Dear Friends,

I'm honored to introduce myself as the new President of the Friends. I step into this role with deep gratitude for our recent past President, Trey Granger, whose work and commitment to our organization will resonate for many years to come. Trey has been an invaluable advocate for the Scottsdale Public Library since joining the Friends in 2014. Under his leadership, we've raised thousands of dollars for Library programs and strengthened learning experiences for patrons of all ages. Our Board of Directors is incredibly grateful for Trey's enthusiasm and dedication, and we look forward to building on his legacy as a tireless supporter of lifelong learning.

All the best,

Amanda Shetler
President
Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library

An Update from The Friends

Friends Board of Directors for 2023-2024

Learn more about the Board of Directors on our homepage.

Carol Damaso
Treasurer

Ashley Francis
Vice President

Jo-Ann Mullen
Secretary
An Update from The Library

**JULY**

Scottsdale Public Library and Human Services partnered to bring express library services to Granite Reef Senior Center with "Pony Express @ Granite Reef Library Hold Lockers". This service allows library cardholders to place holds and pick those items up in these lockers 24/7.

Libraries are continually evolving to meet the needs of their community, and Scottsdale Public Library is no exception. This summer was filled with many new services and innovations that we proudly share.

**AUGUST**

In early August, we debuted the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative thanks to the support of the Friends. It is a fun, early literacy program that challenges families with young children to read 1000 books together before they start kindergarten. It is an independent, self-paced program designed to develop and encourage the development of a strong literacy foundation. Reading with your child every day or engaging in early learning moments can help put your child on a trajectory for success with reading. The program is free, but the rewards are priceless!

In mid-August, SPL opened its first StoryWalk at Rio Montana Park. A StoryWalk is an innovative and entertaining way for children - and adults! - to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from children's books are inserted into the displays, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story. Picture books will be changed every four to six weeks.

**SEPTEMBER**

In early September, we provided a new service that automatically renews qualifying patrons' library cards for a year without the patron needing to visit a library branch or filling out the online application. Those who do not qualify for the service or are not automatically renewed can still renew their registration by visiting any library branch in person or online through the library's website.

Scottsdale Public Library’s new Strategic Plan focuses on increasing community library service access and boldly innovating library services for the future. We are well on the way with these initiatives and others we are working on.
JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE FIRST-EVER

24-HOUR DONOR CHALLENGE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

This single day of giving is hosted by the Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library in support of a library program.

This year, all gifts made to the Friends on Wednesday, October 18, will support the Library’s new early literacy program, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.

The Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization whose members support Scottsdale's library system through education, advocacy and fundraising. www.scottsdalelibraryfriends.org

What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?
A free and fun early literacy program that challenges families with young children to read 1,000 books together before they start kindergarten.

HELP US RAISE $5,000 ON WEDNESDAY, 10/18, AND WE’LL RECEIVE $2,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Set a reminder for Wednesday, October 18 (or email scottsdalelibraryfriends@gmail.com and we’ll send you a personal reminder)

2. Make a gift of any size from 12 AM - 11:59 PM on Wednesday, 10/18 at scottsdalelibraryfriends.org

Thank you to our 2023 Match Partners!
Volunteers are needed! Some of the duties involved are selling raffle tickets, monitoring the gift basket room, welcoming the attendees by handing out programs & book bags, assisting authors, assisting in book giveaways, and answering general questions. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Barbara Renner at barb.renner@gmail.com or 602-228-7451.
Come Meet the Friends at the Desert Foothills Book Festival!

**Event:** Desert Foothills Book Festival  
**When:** Saturday, October 21, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

All Friends members that attend the Friends meet-up at 10:00 will receive a $5 coupon for use.

**Location:**  
Holland Community Center  
Black Lion Cafe  
34250 N 60th St  
Scottsdale, AZ

The book festival is a celebration of the importance of reading in our community. The event is offered free to the public, to promote literacy and a love of reading among adults and children by creating an interactive and inclusive venue for readers and authors to connect. Net proceeds from the festival support local literacy programs. Over 50 authors will be present and you will have the opportunity to visit with the authors and purchase signed books.

Friends members are encouraged to meet at the Black Lion Cafe, an on-site coffee shop at 10:00 for a chance to meet fellow Friends members. We encourage you to bring a guest to this wonderful celebration of literature and to inspire them to consider becoming a Friends member.

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**Friends Book Club Update:**

The FOL Book Discussion group is open to members at the Contributing Level ($100) and above. The group focuses on titles whose themes deal with books, libraries, librarians, archives, archivists and reading in general. These themes can be found in both fiction and non-fiction. To join, please reach out to ScottsdaleLibraryFriends@gmail.com

**October:**  
*How Can I Help You* by Laura Sims

**November:**  
*The Librarianist* by Patrick DeWitt

We welcome Friends to join us on our literary journey.
Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

To celebrate Banned Books Week, any clues in bold recognize one of the top 100 most banned and challenged books of the 2010s, according to the American Library Association.

Across
1. Loud noises
5. One who drives laps
10. Coffee (slang)
14. Part of the scheme (2 words)
15. Wear away
16. Visa alternative (abbr.)
17. Prefix for -plasm or -derm
18. Stiff
19. Palm fruit
20. 1970 Toni Morrison novel (3 words)
23. Letters between ems and ohs
24. "Mad Men" character
28. 2012 Raina Telgemeier novel
32. Trade
35. Frozen water
36. Tried again
37. "Kiss from a Rose" singer
38. Black bird
39. Arizona driving org (acronym)
40. 2009 Ellen Hopkins novel
41. Actress Flynn Boyle or McDonnell
43. Cheerful
44. Pledge
45. Excited
46. Look at
47. Steals
48. Talk
49. Flock of cranes or herons
51. Member of the House (abbr.)
53. 1937 John Steinbeck novel (4 words)
61. Turned
64. This, that, and the _____
65. Ready to eat
66. Engine connector
67. Passed out playing cards
68. Away from the wind
69. At any time

Down
1. Lose weight
2. 1/12 of a foot
3. Instrument key
4. Seeker of the finest things
5. Summer TV offering
6. April birthday sign
7. Budget line (acronym)
8. Change text
9. Counsel
10. Worn out
11. Dr.'s association (acronym)
12. Pet doctor
13. Lumberjack's weapon
14. Paint no-no
15. Bark
16. Desert dream
17. Largest city in New Jersey
18. Curtains
19. Overnight flight (hyphenated)
20. 1970 Toni Morrison novel (3 words)
21. Pennsylvania Dutch
22. Loved
23. Ushers offerings
24. Use soap
25. Lou Gehrig's disease (acronym)
26. Piece of concrete
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Crossword Puzzle

For the puzzle solution, please visit https://tinyurl.com/fall2023cwans.