

## A Note from the President

Dear Friends,

Our first-ever 24-Hour Donor Challenge was an incredible success! We raised over **\$8,800** from 53 individual supporters and three match partners. Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends and helped us exceed our goal for the Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. We look forward to making this an annual tradition during National Friends of Libraries week.

In November, we honored four community members during our annual Spirit of Literacy award breakfast at the Civic Center Library. The Friends has sponsored Spirit of Literacy awards since 2002, honoring those who truly excel in promoting reading, literacy and library use in Scottsdale. This years awardees include:

Pat Ansell, who has been volunteering for the Library for over 10 years, regularly committing over 100 hours a month and over 5000 hours during her lifetime.

Fiesta Bowl Charities, who in 2021 granted the Friends \$25,000 to supplement the costs of the newly renovated SkyRoom at the Civic Center Library.

Betty Webb, who is a well-known, highly praised author from Scottsdale whose novels include thrillers, suspense and mystery. She's also volunteered with the Friends and has served as a writer-in-residence in libraries across the valley.

Trey Granger, recent Past President of the Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library. Trey's leadership was instrumental in growing the Friends board to 12 active members, instituting several successful fundraising initiatives, and promoting the library and the Friends' all across Scottsdale.

Thank you to Pat, Fiesta Bowl Charities, Betty, and Trey for your examples of leadership in all things literacy and library.

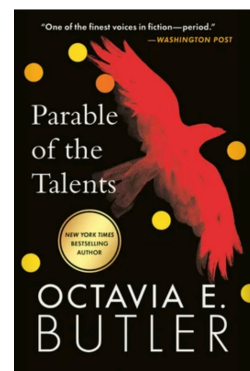
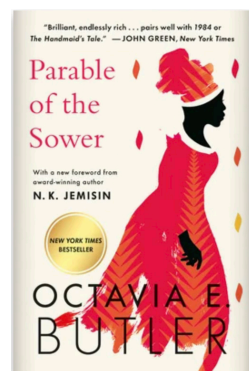


Amanda Shetler  
President  
Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library



Items have been independently selected by Friends board members. If you purchase something using one of these links, the Friends will earn a commission that will be used to support library programs.

## Holiday Gift Guide



For lovers of science fiction and speculative fiction): Octavia Butler Parable of the Sower and Parable of the Talents



If you consider the Library a second home, you might enjoy the "If Lost, Please Return Me to the Library" shirt. \$25  
<https://www.bonfire.com/please-return-me-to-the-library/>



Tickets to one of Ballet Arizona's 'The Nutcracker' performances at Phoenix Symphony Hall  
<https://balletaz.org>

Gift a Friend level membership to the Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library today to friends and family.

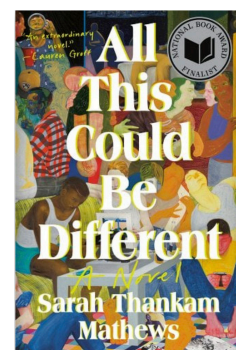
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Friend: \$35-\$99

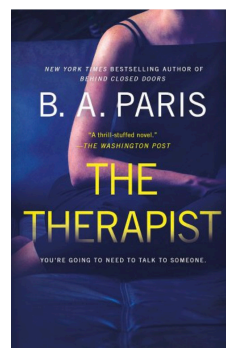
- Quarterly newsletter subscription
- Invitation to author presentations
- One guest pass to Friends event
- Exclusive preview of book sales
- Special events and outings



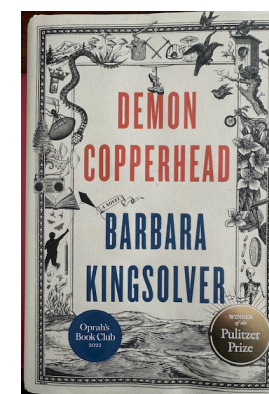
Perhaps you know a literary rebel who would fall in love with the "What's More Punk Than the Public Library?" Merchandise. \$25  
<https://www.bonfire.com/whats-more-punk-than-the-public-library/>



A modern-day Coming of Age from a different voice and perspective: Sarah Thankam Mathews' All This Could Be Different



For those who seek escape through "gripping psychological suspense": B. A. Paris' The Therapist



A Pulitzer Prize winner and Oprah Book Club pick, this novel by Barbara Kingsolver, will keep you page turning during the holidays.



Those who take pride in their Library membership might prefer the "Friends with Library Card Benefits" model. \$25  
<https://www.bonfire.com/friends-with-library-card-benefits/>

## Come Meet the Friends at the Ultimate Family Play Date!

**Event:** Ultimate Family Play Date & Concert

**When:** Saturday, December 9

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

**Location:**

Civic Center  
3839 N Drinkwater Blvd  
Scottsdale, 85251 United

Enjoy a free day of family-friendly activities on the lawn behind the Civic Center Library. The morning will feature booths offering interactive art, science, sports, and building activities. Stay for the concert on the main stage. The Friends will have a booth offering free giveaways and will be sponsoring a 50/50 raffle to raise money for Scottsdale Public Library programs.





## KRISPY KREME DOZENS TO SUPPORT

*Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library*

### Buy Krispy Kreme Doughnut Vouchers & Support Scottsdale Public Library

Just in time for the Holiday season, the Friends of Scottsdale Public Library is partnering with Krispy Kreme on a Digital Dozens fundraiser through December 31.

For just \$12, you can purchase a voucher to be redeemed for a dozen original glazed doughnuts at any Krispy Kreme retail location.

Here are three reasons to participate in this fundraiser:

- 1** The \$12 price is less than you would spend in a Krispy Kreme store for a dozen doughnuts, so you are getting a discount on delicious food
- 2** The vouchers are transferable and do not expire, so they make a great stocking stuffer for loved ones (especially sweet tooths) across the United States
- 3** The Friends will receive over 33% of the proceeds from your purchase!

To purchase your Digital Dozens voucher, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/FSPLdonuts> and click the "Get Your Dozens" button. All major credit cards are accepted, and you have the option to have the voucher sent directly to a friend or loved one.

## Fun & Games: Crossword Puzzle

To celebrate Rosa Parks Day, all clues in bold are related to the Civil Rights Movement. For the answer key, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/winter2024cwans>.

### Across

- 1. Go without food
- 5. Vatican VIPs
- 10. Questions
- 14. Arabian ruler
- 15. Atlanta University
- 16. Actress Fonda or Lynch
- 17. Teenager concern
- 18. Actresses Delevingne and Williams
- 19. Sunblock ingredient
- 20. Alabama bus boycotter (2 words)**
- 22. \_\_\_\_ vs. Board of Education**
- 23. 2,000 pounds
- 24. \_\_\_\_ of the storm
- 26. Widespread item on the web
- 28. Useful quality

- 30. U.S. Employment agency (acronym)
- 33. Civil Rights or Black Power, etc.**
- 35. Strive for
- 37. Cooking appliance
- 38. Chuckle
- 40. Took the train
- 41. Apartment or car
- 43. Parks was one on 12/1/55**
- 45. Miami time zone (acronym)
- 46. Unclean
- 49. At any time
- 50. Opposite of WSW
- 51. \_\_\_\_ tai (cocktail)
- 53. Popular Civil Rights protest**
- 57. Post slavery segregation method**
- 63. Computer manufacturer
- 64. Songs
- 65. Dutch cheese
- 66. Disaster agency (acronym)
- 67. Surfaces
- 68. Virus
- 69. Sportscenter network

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- 70. Annoying
- 71. Not difficult
- Down**
- 1. Phobia
- 2. 1920s car brand
- 3. Envy and sloth, for instance
- 4. Doctor's work
- 5. Nut found in pies
- 6. Actor Epps or Sharif
- 7. Pig meat
- 8. Wipes clean
- 9. DOS file extension
- 10. Slightly open
- 11. Swedish goaltender Tommy
- 12. Understand
- 13. Visible
- 21. Haiku or limerick
- 22. Casino activity
- 25. Informal affirmative votes
- 26. Chess activities
- 27. Occurrence
- 28. Actress de Armas or Gasteyer
- 29. Ticket souvenirs
- 30. Light-emitting \_\_\_\_
- 31. Waiter's notes
- 32. Creepy look
- 33. Less is \_\_\_\_
- 34. Actress DeGeneres or Pompey
- 36. Special advantage
- 39. Not a gal
- 42. Prayer ending
- 44. Back
- 47. Fasten
- 51. Swamp descriptor
- 53. Place for valuables
- 54. Treats a swollen muscle
- 55. Short-term worker
- 56. Formerly Persia
- 58. Washington bills
- 59. Security breach
- 60. Thought
- 61. French cosmetics brand
- 62. TV award
- 64. Noisy dance move

## Crossword Puzzle

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## Birdies for Charity

The WM Phoenix Open is just around the corner, and the Friends is once again participating in Birdies for Charity to raise money for Scottsdale Public Library. Operated by Thunderbirds Charities, Birdies for Charity works like a walk-a-thon where you pledge a set amount for every birdie scored at the golf tournament. The 2024 Phoenix Open will take place February 5-11, and typically there are 1,300 to 1,800 birdies scored. So, a \$.05 per birdie pledge would likely amount to a donation between \$65 and \$90.

Thunderbirds Charities covers all processing fees, so even if you donate with a credit card all your money will benefit the Friends. If we raise at least \$500 (which we did in 2021, 2022, and 2023), we will receive a 10% bonus from Thunderbirds Charities. You also have the ability to donate a fixed amount, which would still qualify for the bonus.

To participate in this year's Birdies for Charity, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/fsplbirdies2024> and click the Donate Now button. When prompted for the charity that you are supporting, please select Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library.

All pledges are due by 5pm on February 11, 2024, and the money isn't due until April 15, 2024. Thank you for your support.