

## COVID-19 Update From the Friends

Now that summer is REALLY here, it seems time to update you on the activities of the Friends group and Scottsdale Public Library.

Unfortunately, all of the activities and fundraising projects for the Friends are currently on hold. We are in a waiting game to determine how much seems reasonable and safe.

Adaptations of planned activities and some brand-new possibilities are being discussed. We will let you know what we know when we know it.

In the meantime, we want to give a shout out to the hard work of Library staff, which has been amazing during this pandemic. They have provided many services with little interruption, and while other Valley Libraries are just now re-opening, Scottsdale has offered curbside drop-off and pick-up service since March.

Now that branches are re-opened, when you see a staff member, please give them an extra "Thank you!" These are truly exceptional people.

### Friends Elects New Officers

The Friends recently held elections for Officers to serve the 2020-2021 fiscal year. New officers include:

- **President – Trey Granger**
- **Vice President – Peggy Sharp Chamberlain**
- **Secretary – Bradd Brown**
- **Treasurer – Carol Damaso**

Jennifer Fasolino, Sheila Nazari, Douglas Sydnor, and Mary Wilbur will continue serving as Directors.

The Friends also amended the By-laws so that Directors will serve for three years, and Officers will serve for two years.

Please reach out to any of our Directors with questions, comments, and suggestions.

### Staff Profile: Brandon Chapman

*Note: This is the first of a new feature for the Friends newsletter. We'll profile a different member of Library staff each quarter.*



Brandon Chapman is the Supervisor of Volunteers for the Civic Center and Arabian Library branches. He is a Phoenix native that visited the Civic Center branch while in high school and college, and has worked with the Library for over 14 years.

There are approximately 140 volunteers at Civic Center alone, so some of you may know first-hand how good he is at his job.

Because the volunteers staff Library Shops, Brandon spends much of his time focused on selling donated materials.

Brandon also oversees other volunteer activities, including:

- English as a Second Language (ESL) courses
- Outreach to connect with customers outside Library branches
- Youth Services tutoring

In his personal life, Brandon loves to read (no surprise there!), and be physically active: distance running, mountain biking, hiking, etc.

Fun fact: he lives in the same home that his grandparents purchased in 1956; he is a "sucker" for mid-century modern architecture.

How lucky we are to have Brandon on our team.

## In the Loop: A Note from the Library Director

By Kira Peters: Director, Scottsdale Public Library

It's been a whirlwind of uncertainty, change and challenge for the Library during our closure and modified re-opening due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Despite our world's current environment, zealous Library staff are resilient and have risen to the occasion to meet the needs of our community.



During the building closures, the Library continued to provide a wide range of virtual programs and services including the NEW Curbside Pick-up at Civic Center, and implemented online Library card registrations for those isolating at home. Our Library drive-through windows consistently served **2,500 cars a week** – impressive!

On Monday, June 8, Civic Center and Mustang Library buildings opened with extreme caution and attention to recommended safety guidelines. As of this writing the re-opening has gone extremely well, and many users are taking advantage of the contactless library services.

While this journey has been difficult in so many ways, library staff remain positive and persevere with care. A recent written testimonial from a Mustang Library drive-through user sums it up:

“When everything else is equal, people make the difference.”

I wholeheartedly agree. Stay well Friends!

## SHC Display Cases Installed



For those who supported our [Scottsdale Heritage Connection](#) (SHC) capital campaign, we recently completed installation of a display case with glass shelving and lighting.

Scottsdale Historical Society helped select artifacts to showcase in the display, which are now available to view in the space.

There's also a free quarterly newsletter of news, videos, and other SHC tidbits. To subscribe, visit <https://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/emails/subscriptions>, enter your email address, and select the “Scottsdale History” newsletter.

## Smile ... and Support the Friends

Many of you are probably shopping online like never before during these unique times. But did you know your purchases can help support the Friends?

If you shop on Amazon.com, consider using AmazonSmile instead. It's the same service, but .5% of what you spend on eligible purchases will go to the Friends.

To use AmazonSmile, start your shopping experience at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0542150> instead. Please bookmark the link for future reference.

Don't shop on Amazon? You can also link your Fry's Community Rewards card with the Friends for online (or in-person) grocery savings to benefit the Friends.

Simply visit <https://www.frysfood.com/account/communityrewards>, log in to your account, then choose Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library as your organization. You only need to register once for all future purchases to benefit the Friends.

## Friends Support 2020 Summer Reading Program

The Friends of the Scottsdale Library are helping to fund this year's Scottsdale Public Library [Summer Reading Program](#), *Imagine Your Story*.

From June 1 to August 1, readers of all ages are invited to participate in this engaging and motivating program.

Program participants are divided into four age groups:

- **Prereaders** – ages 0-4
- **Kids** – ages 5-11
- **Teens** – ages 12-17
- **Adults** – ages 18+

Each group is encouraged to read books (at least 20 minutes each day), listen to audiobooks, complete literacy activities (for preschoolers) – all of these activities count for points.



This summer additional points can be earned for attending virtual programs and/or completing online challenges.

“Achievers”, those registered participants who earn 1,000 points by the end of the program, choose a free book for their home library or to donate to a local Head Start classroom. Prize packs, **funded with support from the Friends**, will also be awarded upon completion of the program, beginning on August 3 while supplies last.

More than 1,800 have already signed up for this interactive summer reading program with more people registering every day. If you haven't yet signed up, there is still time to imagine yourself an achiever.

Also don't forget about [the special Summer Reading Program](#) exclusively for Friends (learn more in the sidebar). Remember:

*“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”*

– Mason Cooley

### Remember to Keep “Tripping through Arizona”



However much your summer travel plans have changed (or not), I hope you have had time to “visit” some Arizona favorites, and that you have been reading some great books about our state along the way.

Just in case you haven't begun “Tripping through Arizona,” I have attached the special Friends Summer Reading Program that I sent earlier. There is still plenty of time to pack your suitcase and get on board.

Remember to track your miles traveled (distance between the locations of the books you read) for a chance to take home a special souvenir of your choice.

As your special “travel agent,” I'm here to answer your questions. Contact information is in the program description. Happy travels!

Peggy Sharp Chamberlain