

Among Friends Newsletter

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Fall 2021 Donor Campaign

LFOP conducted its annual donation campaign beginning in October, 2021. Here's what LFOP funds do: support library programs, purchase books, e-books, movies and equipment necessary for the operation of the library. This last fiscal year, 1,238 books, 177 DVDs, and 38 audiobooks totaling about \$40,000 were purchased. LFOP funds also paid for the \$630,000 library expansion recently completed—an expansion that has provided much needed room for community organizations' meetings and activities.

It's not too late! You can still become a donor at different levels named below or donate whatever you would like to donate. It's all greatly appreciated. You will receive recognition for your donation. Please consider contributing. Donation packets are available at the library front desk. If you have questions, please call Linda at 472-9160 or contact her at lindalanctot@gmail.com.

A heartfelt thank you to all our donors!

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M, Th 9 am—6 pm
T, W 9 am—7 pm
F, S 9 am—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,



Linda Lanctot

You have to admit these last two years have been rough! We've had 3 in-person LFOP meetings with speakers and I am missing our visits together. So today, I am taking you on a "Fantasy" trip to a general meeting. Just pretend it is a bright, but cool, day in February and we are together having a meeting at the library.

Hi, welcome to our February general meeting for the Library Friends of Payson. It is great to see so many old friends here and it is special to see some new friends. This is the time where I review Payson Library and LFOP news: Even though there have been restrictions on library usage, Emily had some very encouraging data. She completes an annual report covering the previous fiscal year, June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Here are her findings: There were 14,289 active library accounts and since our service area has a population of 16,238, that is a high percentage. Despite the fact that the library was closed from November through March last year, 31,823 people visited the library. Total circulation was 75,145. There were 5,495 computer log-ons and 1632 wireless sessions, and they answered 5902 reference questions. I think we can be very proud of our library and staff.

Fundraising has been tough these past months. However, our Bookstore is open 6 days a week with some of the best prices in town. Brand new hardbacks are \$6, older hardbacks range from \$5 to 50 cents (that is a bargain), paperbacks and magazines are a quarter each and jigsaw puzzles are \$1 or less. The sales total for the Bookstore for 9 months in 2021 was \$6345.09 and the internet profit was \$4591.00. Thank you to the volunteers who work so faithfully on these important fundraising projects.

Another fundraising project this last year was our Donor Letter Campaign. We sent out about 100 letters to past donors and as of today, we have received 26 donations for a total of \$7200. There are bright blue and white signs displayed at the library identifying all these donors plus a lovely poster at the front door. We will list all these generous people in this newsletter and future ones – thank you just doesn't seem to say enough. In case you were missed with our initial mailing, you can still donate to this project. There are letters at the front desk or you can call me (928-472-9160) and I will send you one.

Our Payson community has been very generous with remembering LFOP and the Library. We have received memorial gifts from Arlene Kowalski and Janice L. Short. Other gifts have been donated in memory of Don Dederer for the Arizona Room, Messinger's Funeral Home in memory of Don Dederer, Wilde Wealth Management donated in honor of their 15-year celebration, and other residents donated to purchase new chairs and a moveable podium for our meeting area. There have been many other donations that I haven't itemized. We are fortunate to be remembered by so many friends. Our hearts are full of joy and thanksgiving for the kindness and generosity of our community. Library Friends of Payson thank you again and again. Now our meeting is over.

I wish there was a speaker to be introduced but just not yet. Hopefully these next months will bring a more positive note to in-person events.

Bye for now, *Linda*



LFOP Programs Cancelled Until Further Notice

All future programs have been cancelled. The Town of Payson has set restrictions on the number of people allowed in the various meeting rooms that LFOP must follow. Please continue to watch for updates in this newsletter. We look forward to rescheduling and getting back to normal!

Bookstore Update



The bookstore is open! Daily hours are from **10 am to 2 pm, Mon. through Sat.** The February special is 10 romance paperbacks for \$1. Come in and shop early for the best selection! The Bookstore is located inside the Payson Public Library.



Rim Readers Now Meeting in the Library

Join us to discuss our next great read:

- February 16** ANNE OF GREEN GABLES by L.M. Montgomery - 320p. (J. Herbolzheimer)
March 16 GRAND AMBITION by Lisa Michaels - 288p. (R. Brophy)
April 20 EDUCATED by Tara Westover - 336p. (J. Hunter)
May 18 ALL THE DEVILS ARE HERE by Louise Penny - 458p. (K. Adams)
June 15 ABOUT MY MOTHER by Peggy Rowe - 229p. (V. Smith)
July 20 DUTCH HOUSE by Ann Patchett - 353p. (S. Carver)

Book Club Procedures:

- ✓ No 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.

Submitted by Linda Teasley

Upcoming meeting:

**Wednesday
Feb. 16**

Meeting Time & Place:

10 am All Rim Reader meetings are open to the public. **We will resume meeting at the Payson Library.**
No membership fee.

You will be missed, Sue Wilson

Sue Wilson was one of the most generous, hard-working, truly funny, and interesting people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I met Sue when I became a volunteer in the LFOP Bookstore in 2002. Sue was one of the volunteers I worked with and she was just amazing.

Sue was born July 28, 1929, and grew up in Phoenix, along with 2 brothers and 2 sisters. She was a graduate of the University of Arizona. Over her lifetime she had a wide variety of jobs, including being a police officer, working in retail sales and office management. Sue and John, her husband, had a blended family of 7 children. At the time of her passing, Sue had 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

John and Sue moved to Payson in 1991. They immediately applied for a library card at the Payson library, which was situated in a small building located on Main Street at the time. Within a couple of weeks, both she and John had joined the Library Friends of Payson, and Sue was a LFOP board member for over twenty years. In addition to being a volunteer in the library and Bookstore, Sue was a staunch supporter of the library's annual fundraiser, *A Taste of Rim Country*. Sue's love and dedicated support of the Payson Library provided a role model for so many of the volunteers she worked with through the years.

Sue was active in many organizations, in addition to being a volunteer in the LFOP Bookstore and the Payson Library. She was active in her church, serving as a Deacon and Elder. She was a docent at the Gila County Historical Society Museum, and was recognized by the Northern Gila County Historical Society for her efforts. Sue also volunteered at the Time Out and at the MHA Almost New Thrift Stores. Additionally, she volunteered at Julia Randall School, and was assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America during their summer camps.

Sue received many awards including: the Nan Pyle Distinguished Service Award for her support of the Payson Library; the Humanitarian Award by the Temple Lodge of the Knights of Pythias (1987); Volunteer of the Year by the Mogollon Health Alliance (2016); the 1993 National Association for Family and Community Education Volunteer Services Award (1993); the Gila County Retired Senior Volunteer Program Outstanding Service Award (1992, 1993, and 1994). To honor their service, the Town of Payson named a street, West Wilson Court, in honor of Sue and John. There were many, many groups and organizations that Sue worked with while she lived in the Phoenix area. Sue didn't just "talk the talk," she most definitely "walked the walk."

In addition to all her volunteer work, Sue generously opened her home to anyone who needed housing, whether they be family, friends of her teenage children, or Rotary foreign exchange students. She was quick to donate her famous apple pies, chocolate chip cookies and meat loaves to any organization that was doing a fundraiser. Sue was an amazing cook, as those of us who had the opportunity to partake of her delicious dishes knew.

Sue was the epitome of caring and sharing. She was always thinking of ways to offer her support, both with her time and financially. Her favorite saying was "treat others as you would like them to treat you," and she truly did just that. Sue passed away on October 15, 2021. Her kind and generous heart will be greatly missed, but forever loved and appreciated.





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