



FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY INC.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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TINA PACKARD, PRESIDENT





A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

I have recently completed my first year as the President of the Friends of the Library in Casa Grande. As a librarian, libraries have a very special place in my heart. I have been working with Friends of the Library groups since the 90s. Watching how they support libraries and the library staff is one of the most moving and powerful acts of community service I have witnessed.

This past year we were able to provide both the Main Library and the Vista Public Library with funding for programs. This helps us meet our mission to “develop resources to support library services and programs, promote adult literacy, and encourage enjoyment of reading, lifelong learning, and community involvement”.

Some of the accomplishments this year were the purchase and launch of the Bookmobile and the purchase of the Charlie Cart for cooking classes. These opportunities serve the entire population of Casa Grande by helping people learn life skills of cooking and increasing access to reading!

One of our major goals for the future is to reevaluate ways to support our libraries and how to get our community more engaged in supporting us. I look forward to 2025 and how we can serve our libraries and the community of Casa Grande!

TINA PACKARD

PRESIDENT

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BOOKMOBILE



In 2024, the library partnered with the Friends of the Library to purchase a bookmobile and have it wrapped (as seen above). According to the American Library Association, “Bookmobiles and direct-delivery outreach services are, and continue to be an integral, vital part of libraries around the country. For over 100 years bookmobiles have served rural, urban, suburban and tribal areas, bringing access to information and life-long learning resources to all classes and communities”. (www.ala.org, 2025)

The bookmobile allows the library to provide services to local assisted living homes and homebound individuals. Some of the bookmobile stops are: Villago Lake, Val Vista RV Resort, Foothills West RV Resort, Community Rec Center, Big House Christian Academy, Dave White Park, Seeds of Hope, and many, more!

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library maintain daily book sale shelves at both Vista Library and the Main Library.

We also host an annual “book sale” with thousands of books at various locations provided to us by the community or Friends members. The book sale funds raised from our booksales are used 100% to support library programs and events.



ANNUAL OVERDRIVE SUBSCRIPTION



“Just as diversity should not be a bonus or an option but should comprise the essence and the core of our professional activities and decisions, non-print formats should not be a bonus or an afterthought either. In the context of libraries, accessing information and entertainment through listening—or audio-reading—should be guaranteed as a right. It is hoped that this paper will help librarians to advance a step further toward securing this right” (Dali & Brochu, 2020).

2024 Overdrive checkouts = 113,047

Of those 9,762 were on our Advantage titles sponsored by the Friends of the Library. At \$30 average price per piece (low), this equals \$292,286 saved by not having to buy the CD audiobooks.

CHARLIE CART

“Libraries use the Charlie Cart for hands-on cooking classes and demonstrations that blend food, literacy, culture, film, and more. The Charlie Cart helps libraries become dynamic spaces for community engagement.

The Charlie Cart Mobile Food Education Program is not your typical library experience. We are committed to helping your library system provide fun, accessible and educational public programming, where library patrons can explore new flavors and leave with new skills. Our goal is to help you turn the library into a dynamic space for culinary discovery and education” (Charliecart.org).



2024 FINANCIALS

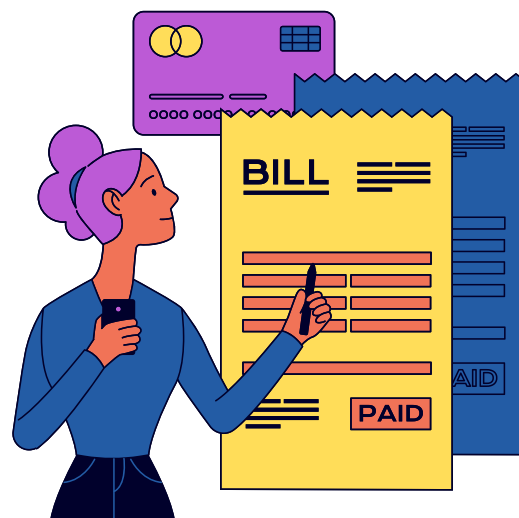
INCOME: \$13,972.15

BOOK SALE
DONATIONS
MEMBERSHIPS
SCHOLASTIC
THRIFT BOOKS
AMAZON DONATIONS
FRYS DONATIONS



EXPENSES: \$33,305.08

BOOK SALE SUPPLIES
DUES CHAMBER
INSURANCE
LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS
OVERDRIVE ADVANTAGE
PAYPAL FEES
PR
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
STAFF APPRECIATION
STORAGE
AWARDS
WEBSITE MANAGEMENT



2024 FINANCIALS

	2024 Actual	Budget 2025
Assets	\$150,000,00	
Income	\$16,660.00	\$16,660.00
Expenses	\$33,305.08	\$16,660.00



DONATIONS/MEMBERSHIP

Memberships to the Friends of the Library are available on our website at <https://friendscglibrary.org/membership>. We have standard memberships and Legacy memberships available. You can pay online at Givebutter or send a check.

Student: \$5 annually

Individual: \$15 annually

Family: \$30 annually

Sustaining Member: \$10 (per month)

Super Friend: \$50 annually

Vendor: \$25 annually

Lifetime: \$500 (per person)

Legacy Membership: Estate Donation

Our donation platform is Givebutter at <https://givebutter.com/2uU72D>. We use this platform for memberships, year-round donations, and digital payment. We also use Square at the booksales for digital payment.

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