

Newsletter of the  
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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

June 25

10:30 am

Payson Public  
Library

Topic: Cultural  
and Economic  
Melding of the  
Arizona/Sonora  
Border

# Among Friends



JUNE 2009

Payson Public Library

328 N. McLane Road  
Payson, AZ 85541  
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Terry Morris, Director

### Library Hours

Tues-Fri 9a-6p

Sat 10a-2p

Closed Sun, Mon

## May Meeting Notes

Depending upon your source, William Mulholland was either the genius self-taught engineer whose brilliant work set the pace for the meteoric growth of Los Angeles, or a self-aggrandizing villain who brazenly appropriated the water rights from one of Southern California's most beautiful areas, Owens Valley.

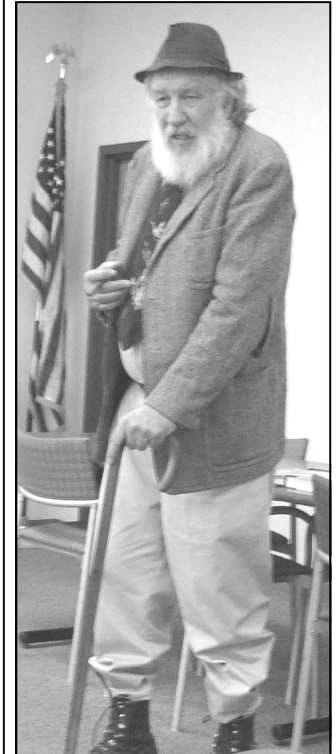
At our May general meeting, the Library Friends of Payson enjoyed the privilege of speaking with the man himself, in the form of a chatauqua (from an Iroquois word meaning 'moccasins tied together'), someone who impersonates another. In this case, our chatauqua was Dr. Chris Smith, associate professor of history at ASU. He appeared courtesy of the Arizona Humanities Council ([www.azhumanities.org](http://www.azhumanities.org)).

Dr. Smith assumed Mulholland's identity, right down to his ubiquitous half-smoked cigar. Appearing before us in dust-laden boots and wrinkled, worn jacket, Mulholland was unapologetic and confident as he summarized his life.

Born in 1855 in Ireland, with a self-confessed gift of the Blarney Stone, Mulholland worked his way to America with his brother as a youth. Fascinated with the American West, Mulholland settled in the Los Angeles area. Although he had to quit school at a young age to go to work, his natural curiosity led him to teach himself engineering, using bought or borrowed books.

He greatly admired Teddy Roosevelt as a man of action and courage. Like Roosevelt, Mulholland respected nature, but also sought to take advantage of America's resources to improve the life of its citizens. He viewed the Water Reclamation Act of 1902 as a green light to develop waterways for the betterment of humankind. He related a story of viewing Yosemite National

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Dr. Chris Smith, appearing as William Mulholland, who developed the sophisticated water delivery system to the city of Los Angeles

## New Library Services

### Online Training



The Payson Public Library is now offering instructional help for those who wish to complete online job applications, resumes, and/or establish e-mail accounts. The service is available on a first come-first served basis every Friday 9a-10a. We have 4 computer stations dedicated to this class. Inquire at the circulation desk or call 474-9260 for details.

If you have been reluctant to connect online, this is

your chance to learn from the friendly staff at the Library.

### Notary Services

Terry Morris, Library Director, announces that 2 staff members are now certified to provide Notary services to our patrons. In a time when Libraries all over the country are curtailing services and closing branches, we are very fortunate that our Library continues to be responsive to our needs.

CHECK IT OUT!



Library Friends President

Linda Lanctot

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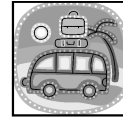
The Rim Country Readers Club is on summer hiatus. Join them at their Sept 16 meeting and review your favorite summer read!

## President's Corner

I just had the privilege of having my mother visit for ten days. She lives in Ames, Ia. and loves to come to Arizona because she can fly non-stop from Des Moines to Phoenix (she has to change planes if she flies to visit my brothers in Nashville and Anaheim).

It is always a delight to have Mom here. We cook, do puzzles, walk and she expects to hear me play the piano every day - so I do it. We frequently bring up memories of former happenings and shared holidays. One of our favorite memories is the first RV trip Mom took with us in September, 1997 when we brought her to Payson for the first time.

We were visiting Minnesota and arrived in front of her town home in the cul-de-sac of her retire-



ment area. We packed her clothes and restocked the larder with hot-dishes, meat, vegetables and fruit. One of the recipes we made was the "Overnight Vegetable Salad" - one of my husband's favorites. The neat part was that as the RV rocked back and forth on the trip the salad was constantly stirred.

We took off from Ames early in the morning and just as we headed west on I-70 from Des Moines the sun came up and literally filled the sky with a red glow. It was a glorious way to start our trip. We proceeded across Nebraska, which is a wide state, and on to Colorado where the golden aspen were beautiful. We oohed and aahed across Colorado

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## Library Friends Activities

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### New Members Welcomed

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Dianna Farmer, Mary Jo Eckhardt, and Louise Coulter, and Solveig Myersof Payson, and Herb Sherman of Scottsdale.

Annual Elections Scheduled for September  
Our Nominating Committee is busy formulating our next slate of Officers and selected Board of Director positions to be filled at our September meeting.

There is no better time than now to get involved in one of the best organizations in Rim Country. The current economic situation presents many opportunities for new ideas to emerge. Why not make your input count? Get involved! Remember, you will be 'Among Friends'! Positions up for election include all the Officers (1-year term), and the following Board Positions (2-year term): Newsletter, Publicity, Program, and At-Large. Contact us at [library\\_friends@hotmail.com](mailto:library_friends@hotmail.com) or call Linda at 472-9160 for details.

## Library News

### New Guest Book

Why do you love your library? What is your favorite Library service? Next time you stop by the Library, be sure to sign our new guest book and write down your thoughts. After all, we're here for YOU, and our success is due to your patronage and support. We want to hear your thoughts!

### Summer Reading Program

Get ready to Express Yourself in the Summer Reading Program for children aged 3 through high school, beginning June 2. Every Tuesday and Wednesday, the Library will host games, activities, food, and prizes to encourage



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reading for pleasure. Two sessions will be held each day—"Be Creative" for ages 3-12, and "Express Yourself" for ages 10 and up. The program concludes on June 24, with an awards ceremony.

There is no charge for participation, but sign-up is required to insure enough supplies for everyone. This program is made possible by grants and private and corporate donations from the community. For more information, inquire at the circulation desk or call 474-9260.

### Upcoming Events

Do you have a special skill, like wiggling your ears, or making really good animal sounds? Get ready to

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## LFOP Bookstore Update

### June Specials



In honor of Father's Day, our Used Bookstore in the Library will feature a 2 for 1 Sale of books whose topics are sure to be of interest to Dad. Included are hardcover, softcover, and trade paperbacks about sports, history, politics, home repair, hobbies, business, and finance. Buy one at our already low price, and get the second book of equal or lesser value FREE. Consider giving Dad a couple of great books on Father's Day. Throw them into one of our eco-friendly tote bags for an additional \$1.50, and you have the perfect gift—thoughtful and economical. He'll like it much better than another tie!

We also have a growing inventory of Large Print Books in many genres, puzzles, VHS videos, Classics, and more.

Our inventory comes from public donations and Library discards, and changes daily. Our dedicated volunteers are ready to help you find what you want. And remember, all proceeds benefit our General Fund which supports Library services and programs not included in its regular budget, such as the upcoming Summer Reading Program. Every dollar helps, so come in often for the best book prices in town, and help your Library at the same time.

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show off your talent at our annual Book of Kids Records, Wednesday July 8 at 1 pm. The event is FREE to kids of all ages.

Looking ahead, our annual Princess Tea Party will be held in 2 sessions again this year: Saturday, August 8 for girls aged 4-7 years, and Saturday August 22 for girls aged 8-12 years. Dress up your princess and enjoy the party, snacks, activities, and fashion show.

### Penny for Your Thoughts



Guess how many pennies are in our giant penny jar at the circulation desk, and win some cash! Call 474-9261 for details

### Back by Popular Demand

The Library will hold another Anime Manga Cosplay. On Thursday, June 18 from noon to 3 pm and ages 10-18 years.. Dress up as your favorite character, and join the fun! Attendance is free, but sign-up is required.

## Next Meeting

Join us at our next meeting, Thursday, June 25, at 10:30 am in the meeting room of the Payson Public Library. Our special guest speaker will be Professor Emeritus Ed Williams of U of A. Dr. Williams teaches, lectures, and writes on Mexican and borderlands public policy and politics. He will present A Third Country? Culture and Economic Melding on the Arizona/Sonora Border, a review of the special interaction between the US and Mexico, sometimes for the betterment of both, sometimes not. Don't miss this timely topic.

The Library Friends will NOT meet during July. Our August 27 meeting will feature Reba Wells Grandrud, retired as National Register Coordinator for the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, who will present In Their Own Words—Diaries of 19th Century Women. Both of these speakers will appear

courtesy of the Arizona Humanities Council ([www.azhumanities.org](http://www.azhumanities.org)). The AZ Humanities is a nonprofit Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment of the Arts. AHC works with museums, libraries, and other cultural and educational organizations to bring humanities programs to residents throughout Arizona. Our thanks go to Program Chair and Library Staff Member Bessie Tucker for arranging these interesting speakers.

Potluck luncheons will be served following each meeting for those who wish to participate. In addition, several door prizes will be given out, but you must be present to win.

As always, our meetings are open to the public and admission is free.

BRING A FRIEND!

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances:

Building Fund \$230,388

General Fund \$ 24,821

Restricted Fund \$ 9,313

We brought in \$1504 and \$245 from our Used Bookstore and Online sales, respectively, and \$114 from dues and donations during April.

## Online Book Sales



This month marks the 65th anniversary of D-Day, the WWII Allied Invasion to liberate Europe. We

are highlighting a special 6-volume set on our online book sales, A Pictorial History of the Second World War. Published by Wm. H. Wise and Co in 1944, the set contains many action photographs. The set is listed in good condition (no dust jackets), and is the perfect Father's Day gift, or addition to any history buff's library. We have priced it at just \$50.00 (Inventory # 03090220).

Get the details at our online bookstore listing, [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com). Click on the Bookstore 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 view the volumes in person and make the purchase directly.

Library Friends members get a 15% discount on direct purchases!

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Park for the first time, seeing the mighty granite cliffs beside the waterfall, and thinking how easy it would be to dam up that cliff and capture the water, not caring about the damage to the natural beauty such an act would do.

Mulholland began working with a private company that supplied water to the then small city of Los Angeles. He began as a ditch-digger, but his strong work ethic carried him into the upper echelons of management, until he became the chief engineer of the company. When the city of Los Angeles bought out the company to provide its own water, Mulholland was hired by the city, since he was the only person who knew every conduit and water main in the system by memory.

Mulholland eyed the plentiful water resources in eastern California, particularly in Owens Valley just over the ridges of the Sierra Madre Mountains as the future water of Los Angeles, if only the water could be carried down to the city. In a series of sophisticated political moves, Mulholland obtained the water rights from the inhabitants, who were paid what is now considered a pittance. Some have accused him of using strong-arm tactics at best to effect the transfer, but he was never charged with outright fraud or theft. Once the water rights were firmly in the hands of the Los Angeles City fathers, Mulholland sought to protect his new water source by leading the campaign to assure that the areas surrounding the Owens Valley would be protected Federal lands, preventing anyone else from getting to the water upstream.

Directly supervising more than 8,000 men in one of the greatest construction projects in American history, Mulholland brought the Los

Angeles Aqueduct project to completion on time and under budget in 8 years (during which he never took a day off). As the gates were opened and the water began rushing out, beginning its 200+ mile journey to Los Angeles, he pointed and said, "There it is. Take it."

The great aqueduct insured rapid growth for Los Angeles and enabled the fertile San Fernando Valley to become one of the premier farming areas in the State. Unfortunately, Owens Lake was drained completely dry in the process, becoming a dust bowl, much to the resentment of the residents there.

The greatest tragedy of his life occurred when the St. Francis dam north of Los Angeles gave way in 1928, killing hundreds and severely damaging every town downstream, all the way to the Pacific Ocean. Mulholland had personally designed and supervised the dam, and took full responsibility for its failure. Although he was never charged with any crime, the event broke his spirit. He was publicly reviled as an incompetent builder who failed to consult with more skilled engineers on the project. He immediately resigned his position and died in 1935 of Parkinson's Disease.

In subsequent years, experts have studied the failure of the St. Francis dam, and have concluded that there was no fault in either the design or the building of the dam, based upon the best information and techniques of that time. The failure was due to an ancient landslide deep beneath the surface of the dam that weakened the structure, but that information was not available to Mulholland when the dam was built.

However we view William Mulholland, we cannot doubt that the development of the American West has been shaped in large part by his unique visions and work.

## President's Corner, con't

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and Utah and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. We ate the vegetable salad with sandwiches and burgers - it stayed fresh for the whole trip. We shared stories and enjoyed being together and made more memories.

May is a good month for memories; we have Mother's Day and Memorial Day. I send all of you sincere wishes that you have good memories too.

Don't forget about our Library Friends' meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month - except July. Take time to come and enjoy the variety of programs that have been planned - we need you.

See you at the Library,

Linda

### Overnight Vegetable Salad

- 16 oz can tiny green peas, canned
- 16 oz can French style green beans

- 11 oz can white Shoepeg corn
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup green, red and/or yellow pepper, chopped
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper



In a large bowl, combine all vegetables.

In a sauce pan, combine remaining ingredients. Heat and stir until sugar dissolves. Pour over the vegetables. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Keeps for several days in a covered container. Yield: 12 servings

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