



Library Addition Construction Comes to a Close

Someone once said, “Patience is a virtue.” Those of us who have been involved with the addition to the library have definitely learned the meaning of that statement. Discussions about the possibility of adding a new meeting room to the library facility began in the spring of 2019, then LFOP began searching for an architect to give us design possibilities, and ultimately, we needed a general contractor to actually build the addition. Finally, in December, 2019, we broke ground and finally, the project was on its way!

Not having a crystal ball, no one could foresee the looming pandemic that would bring the world to its knees in early 2020. Payson was not spared from the effects of the coronavirus, and work on the addition quickly came to a halt, or crept along at a snail’s pace. But work did continue, and slowly each part of the project fell into place. By spring of this year, the final touches remained: the outside walkways and ramps were poured, the safety railings went up, and in late June, the Town completed the final inspection. They gave us the “thumbs up” and issued the long-awaited “Certificate of Occupancy.” We were back in business!

The existing meeting room is now divided (with a movable divider) into two spaces: one space can be used for smaller groups for meetings, and the second space is now designated as a Game Room, with several computer stations set up around the room. The third space is the new meeting room, which can hold up to as many as 80 occupants. Groups who previously used the meeting room are once again holding their meetings at the library.

The Payson Public Library meeting rooms are available to local clubs, not-for-profit groups, businesses and government entities for meetings, workshops, and seminars. Non-profit groups with 501(c)(3) paperwork or any government agency may use the meeting room free of charge, so long as the meeting being held is available. *(Cont’d on page 2)*

Payson Public Library

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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.

President's Corner

Dear Library Friends,

It is a delight to say *Hello* to people I see at the library. Today, July 6th, I saw 6 people I knew and had to wait in line to check out my books – we're back! The Summer Reading program has been active since June 21, the new meeting room is finished and the Town has given us the Certificate of Occupancy so the room will soon be busy with various meetings. Our first **Library of Friends of Payson general meeting will be Monday, August 16**, with no restrictions – let's all celebrate!

Every August, we review our slate of officers for the LFOP Board for the upcoming election in September. This year looks very complete with all incumbent members in the following positions staying for another term: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Board positions (2-year positions) renewing are: Newsletter editor, Program coordinator, Membership, and an At-Large member. **We would like to welcome a new At-Large member.** This position is an excellent way to become familiar with the workings of our Board. At-Large members are asked to help set-up for meetings and bring refreshments when we have speakers. It also is highly recommended that they attend our monthly Board meetings. If you are interested, please call me as soon as possible, and I would be happy to talk about expectations and responsibilities. My phone number is 928-472-9160.

I look forward to seeing you at our first general meeting on August 16!

Linda



Linda Lanctot



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For classes or seminars where fees are charged for attendance or for any business or for-profit group, there is a charge of \$100.00 for up to 4 hours meeting room use and \$25.00 for each additional hour. (If you are in doubt as to your status, profit or non-profit, you must have a 501(c)(3) to be considered non-profit.) Non-profit groups must attach a copy of their 501(c)(3) form to a copy of our policy when it is submitted to us. The meeting room may not be used for private parties or events. The library reserves the right to refuse use for any meeting that is incompatible with the environment maintained at the library or the use thereof by its patrons for library purposes. If you have any questions about using either of the meeting rooms, please come in the library or call, and ask for Library Director, Emily Linkey. She will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

The Library Friends of Payson is greatly appreciative to those who have supported our efforts through their donations over the years, and in particular to the Estate of Arlene Kowalski. Ms. Kowalski included a legacy donation to the Payson Library in her will. This addition to the Payson library, which was paid for entirely by the Library Friends of Payson, will stand as a lifelong testimonial to the dedication and commitment of our library to serve its community.

Submitted by Kathy Morgan



Rim Readers Book Selection at August Meeting

Join the Rim Readers at their next meeting to help with the selection of books to be discussed during the next few months. In the interest of better participation, starting in July, it was decided to resume having discussion leaders for each book selected throughout the season. Discussion leaders can go to the back of their books, to the author's website, or to the Internet for Discussion Guides to print and select questions that will spark conversation. Please join us!

Upcoming meeting: **Meeting Time & Place:**

Wednesday 10 am All Rim Reader meetings are open to the public. Third
August 18 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*

Bookstore Update



We are now open on a regular basis. The new hours (10am-2pm) seem to be ideal and will remain in effect indefinitely. We continue to take donations. Sales for the month of June totaled \$656.75. **The special for August is all DVD's \$1.00.**

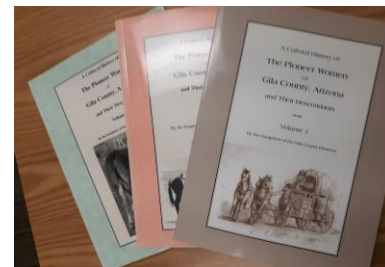
Volunteers are always needed, so please refer anyone who inquires to Kylea in the library. She is the keeper of all paperwork to apply to volunteer. Encourage your friends and family to come volunteer!

The Bookstore is located inside the library at 328 N. McLane Road.

Book Sales

A Cultural History of the Pioneer Women of Gila County and Their Descendants
(3 volume set)

Like new condition - 655 total pages - many black and white photos. \$75 or \$60 with a 20% discount for LFOP members. Available for review and purchase in the LFOP bookstore.



LFOP Programs Resume in August!



On **Monday, August 16, 2021**, the Library Friends of Payson eagerly welcome the community back to monthly presentations to be held in the new, expanded meeting room! At our first meeting in over a year, we are delighted to have local author **Susan Starr** share her book, *Ringo Starr: Search and Rescue Dog*, a memoir about her experiences as the Track/Trail Dog

Team Leader for Tonto Rim Search and Rescue (TSAR). Susan is a Certified Veterinary Technician who has worked for Dr. Hallman at Star Valley Veterinary Clinic for fourteen years. After the presentation, Susan will be signing her book, available for purchase for \$25.99 cash or charge. Susan will even be bringing one of her dogs!

September 20

David Grasse – discusses his new book about the notorious outlaw Augustine Chacon.

October 18

Diane Budden – discusses her book that gives readers an insight from photos and wives' letters to their enlisted husbands into what was happening on the home front during WWII.

The Library Friends of Payson presentation for the community starts with a short business meeting at 10:00 a.m.; the program begins at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to both the business meeting and the free one-hour program. We extend a special invitation to homeschool students for this presentation. If you have any questions, please call the library at 928-474-9260. Come join us!





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