

## 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.

### Next Meeting

Thursday, May 28

10:30 am

Chris Smith, PhD

Arizona Humanities Council

Potluck Luncheon

Door Prizes

# Among Friends



MAY 2009

Payson Public Library

328 N. McLane Road  
Payson, AZ 85541  
928/474-9260

Terry Morris, Director

### Library Hours

Tues-Fri 9a-6p

Sat 10a-2p

Closed Sun, Mon

## April Meeting Notes

The Name Has Changed, but the Heart's the Same



The Payson Humane Society is now officially The Humane Society of Central Arizona

([www.humanesocietycentralaz.org](http://www.humanesocietycentralaz.org)).

Established in 1972 as a private, non-profit corporation, the Humane Society

operates the animal shelter at 812 S. McLane Road.

The shelter is financed through cash donations, memorial gifts, town & county contracts, recycling aluminum cans, adoption fees, grants & estate gifts, food & supply donations, dog bank collections, and fundraisers.

Last year, nearly 1600 pets were received at the center.

On any given day, the shelter houses over 100 dogs and cats. Each pet is lovingly cared for by the dedicated staff and volunteers at the shelter. At our April general meeting, Shelter Director Ellie Watson and John Wakelin gave us an update on Humane Society activities and services.

Their Senior to Senior Program matches seniors living alone with an older companion pet. Studies show that such connections are truly beneficial to the health of both the owner and the pet, while giving older, less

adoptable pets a chance at a new life.

The Society also places animals with reputable rescue operations. In one instance, a dog was flown all the way to Canada with the help of rescue operations in Texas and Washington State.

The shelter reunited nearly 300 lost pets with their owners in 2008 through their Lost and Found Pets program. To prevent losing a pet, the Shelter offers microchip embedding for just \$40.

A recent \$9000 grant has made it possible for the Humane Society to help defray costs of spaying and neutering your pet. Call the Humane Society at 474-5590 for more information.

The Humane Society makes it as easy as possible to adopt a pet, providing informational support to new pet owners and pet obedience training. Volunteers walk the dogs and pet the cats to prevent animal depression, common to pets kept in cages for long periods of time.

Sadly, the current economic hard times have increased the number of pets taken to the shelter, due to job losses, owner relocation, and dwindling family income. The Humane Society is asking for Foster Pet Place-

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## Library Offers 'Best-Sellers' Club Privileges



Join the Library's New Best-Sellers Club for just \$5.00/year and you'll never have to worry that you'll miss the latest book by your favorite author again. The Payson Public Library will automatically place reserves for you on new acquisitions by selected authors like John Grisham, Fern

Michaels, James Patterson, Dan Brown, Dean Koontz, Robert Parker and many others. You will be contacted by phone or email when the books become available.

Come in to the Library today and get a sign-up form (or download it from the Library's website at [www.paysonlibrary.com](http://www.paysonlibrary.com)). You can list up to 4 authors

from their extensive listing and change your preferences at any time by filling out a new form.

Of course, you can still reserve any books for free the normal way—by calling 474-9260, reserving in person, or through the Library's online catalogue at [catalog.gila.lib.az.us/polaris](http://catalog.gila.lib.az.us/polaris).

### Special Offer for Library Friends

As a special bonus, when you join the Library Friends of Payson with a yearly membership, we'll give you membership in the Best-Sellers Club absolutely FREE!

CHECK IT OUT!



Library Friends President

Linda Lanctot

For books are more than books, they are the life, the very heart and core of ages past, the reason why men lived and worked and died, the essence and quintessence of their lives.

--Amy Lowell

## President's Corner

Dear Library Friends,

My husband and I just got back from a short trip into Nevada and Southwest Utah. When a neighbor asked how the trip was I responded: we walked in hurricane winds in Vegas, we walked in sleet in Zion National Park, I fell on ice in Bryce National Park and I finished the week with a sunburn in Las Vegas. I was very pleased to get back to Payson; no ice, sleet or heavy winds - and my own bed. We also saw some of the prettiest national wonders and they are just a few hours away. Believe me, the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon and the cliffs of Zion Canyon are magical with a touch of fresh snow!

Today I am going to remind you of what the Library can do for you. You know about the growing DVD collection and the books on CD area that is overflowing with the new "books" that

are being purchased. The Large Type book collection has everything from mystery and romance to western and non-fiction. The magazine selection is large and varied and you can check them out once they are not considered "new" anymore. Have you taken time to check out the Young Adult and Children's Rooms? There are lots of new titles - fiction, magazines, games and non-fiction all geared to the younger library user. Oh yes, did I remember to say this is all free? Don't forget the Children's and Youth programs that are happening all through the year too. This is a great bargain.

Of course, as a member of The Library Friends of Payson you receive this newsletter and get reminders of our meetings. There is an extra benefit from being a Library Friend; you are able to order books for your home collection and receive the same dis-

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## Library Friends Activities

[www.libraryfriendsofpayson.org](http://www.libraryfriendsofpayson.org)

### Longtime Library Friend Relocates

Peggy Freeman, former LFOP Vice President and Board Member, has moved to Florida. Peggy had worked within the Maricopa County Library system and the Forest Lakes Library for a number of years before moving to Payson and getting involved in the Library Friends. She initiated our Free Homebound Library Service, which provides services to those who temporarily or permanently cannot get to the Library. We will miss her greatly, and wish her the very best in her new home.

### New Member Welcomed

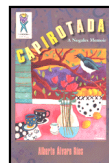
We extend a warm welcome to Kay Miller of Payson, our newest member.

### Membership Perks

And, speaking of membership, did you know that as a Library Friends member, you are able to order books for purchase and will receive the same discount that the Library receives, plus the cost of shipping. You can save yourself the cost of a trip to the Valley!

## Library News

OneBookAZ Cooking Class and Book Discussion



Our Library Director, Terry Morris, is a woman of many talents, not the least of which is cooking. Terry will lead a Mexican cooking class on Tuesday, May 5, to celebrate the OneBookAZ 2009 selection, Capriotada. Alberto

Alvero Rios's memoirs of living in Nogales. Terry

will hold 2 classes—noon-2pm, and 3-5pm. The class is free, but sign up is required at the circulation desk. While you're there, you can check out a copy of Capriotada and get some extra food for thought!

OneBookAZ strives to build community through literacy by encouraging all Arizonans to read the same book at the same time each year. For more information, check out the website at [www.onebookaz.org](http://www.onebookaz.org).

## [www.paysonlibrary.com](http://www.paysonlibrary.com)

## LFOP Bookstore Update

### Honoring Mothers Everywhere

During May the Library Friends of Payson Bookstore will be honoring mothers with a 2 for 1 sale of their favorite, female authors and romance paperbacks. Included in this sale will be hardcover and paperback books by authors Danielle Steel, Mary Higgins Clark, Nora Roberts, Sandra Brown, Victoria Holt, Judith Krantz, and LaVyrle Spencer. Consider giving mom a couple of good books on Mothers Day along with a few uninterrupted hours to enjoy them. She will be delighted with your thoughtfulness.

Additional May specials are designed to please the mother who enjoys crafts, sewing, or art. All of the Bookstore's craft and art books will be featured at 2 for the already low price of 1. Stop by and select a treasure for your mother.

Place your purchases into one our sturdy eco-friendly book tote bags for just \$1.50, and your gift is already wrapped!

Remember every purchase you make benefits the Library Friends General fund, which supports Library services and programs not included in its regular budget. Every dollar counts. Come in often to see our ever-changing inventory.



## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances:

Building Fund	\$231, 341
General Fund	\$ 28,433
Restricted Fund	\$ 9,622

We brought in \$1949 in dues and donations, \$1958 from the Bookstore, and \$410 from online book sales during the month of March.

We gave \$7,747 to the Library during the same period — your donation dollars at work!

## Rim Country Readers



You are cordially invited to join the Rim Country Readers at their next meeting, Wednesday, May 20, at which they will discuss Diane Setterfield's *The Thirteenth Tale*. In the haunting, gothic tradition of Daphne

Du Maurier, Setterfield introduces Margaret Lea, the quiet daughter of an antiquarian bookseller who is summoned to interview a successful but reclusive writer, Vida Winter. Winter, who has made a life of

writing outlandish fiction, has decided that her biography must be totally truthful. As Margaret investigates Vida's life and family, she is drawn into a chilling and transforming experience.

The Rim Readers will NOT meet during the months of June, July, and August. They will resume their monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 16.

All Reader meetings are open to the public, with no admission or membership fee.

## Next Meeting

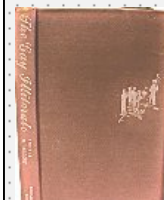
Our Program Chair, Bessie Tucker, has been working hard to schedule the next few months of guest speakers at our general meetings. Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 28, when Chris Smith, an associate professor of history at ASU will review the life of William Mulholland (1855—1935), the man responsible for providing water for the Los Angeles area by an audacious re-direction of the Owens River 200 miles away. Dr. Smith appears courtesy of the Arizona Humanities Council. A Potluck luncheon will be served after the meeting for those who wish to participate. We'll give out some free door prizes also, so bring a friend!

Looking ahead, future meetings will feature other speakers from the Arizona Humanities Council: Edward Williams, professor emeritus of comparative politics and Latin American studies at the U of A; Judy Nolte, professor of Women's Studies and English at the U of A; Greg Scott, educator, historian, and musician.

Make a note to be there on the 4th Thursday of each month, and get in on the fun!

JOIN US!

## Online Book Sales



This month, our online book sales feature the autobiography of Louella Parsons, *The Gay Illiterate*. Published in 1945, the powerful Hollywood columnist recounts her life. She began writing about movies in the Chicago Tribune and parlayed her friendship with actress Marian Davies into a lifelong alliance with Davies's companion, William Randolph Hearst. She became one of the most popular gossip columnists in America, with over 40 million readers. Hollywood celebrities feared her as she used her influence to make or break careers. This hardcover volume is a stated first edition and signed by Parsons, in good condition. It is priced at \$175 (Inventory # 12070013).

Inquire by email to [library\\_friends@hotmail.com](mailto:library_friends@hotmail.com), or check out details online at [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com). Click on the Bookstore link and enter Library Friends of Payson in the search field.

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ment homes to alleviate the overcrowding at the shelter. The pets come to their new homes with food, treats, crates, and other necessities.

The Humane Society of Central Arizona could not exist without the support of the community. There are many programs established to help provide funding to the Society:

- Aluminum can recycling in the Black and White 'Dalmatian' containers throughout Payson
- Recycling printer cartridges and digital cell phones (collection bin at the Library and elsewhere in Rim Country)
- Wines of the World Tasting Series at Gerardo's Italian Bistro each month (next session features Wines of the Great Northwest on Sunday, May 17 2-4p)
- First Friday on Main Street, June 5, benefit art auction at Down the Street Art Gallery
- 'Doggie' banks at selected retail stores in Rim Country for cash donations
- Private donations directly to the Humane Society (if desired, benefactor can specify purpose of gift):

Humane Society of Central Arizona  
812 S. McLane Road  
Payson AZ /8841

Gold Paw	\$25,000 or more
Silver Paw	\$10,000—\$24,999
Bronze Paw	\$ 5,000—\$ 9,999
Copper Paw	\$ 1,000—\$ 4,999
Best Friends	\$ 500—\$ 999

Items needed right now include: animal toys and treats (tennis balls for dogs, fuzzy pipe cleaners for kitties), blankets, towels, sheets, paper products, foam cleaning sprayers, 64oz size (available from Janet Oriole Supply in Phoenix - call toll free 1-800-989-9292 and ask for Kenny), gift cards to purchase kitty litter, pet food, and cleaning supplies.

The Humane Society gratefully accepts volunteer labor, too. Last year, volunteers provided 36,900 hours of service—foster parenting, dog walking and training, kitten grandmas, cat groomers/socializers, can collecting and crushing, fundraising, and just filling in whenever necessary.

The community support to the Humane Society has made it possible to begin their new shelter building, under construction just behind the existing shelter on McLane Road. The official groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at 2pm. The construction is the culmination of years of work by the devoted staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers of the Humane Society. As Library Friends, we can easily identify with the great joy this ceremony will bring. We remember the groundbreaking of our own beautiful new Library in 2002. And, many of the Friends of the Humane Society are also Library Friends, so we are part of the same great network of community service in Rim Country.

If you haven't been in to see the pets awaiting homes at the shelter lately, stop by and find your next best friend!

For more information about the Humane Society of Central Arizona, call 474-5590, visit the shelter at 812 S. McLane Road, or visit the website at <http://www.humanesocietycentralaz.org/index.html>.

Say 'I Love My Library' by donating a book to the Payson Public Library, through its 'wishbook' tree, located just inside the Library's entrance. Each tree ornament contains the name of a desired book and its purchase price (from \$10—\$20). You can donate the book by bringing the ornament with your tax-deductible cash or check to the circulation desk. A nameplate will be placed in the book to acknowledge your gift. THANK YOU!



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count that the Library receives, plus the cost of shipping. You simply talk to Terry Morris, our Library Director, and she will help you with this process. I did this at Christmas after I saw a children's book I wanted for my granddaughter - what a deal.

And finally, a valuable aspect of being a Library Friend is that you can be an officer or board member and help guide the direction of the Library Friend's organization. Every year we are searching for

new members to help with the leadership and continuation of the Library Friends of Payson. Is this the year you will step up and volunteer to help? We need you and the Payson Public Library needs you - we cannot afford to go backward in our support and growth. Think about it, give me a call; I'd be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

So for now, See you at the Library

Linda 472-9160

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