 10:30 am. Since the library expansion is under way, the January and February presentations will be held at the **U.S. Ranger Station Conference Room on 260 East** (1009 E. Highway 260). We hope to see you in the new year!

We look forward to starting the new year by hearing from two speakers who have presented programs at the library in the past. On **Monday, January 20, Cameron Mower, Assistant Professor of Biology** at Gila Community College, will talk about birds of the Rim Country. A popular professor, Cameron is enthusiastic about anything related to biology. He grew up on a ranch in the central highlands of New Mexico, where he gained an appreciation and knowledge of the flora and fauna of the Southwest. He says he enjoys living in Payson, a wooded area with an abundance of local and migratory birds. This program is on Martin Luther King Day. Middle school and high school students are invited to this informative program. Held at **U.S. Ranger Station Conference Room on 260 East** (1009 E. Highway 260).

Gail Kittleson, (speaking on **February 17**) who spends part of the year in Pine, loves to write novels about the WWII era. Her Women of the Heartland series focuses on challenges women faced during the war. *Until Then* is a historical novel based on the life of Dorothy Woebbeking, who left Iowa to serve as a surgical nurse during WWII. She rode on the backs of Army trucks across North Africa, through Italy and France, and into Germany. Gail says it was a huge challenge to research Dorothy's life and write a book based on facts. She hopes her new book, *Second Hand Sunsets*, about the Arizona Territory and Civil War, will be published by February. She plans to bring books to sign and sell (cash or check only); prices range from \$13.00 to \$20.00. Held at **U.S. Ranger Station Conference Room on 260 East** (1009 E. Highway 260).

2020 Speakers

March 16 *David Grasse*, our assistant librarian and historian with a passion for Arizona history, will talk about his upcoming book on the history of train robbery in the AZ Territory.

April 20 TBD

May 18 Program from AZ Humanities Council: *Erik Berg* speaking about Aviators and Archaeologists: The Lindbergs' 1929 Aerial Survey of the Southwest

April 20 *Serge Levy*, photographer, speaking about taking photos of streets of New York and now southern Arizona. NPR's interview of Mr. Levy can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=YYukEAmoMCQ>

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**



Support (Cont'd from p. 1)

Our data clearly demonstrate why YOUR support of the Payson Library is so very important. The library is the centerpiece of the Rim Country community and provides a welcoming environment to relax, visit with friends, do research, play video games, or check out the latest hit movie or bestselling novel. The library is about so much more than books!

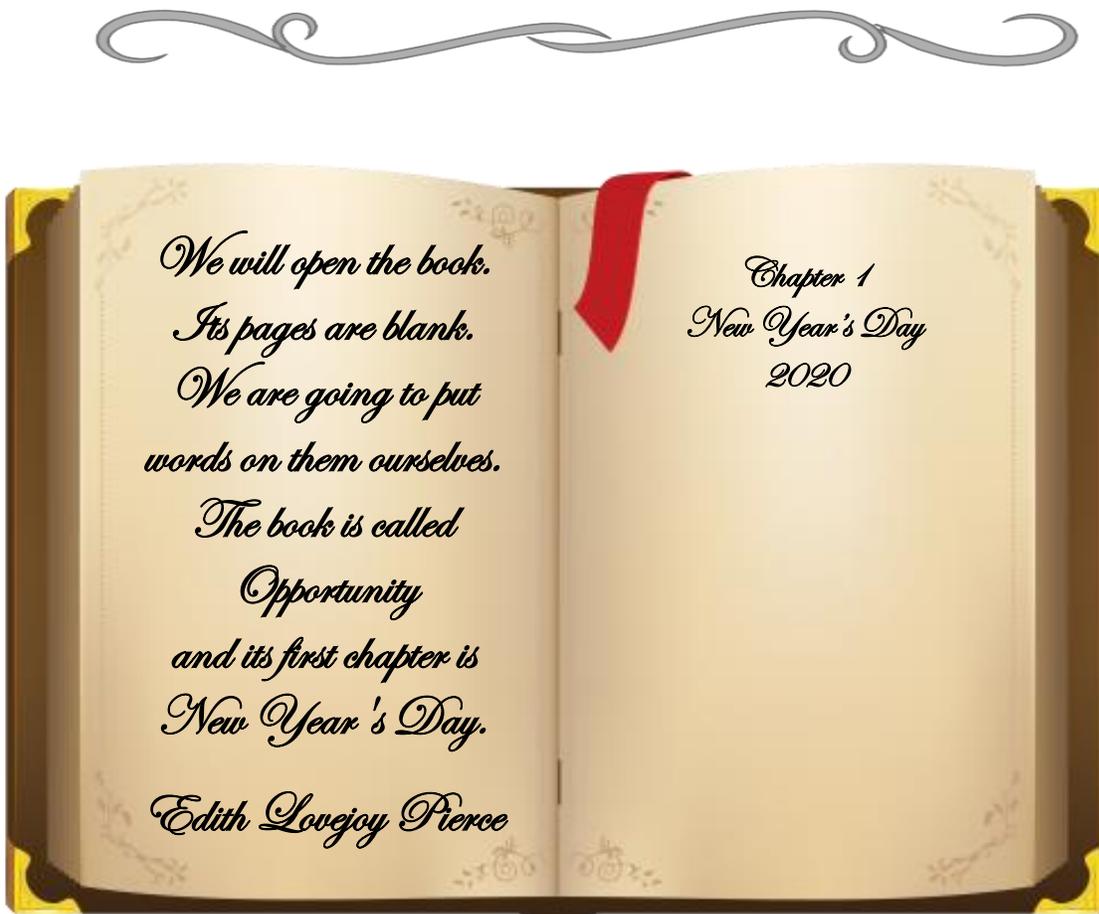
Our usual spring fundraiser, *A Taste of Rim Country* will not be held this year. Instead, the focus for the immediate future will be on the construction and furnishing of the meeting room addition. On completion, a Grand Opening will be held.

Please stop by the Circulation Desk and pick up a Sponsor Packet, or contact Linda Lanctot at 928-472-9160 for more information on how to participate in the Sponsorship Program. The Library Friends of Payson is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible.

The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.

Albert Einstein

Submitted by Kathy Morgan





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