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
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. https://scottsdalelibraryfriends.org/join-us/make-a-donation/

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

For those who seek escape through “gripping psychological suspense”: B. A. Paris’ The Therapist

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

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

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/

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/

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.
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.
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

Down
1. Phobia
2. 1920s car brand
3. Envy and sloth, for instance
4. Doctor's work
5. Not 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
31. Waiter's notes
32. Creepy look
33. Less is ___
34. Actress DeGeneres or Pompeo
36. Special advantage
39. Not a gal
42. Prayer ending
44. Back
47. Fasten
48. Treats a swollen muscle
49. At any time
51. Swamp descriptor
52. Ticket souvenir
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
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.