

Welcome 2023 & New SkyRoom Furniture

The Friends donated \$7,300 toward furniture for the renovated SkyRoom for children's storytimes at Civic Center Library, providing the final touches on a construction project that began two years ago. The new furniture includes seating for parents and grandparents while their loved ones enjoy free stories. Phoenix-based Elontec is providing the seats.

The new SkyRoom space **officially reopened in May, 2022**, doubling the room size to 3,428 square feet and incorporating state-of-the-art audio/visual technology. The Friends originally donated \$28,000 toward initial construction in coordination with Fiesta Bowl Charities and Literary Society of the Southwest.

In addition to storytimes, the SkyRoom has already been utilized for other children's programming including Girls in STEM. It will soon include a separate library entrance from the Civic Center, which is set to re-open this spring after a renovation for the Super Bowl.



“We are grateful to all the donors who helped make such an incredible space for our youngest readers,” said Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library President Trey Granger. “This was a wishlist project for almost a decade, and it is exciting to see it is already so popular.”

To learn more about the SkyRoom, [click here](#).

In the Loop: A Note from the Library Director

Happy New Year Friends! For this quarterly edition I thought it would be fun to do a brief year in review to share a few of the great things that Scottsdale Public Library accomplished in 2022 and provide a sneak peek into what we are cooking up in 2023. Many of the great programs and events are financially supported by the Friends and for this we are grateful.

2022 Brief Year in Review

At the beginning of 2022 we were able to restore library operations and staffing after the significant reductions because of COVID-19. The library carefully welcomed back volunteers and in person programming.

- In April the SkyRoom officially opened to serve the library's youngest patrons. The Friends of Scottsdale Public made a big financial impact for the project by securing a \$25,000 grant from Fiesta Bowl Charities. It's wonderful to have a beautiful, well lit story time space for kids and families to enjoy.
- The library's summer reading program was wildly successful in 2022 with over 5000 people participating!
- On November 5th, the Library hosted the Library Card Holder Event at the Scottsdale Stadium that included live music, food, and activities for all in attendance. This event was fully sponsored by none other than the Friends of the Library.
- The library team worked hard to develop goals and objectives for an updated Strategic Plan that will guide the library system over the next five years (2023-2028).



Kira Peters,
Library Director



What's Cooking for 2023 – a sneak peek

In 2023 the library will have lots of delicious programs and events to meet everyone's tastes.

- Hold It Lockers are coming soon! Hold It Lockers will allow library patrons to place library materials on hold for pick up at conveniently located location 24/7! Think about Amazon lockers but for library materials. More to come once the lockers arrive and are installed.
- The opening of the new Scottsdale Civic Center is happening now, and the library will host programs and events in this new and premier community space. Information on opportunities will be communicated out in the library's e-newsletter, the Scottsdale Life magazine and on the library's website.
- Currently the library book shops that are open are at Civic Center, Mustang and most recently the Appaloosa branch bookshop opened. Arabian library is not open yet but will be in the upcoming months. Branch bookshops offer a great way to find deals on reading and entertainment materials – check it out when you get a chance!
- Civic Center Library's youth room will be getting new carpet and a new entrance so that the library is accessible off the new Scottsdale Civic Center.

Your Friend at The Library



Alicia Brillon
Senior Library Manager

Alicia is a Senior Library Manager at the Civic Center Library. She oversees the library's Technical Services area and the department's nine employees. Originally from Seattle, Washington, she has been with the library for over three months. Before working at Scottsdale Public Library, she worked at The University of Utah at the Faust Law Library in Salt Lake City.

In her role at the library, Alicia attends meetings from city-wide to one-on-one. And many things in between, like making decisions with the management team about library projects and policies, to signing off on invoices for library materials purchases.

She trains for triathlons in her spare time, so she regularly bikes, runs, swims, and lifts weights. She completed her first triathlon in 2001 - and has completed 13 total Ironman races worldwide.

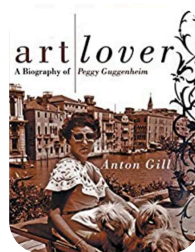
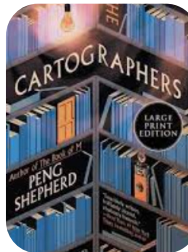
She also enjoys taking her French Bulldog, Parley, on long slow walks while reading a book on a Kindle.

Book Club Update:

Friends Book Club is open to members at the Contributing Member Level or higher. Here is a preview of the next two books. Please send an email to doolingwilber@yahoo.com if you are interested and we will provide further meeting details.

February 23:
The Cartographers by
Peng Shepherd

A highly imaginative thriller about a young woman who discovers that a strange map in her deceased father's belongings holds an incredible, deadly secret.



March 23:
Art Lover: A Biography
of Peggy Guggenheim by
Anton Gill.

Fun(draising) with Friends: We Love Your Support

Chick-fil-A Mobile Spirit Night

Wednesday, March 15, 2023: 4-7PM
10652 N 89th Place, Scottsdale, AZ

Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library is partnering with Chick-fil-A near Mustang Library (10652 N 89th Pl) on Wednesday, March 15th for a Mobile Spirit Night.

Place an order from the **Chick-fil-A mobile application from 4pm to 7pm** and the Friends will receive 20 percent of your dining room, pick-up, or drive-thru order. Support the library while enjoying delicious chicken.



Birdies "Fore" Friends of the Library

The golf world returns to Scottsdale next month for the WM Phoenix Open, and even non-golfers can support Scottsdale Public Library through Birdies for Charity.

This fundraiser works like a walk-a-thon where you pledge a set amount (such as a nickel) for every birdie scored at this year's tournament. You can also pledge a fixed amount, but all pledges must be in by **Sunday, February 12, at 5pm.**

The Friends has earned over **\$4,000 from Birdies for Charity** over the past two years, making it our most successful annual fundraiser. There are two reasons that this is an excellent way to donate to the Friends:

- Thunderbirds Charities pays all fees so every penny you donate goes to the Friends
- Thunderbirds Charities matches **10% of all donations** once we reach \$500, so a \$100 donation would potentially net the Friends \$110

In 2022, there were over **1,400** birdies!



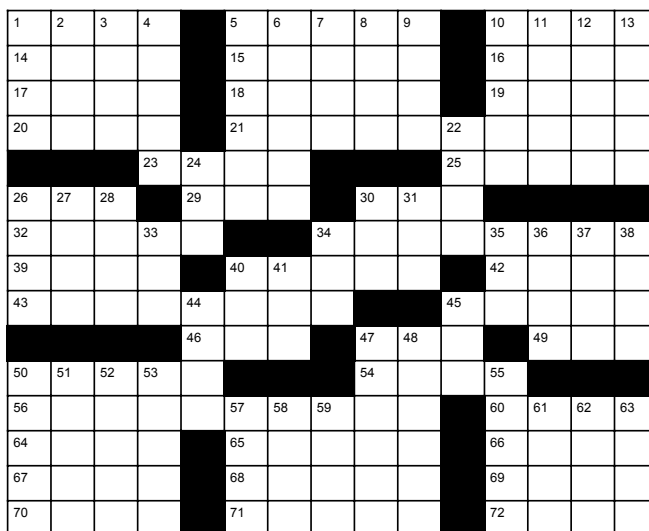
Donate Here!

Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

Superbowl LVII is only a few weeks away! Please enjoy this football-themed crossword puzzle. For all clues in bold type, the answer is a common football term. (Solution on page 6).

Across

1. Baby cow
5. Evita's surname
10. Stair alternative
14. Detail oriented
15. Supreme Court Justice Kagan
16. Tree type that grows olives
17. Cola or root beer
18. Respond
19. Candy cane flavor
20. Completes
- 21. Toss the TV?**
23. Shoelace problem
25. Final exam option
26. Angry
29. ____ & outs
30. In the past
32. "____ you ready?" (contraction)
- 34. Maneuver during bike class?**
39. Tractor-trailer
40. Mature
42. Opera solo
- 43. Call to virgin mother?**
45. Picket line crossers
46. Female sheep
47. Request information
49. Confederate General Robert E.
50. Epsoms & Himalayans
54. Restraint
- 56. Activity on stage?**
60. Peruvian tribe
64. Opposite of few
65. Charlie Brown's friend
66. Close by
67. "____ the Unknown"
68. Make amends
69. Mean person
70. One between 13 and 19
71. Repairs



72. Contributes

Down

1. Lawyer's workload
2. Soon, to Shakespeare
3. Cheryl of "Charlie's Angels"
4. Alcohol container
5. _____, place, or thing
6. Votes into office
7. Back
8. Less than twice
9. Writer Hawthorne, to his friends
10. Wins easily
11. Jennifer Garner spy series
12. Genius society
13. One who gets duped
22. Atomic number 10 element
24. Basketball playoff (acronym)
26. Alan Alda hospital series
27. Length times width
28. Moore of "G.I. Jane"
30. Monkey
31. ____ & tonic

33. No value

34. James Bond's occupation
35. Apple computer
36. Aloud
37. Feeling
38. Freedom from care
40. Uncooked
41. Rage
44. 3rd largest city in Arizona
45. Snowboard alternative
47. Nearby
48. Sight & sound, for example
50. Torn apart
51. Unaccompanied
52. Coffee with steamed milk
53. Iron Mike's surname
55. One who practices martial arts
57. Shellfish common in chowder
58. Brazilian soccer coach
59. ____ the joke (2 words)
61. Necessity
62. Ace or king
63. Sturdy boats to survive floods

Friends Events

The Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library hosted a pre-opening reception, prior to the public reception, for the incredible new art installation at the Civic Center Public Library. **The Rip Woods: Creating Magic installation runs through March 30, 2023.**

Roosevelt "Rip" Woods (1933-2001) had a long career and was a standout in Phoenix for his early and recognized talent, and his commitment to creating much needed exhibition opportunities for Black artists. Rip had a profound impact on many artists, and this exhibition features his work as well as his past students and friends. The exhibit features work by Rip Woods, Ron Bimrose, Susan Copeland, Carolyn Lavender, Helen Parkhill, Don Robbins, and DeeDee Woods.



**Scottsdale's Historic Little
Red Schoolhouse
Re-Opens on February 1st!**

[Learn more here!](#)

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Answer Key