

The Library: The Best Deal in Town

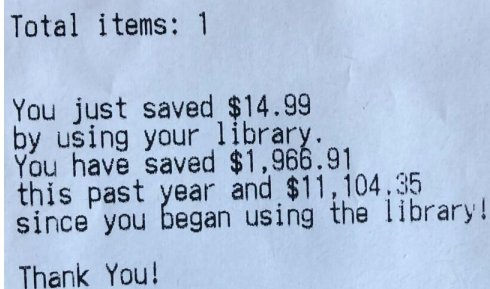
National Library Week in April is a perfect reminder to celebrate our libraries every day. We are so lucky to get so much value from our libraries – resources, programs, and more. Many have shared how significant and important libraries are in their lives.

“My grandma always said that God made libraries so that people didn’t have any excuse to be stupid.”

– Joan Bauer, American writer

Of course, Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library (SPL) value the library. But do you know how much value you really receive by using its resources?

Every time you check out a book or resource, you receive a receipt telling you how much money you have saved by using the library. How much have you saved? It really is amazing how the savings increase. Check those receipts...



Total items: 1
You just saved \$14.99
by using your library.
You have saved \$1,966.91
this past year and \$11,104.35
since you began using the library!
Thank You!

Take a photo of your most recent SPL receipt and send it to Peggy Chamberlain (Peggyssharp@aol.com). The Friend who has **saved the most by using SPL in the past year will receive a \$50 gift card** – winner selects the business.

Entries must be received by May 10, so you have time to pad your savings numbers. This “valuable contest” is only open to Friends members, so tell your friends to join now.

Your Friend at the Library: Erin Krause Riley



Erin Krause Riley is SPL’s Adult Services Coordinator. She is involved in many projects related to Adult Services programming and the return of SPL volunteers, as well as a few city projects.

Erin works on ways to connect SPL patrons with materials through virtual/in-person programs. Among her current and recent endeavors:

- Developing a programming workshop to launch new adult services programs
- Reorganizing the volunteer program
- Lining up equipment for an SPL podcast
- Setting up a local history and culture happy hour series (launches this month)
- Applying for and implementing awarded grants for SPL programs and resources
- Rolling out the virtual Pegasus branch as an online hub of SPL services

Erin helped develop the virtual desk services, including Bookmates and Bookmates, Jr. She also helped expand the Ask a Librarian service.

Erin also serves on the Staff Development and Internal Communications task forces and on the Strategic Plan Committee. She leads the new cross-departmental innovation group to solve problems identified by residents and city staff.

Erin is married with four children ranging from age 14 to 39. She grew up in Southern California and has lived in Portland, Maine and Boston. She has a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and a law degree, but no interest in practicing law.

In the Loop: A Note from the Library Director

Friends March in Parada Del Sol



The Friends joined SPL staff and the Library Board for a march down Scottsdale Road as part of the annual Scottsdale Parada Del Sol on Saturday, February 5.

In keeping with a theme, all library representatives dressed in costume as a literary character. Examples included The Cat in the Hat, Raggedy Ann, and Waldo.

In addition to parade walkers, the SPL "float" featured the library van and book bike "The Loan Ranger."

Our group handed out SPL stickers to children in the crowd, and generated a great response from the crowd recognizing their favorite book characters.

Thank you SPL for including us in this year's celebration.

By Kira Peters: Director, Scottsdale Public Library

Scottsdale Public Library (SPL) salutes Spring, and much is blooming in the library system.

The long-awaited expansion and renovation of the Sky Room (formerly the Story Time Room) at Civic Center Library is just about complete and the SPL team is thrilled to welcome the public back into the space for youth literacy programming and much more.



The Friends of Scottsdale Public Library contributed to the Sky Room project in a big way by applying for and being awarded a \$25,000 grant from Fiesta Bowl Charities. This funding went directly to supporting the critical audio-visual needs of the room. Thank you, Friends!

A colorful and festive "Fiesta in the Sky" grand opening is scheduled for Thursday May 12 with remarks and recognition beginning at 10am. All Friends members and the public are cordially invited to attend.

In other news, since the full restoration of SPL hours of operation in January 2022, gate count attendance system wide is staying strong at approximately 40,000 patrons a month. This number is expectedly up compared to last year's gate count attendance number of 9,000 when the Appaloosa and Arabian branches were drive through only and hours were limited at Civic and Mustang libraries due to Covid-19 impacts.

Drive throughs and curbside remain popular. Since January 2022 the library has served 27,000 drive through/curb side visits.

In addition to general library access increases, SPL is thoughtfully bringing back valued volunteers and programming is making a comeback in service to our youth and adult patrons.

SPL will continue to reach for the sky and connect our community to literacy, entertainment, programming, and information. Thank you, Friends of Scottsdale Public Library.

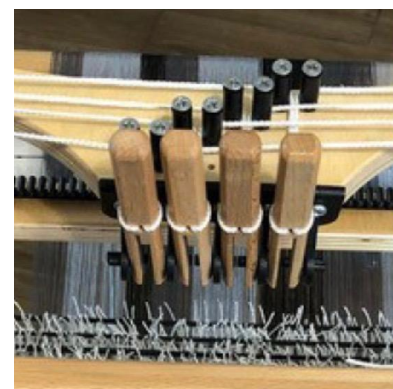
Fun with Friends: Upcoming Free Friends Events

Ask an Artist: Artist Receptions at Civic Center Library

Friends continue to have a special chance to meet with artists and get a sneak peak at receptions for each Civic Center Library exhibit.

Our February reception showcased FIRST: Native American Artists of Arizona. It featured Native American artists living in Arizona creating artwork from their history, creation stories, and lives.

Our next reception is Friday, April 22 at 10am in the Civic Center Public Gallery. The gallery show is INTERWOVEN: Telaraña Fiber Arts Guild, a celebration of Arizona's beauty inspired by plants, canyons, lakes and skies. Telaraña means "spider web" in Spanish and symbolizes the connections felt with others who love the fiber arts.



High Time for High Tea with an Author

Friends enjoyed tea and conversation with six valley authors on Thursday, February 24th.



Thanks to the generosity of the **Sonoran National Insurance Group** (7502 E Pinnacle Peak Rd), Friends were able to enjoy tea, treats and conversation with the following writers:

- Dan Baldwin, Western and psychic detection novelist
- Donis Casey, Two-time Arizona Book Award recipient
- Dianne Freeman, Victorian history novelist
- Karen Odden, USA Today best-selling author
- Betty Webb, author of 10 mystery books set in AZ
- Dianne White, picture book author and poetry lover

Everyone had a high time at this high tea, so look for this to be an annual event. You won't want to miss the next one! It was a tea-rrific treat!

Not to Be Forgotten: Author Wynne Brown

On March 6, the Friends welcomed author Wynne Brown to Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West for a discussion of her book [The Forgotten Botanist](#), the story of Sara Plummer Lemmon.

This free event offered a special meet-and-greet for Friends members to learn about Plummer and her husband John, both botanists, who established a library and identified hundreds of plant species in the Western US that Sara described and then illustrated with beautiful watercolors. Her legacy lives on today – Mt. Lemmon is named for her.



The Friends is happy to have partnered with the Museum of the West for this wonderful program.

Fun(draising) with Friends: We Love Your Support

The Perfect Pairing: Art, Books and Wine

Were you able to attend either of our Sunday night wine fundraisers in January and February? Due to popular demand, we are scheduling another one for Sunday, April 24 at 6pm.



These events take place at Anticus Fine Art Gallery and Books in Old Town Scottsdale. They feature light appetizers, five wine tastings from LDV Estate Winery, five book passage readings, and five art viewings.

We limit attendance to 15 guests per event to provide an intimate experience,

and our first two events sold out quickly. Tickets are still available for the April event.

Attendees are also entered to win prizes including an Anticus gift certificate and bottles of LDV wine.

Friends members receive a \$10 discount on the \$75 price, and ticket proceeds benefit the Friends. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://ticketstripe.com/events/1028669>.

Winter Fundraisers Produce Over \$4,000 in Donations

In addition to our wine events, we held two successful fundraisers in the first quarter of 2022: Birdies for Charity and a Portillo's Hot Dogs fundraiser.

The Portillo's fundraiser took place February 28, and we received 20 percent of all orders when diners showed the Friends flier while ordering Chicago-style hot dogs and Italian beef. Drive-through orders counted, and the line of cars was around the corner.

We earned enough money in Birdies for Charity to qualify for 10 percent matching from Thunderbirds Charities. Our "Guess the Birdies" contest winner predicted 1,422 birdies, and the actual amount was 1,430.

Visit <https://scottsdalelibraryfriends.org/events> to stay up-to-date on future Friends fundraisers.

SPL Programs Receive Friends Support

The Friends has donated \$13,600 to SPL programs so far in 2022.

This includes:

- \$8,000 toward the Summer Reading Program
- \$3,000 toward Girls in STEM
- \$2,630 toward Family Read Aloud Nights

We also gave \$500 toward an iPad prize for people filling out the Library Community Survey.

Thank you to our members for helping us support these great programs. We plan to give plenty more during the rest of 2022.

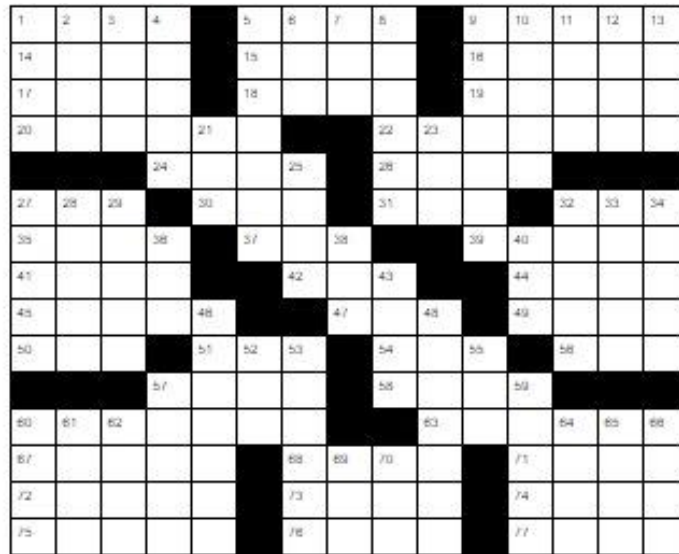


Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

Please enjoy this friend-themed crossword puzzle. For all clues in bold type, the answer is an author's last name whose well-known book's title or story has to do with spring (solution on page 6).

Across

1. Eat at ____
5. Guitar performance
9. Decrease in effort (with "off")
14. Russian mountain range or river
15. Reflection of sound
16. Dye used in temporary tattoos
17. Scottsdale neighbor
18. Reverse or neutral
19. Digested
20. **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** author
22. **The Secret Garden** author
24. Part attaching fruit to trees
26. Egyptian goddess of nature
27. Fuel for automobiles
30. Had a meal
31. Letters between C and G
32. Female pig
35. Jazz singer Fitzgerald
37. Like a fox
39. **White Oleander** author
41. Persuade someone
42. Leaf-based beverage
44. Dorothy's dog
45. **Flowers for Algernon** author
47. Guitar aid (abbr.)
49. Takes to court
50. WWII intelligence agency (acronym)
51. Spanish gold
54. "It's the end of an ____"
56. Common heart test (acronym)
57. Shoelace problem
58. Smelling organ
60. **Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil** author
63. **Silent Spring** author
67. Breathing
68. Fencing sword
71. ____ avis
72. To be suitable



73. Discount clothing store
74. Actor Epps or Sharif
75. Opposite of odds
76. Television units
77. Depend
28. Succulent plants
29. Defeats a dragon
32. Dark beer
33. Group of eight
34. "____ Line is it Anyway?"
36. Paul Bunyan's weapon
38. Vote in favor
40. "____ a Wonderful Life"
43. Prayer ending
46. Shakespeare's works
48. Due _____
52. Athlete Carew or Woodson
53. Playful sea mammals
55. "Solid ____ rock" (2 words)
57. Actor Costner or Hart
59. Mistake
60. Talking pig
61. Mountain height (abbr.)
62. Widespread
64. Identical
65. Spoken
66. Not a single one
69. "The Raven" poet
70. NYC time zone (acronym)

Libraries are for Reading

Book Club Update

The Friends Book Club's most recent book was "Desert Noir" by Betty Webb, and Betty joined our conversation to share the real stories behind events in the book.



Her experience researching Indian art convinced her that a Scottsdale art gallery owner was misleading buyers, which became inspiration for this book about a gallery owner who is mysteriously murdered.

Set in Scottsdale, the Valley and the nearby desert, readers recognized several locations and situations in [Desert Noir](#).

Our next book is [Crossings](#) by Alex Landragin, a genre-bending book that is an intricate literary puzzle to be read either as a first-to-last page narrative or by following an alternative chapter sequence.

Contributing Friends or higher are welcome to join us for discussion, treats, and whatever else. Email Peggysharp@aol.com to join us.

National Library Week is in April! It is the perfect time to read about the library. Some titles that are especially recommended include:

- [The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections](#) by Eva Jurczyk: Do the ancient books shelved in the stacks have all the secrets, or are the people who preserve them the secretive ones?
- [The Diamond Eye](#) by Kate Quinn: A World War II tale of a librarian who becomes history's deadliest female sniper. Based on a true story.
- [The Library Book](#) by Susan Orlean: A chronicle of the Los Angeles Public Library fire that showcases the larger, crucial role of libraries in our lives.
- [The Library of Babel](#) by Jorge Luis Borges: A short story about a different universe that is actually a vast library.
- [The Lions of Fifth Avenue](#) by Fiona Davis: Book thefts cause chaos in the iconic New York Public Library, and two generations of strong-willed women must pick up the pieces.
- [The Paris Library](#) by Janet Skeslien Charles: When the Nazis marched into Paris, the library was threatened. The librarians joined the Resistance with the best weapons they had: books.
- [The Personal Librarian](#) by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray: The story of Belle da Costa Green, personal curator and director of the JP Morgan library who became one of the most powerful women in New York despite her dangerous secret.

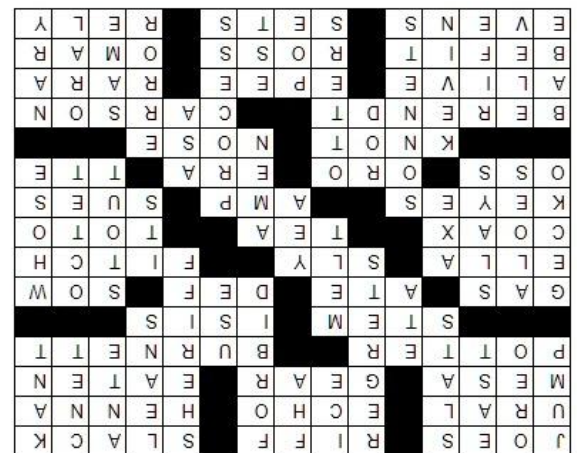
Help Us Plan More 2022 Activities

We have been busy with many activities, much learning and so much fun! Hope you have been able to join us for some of our events.

"When in doubt, go to the library."

—J.K. Rowling

The Friends membership committee is working on the calendar for next "season", so be sure to watch for activities and share your suggestions.



Answer Key