

Among Friends Newsletter

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Building Expansion Continues

The outside wall of the Library Meeting Room came down on Wednesday, Feb. 5 to allow for additional construction on the room expansion taking place. Over the past few weeks, the new foundation was poured, and block walls are beginning to go up. A temporary wall has been erected to protect the interior of the existing meeting room. It is exciting to see the new building coming to life before our very eyes!

A building elevation with the expansion included is available for viewing in the lobby of the library. When completed, the addition will allow up to three meetings to take place at one time, using movable dividers. It is anticipated that the addition will be completed sometime this spring.

Once the new addition is complete and ready for occupancy, a Grand Opening Ceremony will be held. Due to the construction at the library, our annual fundraiser, *A Taste of Rim Country*, will not be held this year. We look forward to having new and exciting fundraisers in the future.



Community and Library - A Shared Future!

Payson Public Library

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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

Dear Library Friends,

Have you looked around our library recently? Did you notice anything new? I would like to take you on a "tour" of the library, maybe even point out something you haven't seen before.

First, we will step into the lobby from outside. There are usually three easels with posters: the new addition, the next LFOP general meeting and a list of sponsors for 2020. I want to thank **Romaine Brophy** for the posters for our speakers and **Dolores Goughnour** for the Sponsorship poster. There are also 3 bookcases full of free material, books and magazines. I have found some real gems of reading materials there – slightly damaged, but still enjoyable. The Bookstore also has a 50-cent bookcase – real bargains.

Next, let's go into the library and scan the room. To the left is the Information desk with the monitor, advertising upcoming library events. Right ahead is the Circulation Desk – a busy place for questions, Check-in and Check-out, and all-important DVD cases. Behind this Desk you will see white plaques with bright blue wording; these identify all the sponsors in this year's fund-raising campaign: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Thanks to **Karen Thornton** for providing them. There are also displays of books recommended by staff, old favorites and a table of Books of the Month. Pick out one and check it out. I have also enjoyed several of these.

Now, we will turn left from the Information Desk and see a sign for Biographies, Graphic Novels, the books on tape and DVD shelving. Go straight past the magazine selections and at the end of the building is the Arizona Room - it used to be the Young Adults Collection. This room now has the various collections noted on the door: Southwest, Spanish and Reference.

As you turn right from the Southwest Room, you walk by office space – the Assistant Director and Children's Librarian work here. Next is the Children's Room, with brand new signage above the door in large bright letters—a wonderful way to alert our patrons to the children's area. If you keep going, you will run into the staff lounge, LFOP office, technical area and the kitchen.

It is time to turn right before the technical room and walk by the shelves with thousands of jig-saw puzzles. These can be checked out just like books for three weeks. At the end of this area is our Library Friends' Bookstore. This is operated by all volunteers and has the best bargains in town.

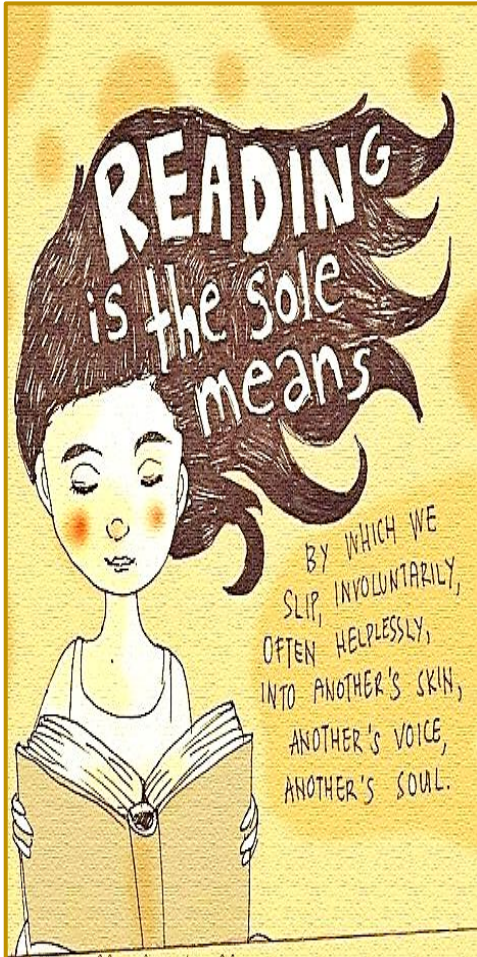
As we exit the library into the lobby, we see a glass case with the Payson Rimstone Rock Club display. There also is a display area for community and library events; this changes through the weeks.

There, if you walked with me on this tour, you are more familiar with what our Payson Public Library has to offer. Please come in and enjoy our lovely and busy library.

See you at the library! *Linda*



Linda Lanctot

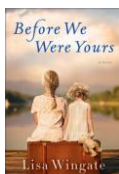


Rim Readers Discuss *The Great Alone*

Survival is at the heart of *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Survival in Alaska is a story in itself, one that is eye-popping examined close up. But then add survival from domestic abuse--hard to imagine in a setting such as this. She has written a tough novel. We are shown here once again, that fiction takes us out of our comfort zones, to strange, faraway places, to people unlike ourselves and inside people too much like ourselves. Life is too short to experience it all, but we can rage and we can sympathize with much of it through books, especially this one.

This was the book last read and discussed by our readers. Come join us in discussing our great reads!

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



March 18 – *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate – 352 p. (Judy Herbolzheimer)

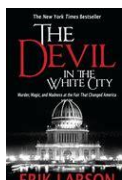
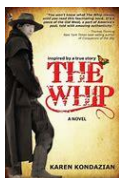
April 15 – *The Whip* by Karen Kondazian – 306 p. (Linda Teasley)

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
March 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.

Submitted by Linda Teasley

Library Staff
gussy up to
help
celebrate
Roaring 20's
Day
in January.



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Book Sales

A Cultural History of the Pioneer Women of Gila County, AZ & Their Descendants by Daughters of the Gila County Pioneers

A 3-volume set of over 650 pages of stories of Gila County pioneer families with many photos included. Very good condition. One volume has a previous owner sticker on the title page and another has a mark where the label was removed.

\$35 for set (\$28 with LFOP 20% discount). They will be on display in the bookstore glass case.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances as of Jan. 31, 2020:

General Fund	\$ 314,591
Building Fund	\$ 371,441
Restricted Fund	\$ 123





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 March and April presentations will be held at the **Masonic Lodge at 200 E. Rancho Road.**

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, including one of his favorite stories – the Willcox robbery of 1895. His book will be available for purchase. **The program will be held at the Masonic Lodge at 200 E. Rancho Road.**



David Grasse

April 20 *Serge Levy*, photographer and now current resident of Tucson after leaving his lifelong home in New York City. In 2018, Serge received an AZ Commission on the Arts Research and Development grant for his ongoing project “2900 Miles and Other Jumping Cholla.” This coming fall, Serge’s photographs will be published in *Wild Visions*, a book about changing perceptions about the “wild” and “wilderness.” Serge’s magazine photography has been featured in *New York Times Magazine*, *Life*, and the *London Sunday Times* magazine, among others. The program will be held at the Masonic Lodge at 200 E. Rancho Road.

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

June 15 *Tonto Rim Search and Rescue (TRSAR)* will be sharing their important work. TRSAR is a 501 c(3) nonprofit corporation made up of more than 60 volunteer members dedicated to saving lives and assisting people in need. They are supported only by donations and fundraisers. TRSAR has been serving the Rim Country community for over 50 years.

August 17 *Julie & Glen Bradley*, who have sailed around the world, will share their adventures. Julie and her husband, Glen, will share their search for paradise in places not covered in travel brochures--from isolated atolls and crystal blue water of the South Pacific to volatile areas of the Middle East. She will bring the book she wrote about her travels, *Escape from the Ordinary*, and also, her new book, published this year, about their travels through the Indian Ocean, *Crossing Pirate Waters*.

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**



Bookstore Update



To get ready for Spring, the **March** special is Buy One Get One on all gardening books. Also, in memory of Mary Higgins Clark, all her books are Buy One Get One, thru March.

For **April**, all 50¢ books are 2 for 1. Come see our large selection.

Thanks to our donors! We have a great variety of wonderful books and music for any occasion. Please come check it all out! 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....and, there's book bags for your purchase. The Bookstore is located inside the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road.

Did you know. . .



Payson Public Library now has a seed library? After hearing a presentation about the Grow Flagstaff! Seed Library, the **Payson High Country Garden Club** (HCGC) was inspired to re-establish the seed library that had previously been located at the Payson Public Library. The seed library, which was developed in coordination with the Gila County Master Gardeners (affiliated with the U of A Agricultural Extension Program), has been open since the first week in January.

The seeds collected came from three sources: some left from the previous seed library; most purchased by HCGC at the Great American Seed Up in Phoenix; and the rest donated by seed companies. Most are the preferred open-pollinated varieties, not GMO nor hybrid. Many are heirloom seeds from plants that have been grown for multiple generations in the effort to save a particular variety. Bottom line—you know what you'll get when you plant it.

The seed library is intended to provide support to the backyard gardener, and in the process, help develop seeds that grow well in the Payson environment. For example, save seeds from tomato or squash plants that have been grown here, then use them to grow new plants that will eventually develop into plants that are more adapted to grow well in our area. Any individual can sign up for a family membership to use the seed library, at no cost. You do not need to have a library card. Three packets at time can be selected, with no limit on number of future selections. Each packet has enough seeds for 3 to 5 plants. A donation of 25¢ a packet is appreciated.

Seed donations are also accepted. A form for each type of seed donated is required. Seeds may be store-bought or homegrown, preferably not GMO nor hybrid. A notebook with information, procedures and also catalogs from companies who donated seeds, is available on top of the cabinet. The seed library cabinet is located immediately to the right after you walk into the library.

For more information, please contact **Denise Johnson**, at 520.248.0710.





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