

LFOP Bookstore News

September Specials



History and politics books are highlighted this month. You can purchase 2 for the price of 1.

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Judy's Jottings...



Thanks to Dolores, Pete and Stephanie for their contributions to this issue. Volunteer update includes a welcome back to Karen Thornton. Karen spent an enjoyable summer babysitting a grandchild. A special thanks to Jeanne Schoonover who, even though she no longer drives, gets a ride on Fridays and helps process books. Welcome to Susan Shellberg, our newest volunteer. You will read more about Susan in a future issue. Even though we have shorter hours, the bookstore is doing well. The library has requested that the door be shut and the lights turned off when the bookstore is closed at 2pm. Please comply with this request. Thanks to all of you for your continued support. We could not operate without ALL of you!

Internet Sales Update

Our internet sales profit for 2021 through July is \$2,060, a monthly average of \$294. In 2020, our average monthly profit was \$300. As book donations increase, we are finding more books to sell for \$10 or more. This year, through July, 158 books have been sold with 8 selling for more than \$50 each.

The Library Friends have been selling books on the internet since 1999. Books were first sold on the website abebooks.com. After Amazon bought abebooks in 2008, books have been sold on both websites. We have shipped books to over 25 different countries.

Most of the books sold are NOT old books but nonfiction books published since 1980. The topics are generally a narrow subject that have a small audience and therefore, a limited number of copies printed. Many are out-of-print. A scientific softcover book with the title *Lepidoptera* (butterflies) was just sold for \$180. In February, we sold a book of Laplander poetry for \$500. First printings of fiction (especially if autographed) by popular authors may also have value. We can easily (within 30 seconds on the computer) determine if a book has potential for listing. If not, a red dot is placed on the corner of the first page and passed on to the bookstore. Summer is typically a slow period for internet book sales so hopefully, sales will increase during the autumn season.

Meet Tom Griep . .

Tom Griep is currently volunteering with Internet sales. He enjoys working with other volunteers, though finds computers are a challenge yet still interesting. Tom and his wife found their way to Payson after retiring in Wisconsin. Prior to that, Tom was in the Navy for 4 years after 2 years of college. He moved to Denver, went to work as an aircraft mechanic for Frontier Airlines, met his wife at Frontier, worked there until 1985. After that, he took a job with Northwest Airlines in MN. Eventually they moved into an old school house in Wisconsin, just across the border from MN, and finally made it to Payson at the recommendation of a friend in 2018.

He and his wife adopted two children, a boy and a girl, while living in MN. Their son lives in Japan with his wife and 2 children. Their daughter works for Amazon and lives in MN.

Tom loves to golf, fish, read and is learning to play pickle ball. Come by and say hello to Tom. He works on Monday mornings.



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