

# Among Friends

Payson Public Library

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Newsletter of the  
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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.

## New Library Friends Meeting Schedule:

In 2009, our meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10:30 am.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 26

Volunteer Appreciation Day

FEBRUARY 2009

## January Meeting Notes

The human mind once stretched to a new idea never goes back to its original dimension.

Daniel Burnham

### Playing Nice Together

With all the turmoil in the world today, we need to understand more than ever how to create a sense of community and work together for a common purpose of peace and prosperity. The special guest speaker at our January meeting was Christine Wailand Harrison, PhD, co-author of How To Play Nice Together, available at Amazon and Borders Bookstores. The book introduces 7 characters with absolutely nothing in common who are given the task of creating a community from scratch. It follows their journey to completion. It also includes a workbook containing the necessary steps for community design.

Dr. Harrison's specialty is psychology with an emphasis on social systems. She has consulted with companies to redesign their infrastructures and recently appeared before members of the Rim Country Regional Chamber of Commerce. The same tools she

uses in businesses to form a sense of teamwork can be used in larger communities to achieve common goals. Dr. Harrison is a native of Austria and recently became a US citizen (incidentally, she had high praise for the Payson Public Library's citizenship information packet).

What is a community? It is a group of interested people who share characteristics of a common identity, regardless of their location or degree of interaction. We know we have a community when we have :

- a) Freedom to share ideas
- b) Security/sense of belonging

Current Western culture has placed a high value on the power and rights of individuals, which may impede the development of a community identity. Each individual and small group within a community needs to be heard.

Dr. Harrison gave tips for defining your own community, how to set common goals and avoid obstacles to

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## Chef's Extravaganza March 7

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 7, when we will hold our annual Rim Country Chef's Extravaganza Fundraiser. Several local restaurants and caterers will participate, presenting their best Appetizers and/or Desserts for your tasting pleasure.

The evening will include a complimentary wine-tasting table, silent auction of unique donated items from the community, including a \$1,000 U.S. Airways Gift Card, Verde Canyon Railroad tickets and several treasures from members of the Payson Art League, and a 50-50 cash raffle. Tickets are just \$30 each, available now at the Library or from any Board Member listed on the address sheet of this newsletter.

Proceeds will benefit our General Fund, which supports Library programs and services not included in its regular budget. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold in advance to allow the chefs to prepare enough for everyone. There will be no tickets sales at the door. Get yours today!



Last Year's Peoples' Choice winner was Chef Karl Schaller of the Majestic Rim Senior Apts.



Library Friends President

Linda Lanctot

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Link your Basha's Thank-You Card to the Library # 28395, and Basha's will match 1% of your total sale and donate it to the Payson Public Library through March '09!

## President's Corner

Dear Friends,

I trust you all had a fun and meaningful holiday time. We saw family and friends, ate too much and used up three boxes of tissue - a pretty typical December for me. After all the R & R of December we need to gear up for 2009. With the new hours of the library operations and meeting dates being changed we have a challenge to mark our calendars and remember those changes. I know I used to volunteer every Monday afternoon by shelving. Well, now I work every other Friday morning and, I have to tell you, by Friday afternoon I don't know what day of the week it is - Age? Habit?

Our first important date is February 26, 2009. That is our general meeting where we recognize and thank our 100+ volunteers. We will be having a storyteller, music, gift baskets and food!! Sounds fun to me. We also will announce this year's Nan Pyle Distinguished Service award winner. Even though our focus for this meeting is library volunteers, all our members are welcome to at-

tend and to enjoy the party. Please help us thank our valuable volunteers.

The second important date to remember and to circle on your calendar is Saturday, March 7, 2009. This is the date of our big fundraiser - "A Taste of Rim Country - 2009". Once again it will be held at the library and we all have the opportunity to help the library and it's programs by purchasing tickets for \$30.00 each. Post card reminders have been sent to all who purchased tickets last year. Please come in and get your tickets for this year and share the news about the fundraiser with your friends and neighbors. We have a big job ahead of us to raise money to insure that the valuable programs and services of our library can continue. There will be food, wine, sparkling cider, a silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. This will be a gala event and I sincerely invite you to join me in helping support the library and having fun together.

See you at the library.

Linda

## Library Friends Activities [www.libraryfriendsofpayson.org](http://www.libraryfriendsofpayson.org)

### Bon Voyage

Longtime Library Friend Marge Buland, is taking a trip to England this month and celebrating a family wedding. Marge is our Membership Coordinator.

Volunteers Needed for Chef's Extravaganza  
We have openings for the following positions for

the Chef's Extravaganza on March 3: wine pourers, 50-50 raffle ticket sellers, greeters, dishwashers, silent auction attendants, setup, and cleanup. There are 2 shifts of each position (except setup and cleanup), so you can help out and still enjoy the great food and drink for the evening. Please come to the Library Circulation Desk and sign up (or email us at [library\\_friends@hotmail.com](mailto:library_friends@hotmail.com), and join the fun!

## Library News

### New Programs Offered at the Library



We are creating a Young Authors writing group for kids beginning on Saturday, March 21 for those who not only love to

read, but would like to share their writing efforts. 12noon-1pm for 1st—5th grade levels, and 1-2p for 6th—12th grade levels.

Join our weekly Junior Puppeteer Troupe beginning on Friday February 13 from 4-5pm, for ages 6 and up. We'll have easy-to-learn scripts and a

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variety of puppets, with a show at 4:45 pm for friends and family. There is no charge for the lessons, but sign-up is required. Inquire at the circulation desk.



Beginning Thursday January 29 from 4:30—5:30 pm, join our Crafts & More for kids to create, experiment, and have fun. Each week features a different project. Participation is free, but sign-up is required.

And, don't forget our monthly Video Game

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## LFOP Bookstore Update

### Customer Appreciation Month



During the month of February, the Library Friends Used Bookstore wishes to thank its customers by offering a 2 For 1 Sale. This will include videos, DVD's Hardcover books, puzzles, records, and Softcover books. You can mix and match items if you wish. As always, the second item must be of equal or lesser value than the first. Due to a recent influx of donations, this is a great opportunity to indulge yourself. Among the Bookstore's more unique offerings is a vast collection of travel, nature, music, ballet, and ice skating videos.

### Special Collection

Library Director Terry Morris is graciously donating

many vintage books from her private collection. As she brings these book in, they are researched and priced by our Internet Sales Team, then placed in the Bookstore. This is a unique opportunity for collectors to acquire McGuffey Readers, Classic Children's Tales, Vintage Cookbooks, etc. The collection must be seen to be fully appreciated. Stop by soon for the best selection.

Our Bookstore inventory is consists of public donations and discarded/duplicate books from the Library and changes daily, so come in often and browse our shelves for the best bargains in town. Revenues from the Bookstore comprise our main funding, so every dollar you spend will end up helping the Library maintain its services to the public.

Come in and see what we have to offer!

## Treasurer's Report

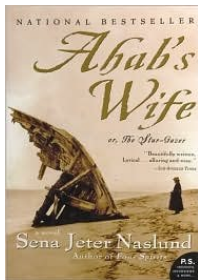
Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances:

General Fund: \$ 28,202  
 Building Fund: \$ 251,083  
 Restricted Fund \$ 6,713

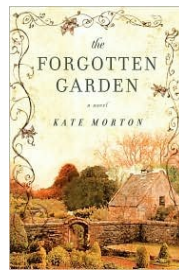
We received \$405 in donations and dues, \$1756 and \$176 from the Bookstore and online sales, respectively, and donated \$2129 to the Library during January.

## Rim Country Readers

The Rim Country Readers cordially invite you to join them at their next meeting, Wednesday, February 18, at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Payson Public Library. The readers will discuss Sena Jeter Naslund's bestselling novel Ahab's Wife. This



sprawling novel recounts the remarkable life of Una Spenser, the young spinster who worked in a New England lighthouse. Estranged from her family, Una assumes the identity of a boy and gets work as a cabin boy on a seagoing vessel. With skill and compassion, Naslund weaves characters and scenes from Melville's Moby Dick with her own imagination to create a completely new story with Captain Ahab as a pivotal figure in Una's life.



Looking ahead, at their March 18 meeting, the Readers will discuss Australian writer Kate Morton's eagerly awaited second novel The Forgotten Garden, which recounts events as seen by three different people in three different times from the early 1900's to the present.

The April 15 meeting will feature House of Rain by Craig Childs, the story of the search for the ancient Anasazi culture in the Southwest.

All Rim Reader meetings are open to the public, and admission is free. Join us for some stimulating conversation and great reading!

## Online Book Sales

This month, we are featuring a unique epic poem written nearly 500 years ago by Italian writer Torquato Tasso. Tasso's talent has been compared to Dante, and his life was portrayed in a Donizetti opera. His Jerusalem Delivered, written in the Italian epic style, created the fictional story of Armida, a beautiful witch sent forth to sow discord in the Christian camp in the final months of the First Crusade. Instead of creating havoc, however, Armida falls in love with a crusading knight and turns her faith to Christianity.

This 2-volume hardcover set contains the original pages printed in 1797 that have been re-bound with leather on the spine and corners. The first volume is a biography of Tasso and the second contains the poem. It is priced at \$200, and is a one-of-a-kind acquisition for the bibliophile in your life.

Check it out online (#10070001) at [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com), click on the Bookstores link and enter Library Friends of Payson in the search field. Or, contact us at [library\\_friends@hotmail.com](mailto:library_friends@hotmail.com) and make an appointment to view it personally.

## Next Meeting



Volunteers are not paid, not because their work is worthless, but because it is priceless.

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Our February 27 meeting will feature a tribute to our incomparable team of Volunteers who help at the Library, the Library Friends Board and Used Bookstore, and serve on special projects that pro-

vide valuable help to our community. Whether you have been serving for many years on the same project, or if you have just joined us, we want to express our appreciation for all you do.

We will serve cake and punch, and give away several free door prizes, prepared by Library Director Terry Morris and her grateful staff.

JOIN US!

## January Meeting Notes, con't

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achieving those goals. In defining your community, you need to ask the question, What brought me here in the first place? Investigate what is important to you in your own life, and use the answer to guide you in your relationship with others. Think of how children are at play and observe their innate sense of fairness. Everyone gets to take a turn, everyone gets the same amount of time on the swing or slide, and everyone has fun.

### Obstacles to Change

Doing things the wrong way takes a lot of time and resources, Dr. Harrison said, so why not do it right the first time? Issues that make us do things wrong include dwelling on the past. The past is a comfort zone, she said. How many times have you heard the phrases "But, we always do it that way" and "But we've never done it that

way"? Put your energy into going forward instead.

It's also good to look at empiric data, but do not depend upon data alone to effect change. We must involve people and create a dialog to get alternate viewpoints and create an atmosphere in which disagreements are not indications of moral deficit.

### Effecting Change

Look at what does not work, and make the necessary changes in small steps. Lean toward questions with an edge, Dr. Harrison said, push the envelope and ask what is possible. When a group of people work on a task, each individual brings a unique set of gifts to the table. The sum of these gifts is a tremendous potential for the future of the community.

Note: for more information and ideas, check out the website <http://www.fromdiversitytocommunity.com> and <http://www.xlibris.com>.

## Library Hosts Holiday Dinner for Library Volunteers

Library Director Terry Morris and her staff provided the main course of a delicious turkey and ham potluck dinner for all those who volunteer to help in the Library. We were entertained by staffers Margaret Goodel and Harryette Stanley with Christmas Trivial Pursuit, and each volunteer received a small gift of appreciation. Several gift baskets were given away in a free raffle throughout the event. It was a perfect way to celebrate the holiday and enjoy the company of great helpers and Friends.

Check out our website at [www.libraryfriendsofpayson.org](http://www.libraryfriendsofpayson.org) for more images of the event.



## Library News, con't

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Tournament on Saturday, February 28 10:30 am—1:30 pm, which features a different video game each month. Free snacks will be provided and everyone gets to play. The tournament is open to kids aged 10-18 years and sign-up is required.

### Dr Seuss Read Across America Night

Bring the kids to the Library on Tuesday, March 3 at 5:30 pm as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. The event is part of a nationwide event to encourage families to read aloud together. We'll serve a hotdog and punch supper for a nominal fee and give out free raffle prizes plus a free gift for every child to take home. There is no charge for admission. The event is made possible by contributions from the Library Friends of Payson and donations from the community.

### Holiday Closure

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, Feb 17 in celebration of

### President's Day.

### Budget Cutbacks Spur Requests

Due to recent budget cutbacks, the Payson Public Library is requesting that interlibrary loans be limited to 2 books per month. The Library does not charge for these loans, but processing costs are nearly \$25.00 per book.

We are also placing a voluntary donation box near the public use computers to help defray internet connection costs for those who wish to contribute.

### Library Featured in Local Media

Tune in to TOP Talk on Channel 4 on Thursday, February 12, and see Library Staffer Bessie Tucker discuss the upcoming Taste of Rim Chef's Extravaganza. Also, tune in to KMOG on Tuesday, February 24 and hear Library Director Terry Morris on Rim Country Forum with Michael Hughes. Terry will discuss current programs and services at the Library.

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