

## Be a Friend! Make a Friend!

As you may know, we initiated our membership campaign Be a Friend! Make a Friend!, in late 2019.

The Friends of the Scottsdale Library is an organization to support the library, have fun, and meet new friends.

Friends enjoy special programs featuring authors, speakers on a variety of topics, and participate in special events to meet others who care about the Scottsdale Public Library.

If you have already joined us, invite a friend to join, as well; if you haven't joined, this is the time so you won't miss out!

More membership information can be found on our website: [www.scottsdalelibraryfriends.org](http://www.scottsdalelibraryfriends.org).

## 2019: Year in Review

While we hope for a successful 2020, here's a reminder of a few of our key efforts to promote lifelong learning during 2019:

- We completed our two year capital fundraising campaign to open the Scottsdale Heritage Connection (SHC) in October. SHC is a research space at Civic Center Library containing the written history of Scottsdale. We are thankful to all of the supporters who helped make this a reality.
- We helped fund the relaunch of the Ultimate Play Date after a one-year absence, a free day of education and entertainment that took place in December.
- We developed a partnership between the Library and the Museum of Science and Sustainability to offer free STEM exhibits for children throughout Library branches.

### Save the Date: Winter Events

#### Spring Book Sales

Sat, March 21  
10am to 3pm  
Appaloosa Library

Saturday, March 28  
10am to 3pm  
Civic Center Library

#### Scottsdale Heritage Connection Events

Scottsdale & Beyond  
Tue, February 18  
5:30pm to 7:30pm  
Arabian Library

Scottsdale's Culinary History  
Mon., April 20  
6pm to 7pm  
Mustang Library

We also have several events exclusive to Friends' members, including a book club, coffee chat with Library staff, and behind the scenes Library tour.

See more upcoming events at our website.

## Help Us Rebuild the Story Time Room

Scottsdale Public Library is thrilled to be starting the Civic Center Story Time Room Expansion Project.

Our young library guests and their families need more space to learn, grow and experience the wonder of the Library.

The Library's leadership team is working with local architectural firm, Weddle Gilmore to design an awesome and inspiring environment for youth programming with construction anticipated to begin in June of 2020.



Phase one of the expansion is funded. The unfunded dream is to have an outdoor, phase two, terrarium adjacent to the expanded space so that library users can enjoy the beautiful outdoor weather as part of their library experience.

Stay tuned for details on how you can help us fund this expansion project.

## Book Pick of the Month

Our featured book for February is *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. It has been called a “dazzling love letter to a beloved institution - our libraries.”

This is a non-fiction book surrounding a 1986 fire at Los Angeles Public Library. The author also looks at the history of the library from the beginning, the many librarians over the years, and the changes they made to the library.

This is a “must read” for library lovers. Check it out!

Note: The Friends Book Club will discuss this book at the end of February. Friends members who have donated \$100 or more are invited to participate. For more information, contact Peggy Chamberlain: [Peggysharp@aol.com](mailto:Peggysharp@aol.com).

We're planning several big events in 2020, including:

- April 11: Spirit of Literacy Awards
- May 15: Knight, Knight at Civic Center Library
- September: Libraries are Grand for Grandparents Day

Stay tuned for more information about these events.