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Donor Program Continues for 2024

You already may have received a letter from us announcing our Donor Program fund drive for 2024. We are once again seeking support from our community to help the Payson Public Library continue to provide quality services and programs for Rim Country residents.

It is important to note that programs at the Library are NOT funded by municipal tax dollars, which are used specifically for employee salaries and building infrastructure. Only limited funding for programs is provided by the Gila County Library District. The great majority of funding is provided by The Library Friends of Payson. In the past fiscal year, the Library Friends provided over \$41,000 toward the purchase of new books, DVDs, audiobooks and program funding.

The Payson Public Library is a centerpiece of the Rim Country community and 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. Your support is so very important to its continued successful operation. We have several levels of donation:

Platinum \$1000 Gold \$500 Silver \$250 Bronze \$100

As a donor, you will receive the following benefits:

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The Library Friends of Payson, Inc., is a private, nonprofit 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.

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 M, Th 9am—6 pm
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Shelly Sundra

President's Corner

by Shelly Sundra

Greetings to All!

It sure is hard to believe that we are already in the months of March and April. It does not seem as though we have had much of a winter this year, and hopefully, we do not pay for that later this summer with a bad wildfire season. I am certainly not complaining as our temperatures have been wonderful.

On the drive to the valley, you can see things are starting to green up and the wildflowers should be showing up very soon. Fingers crossed for a spectacular year. Between the wild horses and the wildflowers, it makes for a beautiful drive to the valley. I always love seeing the horses and I have been known to be one of those gawkers pulled off to the side of the road so I can take yet another picture of those beautiful creatures.

Easter is early this year, falling on March 31st. I am sure the kiddos in town will have an exciting time at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Between the town and the library, Payson does an excellent job of keeping our kids entertained. And Sianee does a wonderful job keeping the monthly calendar jammed packed with fun activities for all!

Here are a few silly "Just for Fun" days in April:

- April 1st Not only is it April Fools Day but it is also Sweet Potato Day
- April 6th International Pillow Fight Day
- April 7th National No Housework Day (I really like this one 😊)
- April 17th Blah, Blah, Blah Day

In April, our full moon is referred to as the pink moon which is a symbol of spring and change. It also represents growth and renewal. The pink moon will rise on April 23rd and this will be the first full moon of Spring. April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio* which means "to open" or bud. No wonder we start thinking of gardening this time of year. Enjoy the warmer days ahead and the fun outdoor activities.

Please remember to check out our monthly calendar. As always, feel free to stop in and enjoy our comfortable sitting area while taking in a delightful book, magazine, or the newspaper.

Happy Easter and Happy Spring to All!

Shelly



*A word
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*-- Margaret
Atwood*

Check it Out!**By Kathy Morgan****www.paysonaz.gov/departments/library****Kathy Morgan**

Books are what keeps many of us entertained, and the more books the better. Books can come in many different forms: print, audio, and e-books. If you have a laptop, a tablet or Kindle, or a smart phone, you can easily listen to audiobooks or read e-books and magazines on your electronic device. Using the Libby app, you can borrow audiobooks, e-books, magazines, and more, and – here's the best part - it's all free. The app can be downloaded through either the Apple App Store or Google Play, depending on the type of operating system your electronic device uses.



First, you need a library card. If you don't have one, just stop by the Circulation Desk and sign up. You will need to have a photo ID and proof of residency. Then, on the Libby app, find the nearest library to you (you can let Libby help you), which will usually be the Payson Public library in the Gila County Library

District. Once you've made it this far, you sign in using your library card number (no spaces) and your PIN number. If you need a PIN number, the staff at the Circulation Desk can help you with that.

Now you are set to start looking for the book, audiobook, or magazine you want. The choices are almost endless. In addition to the Gila County Library District, you also have access to nine other libraries and library districts. If the item you want isn't available to be checked out, you can put the item on hold, and you will be notified when it becomes available. When you check out an item via Libby, you are given a due date which means the item will no longer be available to be viewed or listened to on your device after that date.

For more assistance with using Libby on your electronic devices, or to learn more about the features offered, just stop by the Payson library and ask one of the friendly staff for help. Be sure to bring your device with you.

There is always something new and fun happening at the library, so stop by soon and see all the amazing things the Payson library offers. Check it out!

Online Book Sales**by Pete Rothenbach**

This month we are featuring an attractive 11 volume set of the World's Greats published by Black's Readers Service. It includes The World's Great Romance Stories, Adventure Stories, Detective Stories and others. The set is in very good condition and bound in tan faux leather covers with gilt letters and trim, each with an attached ribbon page marker. The price is \$50 (\$40 with the 20% discount for LFOP members).

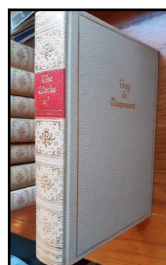
We have 3 additional sets listed if anyone is interested.:

My Bookhouse for Children - 1928 (7 volumes) \$25.

Library of Knowledge - 1941 (8 volumes) \$25.

Wonderful World of Walt Disney - 1965 Golden Press \$20.

If you are interested in these or seeing our 800 book inventory, please contact Pete Rothenbach at prothenb@yahoo.com. Most of our books are listed in the \$10 - \$20 range.



Bookstore Update

Get a head start on your summer reading in our Used Bookstore, located inside the Payson Public Library. Our shelves are full with donations and Library shelf discards, and our inventory changes daily, so come in often. We have the best prices in town for gently used hardcover and softcover books, jigsaw puzzles, coffee-table books, special sets, audio books and DVDs. Don't see what you want? Ask our friendly Volunteers for help! Our Bookstore has become a major funding source for our General Fund, which supports the Library.

During the month of April, we are offering a special sale of DVDs for just \$1 each. **CHECK IT OUT!**

Bookstore February Income Report by Stephanie Colins

The Bookstore's revenue for February was \$527.02. This was slightly less than last month and \$223 less than last February. Year to date revenue is \$1079.02.

The Internet group's profit for the month was \$252.00. This included a copy of *Washington and the American Republic* by Lossing, which sold for \$50. Year to date revenue is \$456.00.

The combined total was \$779.02 for the month and \$1535.02 for January and February.

Thank you again for your support!

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

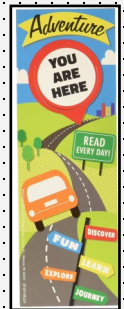
Please consider contributing to the Library Friends this year. We greatly appreciate all your support! Donor packets are available at the Reference Desk of the Payson Public Library, or you can email us at library_friends@hotmail and we'll send you a packet in the mail.



Fun at the Libraryc

Be sure to come to the Library during **National Library Week, April 7-13**, for special displays and programs to celebrate Benjamin Franklin's greatest idea!

Looking ahead to the warm days of Summer, our ever-popular Summer Reading Program's theme for 2024



is 'Adventure Begins at the Library'.

The program is funded by the Library Friends of Payson, and will include games, treats, and prizes for reading. Details will follow in future newsletters, and on our Facebook page. Get ready for some fun!

Looking for something to do in your spare time? The Library has opportunities for Volunteers. Inquire at the Circulation desk. We'll train you!

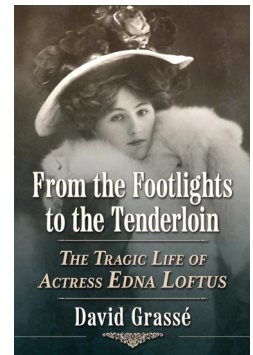
Upcoming LFOP Programs

We cordially invite you to join us at our general meetings. All meetings are open to the public, and attendance is FREE. We meet on the third Monday of each month except January and February (4th Mondays); there are no meetings in July and December. Our meetings are held in the Mogollon meeting room of the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road. Please note: Our **April 15** meeting speaker has been changed.

April 15, 2024: **Gina Lawrence**, President and CEO of K-9 Kaos AZ, will share how her non-profit supports K-9 programs, especially in rural areas.

May 18, 2024: **Paul Brocker** will present a program on *Aspire*, which supports a dual-credit program for PHS students, whereby they can earn both high school and college credit.

June 17, 2024: **David Grassé**, Assistant Librarian and author of several books about Arizona Territorial history, will present his new book, *From the Footlights to the Tenderloin: The Tragic Life of Edna Loftus*.



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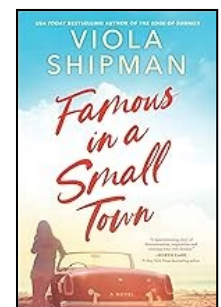
Rim Country Readers

Did you know that Michigan has more freshwater coastline than all the other states? Over 3,000 miles and nearly 400 communities dot the shorelines of all the Great Lakes except Lake Ontario. You are cordially invited to join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00am in the Mogollon meeting room of the Payson Public Library. We will discuss Viola Shipman's best-selling novel about life in a lovely small town on the northwestern coast of Michigan, and the power of friendships that span decades.

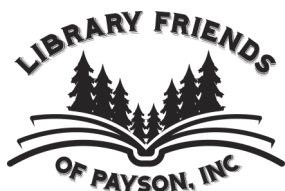
Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. They are always open to the public, and attendance is FREE. Even if you have not read the selection, you can join us in our lively discussions.

April 17, 2024: *Famous in a Small Town*, by Viola Shipman—recommended by Pam Schofield

May 15, 2024: To Be Announced



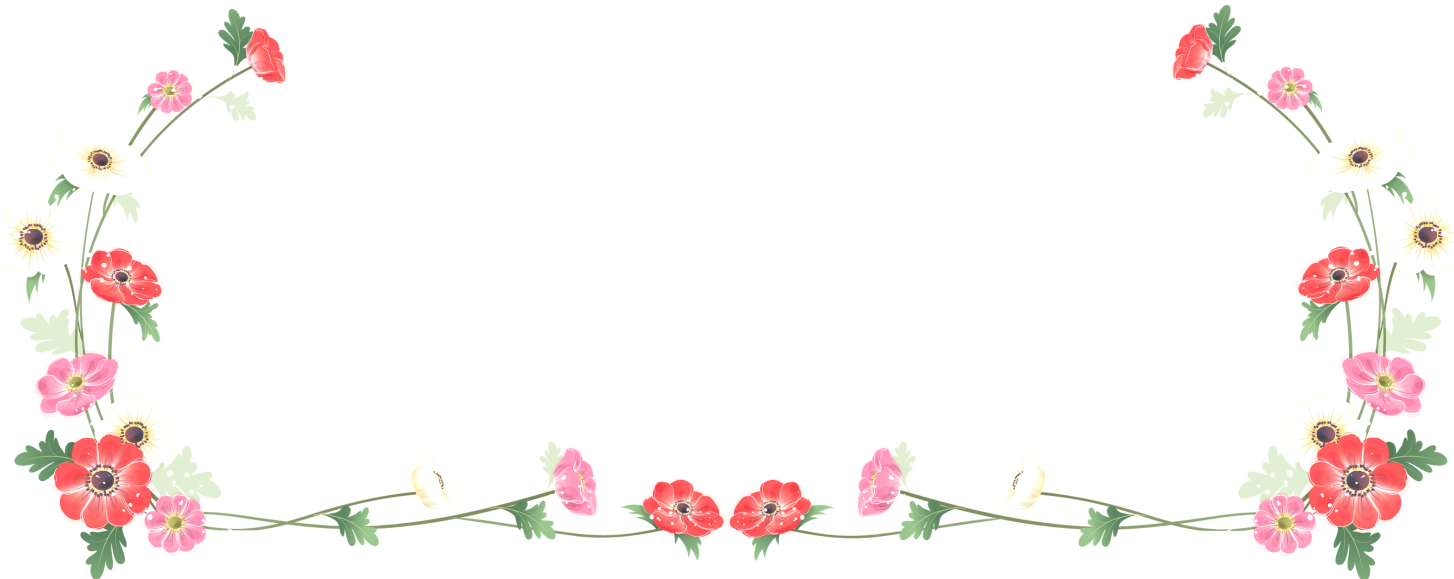
Other titles planned but not scheduled include *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus; *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict; *Rebecca* by Daphne DuMaurier; *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion.



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