

Fall Has It All for Friends!

As people return to Scottsdale and the temperatures begin to fall, Friends is planning a number of events.

Friends of Libraries even have their own national week of celebration Oct 17-31. National Friends of Libraries Week is the perfect time to celebrate what we've done, and what we hope to do in the future.

It's time to report on our activities, and let everyone know that the Board and the committees have been busy.

In this issue you will find:

- A Tricks and Treats Book Talk and Bingo with *New York Times* best-selling authors
- Another Airtime with an Author event, this time with *New York Times* best-selling author, Jenn McKinlay
- A report on our popular restaurant fundraisers
- An opportunity to meet a new friend who works at the Scottsdale Public Library
- A report on some of our successful grant receipts
- A look at the new Spirit of Literacy Award winners

And more!

Go ahead, sit back and enjoy reading about what Friends has been doing, and celebrate our friendship with Scottsdale Public Library (SPL). Thanks for being a Friend.

Your Friend at the Library: Mandy Carrico



Mandy Carrico is Senior Library Manager over Operations and Public Service for SPL, in charge of library branches. She started in June 2018 as Civic Center Library Branch Manager, and began her current role in 2020.

Mandy is a native of Texas, born and raised in Houston. She received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Houston and earned her Masters in Library Science from the University of North Texas. Her relocation to Scottsdale is the first time she has lived away from Houston.

Mandy has worked in libraries since 2007. She really knows about the different positions within the library as she has been a library page, a library aide, the children's librarian, the teen librarian, the reference librarian, a branch manager, and a library system coordinator for adult programs and technology classes.

Mandy decided to make the career move from Houston to Scottsdale because the staff at SPL was so nice during the interview process, the buildings were beautiful, and the service was robust. It was a team she was excited to join.

Married for 17 years, Mandy has three kids, all teenagers. She "escapes" by reading fantasy and romance, and she loves writing fiction. Her family likely gives her many ideas.

She adores traveling, eating, and cooking. It's no wonder that she works out six days each week.

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Library Expands Storytime Room with Friends Help

Get in the Spirit!

The Friends congratulates the recipients of the annual Spirit of Literacy Awards, which will be presented on November 5.

The awards recognize those who truly excel in promoting reading, literacy, and library use in Scottsdale. Because the 2020 ceremony was postponed, this year we celebrate the honorees for both 2020 and 2021.

2020 Spirit of Literacy Awards

Lois McFarland
Silverman Family Foundation
Diana & David Smith

2021 Spirit of Literacy Awards

Sandy & Jim Bruner
Christine & Rick Kovach
Teresa Kim Hayes-Quale
Karen Yamasaki

All honorees were selected by the Friends Board of Directors. Some have been significant donors to SPL projects, others have fostered good Library policy such as the elimination of late fees or spreading the news of unique programs and services.

We salute the Spirit of Literacy Award honorees and thank them for their dedication to literacy in our community.

The Friends and SPL are collaborating on a \$620,000 project to double the capacity of the Sky Room for children's storytime at Civic Center Library, and we couldn't contribute to this great project without our Friends members.

Construction is set to begin next month from a design by local firm Weddle Gilmore. It will expand the space of the room from 1,600 to 3,428 square feet, which will increase capacity from 45 occupants to 90 (artist rendering of the new space below). This is crucial as the current space is so popular that families are often turned away.

In addition to helping with construction costs, Friends is raising money to furnish the space with iPad minis, an 85 inch Smart TV, a gaming system, virtual-reality goggles, and updated manipulatives/toys. All of this will enhance the reading experience for children ages 0-5, creating lifelong learners.



We've already received grants from Fiesta Bowl Charities and the Literary Society of the Southwest to help fund this initiative, and we are accepting donations from the public toward this public-private partnership.

To learn more about this project, or to make a donation, please visit <https://scottsdalelibraryfriends.org/programs/story-time-room-expansion>. We hope the expanded room will open to the public in 2022.

Friends Funds Seed Library at Mustang

The Friends is funding the seed library program starting in 2021, offering free seeds to all SPL cardholders available at the Mustang branch (10101 N 90th Street).

Anyone with an SPL card is welcome to check out three seed packets per month, and seed selection is based on the season. To learn more, please visit <https://www.scottsdalelibrary.org/services/seed-library>.

Fun with Friends: Upcoming Friends Events

Come Play Book Bingo With Us on October 26

The Friends is pleased to present a unique bingo event to our members and other readers throughout Maricopa county featuring best-selling authors on October 26 at 3pm.



Just in time to choose Halloween reads filled with tricks and treats, this free event features book club favorite authors: Karen White, Sarah Warburton, Laura Morelli, Greta Kelly, Nicola Harrison, and Matt Coyle, an interactive virtual game of bingo, and fun prizes.

All you have to do is show up – and why not invite your book club friends and fellow readers to join in as well? Get ready to learn about great new reads to add to your “to be read” list.

Your Adventure includes a book discussion with all six authors, an interactive virtual game of Book Bingo, Q&A, prizes, and the opportunity to meet the authors via Zoom. Books may be ordered for shipping within the U.S. and will include a signed bookplate.

You can register for this great free event online by visiting <https://adventuresbythebook.com/event/book-bingo-trick-treat-2021/>.

Spend Some Airtime with an Author on November 2

Join us for the next *Airtime with an Author* event featuring *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and Publisher’s weekly best-selling Arizona author, Jenn McKinlay at Appaloosa Library on Tuesday, November 2 at 3pm.

Here are five fast facts about Jenn:

1. She believes that daydreaming is terribly underrated as a life skill
2. She always wanted to be a jockey, even though at age nine she was already too tall
3. Her skateboard is her favorite toy
4. She was an extra on a TV show, *Moloney*, and it was very boring
5. She has flown a glider, and has a log to prove it

Reservations are mandatory for this activity. Masks are required for those not fully vaccinated. Please email peggysharp@aol.com to secure your spot.

Book Club Update



Our book club will next meet on October 28 at 10am to share thoughts about The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams.

In this debut novel based on actual events, as a team of male scholars compiles the first Oxford English Dictionary, one of their daughters decides to collect the “objectionable” words they omit. Hopefully, our book club won’t find the book objectionable at all.

We were pleased to welcome a new member to the Friends Book Club last month, where we discussed The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

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.

Art & the Library: What a Combination

Friends Educate Art Enthusiasts at Scottsdale ArtWalk

The Friends was honored to serve as the featured sponsor of the Gold Palette ArtWalk in Old Town Scottsdale on Thursday, October 14, treating gallery audiences to fun facts about their favorite artists.



Offering education as well as entertainment, the Friends posted trivia questions about authors outside of 19 different galleries. The answers to the questions were found by walking inside the galleries.

Our table on Main and Marshall Streets featured used book sales and a prize wheel, and we also helped SPL sign up new library cards to help achieve its goal of 2,000 new SPL members by November 30.

We are always excited to venture out into the community and spread the word about the Friends.

Gallery Receptions Sponsored by Friends

The Friends hosted two receptions at Civic Center Library, one celebrating children's book illustrations on August 20 and another welcoming the new Scottsdale Poet Laureate on September 23.

The August event featured a private meet-and-greet for Friends members before the opening of the summer art gallery exhibit *Pictures Tell Stories*. Retired librarians Cathy Bonnell and Mary Wong gave insight into their private collection of children's book illustrations, and more than 50 people attended the reception.



The September event celebrated poet, editor, and educator Lois Roma-Deeley. Her students and family members were on-hand as she accepted her appointment from Mayor David Ortega.

Roma-Deeley is the founding director of the Women Writers Workshop at ASU, currently serves as associate editor of *Presence*, an international poetry journal, and is an emeritus professor at Paradise Valley Community College.

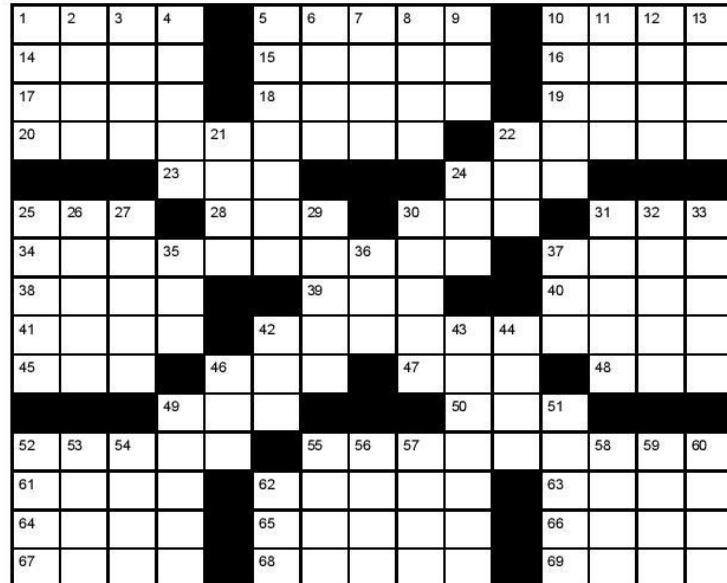
As Scottsdale's poet laureate, Roma-Deeley will serve as ambassador of Scottsdale's literary culture and will enhance the profile of poetry, poets, and literary arts to the entire community through workshops, performances, and advocacy. Watch for her events – her poetry truly is remarkable!

Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

Please enjoy this friend-themed crossword puzzle. For all clues in bold type, the answer is a two word rhyme featuring another word for friend, such as "regal pal" (solution on page 6).

Across

1. Basic unit of matter
5. Aesop specialty
10. School courtyard (abbr.)
14. Fiddling emperor
15. Sandwich cookies
16. "Do ____ others"
17. Thoughtfulness
18. Peruses a book
19. Prepare for publication
- 20. Writing surface friend?**
22. Low-ranking workers
23. Home of the Buckeyes (acronym)
24. Hair securer
25. Back of a ship
28. Home of Cal Poly (acronym)
30. Museum collection
31. Diet no-no
- 34. Painter Rivera's friend?**
37. Prefix for -globin or -philia
38. Field laboring animals
39. Imitate
40. Politician Hirst or Jones
41. Ballpoints or gels
- 42. Fake friend?**
45. Attempt
46. Suffix for proto- or sporo-
47. Hill or peak
48. Racing additive (acronym)
49. Waiter bonus
50. Liquid or solid alternative
52. Bed activity
- 55. Rugby friend?**
61. Moscow's "terrible" ruler
62. One of 12 in a courtroom
63. Actress Byrne or McGowan
64. It may contain to-dos
65. What volcanoes do
66. Fencing sword



67. First aid or travel containers
68. Walks in water
69. Where the sun sets
- Down**
1. Tiny workers
2. Greenish-blue
3. Killer whale
4. "Be prepared," for instance
5. List of ingredients
6. Length times width
7. Defeat
8. Ore deposit
9. Curved letter
10. King's mate
11. Reverse a change
12. Number for adoptee (acronym)
13. Round marks
21. Exxon predecessor
22. Large hole
24. In favor of
25. Take a position
26. One who solves problems
27. Tiny, with "weeny"
29. Nebraska city
30. CIA employee
31. Large-scale criminal
32. Acid forming protein
33. Broadway awards
35. GPS alternative (acronym)
36. Stock launch (acronym)
37. That girl
42. Snap, crackle, and ____
43. Ice cream substitutes
44. Prepare for a test
46. Fasten pants
49. Camping shelters
51. Nail alternative
52. Scarf material
53. 57 to Romans
54. "____ of Eden"
55. Chapter of the Koran
56. Filth
57. What knots are tied with
58. Expectation
59. Purposes
60. Become acquainted with
62. Israelite

Fun(d)s for Friends

Friends in Community

In partnership with SPL's campaign to sign up 2,000 new Library cards, Friends will have a table at several local events this fall. Stop by to say hi!

**Thursday, October 21 &
Friday, October 22**

Halloween Spook-Track-ula
6pm to 9:30pm
McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7301 E Indian Bend Rd
(Admission to event is \$15)

**Saturday, November 4 &
Saturday, December 6**

Old Town Farmers Market
8am to 1pm
3806 N Brown Ave

Friday, November 12

Cardholder Appreciation Night
Scottsdale Stadium
7408 E Osborn Rd
6pm to 8pm

Saturday, November 13

Pima Dynamite Trailhead
28777 N Pima Rd
Times TBD

For a full list of upcoming Friends events, please visit us online at <https://scottsdalelibraryfriends.org/events>

Restaurant Rewards

We've raised nearly \$700 through our 2021 restaurant fundraisers, and you can participate in our next one at Oregano's in Scottsdale and Paradise Valley (two locations!) on October 19.

Eat some good food! Raise some good funds! Yes, participating in our Restaurant Fundraisers helps fund the Friends of the Scottsdale Public library projects, as the Friends receives 15-20 percent of your bill.

Please visit <http://scottsdalelibraryfriends.org/events> for a list of upcoming restaurant fundraisers. Be on the lookout for announcements sent to members ahead of each specific fundraiser.

Next, get some family or friends together and meet for a meal at the next fundraiser restaurant. Bring your flyer with you and show it to your server.

It's a wonderful way to have a night out and to raise money for a great cause at the same time. Happy eating, Happy fundraising to all!

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When you shop using <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0542150> instead, 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to the charitable organization of your choice.

So whether you're finding holiday deals on Cyber Monday or just generally shopping for everyday items, AmazonSmile will give you the exact same Amazon experience while raising money for the Library.



Answer Key

You have our permission to buy expensive things!