



BookMarks



Newsletter of the Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library

Fall 2025 Pop-Up Book Sale a Success!



HAPPY SHOPPERS! CHILDREN'S BOOKS ARE ALWAYS \$.25 TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG READERS



THOUSANDS OF BOOKS ORGANIZED BY GENRE

Thank you so much to Friends' members, volunteers, and the community for their support with our latest book sale. The book sale took place September 2-6 at the Main Library. It was fun to meet community members and share our love of books with library patrons.

The Friends raised more than \$1,300, which will be used to support library programs and materials. This wouldn't be possible without the community, library staff, volunteers, and Friends members.

The Friends are still accepting donations of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs. They can be dropped off at either library. Gift acknowledgement letters are available for donors at both libraries.

Stay tuned! We hope to host more pop-up book sales at the Main Library in the future. All proceeds are used to support Casa Grande public libraries.



Dia de los Muertos

CELEBRATE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS AT THE LIBRARY WITH MARIACHI MUSIC, FOLKLORICO DANCERS, STORYTELLING, AND MORE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 8:45AM - 12:30PM, MAIN LIBRARY



Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a holiday celebrated in Mexico, Latin America, and the Southwest. Homage is paid with prayers, food offerings, and altars to remember and honor those who have gone before. This all-ages event includes storytelling, *Folklorico* dancers, *Mariachi* music, *pan dulce*, and activities for children.



VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Mayor's Reading Club is a partnership between the City of Casa Grande, Casa Grande Elementary School District, and Casa Grande Public Library. The library coordinates schedules and classroom assignments. Volunteers are scheduled to spend up to one hour each month reading in 2 to 4 classrooms one Wednesday morning each month, between 8:00-11:00 am. Volunteers select a favorite book or story to read, helping instill a love of reading in children. You can make a difference in a child's educational success.

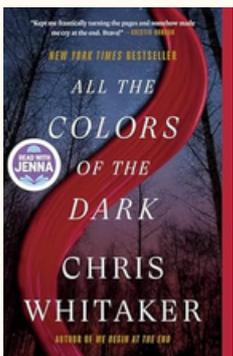
Volunteers can apply to the program online or pick up an application at either library branch. Applicants must also complete a Casa Grande Elementary School District Volunteer Application prior to classroom reading. For more information, stop by or call the Casa Grande Public Library at (520) 421-8710.

<https://casagrandeaz.gov/198/Mayors-Reading-Club>

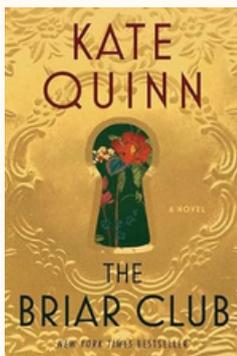


Calling All Book Lovers! Read With Us!

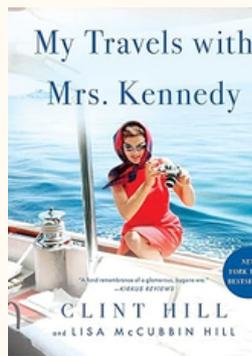
Literati Book Club



OCTOBER 6



NOVEMBER 3

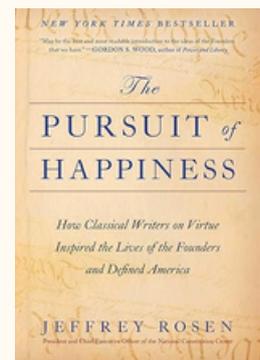


DECEMBER 1

The library's Literati Book Club meets on the first Monday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at Vista Grande Library. Join us to discuss upcoming books! All book lovers welcome.

Lunch Bunch Book Group

The 2025-26 Lunch Bunch Book Group series begins December 9 at noon. Join fellow bibliophiles for refreshments, snacks, and a lively discussion of Jeffrey Rosen's new book, *The Pursuit of Happiness*. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Main Library.



DECEMBER 9

President's Corner

FIND OUT MORE

It is with great pleasure and admiration that I am able to share that Bonnie and Mel Warren, husband and wife Friends duo, have won the AzLA Volunteer of the Year award! This award is open to any individual or group serving in a volunteer capacity in any Arizona library. Emphasis is placed on activities that go beyond the standard requirements of good library service and the nominee's investment of personal time.

Bonnie and Mel spend many hours a week picking up books and supplies, relocating them, and arranging storage. This is time-consuming, as well as physically challenging. They volunteer for every Friends of the Library event and assist in planning and developing events.

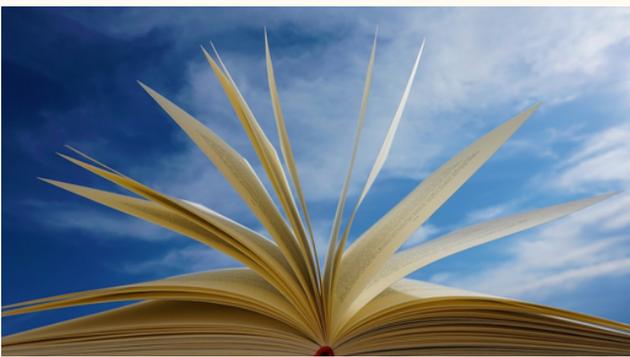
According to Amber Kent, Library Manager, *"Bonnie and Mel bring a rare combination of reliability, creativity, and kindness to everything they do. From managing book sales and fundraising through the Friends of the Library, to leading book clubs, assisting with the bookmobile, and even stepping in to support staff programs, they continually go above and beyond what is asked. Bonnie's leadership and Mel's steady support make them an extraordinary team whose work directly benefits thousands of local residents."*

If you get a chance to thank Bonnie and Mel for their service to the Casa Grande Public Library, please do so! They will receive the award at the Annual AzLA Conference in Tucson in October!

- Tina Packard, President, Friends of the Library



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 audio books;
- Choose four free books from the on-going book sale or annual 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

MEMBERSHIP FORM AT
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HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FRIENDS?

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