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Winter 2025 Newsletter

Update from the President

As we continue our mission to support and enhance the library, we remain focused on providing valuable resources that foster learning, growth, and community connection. Our work would not be possible without the support of individuals like you who are passionate about making a difference.

We are excited to share some upcoming events that will allow us to celebrate literacy, connect with fellow community members, and engage with all of you in meaningful ways.

Please join us for two fantastic events this April:

Thursday, April 3: Celebrate Earth Month with a Plant and Seed Swap!

Bring seeds, plant starts, or potted plants to exchange with fellow gardening enthusiasts and connect with local gardeners and Master Gardeners. We'll also create biodegradable seed planters with Blue Zones Scottsdale.

Event Details: Thursday, April 3 from 5 - 7 PM at Civic Center Library (3839 N Drinkwater Blvd)

Thursday, April 10: Join us for our annual Spirit of Literacy Awards, and stay for a Behind-the-Scenes Tour Architecture Tour of Arabian Library

Held since 2002, the Spirit of Literacy (SOL) Awards recognize significant contributions to support libraries and literacy in Scottsdale by individuals, corporations, foundations, and other entities. Join us as we celebrate the champions of literacy in our community, followed by a guided tour showcasing the stunning architecture of the Arabian Library. Light breakfast items provided.

Event Details: SOL breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 10 from 8 - 9:30 AM at Arabian Library (10215 E McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd, first right as you head east on McDowell Mtn. Ranch Rd. from N Thompson Peak Pky.), followed by architect tour from 9:30 - 11 AM.

Please RSVP to scottsdalelibraryfriends@gmail.com and indicate if you will attend the awards, the tour, or both.

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

Amanda Shetler
President, Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library

Friends Raise Over \$36,000 in 2024

The Friends would like to thank our members, donors, and grants and sponsors for helping us raise \$36,270 in revenue during 2024.

This support allowed us to spend \$36,580 on Scottsdale Public Library (SPL) programs last year. This includes:

- \$12,423 for the Ultimate Play Date
- \$10,000 on the Summer Reading Program
- \$3,657 toward the AWE workstations at Mustang Library
- \$3,000 for Family Read Aloud Nights
- \$3,000 on the 2nd Grade Library Card Program

These donations help ensure that SPL events and programs remain free to the general public. Thank you for helping us support lifelong learning!

Friends Debuts Furry Friends



Our newest offering, *Furry Friends of the Library*, is all about bringing the joy of reading and the comfort of animal companionship together. Your *Furry Friends* donation helps fund literacy programs like storytimes, reading events, and outreach activities that encourage children to read aloud to pets—a proven way to boost confidence and reading skills.



Donations start at \$35 annually, and all donations are tax-deductible. Support Scottsdale Public Library's mission of making reading pawssitive for everyone!

Visit <https://www.scottsdalelibraryfriends.org/join-us/furry-friends> to become a *Furry Friend of the Library* today.

Check Out the New Friends Website

One of our New Years Resolutions was to keep our look fresh, so we re-designed [our website](#) in March to make it prettier, more informative and easier to use.

You can visit the new Friends site at <https://www.scottsdalelibraryfriends.org>. Please [send us an email](#) if there is additional content you want to see.

Join us For Free Bunnanza Event on April 19

Come out to Civic Center Plaza on Saturday, April 19 for the annual [Scottsdale Bunnanza event](#).

This family-friendly event runs from 9am to noon, featuring egg hunts, crafts, food, and live entertainment.

Be sure to stop by the Friends table and pick up a free children's book.

Friends' Fundraisers Come in All Forms

When it comes to raising money for the Library, we have fun opportunities for all book lovers.

We raised over \$150 from dessert fundraisers with Jeni's Ice Cream and See's Candies in December 2024.

Our 50-50 raffle at the Ultimate Play Date on December 7 sold over \$300 in tickets.

Golf lovers helped us bring in over \$1,750 in the 2025 Birdies for Charity fundraiser.

We still have Friends T-shirts available for sale for \$25. You can [choose from four styles of shirts](#), and they make a great Mother's Day gift.



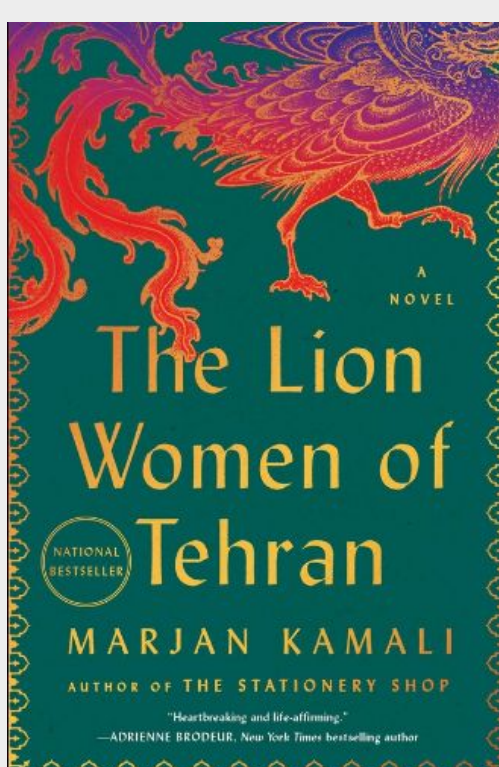
Join the Friends Book Club!

The FOL Book discussion group is open to Friends at the Contributing Level (\$100) and above ([learn more about our Friends donation 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 UPCOMING TITLES

The Lion Women of Tehran

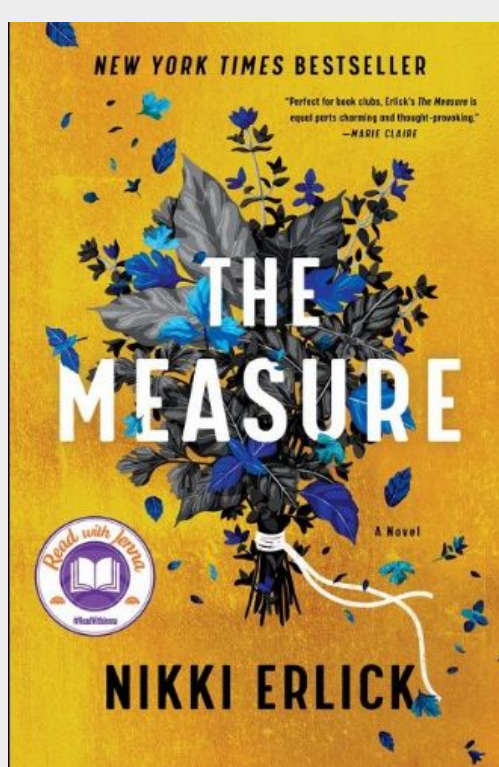
by Marjan Kamali
Tuesday, March 25



Set in 1950-1970s Tehran, teenager Ellie overcomes the death of her father, the evolution of friendships, and coming of age during political turmoil.

The Measure

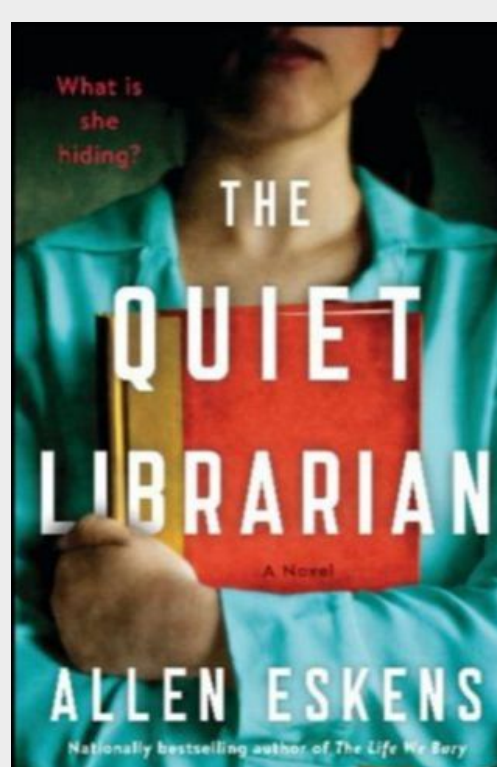
by Nikki Erlick
Thursday, April 24



Imagine a world where everyone receives a wooden box telling the number of years you will live. How will characters handle that scenario?

The Quiet Librarian

by Allen Eskens
Thursday, May 29



A Minnesota librarian's secret past as a Bosnian warrior catches up to her when she discovers that her childhood best friend was murdered.

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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