

Among Friends Newsletter

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Amazing Donation to Library Friends of Payson



Left to right: LFOP Representatives: Linda Lanctot, VP, Kathy Morgan, Secretary, Jerry McNamara, Shelly Sundra, President, Jeanne Schoonover, Board Member, Denise Blanchette, Programs Coordinator.

Photo by Terri Roberts

In the past, there have been large donations given to the LFOP from the estates of generous library patrons, but never an amount as the most recent, unprecedented donation of \$460,549.04! Jerry McNamara, estate executor, came by the library on Friday, June 17th to present a very large check from the estate of long-time Payson resident, Frank Christopher. Mr. Christopher was a resident of Payson for over 30 years. He was a member of the Rim Country Flyers, a group of hobbyists who operate radio-controlled planes and boats, and he also enjoyed operating ham radios and hiking in the nearby forests.

Earlier in the week, another Payson resident donated \$2,700 in shares of stock to LFOP. Another past large donation was \$40,000 donated by Don Dederá's wife in memory of her husband requesting that it be used specifically for the Arizona Room. The room was re-named the "Don Dederá Memorial Arizona Room."

We are so appreciative and grateful for these legacy donations. If you are at the stage of planning your will or trust, please consider including the Payson Public Library as one of your beneficiaries.

We continue to receive donations as part of our annual fundraising initiative. As mentioned before, the Town of Payson covers employee salaries, building maintenance, office and janitorial supplies, and utilities.

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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!



President's Corner

Dear Library Friends,

It's hard to believe we are already in the month of August! We have had an amazing kids' reading program during the months of June and July, and it was well attended. Now the kids are back in school, but the summer heat is still here. And it doesn't seem to be going anywhere anytime soon. Typical Arizona heat.



Shelly Sundra

I was back East visiting family recently, and I will personally take the Arizona heat any day versus the humidity back East. While there, I visited the local public library. The library in Ocean City, NJ has three lovely levels of books, videos, a computer lab, etc. It is beyond a book worm's dream! However, in my opinion, our library is one of the absolute best around!

Hopefully, our nice monsoon season will stay in place and our temperatures continue to cool off in the afternoons. We all know how important that moisture is for our beautiful Rim Country.

Time is flying as always and if you are looking for something to do, please check out our monthly calendar or just stop in and enjoy our peaceful sitting area while taking in a good book or reading a magazine or the newspaper.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! *Shelly*

Did you know.....

The first circulating library in America was the Library Company of Philadelphia. Most Americans in the 1730s had limited access to books. Books, in early America, were rare and expensive. There were no public libraries. Only the very wealthy and the clergy had access to large numbers of books. Even men of moderate means could not readily afford books. Enter Benjamin Franklin.

On July 1, 1731, Franklin and a group of members from the Junto, a philosophical association, drew up "Articles of Agreement" to form a library. The Junto was interested in a wide range of ideas, from economics to solving social woes to politics to science. But they could not turn to books to increase their knowledge or settle disputes, as between them they owned few tomes. But they recognized that via the Junto's combined purchasing power, books could be made available to all members.

So it was that 50 subscribers invested 40 shillings each to start a library. Members also promised to invest 10 shillings more every year to buy additional books and to help maintain the library. They chose as their motto a Latin phrase which roughly translates as *To support the common good is divine.*

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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.

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 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 book 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.

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

Submitted by Denise Blanchette



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!



Internet Sales

For 2023, through mid-July, 154 books have sold for a profit of \$2315. Our recent best sellers were: *Carlos Marcello: The Man Behind the JFK Assassination* \$170; *Surviving Mold* \$50; *An American Life* by Ronald Reagan \$45.

Our featured books for sale in this issue are: Various Easton Press presidential biographies bound in genuine leather, priced from \$15 to \$35 each.

The Civil War: A Narrative (3 volumes in slipcase) by Shelby Foote \$32.

We also have 25 very good condition books covering various topics related to baseball history. They are priced between \$10 and \$20 each.

If you would like to see these books or browse our 800-book inventory in person (most are priced under \$20), please contact: Pete Rothenbach, 928-978-7338 or prothenb@gmail.com.



Bookstore Update



Please keep us in mind when you are cleaning out your book shelf or DVD and puzzle collection. We welcome all donations! Come see our great supply of books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles! Especially now with the ongoing heat wave, it's a great way to spend your time indoors.

Many thanks, as always, to our dedicated volunteers!

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

June Bookstore Sales Report

June was another good month for both the Bookstore and the Internet Sales. The Bookstore's revenue was \$835.03. This was better than last month and 25% better than last June. The year-to-date total of \$4685.78 is better than the same period last year by \$1016.69.

The Internet group's profit for the month was \$293.00. This was less than last month but \$196.00 better than the previous June. A book about Carlos Marcello, the Italian American crime boss from New Orleans, by Stefano Vaccara, sold for \$170.00. The profit for the first six months is \$2218.00.

The combined total was \$1128.03 for the month and \$6903.78 for the first half of the year.

Thank you all for keeping us going!

Submitted by Stephanie Collins

Rim Readers Discuss *Light Between Oceans* at July 19 Meeting

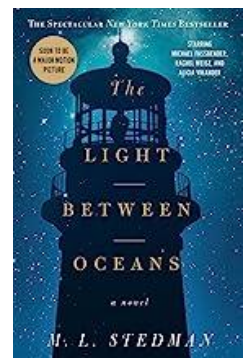
Decisions. Decisions should be made for who benefits. That's in an ideal world. Most of the time there is a loser on one side. Generosity occurs when the loser concedes to make a situation better. This is known as love. Look for it in this book by M.L. Stedman set off the coast of Australia shortly after WWI.

Upcoming Reads:

New reads will be selected at the August meeting, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20. Join us!

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!



A very special thanks to the **High Country Garden Club** for their work beautifying the entry to the library. The recently planted elk-resistant shrubs and flowers are thriving and bringing smiles to the library patrons, visitors and staff.

Summer Reading was a blast! This year's Summer Reading kickoff party, held on Saturday, May 27th, included food, games, and a "Foam Party" where 87 kids had great fun, even getting wet in the process. Congratulations to Children's Librarian **Sianee Hawkins** for putting together a schedule that filled June and July's calendar with amazing activities designed to reach out to the kids. The final end-of-Summer Reading "Pizza Party" (compliments of Desert Financial) was held on Saturday, July 15th and the

program officially came to end on August 1st. It was a great summer of reading at the library!

Dolly Parton loves books, and she loves giving away books to children. Her very successful program, **Imagination Library**, was initiated in 1995, offering free age-appropriate, high-quality books to children from birth to the age of five. Each month, the child receives a new free book in the mail. By 2022, over two million books have been mailed out, and the program is now offered in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the Republic of Ireland, as well as the United States. Registration can be completed online at the *Imagination Library* website or in person at the Payson Library. We encourage all children up to the age of five to sign up to take advantage of this amazing free program. And thanks to Dolly for bringing the love of reading to so many!

Remember, it's cool in the library, so stop by soon and see all the amazing things the Payson library offers. Check it out!

Submitted by Kathy Morgan

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However, funding for library programs, such as Summer Reading, and most new books, audiobooks, and movies is provided by these donations to the Library Friends of Payson, along with funding from Gila County. This past year, approximately \$37,000 was provided to support the Payson Library. These funds all came from generous individuals and local businesses who see our library as a critical component of our community's culture.

Donations will continue to be accepted. Please come by the library and become a Library Donor and ask for a donation packet at the Circulation Desk. Your gift counts, and your donation is 100% tax-deductible!

We thank and appreciate every Library Donor for the financial support given. To date, we have received \$8,455 in donations from the following individuals who have responded to our request for funds this year:

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