

Greetings!

The past 18 months has been very hard on everyone. While we have not been able to gather with volunteers or Friends to express our gratitude for your support of the library, we hope you will accept our sincere gratitude for your generous support of the Friends of the Prescott Public Library, particularly during this difficult time.

We hope that this annual report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, will fill you with pride, as your support ensures that Prescott Public Library is able to provide value-added services to area residents. Featured in this report are a few of the many programs, outreach projects, and resources that the Friends supported this past year. As we look to 2022, we are excited about providing essential financial support for Prescott Public Library to adapt to the rapidly changing needs in our community.

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends and the library!

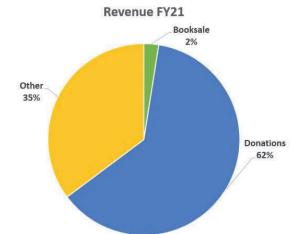
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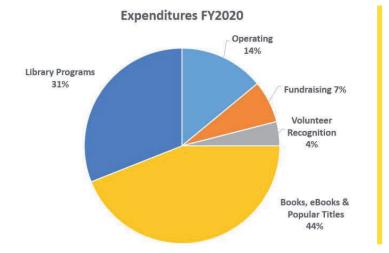




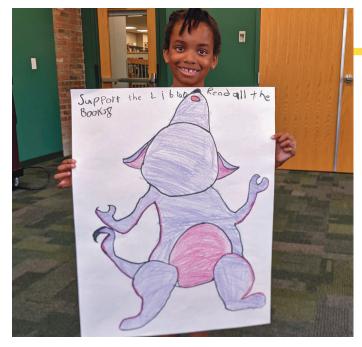
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In Fiscal Year 2021 the Friends received a large bequest from a long-term, generous donor. The bequest was for the construction of a new branch library. The Friends will work closely with the City of Prescott to help bring library services to expanding areas of the City.

Through Friends membership, donors, and Book Sale proceeds, we are able to support library programs, outreach, resources, and special projects.



Our mission is to enhance the library through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteerism.







Fiscal Year 2021 brought many challenges as the library modified services to respond to COVID-19 concerns. During the pandemic, the library continued to offer in-person adult and youth programming when possible, as well as virtual programs. All programs are funded through Friends and include: lectures, concerts, crafts-to-go programs, adult book clubs and and book clubs for youth grades K – 12, as well as the Summer Reading Program for both adults and youth.

Library staff improvised with help from Friends funding to provide services like a drive-through Crafts-and-Books-To-Go on Valentine's Day, Coffeehouse Concerts via YouTube, and Zooming for Book Clubs.

We are thrilled to have sponsored 220 programs in FY2021 for library patrons through Friends funding. There were 4876 program participants attending both youth and adult programs.

StoryWalk® at Granite Creek Park

The StoryWalk® at Granite Creek Park is a children's picture book that is presented as a series of book panels, each with a page from the book, spread along the path that circles the park. The StoryWalk® offers a joyful outdoor reading experience, promotes reading discussion, and encourages physical activity as adults and children step through the pages of a book in a natural setting. Ongoing production costs for the book panels that rotate through the StoryWalk® each quarter are provided by the Friends of the Prescott Public Library.

Installation was provided by grant funding through the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Imagination Library of the Prescott Area (ILPA)

Through the support of Friends, Imagination Library of the Prescott Area, an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, continues to grow and thrive. Eight hundred children, ages birth - five, now receive books mailed to their homes each month.









Prescott Seed Library

In March 2021 Prescott Public Library and the Prescott Farmers Market collaborated to open a Seed Library. The Seed Library offers vegetable, fruit, herb, and flower seeds suitable for our local growing conditions and seasons. Located near the Book Sale on the 2nd floor of the library, a special collection of books and literature are available to area growers. New, season-appropriate seeds are added several times a year and Friends funding makes this possible.





Crafts-to-Go for Adults

One of the greatest benefits of Friends funding is providing matching funding for grants or funding for starting a program, as with the now-thriving, grant-funded Adult Crafts-to-Go.

Popular Books - Print and eBooks

Prescott has avid readers and when new books hit the shelves, there are often long waitlists. Friends funding for this special purpose makes it possible for the library to purchase additional copies of print and eBooks so the wait is not so long.

Book Club Support

The library hosts three adult and four youth book clubs as well as an outreach book club at the Prescott Lakes Parkway School, a school for incarcerated teens. Friends funding provides a copy of the book for each youth participant to add to their home library, and frequently supplies multiple copies of adult book club choices, which then become Book Club Kits available for check out.

Books By Mail

In fiscal year 2021, the library launched a new "Books By Mail" program for individuals who need large print material. Friends funded the handy bags that are used to mail large print books to the homes of homebound patrons.







Hello Friends of the Prescott Public Library -

One of the great things about the Prescott Public Library is the number of programs and activities that the staff organize and provide to the library. All programming is provided with monetary support by the Friends of the Library. The Friends receive money through the ongoing Book Sale, direct donations in the collection tubes on each floor, and especially through the generous donations each year by all of you.

These donations support the various programs and activities that allow us to add the "icing on the cake" that makes up the full range of library offerings. Although everyone - staff and public - missed the programs we were unable to offer last year, we are hoping to rebuild the multiple offerings that were available pre-COVID. Thank you so much for all of your support last year. I'll see you at the library.

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PRESCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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JULY 2020-JUNE 2021







575,299

ITEMS CHECKED OUT (PRINT, MEDIA, AUDIO)



229,297

VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE



37,901

REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED



308 PROGRAMS

6,721

PEOPLE ATTENDED PROGRAMS OR EVENTS



13,489

USES OF THE PUBLIC COMPUTERS



139,492

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