

Among Friends Newsletter

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2023 Donor Project

For the past few years, the primary fundraising efforts by Library Friends of Payson (LFOP) has been through monetary donations from local businesses and individuals. These efforts have been very successful, and this year LFOP is once again seeking support from our community in an effort to continue to provide quality library services to the Rim Country.



Programs offered at the library are not funded by municipal tax dollars. The Town of Payson covers employee salaries, building maintenance, office and janitorial supplies, and utilities. Funding for library programs is provided by the Library Friends of Payson, thanks in part to the generous donations provided by local organizations and individuals who value the library's services, and with funding from Gila County. In the past fiscal year, Library Friends of Payson provided approximately \$37,000 toward the purchase of books, DVDs, audiobooks, and funding for various programs.

The Library Friends of Payson also funded the recent \$630,000 expansion of the library's meeting area. This expansion provides a much needed, expandable space for community organizations' meetings and activities. Between library programs and community requests, these rooms are in continuous use. One very well-attended LFOP program offered is monthly meetings with a variety of interesting speakers. These meetings are open to the public at no charge.

Just to let you know how busy the Payson Library is, here are some interesting statistics: in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, there were 55,465 visits to the library and 732 new library cards issued for a total of 14,770 active cardholders. These patrons asked 8,591 reference questions, circulated 99,608 items from our collection, and 3,121 attended one or more of our 433 library programs for children, teens, and families. As you can see, the Payson Public Library is a very busy community hub!

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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!

President's Corner

Dear Library Friends,

Well, we certainly have received a good amount of snow this winter but I don't know about you, but I am ready for spring! I hope you all have some fun things planned for the springtime. It's hard to believe we are already into April this year; I honestly don't know where the time goes.

The weather finally seems to be changing and it has been absolutely beautiful! We are sure to see lots of spring flowers with all the moisture we have recently had. I heard Bush Hwy is incredible.

We recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Town of Payson for the support we give the Library. We are very honored to receive this recognition.

There are lots of fun things planned at the Library, so be sure to check the calendar and join us when you can!

Happy Spring to all!

Shelley



Shelly Sundra

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The Payson Public Library is a centerpiece of the Rim Country community that provides a welcoming environment to relax, visit with friends, attend a program or class, do research, play video games, or checkout the latest hit movie or bestselling novel. The data provided clearly demonstrate why your support is so very important to the continued successful operation of our library.

We invite you to help fund our many programs at one of these four levels: **PLATINUM** (\$1000), **GOLD** (\$500), **SILVER** (\$250), or **BRONZE** (\$100).

As a donor you receive the following benefits:

- Prominent recognition in the library;
- Recognition on the LFOP website, Facebook, and LFOP newsletter;
- 1-year complimentary LFOP membership and newsletter subscription;
- A tax deduction with a receipt provided.

Donor packets are available at the Circulation Desk. If you are interested in becoming a Library Donor, stop by the library and pick up a packet.

*Your investment in the continued success of the
Payson Public Library
is very much appreciated!*

Spring Sings

*Spring sings,
Its gentle breeze
Butterflies of Glazing
wings
Birds cheerfully sing
their Lighthearted songs
As they soar across the
meadow
Of elegant flowers
Delivering the message
that spring is near
The flowers danced of
such joy
The silent dance
Moved the lake
The water was
sparkling
For the flowers danced
gracefully
Across it
Spring sings its gentle
song.*

Tiffany Santa Cruz





Upcoming LFOP Programs

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.

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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, 2023: The enthusiastic new Adjunct Professor of Astronomy at EAC in Payson, **Russ Genet**, will entertain us with a fun introduction to astronomy. He will bring his two books to sign and sell, *Making Childhood Dreams Come True*, a memoir; and *Humanity: the Chimpanzees Who Would be Ants*, a science story of everything from the Big Bang to modern humanity and beyond. One of Russ’ projects is bringing a telescope to the EAC campus, Payson.

June 19, 2023: Co-founder of Rim Country Re-enactors, **Kenny Dierken**, alias Kid Yuma, and Bird Carter will present a program on attire and life in 1880’s Arizona. Have fun learning about the Wild West as Kenny and his friend become characters from not so long ago.

August 21, 2023: Roger Naylor, travel writer whose articles appear in *AZ Republic* and *AZ Highways* will share stories from his new book, *Awesome Arizona: 200 Amazing Facts about the Grand Canyon State*. In *Awesome Arizona*, Naylor has amassed 200 amazing facts and commentary about his beloved state. Come and learn more about the state we all love; Roger’s signed books will be available for purchase. He has written about twisting backroads, colorful small towns, and lonely hiking trails. In 2019, he was inducted into the AZ Tourism Hall of Fame.

September 18, 2023: 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.

October 16, 2023: 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.

November 20, 2023 (tentative): Nancy E. Turner returns to share her new book (published in 2020), *Light Changes Everything*. She visited Payson several years ago and brought her much-loved novels about a pioneer woman in the AZ Territory.

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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Internet Sales

For 2023, through mid-March, 62 books have sold for a profit of \$900. The recent best sellers were:



What’s My Line — an inside history of the popular 1950-60s TV Game show \$95;
Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (7 volumes) \$92;
Shark Attacks of the 20th Century \$50;
Interpreting Bach at the Keyboard \$40;

These books are representative of the wide variety of books we have for sale. Most are non-fiction and priced between \$10 and \$20 and many are gift quality. Book donations have been slow recently but with spring cleaning season upon us, we expect a new batch of books to arrive and be added to our inventory.

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

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances as of Feb. 28, 2023:

Total Assets	\$ 195,419
Restricted Funds	\$ 2,847



Bookstore Update



The bookstore is running smoothly thanks to our very capable and willing volunteers. The special for March was all DVDs for \$1 but there's still a good supply for \$2 each, so please stop in and check them out. The special for April will be buy one puzzle get a second one of the same price or less FREE. We are always looking for donations so please keep the library bookstore in mind when you wish to purge your book supply. Thanks to all the volunteers who are so willing to help whenever needed.

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.**

Submitted by Judy Smith

February Bookstore Sales Report

February was another good month for the bookstore with sales of \$749.60—that was over \$250 better than last February. The Internet group's profit for the month was \$281. This included a copy of *What's My Line*, an inside look at the old television show, that sold for \$95. The combined total was \$1030.60 for the month and \$2434.30 year to date. Thank you, volunteers!

Submitted by Stephanie Collins

Rim Readers Discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* at March 15 Meeting

Predator or prey. Nature does not judge. A creature's survival depends on which he is at any given moment. Only humans judge prey if they return the fight to their predator. Only humans ask, "Did he or she have the right?" Kya was a creature of the North Carolina marsh. She saw its beauty, and she learned its lessons.

Our group had a great discussion about this book. Come join us!

Upcoming Reads:

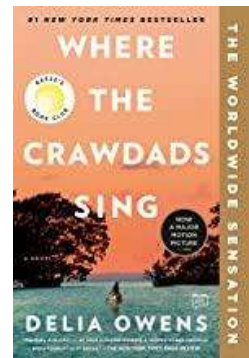
*****Please note correction for meeting dates:*****

April 19 — *Maggie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz, 505 p. (rec Valerie Smith)

May 17 – *Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah, 450 p. (rec. Noel Gosnel)
available in Kindle and hardcover*

June 21 – *Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Richardson, 352 p.
(rec Kathy Brandis)

July 19 – *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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Check it Out!



First thing – I must offer my apologies to two of our wonderful library staff. In the previous newsletter, I somehow managed to spell their names incorrectly. Terri Roberts and Barbara Potvin, please accept my sincere apologies for the oversight.

Do you ever wonder what the library would do without its volunteers? They truly make a huge difference. Kahlil Gibran put it this way, “You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.” He could very well have been speaking about the dedicated volunteers who help make the library such a warm and welcoming place to be. This year “National Volunteer Week” will be celebrated from April 16 to April 22. I want to personally thank each of the more than 50 volunteers who give of their time to faithfully serve the library and library patrons.

These fully trained volunteers offer their assistance by working at the Circulation Desk, shelving books, cataloguing new items, covering and processing new books, and other duties. In addition, the LFOP Bookstore volunteers manage and staff the Bookstore, bringing in approximately \$8,000 a year in sales. A smaller group of volunteers sort through donated items and place selected items for sale on Amazon. And yet still another group of volunteers provides personalized service to individuals who are homebound and unable to access the library in person. Our wonderful volunteers assist the staff in so many different ways. They truly are the heart of the Payson Library. A very special **Thank you** to each and every one, for all that you do for the Payson Library and for our library patrons.

And one last note....we have been notified that Amazon has discontinued their Amazon Smile program. Thanks to everyone who signed up and chose LFOP as their designated non-profit organization. We appreciate your support.

Please stop by the library soon and see all the amazing things the Payson Library offers. Check it out!

Submitted by Kathy Morqan



A new opportunity for library patrons to see the State’s cultural attractions is available....for free! Library patrons can now borrow 2 admission passes to visit local Arizona museums, arboretums and other cultural attractions. These passes are an amazing value for patrons. By borrowing these passes from the library, you save money on admission.

Go to the library, select a destination and receive a date-due slip that will admit 2 people to the destination or performance through the date printed on the slip. Here are some of the places available to visit: Arcosanti, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Desert Botanical Garden, Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum and many more! Come to the library and learn more about this great opportunity!





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