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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.

Library Friends Meeting Schedule

Meeting Days Changed

Due to Holiday closures of the Library on our regular meeting days in January and February, our meeting schedule has changed. Our first meeting of 2012 will be on **Monday, January 23** at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road. After a short business meeting, our special guest speaker, **Vicki Thompson** of the **Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ACDHH, <http://acdhh.org/>)**, will speak promptly at 10:30 am. Vicky will review the valuable services available in Arizona, such as a 24/7 Telecommunications Relay Service, licensure of American Sign Language Interpreters, and community outreach service and education programs to better assist our deaf and hard of hearing citizens. There will be complimentary light refreshments following the meeting.

Our **February 27** meeting will feature a guest speaker to be announced at a later date, as our scheduled speaker has cancelled. But, we can be sure our Program Coordinator, Bessie Tucker, will line up someone interesting for us. Our meetings will resume on the 3rd Monday of each month beginning March 19.

As always, our meetings are open to the public and attendance is free. **BRING A FRIEND!**

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Taste of Rim Fundraiser



Mark **Saturday, March 3, 2012** on your calendar now for our annual fundraiser, the **Taste of Rim**, an elegant evening at the Library. Rim area chefs, caterers, and restaurants will offer appetizers and/or desserts for your tasting pleasure. You can vote for your favorite dish. Enjoy a **complimentary wine-tasting table**, bid on unique donated items in our **silent auction (including 2 1st class tickets for the Verde Canyon Railroad)**, and purchase raffle tickets for a **50-50 raffle**.

Tickets will be on sale soon at the Library circulation desk or from any Board Member listed on the address page of this newsletter.

This is our premier fund-raising event of the year, and we need your support now more than ever. Proceeds will benefit our General Fund, which provides badly needed supplies and supports programs not on the Library's regular budget from the Town and County. See you there!



Alice Natale



**The reading
of all good
books is
like a con-
versation
with all the
finest men
of past
centuries."**

**—Rene
Descartes**

President's Corner

Wishing you a Happy New Year and new beginnings to all. Each year we make resolutions to start the new year. By January 30th most of us have forgotten our brilliant resolve and have reverted to our old ways. But this year, I am determined to change that lack of resolution within myself.

I resolve to volunteer at the library more, to work harder for the Library Friends, and to read more books, some of which are in my "intend to read" pile, which means they require serious thought and contemplation. Enriching our minds helps us to stay younger, more vibrant, and able to think new thoughts. I resolve to add to my overall body of knowledge, read the book club's book each month, even though the meetings are at the same time that I tell stories at Headstart, and talk with those who do attend the meetings when they come into the bookstore.

I resolve to work harder on the Taste of Rim

fund raiser. This is the LFOP's big fund raiser. I resolve to work harder on grants, trying to get a couple of grants that benefit our library.

I resolve to become healthier, and stronger by losing weight, and by actively being engaged in activities that require a level of exercise as well as mental engagement.

I make this resolution in order to carry out the above resolutions.

Now my challenge is to you, the volunteers and Library Friends, who step up on many occasions to help the library in its many activities. How can we improve our library meeting attendance? Do you have expertise in a given subject that you could share with the Friends when we have our meetings? Do you have interest in the Book Club? Do you have interest in helping someone learn to read better through the CASA project?

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Library Friends Activities

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Volunteers Needed for Taste of Rim

We have placed a sign-up sheet at Library Circulation desk for various duties on the evening of our annual fundraiser, the Taste of Rim. We need dishwashers, greeters, silent auction attendants, raffle ticket sellers, and wine servers. If you plan to attend, please consider performing a 1-hour shift on any of these duties. You'll still have plenty of time to taste the offerings and bid on our silent auction items. See you there!

Welcome to New Members

There's no better way to start a New Year than with some new Friends. We welcome our newest members: **Stephanie Vogel, Vincent**

Grennan, Harry and Joan Young, Russell and Sharon Judd, Jan and Bill Armbruter, Bruce and Pat Halverson, Bonnie Bohn, and Bonny Young. Thanks so much for joining us. We can't wait to get to know you!

Fond Farewells to Good Friends

Longtime Library Friends **Jim and Judy Buettner** have re-located to Minnesota. Judy was our President when we broke ground for our new Library building, and Jim served for several years on our Board of Directors. Our community and our Library have been deeply enriched by their presence here, and we will miss them very much. *Best of luck to you both!*

Library News

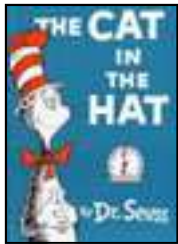
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Holiday Closure

The Library will be closed for Holidays on the following date:

Monday, Jan 2	New Year's Day
Monday, Jan 16	Martin Luthor King, Jr Day
Monday, Feb 20	President's Day

Read Across America Night



On **Friday, March 2**, we will celebrate the birthday of Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, with a special celebration at the Payson Public Library. The

Read Across America event was originated by the

National Education Association (NEA) to encourage families to read together.

Our evening will begin with a meal of hot dogs, chips, cookies and punch for a small fee. Activities include reading groups and door prizes. Each child who attends will be given a gift bag.

It promises to be fun for the whole family, so mark your calendar now.

Laptop Computers



The Library now has laptop computers available for public use, and has used them to complete a successful series of computer classes, thanks to a grant

from the **Arizona Library Association** and the **Gila County Library District**. Sign-up at the Circulation desk is required, and guests can use the computers on a first-come, first-served basis. Have your own laptop? Use the free WI-FI station at the Library to surf the web!

Library Hours

Mon—Fri 9a-6p
Sat 10a-5p
Closed Sun

ONGOING FREE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Story Time Preschool 3-6 yrs, Wed 10:30am

Story Time Tykes/Toddlers 0-2 yrs, Thurs 10:30am

Bilingual Story Time 3-8 yrs, Thurs 4pm

Crafty Kids Thurs 4:30pm

Creative Writing Classes (sign-up required), 2nd Tues each month:

3:30pm 9-14 yrs
4:30pm 15-18 yrs

Scrapbooking Class (sign-up required), 1st Wed (4pm) and 1st Sat (11am) of each month, 10-19 yrs. Bring your own pictures and we provide the rest!

Teen Book Club (sign-up required), 2nd Tues of each month:

3:30pm 10-14 yrs
4:30pm 15-18 yrs

Video Game Tournament, last Sat of each month 10:30am, 10-18 yrs

Family Movie Matinee, 1st Sat of each month, 1pm, Free Popcorn

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE LIBRARY

Fiction

Split Second, Catherine Coulter

Kill Me If You Can, James Patterson

Lie For Me, Karen Young

Non-Fiction

A Cowboy's Life, Bob Lilly

Who Killed Health Care?, Regina Herzlinger

After America: Get Ready for Armageddon, Kurt Steyn

DVD Movies

Anger Management

Cracking the Code

Freedom Riders

VHS Movies

The Gunrunner

His Girl Friday

Navajo Code Talkers

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **John Wilson** reports the following fund balances:

General Fund	\$ 0
Building Fund	\$302,544
Restricted Fund	\$ 22,785

Our depleted General Fund will get some badly needed replenishment from our upcoming Taste of Rim Fund-raiser. This fiscal year to date, we have donated \$32,283 to the Library!

Online Book Sales

For this issue of *Among Friends*, we are highlighting our extensive collection of Arizona history books for sale now online. Many titles are available. A partial list includes:

Who's Who in Arizona Vol. I 1913 compiled by Jo Conners (\$120.00, Inventory # 110110404)

Jacobo Sedelmayr: Missionary, Frontiersman, Explorer in Arizona and Sonora by Peter Dunne (\$35.00, Inventory 10090004)

Forty Years in the Desert: A History of Ganado Mission, 1901-1941 compiled by Cora Salisbury (\$45.00, Inventory # 09110001)

Right Up to Date on Bill Close by Bill Close (first edition, signed by author, \$50.00, Inventory # 02100003).

We have hundreds of books for sale online starting at just \$10.00. Check it out online at www.abebooks.com. Click on the red 'Booksellers' tab and enter Library Friends of Payson in the resulting search field to peruse our titles. Or, email us at

library_friends@hotmail.com and make an appointment to view our collection in person. **LFP members get a 15% discount for direct purchases.**

**CHECK IT
OUT!**



Rim Country Readers

The **Rim Country Readers** is a book club that meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excepting June, July, and August) in the meeting room of the Payson Public Library at 10:00 am. All meetings are free of charge and open to the public. Come in and enjoy our lively book discussions, and make a new Friend or two. Our upcoming schedule is as follows:

January 18	Poetry Readings
February 15	<u>Cutting for Stone</u> by Abraham Verghese
March 21	<u>The Book Thief</u> by Marcus Zusak

At the January meeting, attendees are encouraged to present summaries and/or readings from their favorite poets. Among the works to be presented is She Walks in Beauty, a collection of favorite poems by Caroline Kennedy.

Cutting for Stone is a sweeping novel based upon Verghese's life as a doctor. The narrative spans generations and conti-

nents as it presents modern medicine in many different cultures.

The Book Thief is a provocative, award-winning WWII-era novel about a young book-stealing girl, narrated by the character Death himself.



Bookstore Update

Store-Wide Clearance!

As we begin the New Year, our Used Bookstore is offering a **2 for 1 Sale** on our **entire inventory**. Buy one item at our already low price, and receive a second item of equal or lesser value FREE. This is a great opportunity to augment your home Library with books to read when the weather is bad.

We have the best prices in town, with Hardcover books starting at just \$1.00, and paperbacks as low as \$.10 each.

We also offer jigsaw puzzles, VHS videos, cassettes (included in the 2 for 1 sale), special coffee table books, and selected sets at greatly reduced prices.

Our inventory comes from donations from the public and from shelf discards from the Library. Our stock changes daily, so come in often and browse. Our friendly volunteers are ready to help you find what you need.

Our Used Bookstore is located just inside the entrance to the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road, and is open on the same schedule as the Library.

It is the main source of income for our Library Friends activities, and is staffed entirely by volunteers. All proceeds go to

our General Fund, which supports Library programs and supplies not included in its regular budget. Every dollar you spend helps the Library. **CHECK US OUT!**



In Memoriam



Jack Gibbs

We have lost one of our most faithful Library Friends in recent months. **Jack Gibbs** passed away on November 10, 2011 at the age of 86. Jack was a regular sight at our fundraisers, working quietly in the background. He is survived by his wife **Billie**, who is a LFOP Board Member Emeritus, and his 3 children. We will miss Jack's good nature and steady pres-

ence very much.

Earlier in 2011, **Marjorie Koss** passed away at the age of 96, and left a portion of her personal belongings to the Library Friends of Payson, Inc.

We are grateful to all the support these two Friends have given us over the years, and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

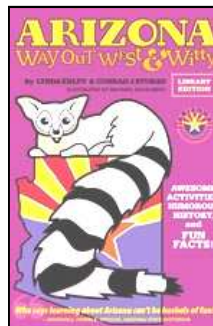
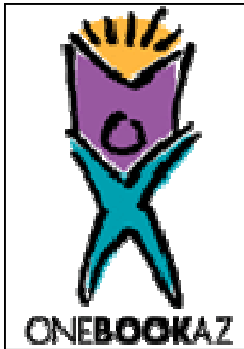
Onebook Arizona

In April 2012, the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (ASLAPR), a division of the Secretary of State, presents the **2012 selections** of its **Onebook Arizona** Program (www.onebookaz.org). The Onebook Arizona program was established in 2002 to encourage communities across the State of Arizona to read the *same* book at the *same* time beginning in April and participate in discussions and programs centered around that book. One title is chosen for adults to read, and one title is chosen for kids. For the past several years, the annual selections have highlighted Arizona literature to celebrate Arizona's upcoming Centennial celebration of statehood on Feb 14, 2012.

This year's adult selection is **Arizona: 100 Years Grand** by Lisa Schnebly Heidinger (www.arizonawriter.com). It has been named the official book of the Arizona Centennial cele-

bration and is a treasure trove of events, geography, and characters who have shaped our state in its first 100 years.

Author Lisa Schnebly Heidinger has been a fan of Arizona history ever since she learned that the Town of Sedona was named for her great-grandmother, Sedona Schnebly. She has written several Arizona history books and has worked as a newspaper writer, broadcast journalist, and contributing writer at *Arizona Highways* magazine.



The children's selection for 2012 is **Arizona Way Out West & Witty** written by Conrad Storad and Lynda Exley. This book is targeted to school-aged children and contains stories, anecdotes, and fun facts about Arizona history. It also includes recipes, games, and craft ideas to keep the reader's interest.

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.

—Dr. Seuss

Pasta Primavera Recipe

Now that the New Year is here, you can lighten up your cooking with this easy, healthy recipe for **Pasta Primavera** from the Food Network (www.foodnetwork.com). This recipe comes from **Giada DeLaurentis** and features roasted vegetables in a meatless main course.

INGREDIENTS

3 carrots, peeled and cut into thin strips
 2 medium OR 1 large zucchini, cut into thin strips
 2 yellow squash, cut into thin strips
 1 onion, thinly sliced
 1 red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into thin strips
 1/4 cup olive oil
 Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 1 Tablespoon dried Italian herbs or *herbes de Provence*
 1 pound farfalle (bowtie pasta)
 15 cherry tomatoes, halved
 1/2 cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

In large bowl, toss all of the vegetables with olive oil, salt, pepper, and dried herbs. Divide mixture evenly onto 2 baking sheets. Bake until carrots are tender and the vegetables begin to brown, stirring after the first 10 minutes, about 20 minutes total.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water until *al dente*, tender but still firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain, reserving 1 cup of cooking liquid.

Toss the pasta with the vegetable mixture in a large bowl to combine. Toss with cherry tomatoes and enough of the reserved cooking liquid to moisten. Season with additional salt and pepper, to taste. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and serve immediately.

Makes 6 hearty servings.



President's Corner, con't

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Do you have a specialized bank of knowledge such as history, geology, geography, science that you could share with the rest of us? Are you interested in law, security, government or other civic issues? Are you an artist, photographer, writer or naturalist?

We are looking for some speakers for the Library Friends meetings to enhance the interest in our meetings. If you can share a bank of knowledge in share, please let us know.

Again, Happy New Year!
 Alice



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