

Among Friends Newsletter

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New Staff for the Library

We warmly welcome Sianee Beyan Hawkins to our library family! Sianee was hired in June, 2022, as the Youth Services and Information Technology Librarian. She and her family moved here from Ohio. Her husband is the Reverend Thomas Hawkins of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; their son George attends Rim Country Middle School.



Sianee earned her Bachelor of Arts in Information Systems Technology degree from Wayne State University (2006) and her Master of Library and Information Science degree also from Wayne State University in 2013. She comes to us with much experience, beginning her career as a clerical assistant at the Detroit Public Library (DPL). After receiving her undergrad degree, she was promoted to Technology Training Associate for a program geared toward teaching technology and life skills to grandparents raising grandchildren and seniors 50+. She successfully grew the program from a few participants to 20 regular attendees with a waiting list of about 100 persons.

After receiving her Master's degree, Sianee was promoted to DPL Children's Librarian, and eventually to Assistant Manager and Librarian in charge of Children and Youth Services at the DPL Skillman Branch. After relocating to Buffalo, NY in 2018, she worked as Social Welfare Examiner for the Erie County Department of Social Services. Her last stop before Payson was in Columbus, OH, where she worked as Pandemic Unemployment Agency Adjudicator for the State of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Sianee's joy is working with children and seeing the defining moment when they understand what you are teaching or trying to convey. Children are like sponges—waiting for information. Her goal is to provide library programs that are educational, fun and not stressful and encourage children to enjoy reading—helping children learn while having fun. For her own leisure time, Sianee, of course, enjoys reading, watching movies with her family, and visiting her family back in Ohio and Michigan. Welcome, Sianee!

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Emily Linkey, Director

Library Hours in Effect
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.

Community and Library — A Shared Future!

*Reading
is the sole means
by which we slip,
involuntarily,
often helplessly,
into
another's skin,
another's voice,
another's soul.
Joyce Carol
Oates*



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President's Corner

Dear Library Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! Our Christmas morning was filled with lots of magic! My grandson let us know he heard Santa's bells during the night, and even heard him munching on his Christmas cookies that he left out for him.



Shelly Sundra

It's hard to believe a new year is upon us! Have you made your New Year's resolutions? The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year. The Romans would celebrate the new year in hopes of gaining good fortune while the Egyptians viewed this as a time of rebirth and rejuvenation. The Lunar New Year is one of the oldest traditions and is still celebrated today.

Whatever your tradition is, I hope you all have a healthy and happy 2023! We hope you can join us for our monthly general meetings as we always have lots of interesting guest speakers! And remember to check the library calendar for all the fun upcoming events! Happy New Year!

Shelly

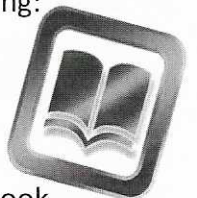
Internet Book Sales

Our internet sales team completed 2022 with a profit of \$5,140 on the sale of over 200 books. Most of the sales were for books in the \$10 - \$20 range but 9 books or sets had prices over \$100 including:

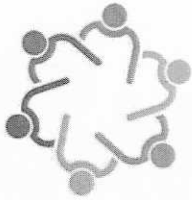
- Great Books of the Western World* (\$500)
- Book of Romans* (14 volumes) (\$400)
- FN Browning Pistols* (\$220)
- The Coast League Cyclopedia* (\$200).

If you would like to browse our 800-book inventory, please contact Pete Rothenbach, 928-978-7338 or prothenb@gmail.com.

Submitted by Pete Rothenbach



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Upcoming LFOP Programs

Come join us in celebrating our community with these speakers sharing their experiences and stories! We await these varied programs with anticipation and are always grateful for our community sharing their knowledge with us. We thank you!

February 20

Jim Goughnour is the Chairman of the Arizona Fish and Game Commission. The Commission provides oversight and direction to the Game and Fish Department. Jim will present insightful personal perspectives pertaining to the Commission and discuss how the Game and Fish Department conserves and protects over 800 species of wildlife in the State of Arizona.

March 20

Our local Community Risk Reduction Program, a collaboration of the police and fire departments, will present a program on maintaining your home to reduce risk of falls, fire and intrusions. They do home assessments to empower residents to take an active role in their well-being.

April 17

Tiana Ka'anohiokala Price will share the history of the hula and its health benefits. We will even be entertained by some of her students. Her students have performed at the Senior Center; she teaches hula to students of all ages, from young children to older adults.

May 15

Diane Phelps Budden, a Rim Country resident, will talk about her books, which will be available for purchase. *Dear Hubby of Mine: Home Front Wives of WWII* is a collection of letters written during the war. While some women joined the military or entered the workforce, the majority stayed home to raise children. Diane's book focuses on the latter group. Their letters depict the country in under wartime conditions. These resolute women had a significant effect on the outcome of the war and the well-being of the country. She has also written a non-fiction on ravens, a bird commonly seen in our parks and yards.

September 18

Julie and Glen Bradley who shared their adventures sailing around the world with us in September 2022, return to tell us about sailing the Great Loop, north along the Atlantic Coast and down the Mississippi.

The community is invited to all these free programs, which are on the **3rd Monday of the month**, except December and July. LFOP announcements at 10:00 and our guest speakers present immediately after. If you have suggestions for topics or speakers, please contact Denise Blanchette at deniseblanchette1@gmail.com or call/text 562-505-6622.

Submitted by Denise Blanchette

We invite you to join us for these free programs for the community!



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Bookstore Update



For February, come in and check out all the romance books that are available 8 for \$1! ...And don't forget that the bookstore sells gift certificates for that special someone who loves to read! Please remember the bookstore is always looking for donations. Without your donations there would be no bookstore.

The Bookstore is located inside the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road. Daily specials are available, so please come in and see what is a great deal on books, CDs, and DVDs! Daily hours are from **10 am to 2 pm, Mon. through Sat.**

December Bookstore Sales Report

December was a good month for the Bookstore. Total sales were \$731.73 for the month. That was better than last month and \$166 better than last December. This was the first full year of revenue for the Bookstore since 2019 due to Covid. Revenue for the year was \$8100.42. That was very good especially considering we are down to only one shift a day. The Internet group was closed for shipping in December due to vacations. The Internet sales revenue for the year was \$5140.00. The combined total for 2022 was \$13,240.42.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your time and dedication and for keeping us going the whole year!

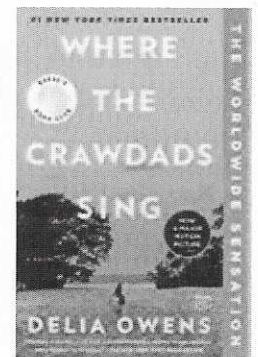
Submitted by Stephanie Collins

Rim Readers Meet on February 15

Our last meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Please join us on February 15 to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing*.

Upcoming Reads:

- February 15** – *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens, 379 p., available in Kindle & hardcover* (rec by Romaine Brophy)
- March 15** – *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz, 505 p. (rec Valerie Smith)
- April 15** – *Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah, 450 p. (rec. Noel Gosnel) available in Kindle and hardcover*
- May 19** – *Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Richardson, 352 p. (rec Kathy Brandis)
- June 17** – *Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman, 234 p. (rec Wilma Dalby)



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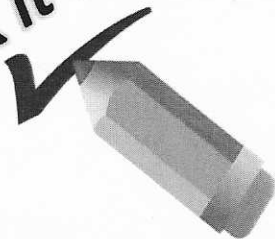


Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month 10 a.m.
Payson Public Library
No membership fees

Submitted by Linda Teasley

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What's new in the New Year? In case you haven't been to the library recently, there are a few new staff members who have joined the library staff.

The Payson Library has the most caring, helpful, and knowledgeable staff you could ever hope to meet. Let me introduce you to each of them: **Emily Linkey**, Director, came to the library in October, 2012, and just celebrated ten years serving in that position. Emily keeps everyone on track by staying focused on meeting community needs--offering new books, new movies, new magazines, and lots of fun programs.

David Grasse is Assistant Librarian and has been with the Payson Library since 2016. David is a well-known author, having written *A Killer is What They Needed: The True Untold Story of Commodore Perry Owens*, *The Bisbee Massacre: Robbery, Murder & Retribution in the Arizona Territory*, *The Robbery Was Not a Success* and *The True Story of Notorious Arizona Outlaw Augustine Chacon*. All these books are available at the library for you to read! David is easily recognized by his very fashionable Western attire.

Kylea Donaldson, Circulation Supervisor, began her career at the library in 2017. Kylea grew up in Payson and spent a lot of time at the library during those years. She is happy to now be working at her dream job!

Sianee Hawkins wears two hats at the library - Youth Services and Information Technology Librarian. Sianee joined the library staff in June, 2022, moving to Payson from the Ohio area with her husband and young son. Sianee also loves to dance!

Terry Roberts has worked at the Payson library for 17 years as a Circulation Clerk. Among her many other duties, she is the moderator for the weekly Spanish language sessions. Terry's great love, besides her husband and their two cats, is the great outdoors. Terry's husband introduced her to the Yellowstone wilderness in the 1980's and she's been hooked ever since. She's fought a wildfire, climbed Mt. Whitney, hiked close to 6,000 miles, and experienced many unforgettable animal encounters.

Barbara Plotkin began working at the library in September, 2017, as a Circulation Clerk. Something Barbara shared is that when she and her sister were in college, they would write letters to each other using cursive writing, but backwards. You would have to read the writing in a mirror. That's amazing! **Sarah McCormack** also began working at the library in September, 2017, as a Circulation Clerk. Sarah enjoys volunteering with her husband as a Payson Police volunteer, and they both enjoy the beauty of nature, camping in the Rim Country as often as possible.

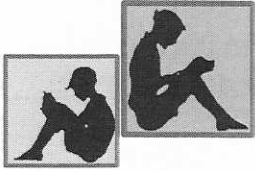
Sarah McCormack began her library career in July 2017 as a Library Clerk. Sarah's love of libraries comes from the library where she grew up in a small town in Ohio. It was a converted, old three-story Victorian home--old, creaky wood floors, musty scents, over-stuffed chairs in cozy corners with old-fashioned lamps. The third floor was for children with the basement for town get-togethers...and the resident ghosts who would let her know their presence through flickering lights, little breezes, unusual sounds. This library was her first true love!

Kiem Ta joined the library staff in August, 2022. Kiem has many jobs, such as cataloging books and DVDs, generating spine labels for items, covering book covers with dust jackets, finding and correcting mistakes in the collection, and mending books. She also makes amazing origami creatures, plays the guitar, loves to play pickle ball, and most of all (of course), loves to read.

DeeDee (Deidre) Knierim is the newest library staff member. She was hired in November 2022, filling the Page position. DeeDee loves to write and is the author of a middle school historical fiction book. She also loves doing all sorts of art. DeeDee is currently a full-time student working on her Master degree. And, last but not least, she taught figure skating for over 30 years!

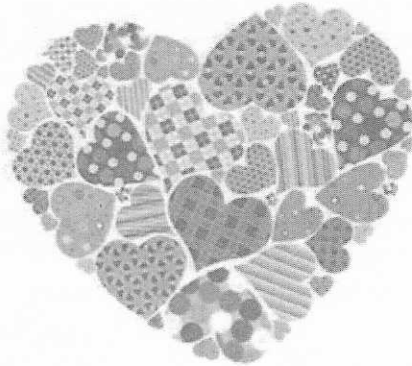
I hope you have a chance to meet these professional, hardworking individuals soon. They are more than happy to help in any way they can, answer your questions, and help you find whatever you are looking for within the library. Check it out!

Submitted by Kathy Morgan



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