

Newsletter of the
Library Friends of
Payson, Inc.

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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, March 27

Topic:

RTA Hospice Services

Among Friends



MARCH 2009

Payson Public Library

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Terry Morris, Director

Library Hours

Tues-Fri 9a-6p
Sat 10a-2p
Closed Sun, Mon

February Meeting Notes

Service...
Giving what you don't have to give.
Giving when you don't need to give.
Giving because you want to give.



Damien Hess
Our February meeting was devoted to paying tribute to those volunteers who help make our Library the envy of Arizona. They are truly the lifeblood of our community. Last year, Library volunteers worked the equivalent of 4.7 full-time employees — and, that's just the figures for those volunteers who worked in the Library. It doesn't include the

hours worked by our Library Friends Board Members on Library Friends projects, and volunteers in the Used Bookstore and online book sales, the Juvenile Read-Out Program, or the Free Homebound Library services. This amounts to many tens of thousands of dollars of wages, insurance, and benefits that the taxpayers of Rim Country and Gila County would otherwise have to absorb.

Guests were entertained by local resident Harry Young, who sang 2 inspirational songs, 'I Believe' and 'The Impossible Dream'. His rich baritone brought tears to the eyes of many of us.

Library Friends Vice President Alice Natale, a local storyteller, then related an amusing tale about Horace Greeley.

Kohl's Ranch Triumphant at Taste of Rim



Kevin DeWitt

of their menus, making the choice of favorite very

Chef Kevin Dewitt of the Kohl's Ranch Zane Grey Dining Room took home the People's Choice Award at the 2009 Taste of Rim Chef's Extravaganza with his delicious marinated flank steak strips appetizer and orange custard dessert. Eleven other area chefs presented a sampling

Throughout the meeting, 7 raffle gifts were given out, including gift baskets and a pair of tickets to the Taste of Rim Extravaganza.

The highlight of the meeting was announcing the winner of our coveted Nan Pyle Distinguished Service Award. The award was named for Nan Pyle, possibly Payson's greatest benefactor, who was instrumental in keeping our budding Library functional in the lean years before we became a part of the Gila County Library District and received tax funding. She also was a prime driving force behind the Tonto Apache tribe's recognition by the Federal Government as a native nation, and in establishing our local Payson Clinic, which has since become the Payson Regional Medical Center.

This year's winner of the award is non other than our President, Linda Lanctot. Linda's tireless work on our Board and in the Library as a volunteer has been vital to our assistance to the Library. She is always cheerful, positive, and it's truly a joy to work with her.

We appreciate our Volunteers every day, with every hour they give, but it was fitting to set aside a special occasion to pay tribute to them. Not only our Library benefits from their efforts, but our entire community is enriched beyond measure by their presence.

THANK YOU!



Linda Lanctot

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Library Friends President

Linda Lanctot

President's Corner

These monthly newsletters come around pretty quickly; I think it's because we are busy. The library has been humming with activity in February and March. We have had a small team of volunteers working up get our membership database current so dues renewal letters should be arriving. We are also going to send out letter to "old" members in hope of renewing interest in membership. My sincere thanks go to Donna Hopkins, Susan Campbell and Kathy Morgan for their help now, and in the future.

Our annual Volunteer Thank You party was a grand event. We sent out over 115 invitations and had 60 guests on 2/26th at the party. Once again, I say thank you to the officers and board members who helped with all the details: the decorations were lovely and tasty (chocolates), the refreshments were wonderful, and the 6 gifts baskets were beautiful. I always appreciate the generous help of the board members in setting up for and, just as important, cleaning up after our monthly meetings.

I'm certain Romaine will have an excellent review of our party but I want to add a few notes. First, an acknowledgment to our great Bookstore and Internet sales teams for the almost \$24,000.00 they brought into our Library Friends' general fund in 2008. When you think of all the books at \$1-\$3, paperback and magazines for 25 cents each, plus the internet sales, that is a lot of merchandise

- thank you to all those dedicated volunteers. Our mission of giving \$4,000.00 a month to the library is possible because of your hard work. Now, if you are wondering how we give \$4,000.00 a month, we need your dues and donations and a great turn out to the "Taste of Rim Country, 2009" fundraiser to fill in those important dollars.

Second, I want to extend a sincere thank-you to the Homebound and Readout programs and their volunteers. The Readout program has worked with 77 juveniles in the last 3 1/2 years. These juveniles work one on one with a mentor where enrichment through reading and discussion is their goal. The Homebound program keeps the joy of reading open to those members of our community that can't get to the library. One aspect that was brought up was that several people have requested the service as they recover from surgery; it doesn't have to be a permanent situation.

Third, thank you to all the volunteers that greet us at the front desk as we return or check out books and help with shelving and technical services. I'm fairly sure our library wouldn't function so smoothly without you.

You are all the BEST!

See you at the Library,

Linda

Check out our Website at www.libraryfriends.org for more images of our February meeting and the Taste of Rim Extravaganza!

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 31'09!

Library News

Anime-Manga Spring Break Special



All Middle School and High School students are invited to explore the history of Anime and Manga, and have some great fun on Tuesday March 17 and Thursday March 19.

Anime and manga are animated video styles originating from Japan. Characters have exaggerated physical features (enlarged eyes, elongated limbs, etc), developed for computer games and

feature length movies.

We'll have an Anime-style Drawing Contest, Ramen eating Contest and 2 big screen movie showings (complete with free popcorn): Ninja Clash in the Land of Snow (Tues) and Mobile Suit Gundam-Seed:The Empty Battlefield (Thurs).

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You can dress up as your favorite anime character, too. Events will be held in the meeting room, and the fun starts at 1 pm. Sign up in the Children's room. For more information, contact Harryette at the Library, 474-9260.

Upcoming 2009 Special Events

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| April 30 | Dia de los Ninos |
| Beginning June 2 | Summer Reading Program |
| July 8 | Book of Kid Records |
| Aug 8, Aug 22 | Princess Tea Parties |
| Oct school break | Teen Survival Week |
| Oct 30 | Halloween Costume Parade |
| November | ARTrageous Art Fair |
| Beginning Dec 4 | Tiny Tots Christmas Program |

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LFOP Bookstore Update

Paperback Mania

In March, the Library Friends of Payson Used Bookstore is featuring a special offer on Paperback Books. We have a huge collection covering every genre from mystery to romance. During March this entire collection will be available for the low, low price of 5 books for Just \$1.00! That's only 20 cents per book! This is a perfect opportunity to augment your library, and to give a new author or genre a chance. Try it; you might like it!

Buy a quintet of books, tuck them into one of our eco-friendly sturdy totes (just \$1.50) and you have a great gift for a friend for under \$3.00.

Special Opportunity to Purchase Vintage Books

Book collectors will be interested to learn that Library Director Terry Morris is in the process of donating many vintage books from her private collection, developed over a lifetime. As she brings these

books in, they will be researched by our Internet Sales Team, then placed in the Bookstore. This is a unique opportunity for collectors to acquire McGuffey readers, classing children's titles, vintage cookbooks and more. This collection truly must be seen to be appreciated.

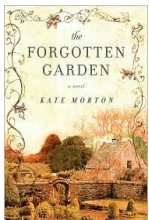
Our inventory is comprised of donated books from the community and with overstock from the Library as it culls its shelves to make room for new books. The selection changes daily, so come in often to get the best of our stock.

The Used Bookstore is staffed entirely by Volunteers who are ready to help you find what you're looking for, and every dollar you spend helps the Library.



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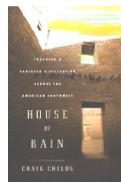
Rim Country Readers



You are cordially invited to join the Rim Country Readers at their March 18 meeting, during which they will discuss Australian writer Kate Morton's eagerly awaited second novel The Forgotten Garden, which re-counts events as seen by three different people in three different times

from the early 1900's to the present.

Looking ahead, the April 15 meeting will feature House of Rain by Craig Childs, the story of his



search for the ancient Anasazi culture in the Southwest. Childs has spent a lifetime exploring Arizona and New Mexico, seeking out oral histories and walking hundreds of miles in search of clues to why the once-thriving Anasazi culture dried up and disappeared into the mists of history.

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

Next Meeting

Please make a note to join us at our next meeting, Thursday, March 26 at 10:30 am in the meeting room of the Library. Our special guest speaker will be Kathleen Hughes of RTA Hospice and Palliative Care. The goal of RTA Hospice is to enhance the lives of individuals and families faced with life-limiting illness. Kathleen will present a summary of the services of RTA, which now includes: nursing services; home health aide and homemaker services; social work services; spiritual and emotional

support; volunteer services; respite care; education, information and resource referral; hospice-related medications; 24-hour answering service for around-the-clock emergency assistance; and bereavement counseling provided to the family for one year following the death of the patient.

We will have complimentary light refreshments following Kathleen's presentation.

Don't miss this important meeting!

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances:

General Fund \$ 25,764
Building Fund \$235,318
Restricted Fund \$ 7,263

We brought in \$2000 from the Used Bookstore and Online sales, and donated \$4811 to the Library in February.

Online Book Sales

This month, we are highlighting our signed biographies and autobiographies, on sale now at www.abebooks.com, an online network of book-sellers (partial listing only):

Man in Black, Johnny Cash, \$290.00
From the Heart, June Carter Cash \$80.00
The Gay Illiterate, Louella Parsons \$175.00
That's Not All, Folks, Mel Blanc \$120.00

To browse our entire inventory, go to www.abebooks.com.



Click on the 'bookstores' link and enter Library Friends of Payson in the search field. We

have antique, collectible, and first-edition books starting from just \$10.00. We also have a 5-star rating, the highest rating possible, for customer service. If you prefer, you can contact us at library_friends@hotmail.com, and make an appointment to browse our inventory in person for a direct sale, and you'll save the shipping costs.

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NEW ADDITIONS

Books—Fiction

Heart and Soul, Maeve Binchy

Gardens of Water, Alan Drew

Still Alice, Lisa Genova

Someone Knows My Name, Lawrence Hill

Books—Nonfiction

Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man, Steve Harvey

A World of Travel, Patrick Tyler

Get Over Yourself, Patti Novak

Audio Books (CD)

Arctic Drift, Clive Cussler

The Essential Barack Obama, Barak Obama

Plum Spooky, Janet Evanovich

Scarpetta, Patricia Cornwell

Video (VHS)

Le Cage Aux Follies

M.A.S.H.

The Nutty Professor

Video (DVD)

The Carol Burnett Show

In Her Shoes

The Secret Life of Bees

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Taste of Rim, con't

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and offered dozens of unique items for a silent auction, including a \$1000 Giftcard from US Airways, several Gift Baskets created by Library Director Terry Morris, a beautiful musical Seiko wall clock donated by John and Sue Wilson, Verde Canyon Rail Tickets, and a silver necklace donated by Payson Jewelers, to name just a few. Total income from the silent auction was \$1700. Former Library Friends President Donna Hopkins was the lucky winner of our 50-50 raffle, taking home over \$160 in cash. We sweetened the raffle pot by throwing in consolation prizes of gift cards from Bashas, Safeway, and Walmart.

All proceeds from the evening will go directly into our General Fund. This fund helps provide Library equipment and services that are not included in its regular budget, such as the recent Read Across America Night celebration. The fund also finances the purchase of new books each month.

We want to offer a sincere THANK YOU to all the Chef participants:

Kohl's Ranch Zane Grey Dining Room

Majestic Rim Apartments (Last Year's Winner)

Creekside Restaurant

Red Elephant Bakery

Mandarin House

Verde Rock House B & B

Chili's Restaurant

Rim Golf Club

PHS Culinary Class

Northern Gila County Historical Society

Rim Country Retirement

RC's Catering

We also thank the businesses who donated goods and services to help make the evening a success. And, thanks most of all to Library Director Terry Morris and the wonderful Library staff members whose work to organize and execute the event began many months ago: Bessie Tucker (event coordinator), Harryette Stanley, Tori Harding, Margaret Jesus, Harry Kuperburg, and the many Library and Library Friends Volunteers who worked behind the scenes, setting up, cleaning up, and just doing what needed to be done whenever a helping hand was needed.



Guests Prepare to Eat, Drink, and Be Merry at the Taste of Rim Extravaganza

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