



is a nonprofit, all-volunteer community organization whose members support Scottsdale's public library system. Money raised by the Friends funds a variety of public programs at the Scottsdale libraries, focusing on youth in the community.

For more information about the Friends, visit www.scottsdalelibraryfriends.org or call 480.312.2420 or email friends@scottsdalelibraryfriends.org.

Contributions for the Discovery Zone can be made on the Friends' website or by calling for more information.

Interested in being involved in the fundraising campaign for The Discovery Zone?

Call Library Director, Carol Damaso at 480.312.2691 or cdamaso@scottsdaleaz.gov.



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at Civic Center Library



CREATING A PLACE OF DISCOVERY

- ★ **Creating an interactive, high quality experience** that leads children on a treasure hunt through the library's youth collection, will invite exploration of stories, science, math, geography, history and art - with surprises to be found around every corner!
- ★ **Encouraging children to use critical thinking skills in an exciting hands-on environment** will enable them to explore library resources, make discoveries, collaborate with other children and expand their imagination and interests at the Library.
- ★ **Inspiring children with technology** will prompt them to do creative exploration. Unique spaces for quiet and reading and hands-on activities will encourage creative game playing to achieve goals. Interesting use of space and design will promote learning. Children will be inspired to delve into areas of interest to expand their horizons.

Creating a Place of Discovery

Libraries have always been a place for the child and the family. We offer books, storytimes, computers, DVDs, CDs and other materials. But the new library should offer so much more: a place to discover, to work together on projects, to see and understand the how and the why of the modern world.

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills, a national educational reform organization, describes a number of criteria that students will need in the future to be successful participants in society. Besides the usual reading, writing and math skills, it advocates the **four Cs of critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, and creativity and innovation.** We will blend the library's collection of print, visual and downloadable materials in the Discovery Zone with active involvement using the four Cs.

This unique Discovery Zone will inspire enduring curiosity and love of learning in children. Quiet areas for reading will be balanced with active, children-involved centers for group participation. Whether doing a homework assignment or researching a new way to explore the universe, children can choose to interact in an environment appealing to all learning styles.

A custom designed early literacy area will incorporate interactive elements to address the learning needs of children ages birth to 5, reinforcing caregiver communication, introducing books, words and letters, and teaching the seven pre-literacy skills. The Early Literacy Centers are comprised of museum quality units, which include seating, books and custom-designed, open-ended activities that support the pre-reading skills.



Bring the Discovery Zone to life

If you are inspired to help the Scottsdale Public Library to make a difference in the lives of children, living in a new world, learning in a new way, make a donation today.

★ One star \$_____

★★ Two Stars \$50

★★★ Three Stars ... \$100

★★★★ Four Stars \$500

★★★★★ Five Stars \$1000

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