

We're in the Money! At Least We're Trying!

Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library is involved in more and more fundraising opportunities, so we can support even more Scottsdale Public Library Programs.

Everyone wins when we can help provide the many programs that make our library special! Here are a few of our recent highlights:

- Thanks to everyone who participated in Birdies for Charity. As a result of pledges and donations, **Friends raised \$2,598.12 for future library programs.** We're also eligible for up to 10 percent in donation matching from the Thunderbirds.
- We're once again participating in **Arizona Gives Day on April 6th** to support the Second Grade Library Card Campaign. We've set a \$1,000 fundraising goal. To participate, please visit <https://www.azgives.org/scottsdalelibraryfriends>.
- We now have a Board member dedicated to grant-writing for Friends. She's enrolled in a grant-writing class and is identifying local and national grants for which we can apply in 2021.

You can also help support the Friends through your everyday purchases, including:

1. Before you shop for groceries, [link your Fry's Rewards card](#) with the Friends and we'll benefit every time you shop
2. If you're online shopping via Amazon, use <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0542150> instead and the Friends will receive .5% of your purchases
3. If you need a better night's sleep, you can help Friends rest easier as well by purchasing a mattress from local business Tuft & Needle (<https://www.tuftandneedle.com/?p=993dc660>), as the Friends will receive 25% of the proceeds if you mention us at check-out

With our increased membership and involvement in more fundraising activities, the Friends is providing needed support for innovative and engaging Library programs.

Your Friend at the Library: Mariko (Mari) Whelan



Mari Whelan is the Early Learning, Youth and Teen Coordinator for SPL. She oversees all programming up to age 18 and works with the youth staff to implement SPL's innovative programs.

She has a Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education and extensive knowledge of the ages and stages of learning. In her initial years at SPL, she created and revamped early learning programs that aligned with State Early Learning Standards and Infant and Toddler Guidelines.

Mari has also developed book review programs and writing contests, as well as STEM programs such as the science behind fake snow. She even incorporates art through crafty story times and the teen painting and knitting programs.

Some of her ideas have been included in journal articles and textbook chapters in *Create, Innovate, and Serve: A Radical Approach to Children's and Youth Programming*, and the upcoming *A Librarian's Guide to Engaging Families in Learning*.

Her SPL programs Knowing and Growing, Books Can..., and Fun with Math and Science have all been featured in journal articles and research studies. Autographs, anyone?

In her spare time, Mari enjoys off-roading with her family, visiting Disneyland, spending time with her grandchildren (Beckett and Braylon), as well as reading, writing, and doing puzzles.

In the Loop: A Note from the Library Director

By Kira Peters: Director, Scottsdale Public Library

Editor's Note: On a recent edition of Arizona Horizon on Arizona PBS, Kira was interviewed about how the Scottsdale Public Library has adapted to the pandemic and what changes and innovations were made as a result.

As we know, SPL has really shined during this unusual time, and Kira Peters is "serious" (the brightest star in Earth's night sky, hence the gold star on her picture) about letting everyone else know about it. You can watch the full Horizon interview with Kira at <https://azpbs.org/horizon/2021/03/scottsdale-library-implements-pony-express-system>.



Library life in Scottsdale continues to be full of excitement, change, challenges and fun as we serve the public through the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are some hot topics surrounding our work to keep you all in the loop.

The recent decision by the Dr. Seuss company to discontinue publishing several titles has resulted in questions to the Library about whether these titles will be removed from the Library's collection; there are no current plans to do that.



The Library houses a collection that contains both historic and modern works that embody the ways in which society and literature itself has evolved, and reflects continuing cultural evolution.

The Scottsdale Public Library remains committed to the American Library Association's Freedom to Read principles. The great thing about stories is that they reflect the values and struggles of society, and are a wonderful way to view

the world from different perspectives.

Reading books from the past can help to understand how values and views have changed over time. They can often open people's eyes to how events of the past still influence life today.

The Library will continue to give the city of Scottsdale the opportunity and space to evolve in the ways they view and engage with the Library's materials.

We are preparing to dip our library toes back into in-person, outdoor youth programming starting in April. Library staff will offer programming once a week for the 0-5 age group (with caregiver) at a variety of outdoor park locations including Rio Montana, Mountain View, Civic Center Mall and Railroad Parks. Public health safety protocols will be strictly followed, and attendance limited to allow for social distancing.

Finally, the Pony Express @ Appaloosa, which is our new self-service library, is now open for service. This service allows the public to enter and use the Appaloosa Library without library staff on the floor, with their library card in good standing. Please visit our Pony Express website for all the information you need.



Be a Friend! Make More Friends!

We're hoping to become the largest library Friends group in Arizona, and you can help us while reaping the rewards through our Friend referral program.

From now until June 1, **if you recruit at least two new Friends members, we'll increase your membership level** until your renewal date. This means more guest passes for events and access to all the fun activities we have planned once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Book Club Update



Entertaining, educational, and enlightening describe the books and discussions of the Friends Book Club. There is always something new to learn, think about, and discuss.

Our most recent book was Colson Whitehead's The Nickel Boys, the 2020 Pulitzer Prize winner for Fiction. The insights from our discussion were fascinating and connections with Arizona enlightening.

Our April book will be Diane Setterfield's The Thirteenth Tale, a suspense novel set in the world of books, authors, and stories.

In May, we'll enjoy Janet Skeslien Charles' The Paris Library.

Please contact Peggy at Peggysharp@aol.com if you'd like to join our monthly book club. Membership is limited to Contributing Friends & above.

We're already working on author presentations featuring well-known local and national authors, so your friends are going to want to join anyway. Plus, their membership might open up new benefits for you like exclusive library art gallery presentations, library tours, chats with SPL personnel, and so much more.

For example, if you are currently at the Friend membership level, your two new recruits will move you to the Contributing Friend level, meaning you can join the Friends Book Club (among other perks).

So how do you take advantage of this offer?

1. Forward the Friends membership brochure to your friends and family. It can be found in SPL branches and on the Friends' website: <https://scottsdalelibraryfriends.org>.
2. If they donate by mail, have them add your name on the form or write your name in the memo of the check.
3. If they donate by credit card on our website, have them enter your name in the "Referred by" text field.

*To give advice is very nice,
but friends can do much more.
Friends should always help a friend.
That's what friends are for!*

— Florence Parry Heide
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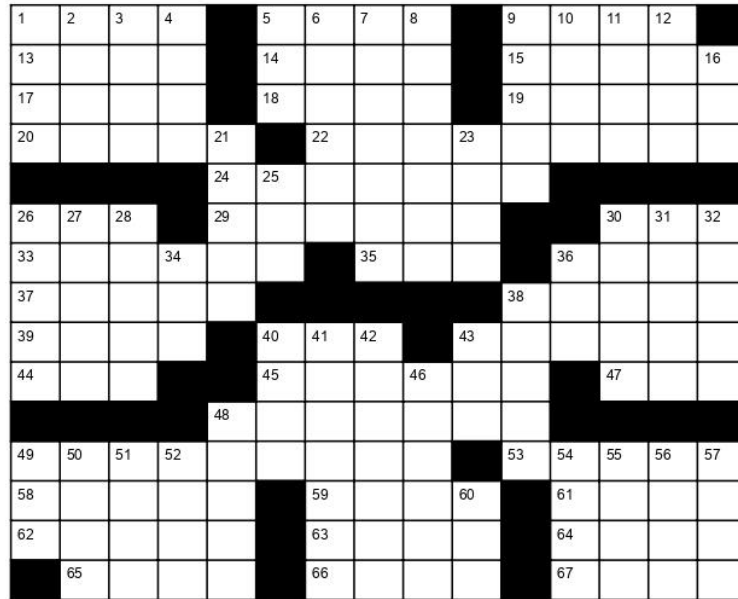
Spread the word so that everyone benefits by being a Friend! We'll be sure to notify you once your two referrals become members.

Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

Please enjoy this Scottsdale-themed crossword puzzle. For all clues in bold type, the answer is the name of a popular Scottsdale street named after a local historical figure.

Across

- 1. Irrigation builder James**
5. Central Germany river and dam
9. Greek cheese
13. Make well
14. Urgent
15. Hold in high regard
17. What to sit on in London?
18. Takes advantage of
19. Hourly fees
20. Low-cost lodging
22. Railroad park benefactor Guy
24. TV show *Grey's* _____
26. "___ a miracle!"
29. Mexican bowling alley
30. Kitchen measurement (abbr.)
33. SRP founder Charles
35. Secluded room
36. Comedian's forte
37. *The Little Mermaid* princess
38. AM/FM provider
39. Receives
40. Quick punch
43. ASU co-founder Charles
44. Season opener?
45. Unable to function
47. Decade units (abbr.)
48. Cause of fatigue
49. Former AZ Senator Barry
53. Was asleep
58. From China or India
59. Norse God of war and wisdom
61. Thought
62. Object to serve food
63. Nostril location
64. Place to make flour or steel
65. Actor Epps or Sharif



66. Actress Stone or Thompson

67. Irrigation builder Harvey

Down

1. Fraud
2. Comic book subject
3. Where sun rises
4. On the safe side, at sea
5. School website suffix
6. Pitiful
7. Put up a building or statue
8. Grade again
9. Passenger ship
10. Reason to study
11. YouTube makeup channel
12. Actor Baldwin or Guinness
16. Disapproving sound
21. Clothing describer
23. Arabian Peninsula country
25. Neither partner
26. PR concern
27. Rubber car movers

28. Narrow cuts

30. Cold weather cocktail

31. Snow athlete

32. Low-ranking workers

34. Guitarist Paul or Dudek

36. Colorful bird

38. Ethnicities

40. Coffee

41. Nail polish remover chemical

42. Lack of excitement

43. Name on towels

46. Insistence on tradition

48. One with a pink slip

49. Low-cost clothing retailer

50. Capital of Norway

51. Actor Hemsworth or Neeson

52. Information

54. Arm or leg

55. Actress Adams or Falco

56. Grant for low-income students

57. 5'10" and above

60. Funder of arts (acronym)

Anne Wilson Takes Flight at *Airtime With an Author*

Our second **Airtime With an Author** event featured former US Navy helicopter pilot Anne Wilson sharing the “ups and downs” of her writing journey with Friends members at the patio of Appaloosa Public Library on Wednesday, February 24.

Born and raised in Phoenix, Anne is the author of [Hover](#) and [Clear to Lift](#). Both books, although unrelated, feature a female helicopter pilot protagonist to draw on her experiences in the Navy. Anne is open to the idea of developing a series.

Always interested in math and science, Anne attended the US Naval Academy after high school because she wanted travel and adventure: this was when the student body of the Academy was 90 percent male.

She kept a journal of her experiences, which provided some of the background research for her two adventure novels. The books are fiction, but inspired by some (not all) of her real-life experiences.

Anne’s real-life rescues are the stuff from which compelling and entertaining fiction can be written, and she entertained the crowd with these stories as well.



Anne discovered her passion for writing in her “late youth” while on a run and wondering what to read next—she decided to write her own book to read! She writes the stories she wants to read, and many others want to read, as well. Anne Wilson is a real storyteller—in her writing and in person.

In addition to the outdoor setting, the event featured limited attendance and social distancing to ensure crowd safety. The intimate setting allowed for lots of engagement between Anne and the audience.

You won’t want to miss the next **Airtime with an Author** event, which is exclusive to Friends members. Watch for more opportunities to hear from local, national, and international authors in the upcoming months.

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Crossword Answers