

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a grey hoodie and camouflage pants, sitting on a green carpeted floor in a library. She is smiling and reading a colorful children's book to a young child with blonde hair, wearing a blue dress and a white headband. The child is sitting on a striped blanket. In the background, there are wooden bookshelves filled with books. The text 'Friends of Prescott Public Library' is at the top, and 'GRATITUDE REPORT 2022' is in large letters on the left side of the image.

Friends of Prescott Public Library

GRATITUDE
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2022

A graphic with the text "GRATITUDE REPORT 2022" in large, bold, black letters. The background is a light blue and green gradient with a faint image of a bookshelf filled with books. In the bottom right corner, there is a small illustration of a child's face and a circular sticker that says "ten" and lists ten "I love you" phrases.

Dear Friend of Prescott Public Library,

The Friends Board is pleased to share with you the accomplishments of the Library and the Friends over the past year. Patrons of the Library continue to show great support, as visits to the library are steadily increasing. Looking at the numbers, it is remarkable to see the need that our community has for its library.

Thanks to a very generous donor, the future of the Prescott Library looks promising. Incorporating input collected from public and staff meetings, the Friends worked with a consulting firm to create a detailed report and conceptual plan for a branch library in the north area of Prescott that would meet community needs for today and into the future. We also asked the consultants to provide a proposal for remodeling the existing Library to incorporate the latest in modern library services. The Friends of the Library Board look forward to working with the City to help meet the future library needs of Prescott.

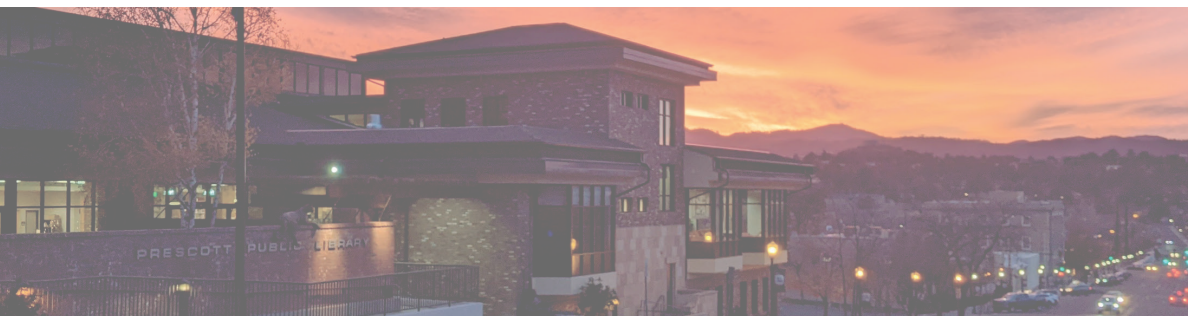
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As you read this Gratitude Report, I hope you, like me, feel pride in what the Library accomplishes because of donors like you. Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season.

In gratitude,

William Arnold

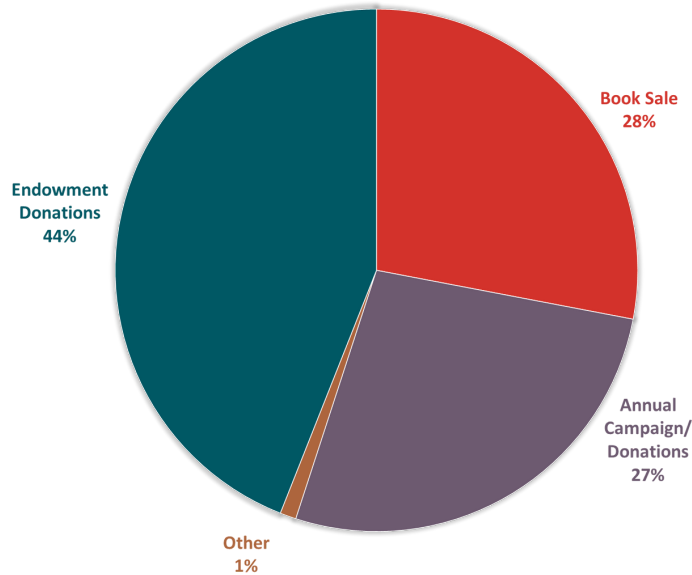
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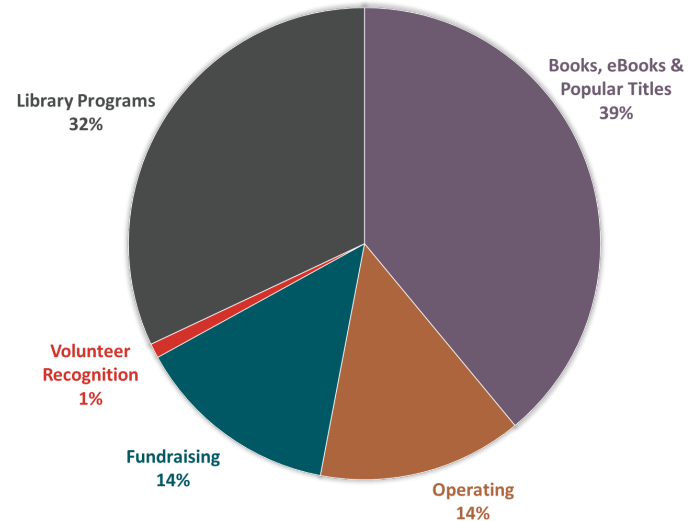
REVENUE FY22



In-store book sale revenue for FY22 was 91% higher than the prior year. The Friends Amazon book sale resulted in a 75% increase from FY21 to FY22.

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

EXPENDITURES FY22



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

Hello Friends of the Prescott Public Library -


As we all continue to emerge from the dark days of the pandemic, it is heartening to see the library abuzz with people once more. Every day seems busier than the next. Participant numbers in programs grow. Popular books are quickly checked out. Summer reading programs for both youth and adults are once again lively.

The staff of the library are grateful to you as a Friends member. Your continued support allows us to revive popular programs and plan new ones. Without the support of the Friends of the Library the institution of the library would not be as lively and responsive as we strive to be.

As we move quickly towards a new year, I want to extend the thanks of all staff members of the library for all you do to support our efforts. We wouldn't be the same without you. I'll see you at the library.

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"Philanthropy is both art and science and must be guided by the heart and the mind.
It is the bright thread that ties all donors together."
-Steve Seleznow, President and CEO of the Arizona Community Foundation



Fiscal Year 2022 signaled a return to in-person programs, more visitors at the library, and renewed attention to outreach. With great joy, youth and adult librarians planned and presented a very successful Summer Reading Program, reaching 1,518 people through programs and seeing patrons log 188,563 minutes of reading.

The library hosted special events for National Library Week and National Library Card Sign-up Month, all aimed at bringing new users to the library and inspiring current cardholders to use new resources. Friends funded both of these events, and both months the library registered 400 new users.



We are thrilled to have sponsored 469 programs for library patrons in FY2022 with a total of 9,572 program participants attending youth and adult programs. All library programs and outreach are funded through Friends and include: lectures, concerts, adult book clubs and and book clubs for youth grades K – 12, as well as the Summer Reading Program and the StoryWalk.

Staff Development and Support

Friends continued to support the library's commitment to continuing education and development for staff. In FY2022 Friends provided lunch during the annual staff training day and funded staff members' attendance at webinars and conferences on topics ranging from early literacy to video editing. Each staff wear shirts bearing the PPL logo, creating a sense of camaraderie and belonging. Shirts are funded through the Friends and they're an important part of onboarding new employees!

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, has expanded its reach to all of West Yavapai County. Friends no longer act as the official affiliate as ILPA is now a 501c3 organization in its own right.

While Friends is no longer officially affiliated with ILPA, we honor its mission and are proud to have been instrumental in its creation. Please continue to support ILPA, which mails books to the homes of children, ages birth - five.





Books to Go

In April 2022 youth librarians launched a new service for families: Books to Go. They identified popular themes and created a bag full of great picture books on each theme. The bags satisfy kids' hunger for books on trucks, dinosaurs, and princesses and introduce busy families to new authors. Friends sponsored the purchase of all Books to Go bags, contributing greatly to the success of the program!

Lucky Day Collection

Friends fund a new collection of hot, hot, hot books available for 7 day checkout on a first come, first served basis.

Crafts-to-Go for Adults

After a first year of grant funding for the Adult Crafts-to-Go program, Friends continued to fund this highly popular program. Crafts are thoughtfully designed and packaged, and are available on the first day of the month while supplies last, which isn't long!



Exploring a New Library

In response to the planned growth in north Prescott and a generous gift from a library patron, the Friends worked with the library to hire a firm that could help assess community need, space and staff requirements and deliver a comprehensive concept for a new library. Community meetings, meetings with staff, and careful calculations about the collection and services were all part of this effort. Friends entirely funded this initiative.

Supporting the Growth of Young Leaders

Since 2009 Prescott Public Library has offered a program called Teen Advisory Group or TAG. Created and sustained to this day by Lead Librarian Jennifer Kendall, this group of teens, ages 12-18 meets monthly to organize service projects for the library, assist with library programs, and develop leadership skills.

Friends of the Prescott Public Library funds annual leadership training for this group as well as sponsoring the activities they present. Friends support has been essential in growing lifelong library users and supporters through TAG.



PRESCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

BY THE NUMBERS

July 2021 – June 2022



286,783

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



4,062
NEW CARDS

24,520

ACTIVE CARDHOLDERS



119,107
electronic
items

707,841

ITEMS CHECKED OUT
(PRINT, MEDIA, AUDIO)



35,456

REFERENCE QUESTIONS
ANSWERED



215,065

VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE



11,007

PEOPLE ATTENDED
PROGRAMS & EVENTS



34,456

USES OF THE
PUBLIC COMPUTERS



135,465

ITEMS AVAILABLE
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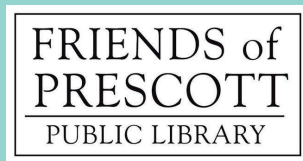
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