

Summertime, and the Readin' is Easy

Happy Summer!

Time for adventures of all kinds, including reading the latest Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library newsletter!

In this issue, you will find:

- A story of our support for the Scottsdale Public Library (SPL) Summer Reading Program
- Some new exciting Friends events to put on your calendar
- A review of our spring activities
- Word from and about our Friends at SPL
- Another installment of our themed (and popular) crossword puzzle

You will notice that we are beginning to present more Friends activities – now is a great time to invite your friends to “Be a Friend! Make a Friend!” The fun is just beginning.

We’ve officially surpassed 100 Friends members, and we hope to continue our growth to support all sorts of great SPL programming.

We hope you’ve been able to meet some new people through your Friends membership, and will help us continue our membership growth. People can join the Friends at <https://tinyurl.com/scottsdalefriends>.

Our Board has also grown and now features 12 Directors who volunteer their time to ensure that SPL continues as a pillar of the Scottsdale community.

Hopefully you are already seeing changes in the Friends’ correspondence and fundraising efforts, and this should only continue as more talented people volunteer their time for our great organization.

Lastly, we want to hear your feedback. If you have an idea for a better name for our quarterly newsletter, please email Peggysharp@aol.com.

Your Friend at the Library: Amy Herring



Amy Herring is Administrative Secretary for SPL. Along with helping the Library Director manage her schedule, emails, and calls, Amy is the Library Board coordinator and helps develop its meeting agendas.

Amy came to Scottsdale as a teenager from Connecticut. She and her husband Jim (a third generation Scottsdalian) live in a multi-generational full house – one high schooler at home (two others left the nest), as well as both their mothers, two dogs, and a tortoise.

Amy has been creating community connections through history on social media posts about items found in the Scottsdale Heritage Connection, which are cross-promoted on the Friends’ Facebook page. She’ll inform you all about the national celebrities who grew up in Scottsdale, like Fleetwood Mac’s Stevie Nicks.

Amy runs her own mini-Library located in front of her home, the “Peaceful Valley Little Free Library.” Her neighbors affectionately know her as “The Book Lady” – each Halloween she gives out about 100 books to Trick or Treaters. Some kids even forgo candy in the excitement over books, and the answer is always “YES!” if they ask for more than one.

You can find Amy walking around Civic Center Library with her SPL card in hand. She is a Friends member and does everything she can to help us out with creative ideas and suggestions, and knows how to get things done!

In the Loop: A Note from the Library Director

Friends Supports Summer Reading



This summer you can enjoy good books, and earn cool prizes with fun adventures along the way.

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) is back, and the Friends is again financially supporting prize packs for participant. (See the teen prize pack photo above.)

The SRP runs from June 1 through August 1, 2021, and is open to readers of all ages.

It is not too late to sign up, and anyone who reaches 1,000 points is eligible to receive a prize pack (while supplies last).

You'll receive one point for every minute read, and you can also receive additional points by completing online challenges or attending events.

Children can pick up a free game board at any SPL branch during open hours to enhance their reading experience.

To register for the Summer Reading Program, visit <https://maricopacountyreads.org>.

By Kira Peters: Director, Scottsdale Public Library

As most of you already know, despite the challenges of the pandemic, Scottsdale libraries have continued to offer services both contactless (drive thru/curbside) and in person with both Mustang and Civic Center libraries being open.



Now that the City is entering into the 2021/22 fiscal year the library is working to bring back personnel resources to implement a phased expansion of library operations – we are thrilled! Pending success with recruiting and hiring staff here is an [update on the phase one plan](#) per library branch.

- **Appaloosa:** The current operations/schedule with access provided by the Pony Express technology will remain.
- **Arabian Modified Opening:** We have started the staff recruiting process for a modified branch opening at Arabian library to complement the hours at Mustang library. Pending staff levels, the plan is to have branch hours at Arabian Library on Tues/Thurs/Friday and Saturday.
- **Civic Center Expanding Hours of Operation:** The goal is to get the Civic Center Library back to being open 7 days a week.
- **Mustang:** The current Mustang operations/schedule will remain.



Once we get the staffing resources hired and trained, we will announce the specific new “phase one” expanded hours of operations. Once phase one is implemented we will evaluate and work on phase two, which will bring us closer to the “pre-COVID-19 pandemic” library system schedule.

I know the community is anxious to know the library schedule details so we will work hard to be ready then communicate out to the public accordingly. For information on all things library visit us online at <https://www.scottsdalelibrary.org>.

On behalf of the Scottsdale Public Library System, I sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Fun with Friends: Upcoming Friends Events

Book Tricks and Treats: Bingo Blast with Best-Selling Authors

Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library is pleased to present a free Author Bingo event, Book Tricks and Treats, featuring *New York Times* best-selling authors on October 26 at 3pm.

This virtual event via Zoom will feature the authors discussing their new and recent books. While they are speaking, our Friends and their friends will be playing bingo on their phones or other electronic devices.



All players will receive a unique, individual bingo card and instructions for how to play. The first several players to cover five squares in a row (accuracy counts) will receive a free copy of one of the featured authors' books. Registration and more instructions are coming soon.

This opportunity is open to your friends living in Maricopa County. So, tell your book clubs and reading friends – there is room for everyone in this Tricks and Treats adventure.

Pictures Tell Stories: Children's Art Gallery Reception

We're hosting a special reception on Friday, August 20 at 10am to view the newest art gallery exhibit in Civic Center Library celebrating children's book art.



The reception will feature two Arizona children's book art collectors who will share their passion for children's book illustrations. Cathy Bonnell (a Friends member) and Mary J. Wong are both retired librarians who believe in the power of stories and pictures.

Bonnell and Wong will talk about their artwork on display and how the illustrations in this exhibit and the books in which they appear play a vital role to help readers understand their place in the world.

Refreshments will be provided at the event. More details will be sent.

Book Club Update



Our book club will return in September and our upcoming book is The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict.

This book is the remarkable little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, who became one of the most powerful women in New York. This book had a June 2021 publication date, so if you want to check it out from SPL, put your name on the list now!

The book club is open to all Friends members at and above the Contributing Friend level.

The club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10am. If you'd like to join our next discussion, please email Peggy at Peggysharp@aol.com.

For the summer, if you want a library-themed chuckle, check out Librarian Tales: Funny, Strange, and Inspiring Dispatches from the Stacks by William Ottens. This book is lots of fun!

Friends are Everywhere: Upcoming Programs

Scottsdale ArtWalk: Fascinating Art-i-Facts from the Friends

On the evening of Thursday, October 14, Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library will be the featured sponsor of the special Gold Palette ArtWalk in downtown Scottsdale.



We will have a table on Main and Market Streets with questions, answers, Spin-the-Wheel prizes, membership packages, and fun! We will also promote SPL's card sign-up campaign to encourage more Library users.

Our involvement in the art walk will feature "unexpected" information about artists in the galleries. There will be a Friends placard posted near the gallery doors, with a fascinating question about an artist – e.g. which Scottsdale artist was the first to ever put a cat in a painting with a Native American?

The artists may be local, international, living or deceased, but there will be some scintillating questions to peak gallery viewers' interest. In order to find the answer to the intriguing question, people will enter the gallery to find another Friends placard with the answer to the question along with where in the library (of course!) more information can be found about the artist.

The hope is that the questions will peak the interest of the art viewers, and the answer will remind them of the fun information that is found at their local library. Of course, we want everyone to peruse the art in the galleries as well.

Membership forms and brochures will be in the galleries and distributed by Friends who will be there to answer any questions. It should be an entertaining as well as educational way to make new Friends.

Friends, Food, Funds: A Delicious Way to Support Our Scottsdale Library

Do you ever feel like it's too hot to cook? Do you like to eat out or get take out food? Do you like to get together with family and friends? Do you like to support our wonderful library?

If you answered yes to any of these, our late summer fundraiser is for you.

We are planning restaurant weeks to support SPL toward the end of the summer, before winter residents begin crowding our dining spots. We'll be partnering with local restaurants on specific nights, who will donate a percentage of your paid check to Friends if you mention SPL when you order.



Details will follow during the summer, and will be promoted through SPL to get as many patrons as possible. When the time comes, we hope to see our Friends and their friends dine out and help us raise some funds.

Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

Please enjoy this literacy-themed crossword puzzle. For all clues in bold type, the answer is a two word rhyme featuring a type of literary material (solution on page 6).

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Across

- 1. "Just Do It" company
- 5. Fluid pouches
- 9. Prevail
- 13. Prepare for publication
- 14. Seasoned rice dish
- 16. Face blemishes
- 17. Noticed
- 18. Model Shayk or Pantavea
- 19. Breakfast or dinner
- 20. **What a sailor reads? (2 words)**
- 22. Advantage
- 23. Japanese currency
- 24. ___ Diego, CA
- 26. Grass-like plants
- 30. **What a bondsman reads? (2 words)**
- 35. Black and white cookie
- 36. Upper class
- 37. Cabin component
- 38. **What a scientist reads? (2 words)**
- 42. French aircraft manufacturer
- 43. New age children's game (abbr.)
- 44. Make small cuts
- 45. **What a nomad reads? (2 words)**
- 47. Say again
- 49. Home of the Sun Devils (acronym)
- 50. Norse afterlife location
- 51. Joan ___ and the Blackhearts
- 54. **What metalworkers read? (2 words)**
- 61. Entrance opposite
- 62. Largest human artery
- 63. Length times width
- 64. Fencing sword
- 65. Reasons for crutches
- 66. Steer a child off milk
- 67. Discount clothing store
- 68. Mascara target

Down

- 1. Red Sox channel
- 2. Brain output
- 3. Ukrainian capital
- 4. Italian volcano
- 5. Cowards supposedly lack them
- 6. Summer instructions (2 words)
- 7. 154 to the Romans
- 8. Not crazy
- 9. Show regret
- 10. Performed well on a test
- 11. Unexpected obstacle
- 12. Prefix for -phone or -vision
- 15. Incorrect claim
- 21. Drain-cleaning chemical
- 25. Beer types
- 26. Elon Musk specialty
- 27. Greek muse of poetry
- 28. Actress Messing or Winger
- 29. Slime
- 30. Flower growth
- 31. Well ventilated
- 32. Lacking company
- 33. Former Marlins owner Jeffrey
- 34. Nile country
- 36. Suffix for cigar- or disk-
- 39. Snoop Dogg specialties
- 40. Stimulation
- 41. Cooking measurement (abbr.)
- 46. Glossy alternatives
- 47. Continue an argument
- 48. Deciduous tree
- 50. Website starters
- 51. Boo
- 52. World's fair
- 53. Neither wins nor loses
- 55. Hard work
- 56. 2017 hurricane
- 57. Tiredness indicator
- 58. Birthplace of leaves
- 59. Use ones ears
- 60. Hourglass contents

Airtime With an Author Offers Mystery and Intrigue

Donis Casey was the featured local author at the Friends most recent Friends member exclusive *Airtime with an Author* program on Friday, May 7.

A group of enthusiastic readers met in the shade on the patio at Arabian Library to learn more about Donis’ “shady” characters.

You may well be familiar with Donis’ award winning *Alafair Tucker* series set in Oklahoma during the booming 1910s, featuring the sleuthing mother of ten children.

Donis has twice won the Arizona Book Award for these stories about an unforgettable woman who is willing to do anything for the good of her family. With titles like [The Old Buzzard Had It Coming](#) and [Hornswoggled](#), these books can’t help but be intriguing and engaging.



Donis’ newest series, *Bianca Dangereuse Hollywood Mystery*, stars Bianca LaBelle, a beautiful, headstrong, and wildly lucky star of the silent screen in glamorous 1920s Hollywood.

She spoke about her newest book in the series, [Valentino Will Die](#), in which Rudolph Valentino is dying, and his dear friend and screen idol, Bianca LaBelle, promises him she will find out who is responsible. One of his many lovers? A delusional fan? Or could it be a particularly vicious mobster whose name Bianca knows only too well? Who is trying to kill the world's greatest lover?

Donis wouldn’t reveal “whodunnit”, but she shared many insights and back-stories to her books. Her enthusiasm is contagious, as evidenced by the many comments and questions from the group.

As a special treat for those in attendance, Donis kindly gave everyone a free copy of one of her books – what better way to motivate? She also signed copies of her books for those in attendance.

We’re taking a summer pause from *Airtime with an Author* events, but expect to hear more about our next event during the fall.

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