

## 2022: A Year of Possibilities

As we look forward to a new year, consider 22 possibilities for Friends and Scottsdale Public Library (SPL):

1. The renovated Sky Room at Civic Center Library for children's story times will soon be completed.
2. Every SPL branch is now open every day!
3. We're participating in Birdies for Charity again in connection with the WM Phoenix Open.
4. Friends' displays are now in each SPL branch with information about Friends events and activities.
5. Artist receptions for Friends will continue at Civic Center Gallery.
6. We're partnering with Anticus bookstore for multiple art, books, food, and wine pairing events.
7. We're scheduling expanded author events for Friends at locations throughout Scottsdale.
8. Restaurant fundraisers will be back – good food, good fun, good money for Friends.
9. The Friends Book Club is reading great books.
10. Spirit of Literacy Awards are back this fall!
11. Friends members can meet/learn from SPL staff through open houses/behind-the-scenes tours.
12. There are innovative SPL programs for all ages.
13. Movie Time at the Library allows Friends to gather together and watch/discuss recent movies.
14. The SPL cardholder appreciation concert will return this fall.
15. Our quarterly newsletter is filled with news, events, and our custom crossword puzzle.
16. We regularly update social media and the Friends website: <http://scottsdalelibraryfriends.org>.
17. New Friends member brochure is coming soon.
18. Members can enjoy guided literary walks to Scottsdale locations appearing in literature.
19. Teatime with Authors is coming soon, an outdoor event featuring several authors and tasty treats.
20. Mustang's Seed Library is now funded by Friends.
21. Friends Membership Open Houses at branches will introduce SPL users to Friends.
22. Ideas from You – we want to hear your suggestions for Friends activities and projects.

### Your Friend at the Library: Sky Larsen



Sky Larsen is Branch Manager at Appaloosa Library, where she has worked for over seven years. In 20 total years at SPL, she has also worked at the Arabian, Civic Center, and Palomino branches.

When fully staffed, Appaloosa has 17 staff members for Sky to oversee, and there is usually at least one active recruitment in progress.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sky helped plan and implement the Pony Express @ Appaloosa, and recently worked to re-open the branch on January 10 after it was closed for 22 months.

Sky was born in Washington, DC and spent her childhood in Virginia. She attended East Carolina University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

After graduation, she spent time in Kansas City, KS; Des Moines, IA; Carol Stream, IL (suburb of Chicago); and St. Louis, MO.

She settled in Scottsdale in 1993 and has been here ever since. She earned a Master of Administration from NAU in 2012.

Sky has two grown sons and they recently welcomed a granddaughter to their family. In her spare time, Sky enjoys hiking, playing cards, and of course – reading!

In addition to all this, Sky is an avid supporter of Friends, and has helped organize *Airtime with an Author* events on the patio at Appaloosa.

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

### Friends Participate in Fiesta Bowl Activities



The Friends celebrated its 2021 partnership with Fiesta Bowl Charities (FBC) by walking in the annual Fiesta Bowl parade in Downtown Phoenix on Saturday, December 18.

Featuring Grand Marshal Alice Cooper, the parade included recipients of FBC grant funding in 2021. This included the Friends, who received a grant toward the renovated Sky Storytime Room at Civic Center Library.

Friends Board members also passed out free giveaways to the attendees, including bookmarks and fidget spinners.

It wasn't all fun and games, as the Friends also volunteered on Thursday, December 30 to place QR codes and pom poms at the 63,000+ seats at State Farm Stadium in preparation for the Fiesta Bowl game on January 1.

By Kira Peters: Director, Scottsdale Public Library

SPL is looking forward to the new year to fulfill our mission to **Preserve the Past, Enrich the Present, and Illuminate the Future**. This vision is powerful and meaningful, and will guide the library in 2022 and beyond.

First and importantly, SPL has restored full hours of operation, seven days a week system wide. As you already know, the library has operated at reduced capacity since March of 2020 due to the negative impacts of the pandemic. Visit [our website](#) for specific hours.

Our vision for 2022 includes a focus on providing satellite library service at Rio Montana Park (11180 N 132nd St). Rio Montana is a wonderful neighborhood park that currently offers recreational park amenities, an SPL book drop, and a free-standing building for select SPL programming.

The plan is to install the Pony Express@ Rio Montana so that the community can pick up SPL material holds in the building at Rio Montana. Additionally, SPL received grant funds from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community to install a story time walk around the park (think of mounted storyboards along a park walkway).

SPL is actively planning for the completion of CIP funded Storytime Room at Civic Center library, which is on track to be complete by March of 2022. Staff is also preparing for how SPL will program and utilize the renovated [Scottsdale Civic Center space](#), adjacent to Civic Center Library. This project will be complete by January 2023.

The Friends of Scottsdale Public Library and its members continue to support SPL's vision statement. In December 2021, Friends supporter and Scottsdale Historian, Joan Fudala (pictured with award) received the Library's Vision Statement Award in recognition of all her work to support the library and serve the community.

The library is grateful to Joan and The Friends of the Library for its support. Thank you, Friends of Scottsdale Public Library.



## Fun with Friends: Upcoming Free Friends Events

### Screen a Movie with a Friend on February 2



SPL is offering a free film series beginning Wednesday, February 2 at 2pm with a showing of "Dark Waters" starring Mark Ruffalo and Anne Hathaway.

The screening will take place at Mustang Library, with a brief movie discussion following the showing. Meet a new Friend while enjoying this thriller about a lawyer who is blackmailed into suing the Dupont company.

### Experience Native American Art on February 11

Civic Center Library Gallery will host a reception on Friday, February 11 at 10am for its next exhibit FIRST: Native American Arizona Artists.

This is a juried group exhibition of artwork by Native American Arizona artists, who express a unique point of view of their traditions and life they know in the West.

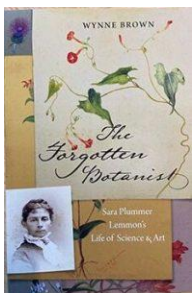
All media and styles of artwork were considered for the exhibit, and many reflect influences from both popular culture and Native traditions.



Friends members will have special time with the artists.

### Enjoy Author Wynne Brown on March 6

The Friends is pleased to partner with the Museum of the West to bring Tucson-based author Wynne Brown for a special presentation on Sunday, March 6 at 2pm.



Wynne is the author of three books, including the recently published "The Forgotten Botanist: Sara Plummer Lemmon's Life of Science and Art." This is the story of a woman who found new plant species in Arizona and throughout the Southwest.

Museum of the West (3830 N Marshall Way) will host this conversation as the Friends provides additional opportunities for Scottsdale residents to connect with local authors outside of library branches. Friends members will receive a special meet-and-greet with Wynne as part of this event.

### We've Got Even More Events on the Horizon

Here are some additional events we are planning exclusively for Friends members. Stay tuned for more details.

- **Afternoon Author Tea:** Enjoy tea and treats with several Valley authors, exclusive to Friends members.
- **Literary Walk:** Put on your walking shoes and join Friends for a walk around Old Town Scottsdale to visit locations that have been featured in best-selling books. Of course, a special treat awaits at the end of the tour.

The Friends Book Club will also continue to meet monthly. Our recent selections included "The Dictionary of Lost Words," "The Plot," and "The Reading List."

The Friends Book Club is open to all members at the Contributing Friend or higher level. Please contact Peggy Sharp Chamberlain at [Peggysharp@aol.com](mailto:Peggysharp@aol.com) for more information.

## Fun(draising) with Friends: We Love Your Support

### December Double a Huge Success!

The Friends December membership drive resulted in more than \$7,000 in end-of-year donations to Friends.

We had **44 members** join or renew during December 2022, when a generous donor agreed to match all membership funds.

This means more than \$14,000 was added to the Friends treasury in one month.

Thank you to everyone who joined during December, and those who encouraged friends to join. Thank you as well to our anonymous matching donor.

What a rousing success and we hope to keep the momentum going!

### The Perfect Pairing: Art, Books and Wine

We are thrilled to be partnering with Anticus Fine Art Gallery and LDV Winery on monthly Sunday evening events this winter.



The events, taking place at Anticus in Old Town Scottsdale, will feature light appetizers, wine tastings, art viewings, and book passage readings.

Attendance is limited to 15 guests per event, so tickets will sell out quickly.

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

The first event, scheduled for January 30, is already sold out. The next event will take place February 27 at 6pm. Friends members will receive a \$10 discount on the \$75 price, and ticket proceeds benefit the Friends.

Check your email or [the Friends website](#) for information on the next event, and we hope to plan future tastings in the coming months.

### Birdies “Fore” Friends of the Library

We are once again participating in Birdies for Charity at the upcoming WM Phoenix Open from February 10-13, 2022, and it is quite possibly the best opportunity to donate to Friends in 2022.

It works like a walk-a-thon, where you bid a fixed amount (as low as \$.01) for every birdie scored at the popular PGA golf tournament. You can also donate a fixed amount. There are plenty of reasons to participate this year.

1. 100 percent of your pledge goes directly to Friends
2. Once we reach \$500 in donations, the Thunderbirds will be matching 10 percent of all donations
3. Donations of \$35 or more qualify you as a Friends member for 2022 with [plenty of member perks](#)
4. You could win an Amazon gift card (see below)



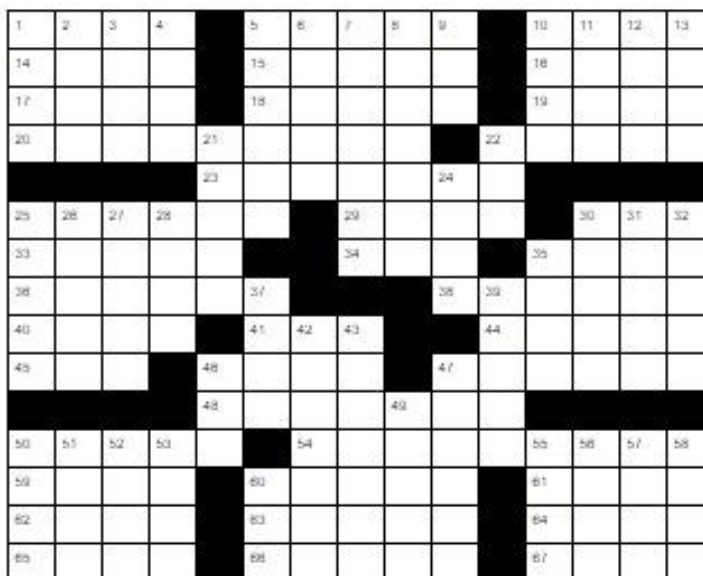
As a thank you to all donors who pledge at least \$.02 per birdie or \$25, you will be eligible for our “Guess the Birdies” contest. Whoever most closely predicts the total number of birdies will win a \$25 Amazon gift card. Visit <http://birdiesforcharityaz.com> to make your pledge for Friends. Birdie guesses must be in by February 10.

## Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

Please enjoy this friend-themed crossword puzzle. For all clues in bold type, the answer is a well-known author's last name who wrote a winter themed book or poem (solution on page 6).

### Across

1. Famous shark movie
5. Lowest point of ship's hull
10. Prison food
14. Reed instrument
15. Suggestions
16. Ink containers
17. Disease causer
18. Drinking container
19. Hole where waste leaves the body
20. "The Winter of Our Discontent" author
22. "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" poet
23. One without a clue
25. "A Story of Ice and Fire" author
29. Italian volcano
30. Relaxation destination
33. "The Little Mermaid" heroine
34. 2005 Prince song (acronym)
35. Cable movie channel
36. Remove face covering
38. Noise when one is scared
40. 2015 Miss Germany Sarah-Lorraine
41. "\_\_\_ a Wonderful Life"
44. Soap opera actress Lisa
45. Opposite of no
46. Place to file discrimination complaint (acronym)
47. "The Call of the Wild" author
48. Scatter too much seeds
50. Container to stir butter
54. "The Snows of Kilimanjaro and Other Stories" poet
59. Bring aboard
60. Namely (2 words)
61. Highway or bowling division
62. "\_\_\_ Almighty" (Steve Carell movie)
63. African bean dish



64. Egg-shaped
65. Billiards table material
66. Less normal
67. Structure to dig for water
- Down**
1. Runs casually
2. Assist in a crime
3. Put on
4. Tractor-trailer
5. Large container (2 words)
6. Lazy person
7. Drains liquid from soil
8. Rubber engine seals
9. Letter between R and T
10. Exchange blows in the ring
11. Comedian Jay
12. Responsibility
13. "I have a secret to tell you"
21. Hardware for hammers
22. Agency that approves vaccines (acronym)
24. Tiny workers
25. TV host Povich
26. Golfer Palmer (nickname)
27. Singer LeAnn
28. Wood commonly used in bars
30. Pay money
31. Billy Joel's instrument
32. Paul Bunyan, for one
35. Activist Brockovich
37. Capital of Ukraine
39. Royal head covering
42. Climber's foot support
43. In big trouble (slang)
46. Long period of time
47. Stand around without purpose
49. Show one's teeth
50. Kitchen VIP
51. Bee's home
52. Russian mountain range
53. 1996 Tony-winning musical
55. Emit heat or light
56. Movement of sound or water
57. Overly neat
58. Noise when one is mad
60. "\_\_\_ Close for Comfort"

# Friends Sponsor Free Concert for Library Cardholders

## Literacy on Display at Annual Breakfast



The long awaited return of the Spirit of Literacy Awards came to Civic Center Library on Friday, November 5.

With help from Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega, the Friends handed out awards to both the 2020 and 2021 winners. Five of the seven awardees were present at the catered event and received glass bookends.

Special thanks to SPL staff for helping plan the event, and Joan Fudala for writing introductions for all the winners.

Congratulations again to the 2020 and 2021 Spirit of Literacy Award honorees, and we look forward to hosting the event again this fall.

Arabian and Civic Center branches. This includes songs and stories in English and Spanish for kids of all ages.

SPL staff will be on hand to sign up students for their first SPL card (with parents permission). The Friends will also provide take home materials.

Anyone who says there is no such thing as a free lunch clearly hasn't gotten good use out of his/her library card.

But SPL took things to another level on Friday, November 12 with a free concert at Scottsdale Stadium, and the only item attendees had to show to enter was their Scottsdale Library card.



The Friends contributed \$7,000 to cover much of the entertainment at the event, including 80's cover band Rock Lobster, a cotton candy machine, and a balloon animal station for the kids.

We also held a 50/50 raffle with tremendous support from those in attendance, with the winner taking home over \$500. With 640 people in attendance and tickets sold at \$5 each (or five for \$20), we sold one ticket for every three attendees.

The event received such a positive response from the community that SPL is already planning another cardholder appreciation event for 2022. Expect it to be bigger and better, with even more Friends involvement.

## Friends to Promote Literacy at Youngest Ages

The Friends will be partnering with Little Big Minds preschool on Friday, February 11 to promote the benefits of signing up young children for their first library card.

Since Little Big Minds is a Spanish immersion school, the Friends will be highlighting the Little Libros program at the

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Answer Key