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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.

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August Meeting Notes

At night, the men would pitch the tent, set up the stove, attend to their teams and then their work was done, but I had, after the fatigue of traveling the same distance as they, to unpack the wagon, prepare the supper, wash my dishes and make ready for morning, when there was breakfast to get, dishes again to be washed and the packing up to do.

Kate Nye-Starr

On and on we journeyed -- averaging 15 miles a day over cactus, sagebrush, hot sand. One by one the oxen fell by the way. We came to Burnt River - a most desolate country. Here our baby brother Willie fell sick. It was in the heat of August. The train was halted, that the darling child of 4 years could be better cared for, but he became unconscious and passed away. My poor father, broken-hearted, had the men cut a cavity out of the solid rock jutting out of Burnt River Mountain, and here the little form was sealed beside where the only living thing was - a little juniper tree. My brother Harvey found it, twenty years later, and he peeled some of the bark off of the juniper tree and brought it back to my father. My father had carved Willie's name on the tree.

Harriet Palmer



They were part of the greatest mass migration in American history, in which more than a quarter million people made their way to a new life in the American West. What were they thinking and feeling on the arduous road? Reba Wells Grandrud, PhD, presented In Their Own Words: Diaries of 19th Century Women to a packed room at our August general meeting.

Dr. Wells appeared courtesy of the Arizona Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau. As we watched a slide show of images from that era, we listened to the words of 'ordinary women caught up in a momentous event of history'.

One in 50 women who traveled west kept a diary or log of the trip. Some were searching for a better life, some were expecting great riches, some eagerly embraced the chance for an exotic adventure. Most, however, felt they had no choice but to follow their husbands. One woman wrote that the only thing she feared more than the perilous journey would be the anguish of splitting up her family by staying behind. Most diaries were written with the knowledge that the words would eventually be read by others; some were even meant to be published in newspapers, giving information to later travelers re-

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The Times,
They Are A-
Changing!

New LFOP Meet-
ing Time is
10:00 am!

Next Meeting:

Thursday,

Sept 24

Greg Scott,

AZ Humanities
Council

Potluck Luncheon

Free Raffle Gifts

Newsletter To Be Issued Bi-monthly

Beginning with the current issue, we will publish Among Friends every other month, to save mailing costs. We hope you enjoy this expanded version of our newsletter. The next issue will be published in November. If you would like to see specific articles or features, please email us at library_friends@hotmail.com or call Romaine Brophy at 474-9619, our newsletter editor.

We want the newsletter to reflect your needs!



Library Friends President

Linda Lanctot

Recycle This
Newsletter.
Give it to a
Friend!



The library is
the temple of
learning, and
learning has
liberated
more people
than all the
wars in
history.

-Carl Rowan.

President's Corner

Dear Friends,

What's the best part of belonging to an organization like The Library Friends of Payson? I think of meeting people, helping people, being proud of our progress and enjoying our various speakers and programs. What must we do to ensure that our organization and our library continue to go forward and flourish? That is a tough question. Complacency is a hard battle to overcome and we need to work diligently to never have that happen to our Library Friends organization. How? When you have a new neighbor ask them to come to a meeting with you; mark your calendars with our meeting dates and make it a "must do", renew your yearly membership at a higher level, support the used bookstore and our yearly fund raiser - "A Taste of Rim Country".

The focus of the Library Friends might have changed from the building expansion because of the economic downturn but our support to the Library is still very valuable. We are pledging \$4000 a month to the Library to purchase books and materials, to support programming and to help with staffing needs. Without new members, renewed members, attendance at our monthly meetings, volunteers to serve on the Board and vocal

and visual support of the Library Friends group our mission of service and monetary support for the Payson Public Library will be harder and harder to continue. Please help with the on-going challenge of keeping the Library Friends of Payson a valuable asset to our Library and the people of our community.

I have enjoyed being president for the last two years. The people I have met and worked with have made my life fuller and more meaningful. I am especially thankful for the officers and board members that have been so faithful and helpful. The Library staff have become true friends and I will be saying thank you to them for years for all the help and encouragement they have freely given. Let's work together for the continued success of our Library.

See you at the Library,

Linda

Note: This is the last President's Corner article written by Linda Lanctot, as our next issue will have our new President's column. We offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to Linda for all her dedicated work, and her special ability to keep our Library Friends team working smoothly for the past several years. We are especially grateful that she will remain as our Vice President, to help our New President make a smooth transition.

Library Friends Activities

www.libraryfriendsofpayson.org

Officer, Board Positions up for Election

Make a note to attend our next meeting (see page 4), on Thursday, Sept 24, during which we will hold our annual elections. We will elect Officers (1-year term), and selected Board positions (2-year term). As we go to press, our roster is as follows:

Officers	
President	Alice Natale
Vice-President	Linda Lanctot
Recording Secretary	Dana Fladhammer*
Treasurer	John Wilson*

Board Positions	
Public Relations Coordinator	Pat Kuzma
Newsletter	Romaine Brophy*

Program
At-Large

Bessie Tucker*
Sue Wilson*
Peggy Freeman
Beverly Okerwall

* - denotes incumbent

Our current President, Linda Lanctot, will switch positions with our Vice-President Alice Natale. Former Library Friends Board Member Peggy Freeman has relocated back to Payson, and will serve as At-Large Board member, to assist Marge Buland with Membership. We welcome Beverly Okerwall as a new Board Member, who will assist with Programming, and Pat Kuzma will coordinate our Pub-

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Library News

www.paysonlibrary.com

Holiday Closures

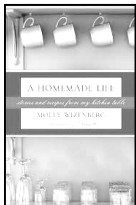
The Library will be closed on Tuesday, September 8 for the Labor Day Holiday.

Library to be Recipient of Grant for Young Adults

Library Director Terry Morris announces the Library will receive a \$13,000 grant for a special program called Staying Alive. The program is a series of sessions that will provide life skill lessons for young adults, including finances, loan applications, driving safely, dressing for success, and more.

The grant money is federally funded and comes through the Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records. Keep checking out the library's website, www.paysonlibrary.com for details and program schedules. It will run from October through December,

November Cooking Class



Terry Morris will hold another of her popular Cook N' Book Classes on Tuesday, November 17. Learn some great Holiday fare culinary skills, while discussing Homemade Life: Stories and Recipes from My Kitchen Table, by Molly Wisenberg. 2 sessions will

be held—9a-noon, and 2-5p. There is only a small number of slots available. Register at the circulation desk. If you miss this one, don't despair, Terry will hold another one in February 2010. Watch this newsletter for details.

Live Chat Features Popular Youth Writer



Gary Paulsen, author of the popular Brian's Saga Series, will hold a Live Internet Chat on November 7. Young fans can come to the Library and submit questions and comments via the internet computers. Paulsen's first novel in the series, Hatchet, was awarded the Newberry Honor, and relates the story of Brian Robeson, a young man still reeling from his parents' divorce, stranded in the Canadian wilderness with only the clothes on his back

and a hatchet given to him by his mother. He must learn to survive both the wilderness, and the trauma of his broken home.

Library Veteran Retires



Tory Harding, a longtime Library employee, will retire this month. Tory is one of those individuals who works 'behind the scenes' in the Technical Services Department, getting newly arrived inventory items ready for circulation, and helping with the set-up and clean-up of many Library events. Her steady

presence and hard work will be much missed. Fortunately, she will remain on staff as a part-time worker, to assure a smooth transition. We thank her for her dedication over the years, and wish her the very best in the future.

Tools for Tough Times

There is no better place than your Public Library as a source of information during stressful and changing times. The Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records is a source for comprehensive information to deal with these times. Check out their website at www.lib.az.us for a listing of web links to assist you with unemployment benefits, job searches, foreclosure assistance, medical insurance issues, even tax preparation help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Costume Parades



Come to the Library on Friday, October 30 for 2 Halloween Parades—11:00am for Preschoolers, and 4:30pm for school-age children. Bring your camera for this one!

Teen Week

During October school break, we will hold another annual Teen 'Survival' Week., with Fear Food Factor, games, prizes, and more. Learn tips to surviving the wilderness, an empty 'fridge, and living on your own. We'll also host Teen Reading week, with book discussions.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Wilson reports the following fund balances:

Building Fund \$260,212
General Fund \$ 20,256
Restricted Fund \$ 12,429

In the fiscal year 2008-09, we brought in \$31,040 in dues, donations, grants, and fundraising, and \$22,738 in bookstore and online sales. We donated a total of \$60,504 to the Library (using some surplus funds from our General Fund left over from last year). Our administrative expenses comprise only a small percentage of our total income. We are a lean, mean, giving machine!

Online Book Sales

One of the Southwest's greatest (and least known) figures was John Clum, the Indian fighter who captured Geronimo in New Mexico, and later became Mayor of Tombstone during that town's tumultuous days of the Earp/Clanton dispute. This month, our online book sale features Clum's biography, Apache Days and Tombstone Nights, skillfully edited and annotated by Neil Carmony.

This 1997 publication is signed by Carmony, and is in very good condition. We have priced it at just \$80.00. Check it out online at www.abebooks.com. Click on the Bookstore link and enter Library Friends of Payson in the search field (Inventory # 04090006). We have many other collectible and antique books starting at just \$10.00.

Or, contact us at library_friends@hotmail.com and make an appointment to view our inventory in person. Library Friends members get a 15% discount on direct purchases!

Library Friends Meeting Schedule

We have a great schedule of interesting speakers for our general meetings in the upcoming months, all appearing courtesy of the Arizona Humanities Council (www.azhumanities.org), a federally funded program designed to promote cultural diversity to rural areas.

Thursday, September 24 Greg Scott, educator, historian, and musician will present 'The Crooked Trail to Holbrook'. An authentic cowboy song, 'The Crooked Trail to Holbrook' describes the meandering cattle trail that brought stock to the railroad on the Little Colorado River. Some of Arizona's most famous (and infamous) characters rode the trail, which included sites of the Pleasant Valley Wars and Apache raids. Greg's presentation will include a discussion of this song and other classic cowboy songs and stories of early Arizona.

This meeting will also feature our annual Officer and Selected Board positions election. You must be present to vote, so don't miss this important meeting.

Thursday, October 22 Gregory McNamee, author of 26 books and numerous essays, short stories, and articles, will present 'Names on the Land'. The U.S. has over 3.5 million place names, which reflect how different cultures view landscape features and celebrate events and legends—a sort of 'fossil poetry'. Arizona has a

unique set of place names, and Gregory will relate some of the more interesting anecdotes attached to places like Ali Shonak and Zephyr.

WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING TIME to allow ample time for our business meeting, and for our speakers to present their programs in its entirety. Our meetings will begin at 10:00 am with a short business meeting, and the speakers will begin at 10:30 sharp.

Both of these meetings will feature a Potluck luncheon following the presentations for those who wish to participate.

Throughout the meetings, free raffle gifts will be distributed. The meetings are free and open to the public. We encourage everyone to attend and BRING A FRIEND!



Greg Scott



Gregory McNamee



Bookstore Update

Fine Arts Have Never Been Finer

During the month of September, The Library Friends of Payson Bookstore is featuring the Fine Arts section. Included in this section are music, drama, and poetry. A recent influx of music books and sheet music make this two-for-one special a great value for music lovers and musicians. Buy one book at our already low price, and get the second book of equal or lesser value FREE.

Humor, Self-Help, and Inspirational books are, also being offered at a two-for-one special for the entire month of September. This is a great opportunity to pick-up books to make you laugh, books to improve your health, and books to inspire beautiful dreams.

Bookstore prices range from \$3.00 to \$1.00 for hardback books based on copyright dates. This is a great, everyday value which two-for-one specials render an even better value.

Bookstore stock is ever changing so stop by often. Our volunteers are always happy to see you. The Bookstore is located to the right of the circulation desk just inside the Payson Public Library. For more information visit the Library Friends of Payson website at www.libraryfriendsofpayson.org.



Dickinson



Shakespeare



Whitman

Artisan Bread Recipe

Try this great recipe for free-form artisan bread from the book Artisan Bread in 5 Minutes a Day by Jeff Hertzberg and Zoe Francois (www.artisanbreadin5.com). It was featured in Terry Morris's Comfort Food cooking class held in August at the Library. This bread requires no kneading! The recipe was published in the Payson Roundup Newspaper's August 14 edition.

3 cups lukewarm water (about 100 degrees F)
 1 Tbsp granulated yeast
 1 Tbsp kosher or other coarse salt
 6 1/2 cups unsifted, unbleached, all purpose white flour (half can be bread flour, to minimize the effects of higher altitude). You can also replace 1/2 cup of the unbleached flour with 1/2 cup whole wheat flour.

Combine all ingredients in a 5-qt bowl. Stir all together with a wooden spoon until all the flour is completely incorporated. Do not use an electric mixer with or without batter hooks. Cover lightly and let rise about 2 hours.

Refrigerate overnight for best results (per website) at high altitudes.

Dough will be good for 2 weeks refrigerated or frozen until use.

When ready for use, sprinkle the dough with flour (it should be very moist) and cut off a 1-pound piece. Gently stretch the surface around to the bottom on all four sides, rotating the ball a quarter-turn as you go. Place the shaped ball on parchment paper that has been sprinkled liberally with corn meal, and let rest for 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Preheat oven to 450, and insert a baking stone to preheat. Alternatively, you can use a cast iron griddle. Preheat a roasting pan along with the stone.

Cut diagonal slashes into the dough every 2 inches or so (about half-way through the dough) across the surface.

Working quickly, slide the dough onto the baking stone and add 1 cup of very hot water into the roasting pan. Close oven door as soon as possible.

Bake 25 minutes and let cool before slicing. Serve with herbed butter.

Recipe makes about 3 1-pound loaves.

August Meeting Notes, con't

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garding fresh water, good pasture locations, etc. Virtually all made mention of the weather, the changing landscape, the exotic creatures, and the Indians seen on the trail.

Some diaries were meant to be read only by the writer herself, or close family members, and were more illuminating of inner feelings. One woman wrote that she made a conscious effort to maintain a cheerful attitude during the long day in the presence of her husband and children. Later in the evening, she would take a long walk on the prairie, out of sight and hearing of others. There, she wrote, she would throw herself down on the ground and 'wail like a baby' in anguish that she should have come on 'this wild goose chase'.

The journey was plagued with extreme difficulty. The wagons were so heavily laden with provisions that the pioneers had to walk alongside, even the children. Only the sick or injured were allowed to ride inside. After making camp for the night, the women unloaded the wagons and prepared their supper over open fires. There were no tables or chairs, and people ate sitting on the ground. In fact, Reba said, it seemed that all the women's work was done while stooping over. In the mornings, after making breakfast, the women had to repack the wagons for another day's journey. Wagons had to be completely unloaded for river crossings or portage over extreme terrain to ease the burden on the animals, so it was not uncommon to load and unload several times in one day.

"Death was a fellow traveler," Reba said. Disease, particularly cholera, decimated the population. Makeshift graveyards were seen all along the trail, some marked in haste by only a few rocks piled on the site. One woman recorded 164 such sites in just 1 month. And yet,

neither disease, hunger, thirst, death, or hostile Natives turned away the pioneers. Very few turned back.

Regarding Native Americans, Reba said that earlier pioneers found them to be helpful guides and traders. It was not until the late 1860's and 1870's that the Natives turned unfriendly, fearing encroachment of their habitat by tens of thousands of white settlers.

Even though intimate details were seldom mentioned in their diaries, 1 in 5 women who traveled experienced pregnancy on the trail. Many babies were given place names—'Gila' was a popular name in Arizona, for both sexes.

The diaries that have survived are torn, smudged with dirt, and warped by moisture, their condition bearing witness to the difficulties along the journey as much as the words written in them. It is awe-inspiring, Reba said, to think that the hands that wrote in these diaries were the same hands that wiped a fevered brow, or helped push a wagon wheel over a boulder.

The one common thread in all the diaries was the adherence to traditional family values. The women were extremely sensitive to their roles as the heart of their family, and also relied heavily upon their social network.

The women who completed the journey often became pillars of the new cities in the West. Some became homesteaders or entrepreneurs in their own right, but most were family matriarchs, revered by their descendents and their communities.

The words of these women are as precious a heritage to us as is the Declaration of Independence. Without either, our country would not be what it is today.

Address Changes in the Pipeline

Post Office Requesting Change to HC Addresses

The Payson Post Office has notified the Library Friends that in the coming months, all newsletters and mailings addressed to an HC address will be required to provide a physical address in order to insure continued delivery.

The HC addresses are for individuals living in Star Valley or other outlying areas of Payson. If your address falls into this category, please contact us at library_friends@hotmail.com or call Romaine Brophy at 474-9619, and give us your street address (or Payson Box Office number). We don't want you to miss any issues of [Among Friends](#).

Library Friends News, con't

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Public Relations processes, which includes Newsletter, Website, and Newspaper, TV, and Radio announcements. It is important to get the word out on all our activities. This new leadership promises to be a powerful team, and we look forward to a productive year.

In order to vote in the September election, you must be a current member of the Library Friends. If you haven't renewed yet, there is still time. If you would like to become a member, there is no better time than now to join. New members get a special bonus—one year of [free](#) Bestseller Club service by the Library. Provide the Library with a list of up to 4 of your favorite best selling authors, and we will

automatically reserve new books for you, and notify you when they come in. Library Friends members also get a 15% discount on direct purchases of our antique and collectible books.

National Library Friends Week Oct 18-24

Come into the Library during National Library Friends week, Oct 18-24, and see our Library Friends display highlighting the history of our Friends group. With small beginnings, we have achieved great things! You can also take a chance on the free raffle gift, a Book-Lover's Basket of goodies.

Rim Country Readers Club

Join the Rim Country Readers at their next meeting, Wednesday, September 16 for its annual 'Welcome Back' meeting. After its three-month summer hiatus, the Club will invite attendees to present short reports on their favorite summer read. Some of these books may become subjects for discussion at later meetings.

The Readers meet the third Wednesday of each month in the meeting room of the Library at 10:00 am, and discuss selected books for review. The meetings are open to the public, and attendance is free.

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and

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of your purchases and do-
nate it to the local non-profit
of your choice, through
March 2010.

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