



# BookMarks



*Newsletter of the Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library*

## Another Successful Book Sale!

Our January Big Book Sale, held at the new site, an airport hangar at 3184 N. Lear Avenue, was a success. The sale opened to educators and Friends members on January 23 and continued through the weekend. Proceeds from the Big Book Sale came to \$2,483.89, which will be used to support library services and collections.



## Have Unneeded Books?



Spring cleaning? This is the perfect time to donate gently used books, CDs, and DVDs to the Friends of the Library. Smaller donations can be dropped off anytime at Main or Vista Grande Libraries. For large donations, please contact the library at 520-421-8710 or email [focglibrary@gmail.com](mailto:focglibrary@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

Please no magazines, encyclopedias, legal books, old computer manuals or textbooks, National Geographic or Reader's Digest publications, atlases, or any books in poor condition.

## Friends Board Update

In January, the Board of the Friends of Casa Grande Public Library welcomed a new board member, Bev Reidy, and returning board member, Samantha Irey. Goals for this year are to grow our member base and raise funds to support the library.

Meeting are held at 4 pm on the second Monday of every month at the Main Library. All are welcome.

## 2025 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

Tina Packard – President  
 Lisa Morris-Wilkey – Vice President  
 Bonnie Warren – Treasurer  
 Mary Jane Cedar Face – Secretary  
 Barb Brown  
 Sue Eberle  
 Richard Fletcher  
 Samantha Irey  
 Grace McMillin  
 Michael Ouellet  
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# Spring into a Lovely Yard!



## CHECK OUT THE SEED LIBRARY!



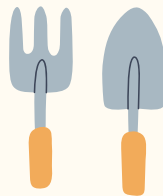
The Seed Libraries, at the Main and Vista Grande Libraries, provide the opportunity for library patrons to check out seeds to use in their gardens. Seeds are cataloged in the library catalog and patrons can search by plant variety. Gardeners are encouraged to contribute seeds from plants in their own gardens. The Seed Library was established in 2021 with a goal of reducing local food insecurity.

## GARDEN PRESENTATIONS AT VISTA GRANDE LIBRARY

The Vista Grande Library is hosting free monthly gardening presentations. The presentations are given by University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. There are three more sessions!

### *Upcoming Monthly Topics:*

- April 12 Irrigation Basics
- May 10 Cover Crops
- June 14 Landscape Design



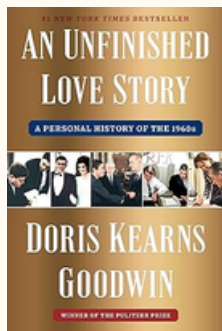
Classes are 10:30–11:30 a.m. at Vista Grande Library.



# Calling All Book Lovers! Read With Us!

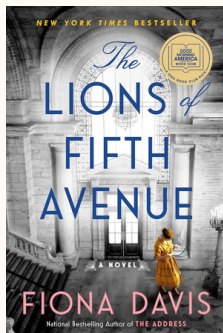
THERE ARE THREE MORE BOOK GROUP GET TOGETHERS THIS SPRING

## LITERATI BOOK CLUB



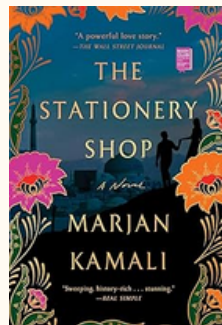
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The Literati Book Club meets on the first Monday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at Vista Grande Library.



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## LUNCH BUNCH



APRIL 8

The Lunch Bunch Book Group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 12–1:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

*Stay tuned for announcements of the 2025–2026 titles!*

*Join a book group and enjoy lively discussion of the book of the month.*

*All Are Welcome!*

# President's Corner

Hello fellow library lovers!

On March 26th, the Friends of the Library hosted the monthly After Hours for the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce. We had an ice cream social and provided sundaes to the attendees. The strawberries and bananas were a huge hit! We had about 40 attendees, including Friends of the Library board members.

The event allowed us to introduce the community to the library and the Friends of the Library. We had the bookmobile at the library, providing tours to the attendees and allowing them to visit the inside of the library to see all the resources and services.

I want to say "Thank You" to all the board members who helped to pick up supplies, set up the event, host, and tear down the event. You all were fantastic and helped support our mission. Keep up the good work and I look forward to hosting in the future.

- Tina Packard, President, Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library, Inc.



TINA PACKARD AND BONNIE WARREN



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SERVING ICE CREAM

## Become a member today!



### MEMBER BENEFITS

- Receive information, like this email, about library events and activities;
- Enjoy a 4-week checkout period for books, including audiobooks;
- Choose four free books from the ongoing or annual book sale;
- Know that you have supported the Casa Grande Public Library and its collections, programs, and services.

### MEMBERSHIP TYPE

STUDENT: \$5

INDIVIDUAL: \$15

FAMILY: \$30

SUPER FRIEND: \$50

VENDOR: \$25

LIFETIME (PER PERSON): \$500

SUSTAINING MEMBER (PER MONTH): \$10



### HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FRIENDS?

Website: [friendscglibrary.org/](http://friendscglibrary.org/)

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