

Among Friends Newsletter

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New Library Addition Almost Complete

It has been quite a journey but the new meeting room addition is almost ready for use and we are really excited to see all the hard work and planning pay off!



When the existing library building was completed in January 2001, the Library Friends of Payson had raised money from donations to pay for equipment and furnishings inside the building, such as chairs, tables, computers, and shelving. The money that remained from these purchases was invested in the stock market, and in

the years since 2001, that investment has grown considerably. These funds were designated as a building fund for future use whenever library expansion was needed.

In April 2018, LFOP was notified that we had been chosen as a beneficiary of Arlene Kowalski Estate, which ultimately resulted in a \$178,000 donation. This was exciting news and everyone was absolutely thrilled! It was agreed by the LFOP Board that the donation received be allocated to the existing building fund that had been earning dividends and interest all along.

After considering some options with regard to need, it was suggested that a library expansion would be of most benefit to our community—an expansion not for more books and shelves, but for a large meeting room that would hold up to 150-200 people at a time. The LFOP Board discussed the recommendation and agreed that this was an excellent use for the funds accrued for almost twenty years.

The proposed addition has added approximately 2,000 square feet to the existing meeting room, with the option of a divider instead of a fixed wall that can be used to divide the meeting area for a more multipurpose use of the space. The divider allows for the library to have the option for two or three meeting rooms, or one large meeting room as needed. *(Cont'd page 5)*

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Emily Linkey, Director

Library Hours in Effect

M, Th 10am—6 pm
T, W 10am—7 pm
F, S 10am—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.

Community and Library - A Shared Future!

President's Corner

Dear Library Friends,

These past 6 months have been strange and challenging in many ways. We had to step back from ordinary meetings, procedures and life in general. Now that it is September, we are happy to say some of our "ordinary" is returning.

In early September, the Library Friends of Payson Board met for the first time since March. Our first order of business was to elect this year's Officers and Board of Directors. Several of last years' members are not returning, and I want to thank **Sarah Brown, Stephanie Collins, Les Hansen, Kay Miller** and **Dianna Wagner** for their past support and participation on the LFOP Board. Since we can't have a general monthly meeting for elections, three people were appointed to the Board and formal elections will be held when we can meet at a general meeting with a speaker. **Shelly Sundra** is now Vice-President, **Pam Jackson** is our Financial Secretary and a new member, **Joelle Van Wier**, will be on the Bookstore Team. As always, I am grateful for the people who step up and take part as Officers and Board members.

Another big thank you goes to **Emily**, our director, and her staff, for their efforts during these difficult months. They have done an outstanding job with safety procedures to keep our patrons safe: the free book cart out front when the doors were locked (I found a dandy collection of Perry Mason stories); keeping the "New Book" shelves filled with tempting titles; an exciting Summer Reading program through virtual connections and kits of activities for pick-up at the library. I hope you all take time to thank these wonderful people for their dedication to keeping the library moving forward. I know I would have been lost without the luxury of going to the library for books – one is never enough.

You can see on the listing of Officers and Board members in this newsletter that I am once again President. With the Board's help, and Emily, we should soon have the Bookstore running again and our new and expanded meeting room should also be completed.

I look forward to greeting all of you soon at an LFOP function.

Linda



Linda Lanctot



Rim Readers at Green Valley Park



Judy Herbolsheimer



Kay Miller



Sarah Brown



Rim Readers Meet in Green Valley Park

“Oh yes, we’re still doing it. Who wouldn’t want to know what the next book is? You need a laugh. I need a laugh. We need to get together. That’s 10 a.m. on the grass. In the shade. With your lawn chair.” This was Linda Teasley’s invitation to the Rim Readers to meet in Green Valley Park beginning in June. The Rim Readers have continued to read and review as always, embodying the true spirit of readers!

At the Sept. 16th meeting, *Spoonriver Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters, was discussed. Telling the truth is not easy. But after you are dead, speak up! The occupants of the Spoon River cemetery just chit chat and argue day and night over what they what they did or did not do in life and especially what they thought of their neighbors. Today, Facebook gives people a chance to paint a flattering picture of themselves to show the world. Edgar Lee Masters might say, “Beware the hypocrite.”

Come join us in discussing our great reads!

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

October 21 – *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff – 384 p. (Pat Kuzma)

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

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: Meeting Time & Place:

Wednesday 10 am All Rim Reader meetings are open to the public. Third
Oct. 21 Wednesday of each month at **Green Valley Park** until further notice. We meet across the parking lot, north of the Historical Society building. No membership fee. *Submitted by Linda Teasley*

Officers & Board of Directors 2020-2021 To Be Elected

Since LFOP general meetings are not being held at this time, in the interim, new officers and board members for the coming year can be appointed as allowed by LFOP by-laws. Elections will be held at the next general meeting.

To be elected:

President - Linda Lanctot

Vice President – Shelly Sundra

Treasurer – John Wilson

Secretary – Kathy Morgan

Bookstore – Judy Smith and Joelle Van Wier

Financial Secretary – Pam Jackson

At-Large – Karen Thornton

Board Members 2019-2021 still in office:

Newsletter – Dolores Goughnour **At-Large** – Jim Brannan

Programs – Denise Blanchette **At-Large** – Jeanne Schoonover

Membership – Alice Natale

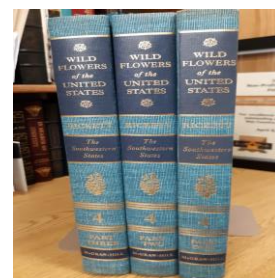
The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected for a 1-year term. Board positions, including Newsletter, Membership, Programs, and At-Large positions, are elected for a 2-year term. Special thanks and appreciation are extended to these officers and board members for their continued commitment to our library and to the work of the Library Friends of Payson!

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Book Sales

Wildflowers of the United States (Southwestern States)

A 3-volume set in very good condition, oversize blue/green hardcover. No slipcase. Includes Volume 4 (parts 1, 2 and 3). First edition stated. Ex-library books but very good condition since they were in non-circulating reference section. Only external library marking is library name/address stamp on top page deck. Internal markings are reference sticker and library numbers on 2 title pages. 801 total pages. Price \$30 or \$24 for LFOP member with 20% discount. Available for viewing at the Bookstore.



Treasurer’s Report

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

General Fund	\$ 673,349
Building Fund	\$ 56,860
Restricted Fund	\$ 1,493





LFOP Programs Cancelled Through November

All future programs have been cancelled through November due to the uncertainty with the coronavirus situation. Please continue to follow updates in this newsletter. We look forward to rescheduling and getting back to normal!

Library News

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

The library was closed beginning mid-March for one month due to coronavirus concerns. During that time, the staff completed a comprehensive inventory of the library holdings, acted as an information line for the Town of Payson, provided a drop-off point for the Food Bank, maintained a Free Items Cart outside and offered curbside service to patrons. Thankfully, no one was laid off. The library re-opened on June 6th with safety restrictions: everyone must wear a mask; a limited number of patrons were allowed in the library during the day; a reduced number of hours open to the public were implemented. Provisions were made to allow students needing to use the computer/Internet to come in prior to posted opening hours. A very great big thanks goes to Emily and her staff for going above and beyond during these difficult months.



Sarah English, children's librarian, submitted her resignation due to health reasons. Emily commented Sarah has done an amazing job with online presentations for the kids, along with providing activity kits which are available in the library. She will be missed. The position will be filled in the near future.

The library's presence and contribution to our community has once again been acknowledged through several donations. These donations will be of benefit to the Arizona Room and the general library collection.

- Don Dederá's wife donated \$40,000 in memory of her husband to be used specifically for the Arizona Room. The Arizona Room will be re-named the "Don Dederá Memorial Arizona Room."
- Messenger's Funeral Home donated \$5,000 in memory of Don Dederá.
- Wilde Wealth Management (previously Chris Smith Investment) donated \$1,500 in honor of their 15-year celebration.
- Coyla and Byron McKean donated \$5,000 to be used specifically toward the purchase of new furnishings for the new addition.

A very special thank you is extended to these donors.
Your generosity and continued support are greatly appreciated!

Emily Linkey,
Library Director



Staff & Volunteers



Bookstore Update



Hooray! Our bookstore opening is scheduled for **Thursday, Oct. 1!** Several volunteers have chosen to return with the appropriate safety measures in place. Daily hours will be from **10 am to 2 pm, Mon. through Sat.**

To keep volunteers and customers healthy, the following rules are being implemented:

- ☺ Masks **MUST** be worn by everyone in the bookstore at all times.
- ☺ Hand sanitizing will be required before touching anything in the store.
- ☺ There will be an occupancy limit of 3 customers.
- ☺ The length of time a customer can spend in the store will depend on the number of people waiting admission.
- ☺ Donations will be held in the work room for at least 48 hours before being placed on the shelves for sale.

We know there are many people anxiously awaiting the reopening of the bookstore and we appreciate your patience and look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks to our donors! Donations have continued to come in. So please come check out our great selection! Our friendly volunteers will help you find what you need....and, there are book bags for your purchase. The Bookstore is located inside the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road.

Expansion *(cont'd from page 1)*

In December 2018, the LFOP Board's search for a builder resulted in the selection of Shannon Long, Long Design Associates in Payson. A groundbreaking ceremony took place a year later in December 2019.

With some hiccups in scheduling due to Covid-19, work on the new addition has continued to move forward. The sliding partitions will be installed sometime in October. Research into furnishings for the addition has begun. Coyla and Byron McKean donated \$5,000 to be used specifically toward the purchase of new furnishings. It was decided to sell the old chairs and purchase a total of 150 new chairs. The existing 22 tables will serve the needs for the new addition. Some items on a wish list include a lightweight podium on wheels and audiovisual hardware. Local artists' artwork will adorn the walls, eliminating any need for the purchase of wall décor.

A possible completion date in the first part of October is in sight! It has been an exciting time for the library and the new addition will provide much-needed meeting room space for our local community. Stay tuned for an Open House announcement!

Amazon Smile!



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

Please consider using Amazon Smile for your holiday shopping. 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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