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Fall 2024 Newsletter

Update from the President

Fall is near! I hope you're finding ways to enjoy the cooler mornings and taking advantage of fall-themed activities around Scottsdale.

During this time of transition, I'm excited to share a few updates:

- **Friends membership renewals will now be annual:** To simplify our membership program and align with similar organizations across the valley, the Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library is transitioning to an annual membership cycle. Instead of a unique membership anniversary date, anyone who makes a qualifying contribution of \$35 or more to the Friends in October, November, or December will be considered a Friend for the following calendar year. This means that anyone who donates \$35 or more in the next few months will be considered a Friend during 2025. (Additionally, anyone who makes a contribution after January 1 will be considered a Friend during 2025).
- **Our second annual 24-Hour Donor Challenge is October 23:** An easy way to confirm your 2025 Friends membership is to participate in our second annual 24-Hour Donor Challenge on Wednesday, October 23! We've secured \$6,000 in matching contributions to help us raise \$6,000 in new funding on 10/23. All donations made through the 24-Hour Donor Challenge will support the library's well-known and beloved Summer Reading Challenge. Keep an eye on your email and follow us on social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)) to make your contribution on 10/23.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Friends and our Scottsdale libraries.

Amanda Shetler
President, Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library

Summer Reading Challenge Recap

The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge was a great success, incentivizing readers of all ages.

The Friends provided \$12,000 to fund prizes for this program, and here are a few numbers showing the impact of that support.

- There were 6,379 total partakers, including 790 prereaders, 2,809 kids, 651 teens, and 2,129 adults
- 2,853 participants read at least 1,000 hours during June and July 2024
- 5,675,307 total minutes read
- 8,292 prizes awarded

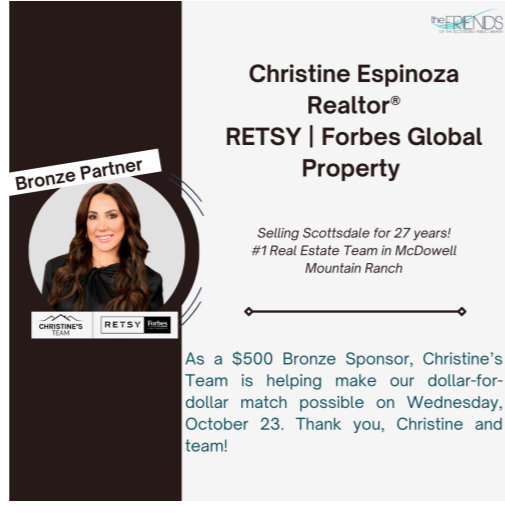
Scottsdale Public Library also held 244 total programs in June and July with 7,753 attendees. Who says people leave Arizona during the summer?

24-Hour Donor Challenge Returns October 23



Our biggest fundraiser of the year will take place on Wednesday, October 23 with the [2nd annual 24-Hour Donor Challenge](#).

We're trying to raise \$12,000 to fund the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, and we have secured \$6,000 in matching donations. This means every dollar raised will be **doubled** by our incredible community partners.

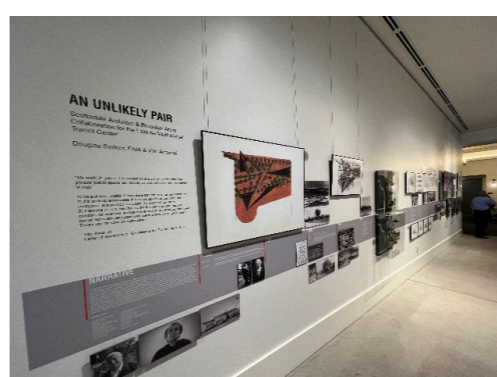


To participate in the challenge this year, you can [donate through our website](#), send the text message "Challenge2024" to 44-321, or send a check (made out to Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library) to PO Box 71, Scottsdale, AZ 85252.

Thank you to our 2024 matching partners, including Messenger Mortuaries, Fred & Nancy Lutgens, Christine Espinoza, and John Berry.

Enjoy a Free Field Tour & Talk on November 9

The newest art exhibit coming to the Scottsdale Heritage Connection is "[An Unlikely Pair](#)," featuring the evolution of the Loloma Multimodal Transit Center from 1994 to 1997.



You can enjoy a free field tour and talk with Scottsdale architect Doug Sydnor on Saturday, November 9 to discuss this project. To register and receive more information on this event, please send an email to scottsdalelibraryfriends@gmail.com.



The exhibit is sponsored by the Friends with support from a Scottsdale Arts grant. It will be on display at the Scottsdale Heritage Connection gallery at Civic Center Library from October 16, 2024 to February 1, 2025.

There will also be an opening reception and gallery talk on Tuesday, October 29 at 5pm featuring Sydnor and Mountain Shadows Gallery Curator Cece Cole.

Friends' Partner Fundraisers Keep Going Strong



The Friends continue partnering with external businesses to raise additional money for Scottsdale Public Library.

Our September 11 raffle at Rockbar in Scottsdale raised \$250, and we have a second raffle scheduled for Sunday, October 13.

We have also sold 63 Friends T-shirts in less than a year, raising \$392. You can [choose from four styles of shirts](#) just in time for Holiday gifts.

Join the Friends Book Club!

The FOL Book discussion group is open to Friends at the Contributing Level (\$100) and above ([learn more about our Friends membership levels here](#)). The group focuses on titles that deal with books, libraries, librarians, and reading in general. The titles we read sometime lead us to titles outside our stated focus.

OUR RECENT AND UPCOMING TITLES

Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague

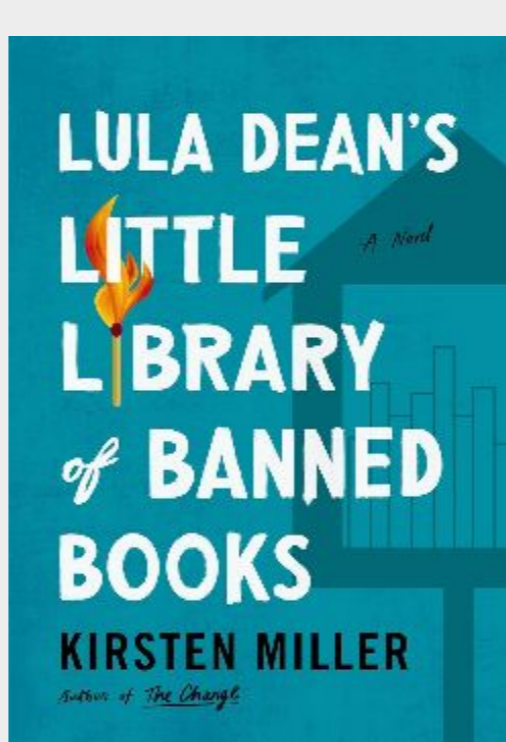
by Maggie O'Farrell



When a couple from Stratford-upon-Avon lose their young son, the father uses the son's name and inspiration for his most famous play, Hamlet.

Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books

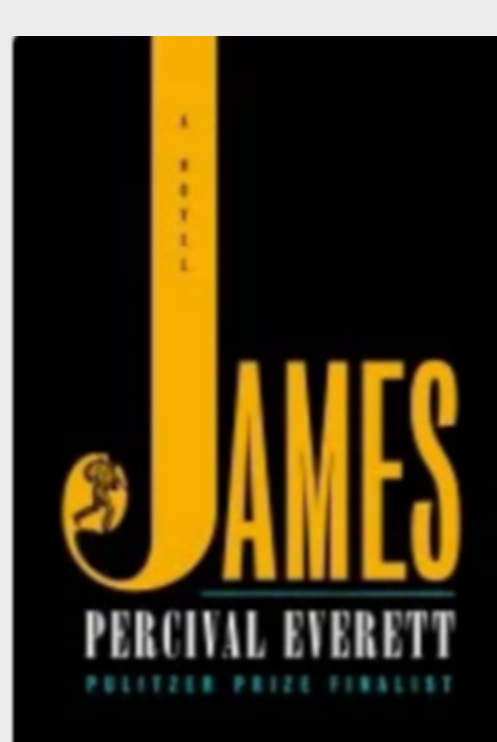
by Kirsten Miller



A satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything.

James

by Percival Everett



A re-imagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. This time the story is told by Jim, the runaway slave, instead of Huck.

Should you decide to purchase a book linked above, the Friends will receive 10% of the proceeds from our partners at Bookshop.org. All proceeds are invested directly in initiatives that benefit Scottsdale Public Library and its patrons. [Visit our shop at Bookshop.org.](#)

Interested in joining the Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library Board?

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