

Arizona Cardinals Fund Summer Reading Buddies

The Friends received a **\$5,000 grant from Arizona Cardinals Charities** to benefit the Summer Reading Buddies program, which helps mitigate the "Summer Slide" for Scottsdale students by encouraging reading and writing.

The money will be used to **purchase 19 Chromebook laptops** to incorporate technology into the program. This is a volunteer-led program.

This program will provide additional learning opportunities **for 30 to 40 South Scottsdale students** during the summer months. The Summer Slide is a phenomenon where students lose knowledge of reading and math over summer break, which in turn delays learning during the start of the school year. The Summer Reading Buddies program last took place in 2019.

“We are grateful that **Arizona Cardinals Charities** is supporting this great program,” said Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library President Trey Granger. “We think this program aligns well with the **Cardinals organization** and its mission.”



Your Friend at The Library



Louisa Aikin
Senior Library Manager

Louisa is the Branch Manager at the Arabian Library. Originally from Corpus Christi, she moved to the valley from Virginia in 1990 and worked at Maricopa County Library District for five years before joining SPL. She has been with SPL for 25 great years! Over the years, she has worked in various positions at all the buildings except Appaloosa.

In her role at the library, Louisa manages the building's operations, represents the library and library system when meeting and talking with the patrons, supervises the Lead Librarian and Library Supervisor, handles the budget, and the community outreach, helps with the programming, serves on committees, assists with hiring staff, and generally keeps things running as smoothly as possible.

She enjoys reading, crafts, and enjoying the beauty of nature. She feels lucky to have the best vantage point in the library's staff breakroom and sees various birds, squirrels, lizards, and the occasional bobcat. Halloween is her favorite holiday, and she's known for wearing a chicken outfit and helping with the library's Halloween Family Fun event.

**Do you know of a library supporter that is not a Friends Member?
Please help us reach our goal of adding 100 new Friends Members this year.**

Scottsdale is blessed to have an incredible Library system with terrific facilities. But, each year there are budget shortfalls on facility and program needs. This is where the Friends steps in to provide critical support for the library. Through memberships, donations, and grants the Friends has supported important facility improvements like the SkyRoom and Scottsdale Heritage Connection spaces at the Civic Center Library, as well as annual support for the Summer Reading Program, the Annual Library Card Campaign, Scottsdale Seed Library, and the Summer Stem program to name a few. The majority of our funding goes to promoting programs for youth and children.

Do you know of someone that is a library advocate that believes in the critical role that the Scottsdale Library provides to the community? Please encourage them to join the Friends and help us reach our membership goal so that we can continue to support the Library in new and exciting ways!

In the Loop: A Note from the Interim Library Director

Scottsdale Public Library is blooming this Spring! **Let's look ahead to the NEW collections, services, and programs being introduced this Spring-- lots of reasons our patrons will be satisfied with Scottsdale Public Library for years to come.**

Youth Room at Civic Center Library

The new entrance into our recently refreshed Youth Room at Civic Center Library from the fabulously reimagined Scottsdale Civic Center is complete. The park area and splash pad may still be under construction, but the library will be ready to welcome families into the freshly re-carpeted Youth Room where lots of fun new items await our patrons when it's accessible.

Board Games & Science Kits

Since January we have added a board game collection for patrons to check out and play in the library or take home for family game nights. We started with 50 games for players of all ages, and are already looking to expand. This builds on the video game collection we added late last year with lots of appeal for gamers of all ages. Citizen Science Kits, including a brand-new kit that helps you check on your own home's air quality, will be back on shelves for April, in time to help everyone celebrate Earth Week by learning about our natural environment and contributing to crowd-sourced science research projects all across the globe.

Little Free Library

We are also expanding our services beyond the walls of our branches. There's a new Little Free Library in town, adjacent to Old Town in the historic Garden Apartment district. The Little Free Libraries in parks all over town are stocked by library volunteers with donated items and released library materials that do not go into our library shops.

Cloud Library

It's not just physical materials that are available to patrons outside our walls. A new digital platform, the Cloud Library, was recently added to expand the already rich virtual collection available to our patrons from wherever they are. The Cloud Library is a collection packed with all types of digital titles for readers of every age shared across multiple library systems to make a wider selection more available to patrons at member libraries. We've also recently added Cooking and Games platforms from the New York Times, popular options which are usually only available to subscribers, but are accessible for free through the code available on the library website.

As you can see, there are a lot of exciting NEW things happening at SPL! We appreciate your continued support and look forward to sharing more news with you next time!



Melissa Orr,
Interim Library
Director

Fun(draising) with Friends: We Love Your Support

The VIG for Lunch & Dinner

Wednesday, April 19th: 11AM - 9PM

Tax time is over, so now it's time to treat yourself to a nice meal. The Friends is partnering with **The Vig on Wednesday, April 19** for a restaurant fundraiser at its **two Scottsdale locations**.

This fundraiser takes place from **11am to 9pm**, so you can enjoy lunch or dinner. Simply visit The Vig at McCormick Ranch or McDowell Mountain and mention the Friends when you order. The Friends will receive **20 percent of the proceeds** from your order.

McCormick Ranch Location
7345 North Via Paseo Del Sur

McDowell Mountain Location
10199 East Bell Road

THE VIG



Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

Please enjoy the spring crossword. For any clues in bold, the answer is something related to taxes!
(Solution on page 6).

Across

1. Messy person
5. King or queen
10. Chair
14. Sink into the ground
15. Actress Durance or Fernandes
16. Place to find bats
17. Sign
18. Onion alternatives
19. Length times width
- 20. Well-written estate plan?**
22. Sticky liquid
24. Opposite of bro
- 25. Obligation at no cost?**
30. Pre-requisite test for college
33. Definite article
35. Comes in bow and neck variety
36. Pitcher statistic (acronym)
37. Coagulate
39. Weight loss company
41. Plane arrival times (acronym)
42. Truck engine
43. Curtain
44. Clenched hand
45. October birthstone
46. Indian flatbread
47. Object that bears fruit
48. Choose
49. Sun in Madrid
50. Question
53. Make a mistake
- 54. Middle of a lasso?**
57. ___ out a living
59. Snakelike fish
- 60. Trashy connection?**
65. Small, water-bound land
68. Former film reviewer Roger
70. Behave
71. Set of two

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72. Fast car
73. Organ for smelling
74. Lumberjack weapons
75. Asian skewered meat dish
76. 365 days
- Down**
1. Los Angeles air feature
2. Prom transportation (abbr.)
3. Sandwich cookie
4. Shows flexibility
5. Green hot dog condiment
6. Ex-Dodgers pitcher Hershiser
7. Surrender
8. Comic Cathy's catchphrase
9. "I'm telling you for the ___
___" (2 words)
10. Neck protector
11. Organ for hearing
12. Blvd alternative (abbr.)
13. Black or green beverage
21. Intelligence
23. Sailor's response
26. Paradise
27. Stop working
28. Object to erase a chalkboard
29. Sunday that completes Lent
30. Place to learn
31. Syrian Civil War city
32. Ketchup ingredient
34. Register
38. Before (slang)
40. Cereal grain
41. Digital payment (acronym)
43. Those who slobber
49. "He said, ___ said"
51. One who stands guard
52. White supremacist org (acronym)
55. Friends
56. Expel
58. "___ and Ivory"
61. Primary component of urine
62. Reed instrument
63. Eagle scout org (acronym)
64. One who colors hair
65. Hoppy beer (acronym)
66. Bill Clinton instrument (abbr.)
67. Tell a fib
68. Sheep noise

Bunnanza Event

Celebrate spring with a Western flare at the Bunnanza, hosted in the newly renovated Scottsdale Civic Center! The free event features fun for all ages -- including live country music, entertainment, egg hunts, interactive booths, food trucks, games, face painters, prizes and more. The Friends will be there to celebrate this special event with attendees.



When: Saturday, April 8, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Scottsdale Civic Center
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ

Book Club Update:

Friends Book Club is open to members at the Contributing Member Level or higher. Here is a preview of the next book. Please send an email to doolingwilber@yahoo.com if you are interested and we will provide further meeting details.

**April 27th:
Our Missing Hearts by
Celeste Ng**

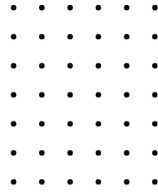
About the unbreakable love between a mother and child, the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children, and the power of art to create change.



Answer Key

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A message from our friends at **SCOTTSDALE LEADERSHIP**



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www.scottsdaleleadership.org/apply



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ABOUT OUR CORE
PROGRAM**

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- **April 20 5:00-6:30pm** at Boys & Girls Club Greater Scottsdale

