

Among Friends Newsletter

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Bring Your Family to Enjoy the Library's Newly-Opened Teen Center

Payson Library celebrated their **Teen Technology and Gaming Space** opening on Tuesday, May 29—a unique, supervised center where kids can come and enjoy a great variety of gaming options. Special guests at the grand opening ceremony included Michele Reagan, Secretary of State, and Craig Swartwood, Payson mayor. The ribbon cutting was completed by Kajal Daya, President of the Payson area Advisory Youth Council. Approximately 45 parents and kids attended the opening and enjoyed the refreshments served—pizza, pop, chips, fruit, and cookies!



Michele Reagan,
Secretary of State

The center is available to kids ages 10 – 18 during regular Library hours and offers computer games as well as console games. Available are 6 gaming computers, a 55 in. flat screen TV, an Xbox One console that provides 6 gaming options, and 9 Nintendo switch games—all rated “everyone to teen ratings.” The Teen Center monitoring is possible due its many windows that provide high visibility. In addition, a security camera will be connected to the Internet so that activity can be monitored at the reference desk and computer firewalls also work to block undesirable content.



Library Director, Emily Linkey, wrote the grant along with several staff members who contributed to its vision, including David Grasse, Danielle Hirepan, and Timothy Branson. The \$15,000 Library Services and Technology Act grant is federally funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Arizona State Library and Archives. Thank you, staff, for a very fine additional service for our Library patrons!

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Emily Linkey, Director

Library Hours

M, Th 9am—6 pm
T, W 9am—7 pm
F, S 9am—3 pm

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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.

Community and Library - A Shared Future!

President's Corner

Hi to my Library Friends,

Summer has arrived in Payson and you know what that means--Summer Reading Programs! The kick-off to the "Libraries Rock" theme was a puppet show with a hot dog lunch. It was Friday, June 1, and I was there. The script was written by the program coordinator, Danielle Hirepan. It was filled with puns, knock-knock jokes and messages concerning proper library use, attending summer programs to keep literary levels sharp and just plain silliness. Danielle and volunteer, Linda Sharp handled the puppets and Payson Library employee, Terri Roberts, was the emcee with a puppet helper named OCD – One Cool Dude! 45 kids and adults attended the puppet show and then enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies and lemonade. A fun time for all and Summer Reading information bags were distributed to all those who had not gotten them earlier. Thank you, Danielle, Terri and Linda for your efforts.

Don't forget about our Chili's Give Back program. There is a coupon attached to this newsletter and coupons are also available at the library. The next date to put on your calendar is Wednesday, July 11, from 11 AM to closing. Our May day brought in \$60.00, an easy way to help LFOP and our library.

Hope you enjoy the summer! See you at the library,

Linda



Linda Lanctot

LFOP Meeting Schedule

Meetings are on the third Monday of each month, except July and December. There is a short business meeting at 10:00 am and presentations begin at 10:30 am. Meetings are held in the library meeting room



****No Meeting in July****

August 20, 2018

Marty Cordano, photos and commentary on wildlife. Fun and interesting program!

September 17, 2018

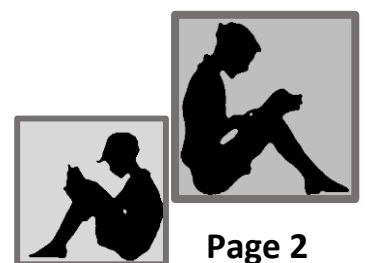
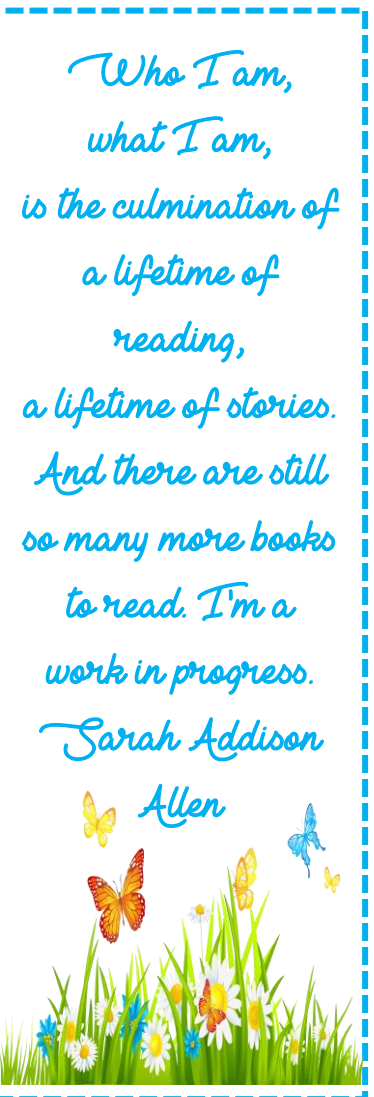
Betty Delano/AZ Attorney General's office: Consumer scams/identity theft. Betty talks about the most recent scams and what "red flags" to watch out for. She also talks about what one can do to prevent becoming a victim of identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen. Attendees will receive a copy of the Senior Tool Kit.

October 15, 2018

Felicia French, retired Army Medevac helicopter pilot and nurse, speaking about her experiences in the military. She was deployed to Afghanistan and Honduras, and retired as an Army Colonel after 32 years in the service.

November 19, 2018

Buckshot Dot aka (Dee Strickland Johnson) is a Female Cowboy Poet, Author/Artist, Hysterical Relic as described on her website. She will help us "celebrate the Old West way of life with traditional cowboy songs and original poems."



Payson Public Library Summer Reading Program

Once again, the Library Summer Reading Program is packed with fun and challenges for all ages of school children. The theme this year is **Libraries Rock**, with Danielle Hirepan, staff member in charge. There is an exciting line-up of activities. The programs are divided by age group: Preschool through age 9 and Tweens and Teenagers 10-18.

The lineup for Preschool through grade 5 is:

- ☺ Move on Monday with games,
- ☺ Techie-Tuesday with coding,
- ☺ Wacky Wednesday with science activities.
- ☺ Thursday is Crafty Thursday and
- ☺ Friday is Family Movie and popcorn.

All sounds like fun to me!

The lineup for Tweens and Teens is:

- ☺ Techie Tuesday, with coding and Crafting class
- ☺ Wednesday has a movie and popcorn and
- ☺ Friday is a gaming hour.



These programs will keep the Library hopping into late July. You can pick up brochures at the Library and share these exciting summer activities with your family and neighbors.

Submitted by Linda Lanctot

Rim Country Readers

Rim Readers Discuss *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* at June 20 Meeting

"The help" knows you better than anybody. Elizabeth Keckley knew the Lincolns as people, as husband and wife, as parents, as residents of the White House, as the most important members of the social circle in Washington D.C. during the War between the States. She pinned and stitched beautiful silk gowns for Mary Todd as her husband, Abe, threw his long legs over a chair and chit chatted with "Mother" over the events of the day.

Judy Herbolzheimer asked members to consider two women in this book: one, Mary Todd Lincoln, a first lady of history who is known mostly by her flaws, known to be mentally unstable, but also a mother who lost three sons, was never really accepted by society, but also who seemed to be politically astute, and secondly, Elizabeth Keckley: a slave woman who purchased her own freedom, who started a very profitable business, became the most sought after dressmaker in Washington, accepted a faculty position at Wilberforce University, and wrote a book about her employer and close friend, Mary Todd. Below is pictured the now famous quilt Mrs. Keckley made of scraps from the dresses she had sewn for Mrs. Lincoln.

Submitted by Linda Teasley

Please join us for many interesting and in-depth book discussions!

Upcoming reads:

July 18 – John Brown's Body by Stephen Vincent Benet
(Romaine Brophy)

August 15 – Sunday Philosopher's Club by Alexander McCall Smith (Kate Adams)

September 19 – Selection of titles for next season

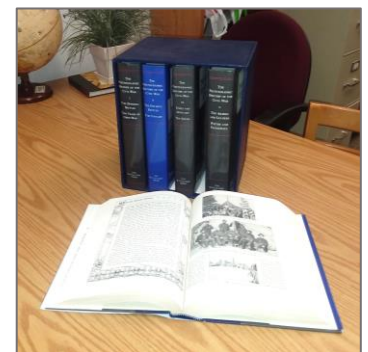
Meeting Time & Place:

10 A.M. All Rim Reader meetings are open to the public.
Third Wednesday of each month
Youth Room of Payson Public Library
No membership fee



Book Sales

The **Photographic History of the Civil War** by Blue and Grey Press (2011) is in very good condition with dust jackets and sturdy slipcase. First published in 1911 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the great conflict. Extremely popular then, it has become a rare book. Here, in five double volumes, is the complete and unabridged original edition, text and photographs carefully reproduced in the original format and full size. Can be viewed at the Bookstore. LFOP members get a 20% discount.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances as of June 2, 2018:

General Fund	\$ 59,188
Building Fund	\$ 436,197
Restricted Fund	\$ 2,668



Library News

<http://www.paysonaz.gov/Departments/Library>

Emily Linkey, Library Director



June is always a crazy month at the Payson Public Library. Statistically, we are always busiest between Memorial Day and the 4th of July. This June will certainly be no exception—between the summer reading program, the additional flow of vacationers, and multiple staffing changes... we are always on our toes.



Elaine Baca



Savannah Barr

As for staffing, many of you know that Elaine Baca who has served for 2 years as our IT and Technical Services Specialist is moving to Prescott. Her last day was Wednesday, June 13th. We all wish Elaine and her husband well and I am excited to announce a return of an old friend to fill her shoes. Timothy Branson, who left us last summer to pursue his education, is back in Payson and will start as our new full time IT and Technical Services Specialist. Savannah Barr, who coincidentally replaced Timothy Branson last year, has been promoted to a position as Graphic Designer at the Payson Parks and Recreation Department. We've moved Kylea Donaldson up into her position and Kylea is doing a wonderful job. The position of circulation page, which Kylea previously held, is currently vacant. Applications for this position closed June 7, and we will begin the interview process shortly.

DVDs are now being shelved in a file cabinet instead of the white binders. This new system seems to be working quite well. One nice feature is that the new shelving can hold up to 9,000 DVDs, which will almost double our inventory. Feedback from our volunteers is that the DVDs are more accessible and readily visible making it much easier to find a specific DVD.

The new, upgraded security cameras have been installed by Aztec Alarm and are exceeding expectations. They display in color and the clarity is exceptional helping us provide better security to all areas of the Library.

Other exciting changes coming to the Payson Library this summer? New carpet, a new HVAC condensing unit, and of course, our already successful Teen/ Tween Technology and Gaming Space. If you don't make it to the library this summer, you may not recognize us come fall. Thanks to all of our Library Friends who continue to help us grow and expand services to the community.

Amazon Smile!

Remember you can help the Payson Public Library by purchasing items on the website <http://.smile.amazon.com>. Use your regular Amazon account to register one time, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the Library Friends of Payson. In addition to the donation, the Smile program vendors offer special pricing and discounts you won't find on the regular Amazon site. Register today!

It's a great way to support your Library. Every little bit helps!



Community and Library – A Shared Future!

Romaine Brophy shares her Washington, D.C. adventures . . .

Our very own **Romaine Brophy** was the featured speaker for the June LFOP General Meeting. Romaine provided a very informative and entertaining presentation on her trip to Washington, DC taken in October 2017 with Road Scholar Tours.

Romaine explained that Washington, DC, the capital of the USA, is technically a Federal District. It is not part of any state, has no Senator and only one Representative. Established in 1798, Washington, DC is part of the National Park System, and the National Mall is considered to be “America’s Main Street.”

Romaine spent five days touring with a group of 40. She shared many of her photos and had interesting stories to share about the various monuments and museums she visited, among many were:

- Vietnam Veterans Memorial, dedicated in 1982 – contains 58,318 names (including eight women) who died in Vietnam from June 8, 1956 to May 15, 1975
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, dedicated 2011
- National Museum of American History (in the Smithsonian Institute Complex), opened in 1964 as the Museum of History and Technology, renamed in 1980
- National Museum of Natural History (also part of the Smithsonian Institute Complex), opened in 1910
- Air and Space Museum, opened 1976 – it is the most visited museum in the US
- National Gallery of Art, opened in 1941 – contains art from the Middle Ages to the present day
- United States Capitol Building, the original building opened in 1800, then partially burned in 1812
- Library of Congress, established in 1800 by John Adams, contains the original library of Thomas Jefferson
- White House, completed in 1800, burned by the British in 1814, rebuilt in 1817 – named the “White House” by President Theodore Roosevelt.



Romaine and her group were also fortunate to visit the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. She added the trip was a wonderful learning experience and she would not hesitate to visit again.

Bookstore Update

July Specials

All non-fiction will be buy 1 get 1 with the second item less or equal to the price of the first. This includes crafts, home repair as well as History, Politics, Religion, Biography, Sports, etc.

August Specials

All regular size paperbacks 2 for the price of 1.

Would you love to meet interesting and friendly people?

We need you! The Bookstore is currently seeking more volunteers for morning and afternoon shifts. Shifts are Monday through Thursday 9 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm. On Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 3 pm. Please contact Judy Smith at 474-4189 if you are interested.

Need a gift?

You can find DVD's, audio CD's, book sets, children's books, coffee table books, jigsaw puzzles, and more! Many are new or in like-new condition. Also available for purchase are sturdy, eco-friendly tote bags for just \$1.50 that can make a lovely addition to your gift.

Our inventory changes daily, so come in often and see what we have to offer. Our friendly volunteers will help you find what you need. The Bookstore is located inside the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road.

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