

Friends of Prescott Public Library

# GRATITUDE REPORT Fiscal Year 2023



Dear Friend of the Prescott Public Library,

Each year we send you our Gratitude Report to highlight what you and all of the Friends do to support your public library. As a donor to the Library, you provide contributions to the Friends to support the Library, as well as purchasing books and other materials from the Friends Bookstore. Unlike other Friends groups, we do not have premiums or discounts which would reduce the value of your gifts.

The Friends maintain accounts at the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County to be used as needed by the Library each year. The Library requests funds to support activities like youth programs, adult programs, and special educational events. The Friends use the Arizona Community Foundation as a financial institution, because it provides the best return on investment. All Friends donations received go directly to Library programming or are saved for future needs.

Booksale proceeds provide funding for staff and Library volunteer recognition events and staff continuing education. We also provide a donor acknowledgment event from the sales. The sale revenue is used to provide this report and printed materials to encourage Friends support.

The Friends have a small, active board of volunteer directors to carry out our mission. We have one part-time employee who attends Board meetings and handles our bookkeeping and acknowledgment letters.

Your generosity over the years proves how much you value our Library. Your support enables the Prescott Public Library to provide up-to-date services, programs, and a stellar collection of books and library materials.

The Friends Board joins me in thanking you for your generous continued support. William E. Arnold, President

In gratitude,

*William Arnold*



### Friends Board of Directors

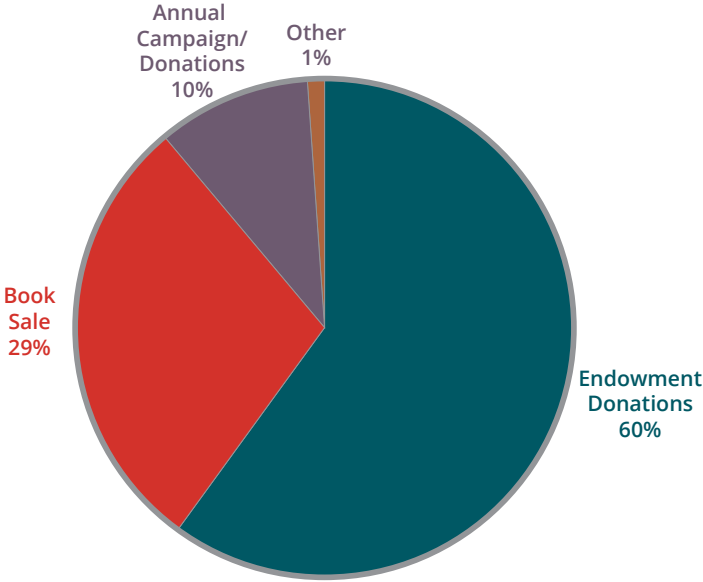
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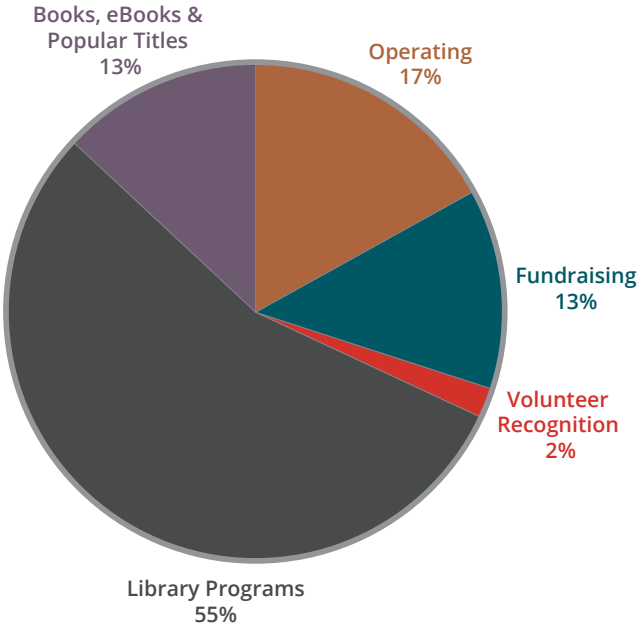
Through Friends memberships, donations, and Book Sale proceeds, we are able to support library programs, outreach, resources, and special projects.

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

REVENUE FY23



EXPENDITURES FY23



Hello Friends of the Prescott Public Library,

It is always humbling to see the community support given to the Prescott Public Library. The statistics in this report show how popular the library and library programs are. It is your support and the support of the Friends that make the Library the place that it is.

Your support comes in many ways. For those of you who give generously to the Friends, we thank you. Your contributions help fund all the public programming that the library offers. Your monetary support also goes towards special projects that aren't funded by the allocated city budget, and those programming opportunities that come about with short notice. With your assistance the library can take advantage of these opportunities.

All of you support the library by your patronage. Your visits to the library, both physically and electronically, show the importance of a publicly funded library to our Community. The next time you are in the library, take a look around and be proud of what you have helped to create.

I'll see you at the library,

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Fiscal Year 2023 continued with a rise in popularity of in-person programs, library visits and materials checked out for all ages. Our librarians increased the number of programs presented by 27%, which resulted in doubling the attendance to over 15,000 program attendees this year! Over 180 programs were held for adults focusing on health, education and just plain fun. Examples include Chair Yoga, a library-wide scavenger hunt for National Library Week, Geology Talks, Star Talks, the Coffeehouse Concert series featuring folk and contemporary singer/songwriters, and the incredibly well-loved Crafts-To-Go program.

Over 500 programs for Youth were offered, bringing in over 11,500 patrons! From year-round Storytimes for multiple age groups to the ever-popular LEGO Expos, Caldecott Books and Art, Art Days for Kids, and three youth book clubs, our Youth Services librarians helped children learn to read, foster a love of reading, and build motor and social skills. A partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's STEM Outreach program supported summer science programs and provided STEM kits for 75 children in grades K-2. The annual summer Drop-in Crafts on Tuesdays, in partnership with the Prescott Art Docents, provided patrons with opportunities to be creative and all craft supplies were made possible by Friends' donations.



## Teens Giving Back

Since 2009 Prescott Public Library has offered a program called Teen Advisory Group or TAG. With the leadership of Lead Librarian Jennifer Kendall, this group has focused on supporting programs for young patrons and organizing service projects for the library. This year, with Friends support, TAG hosted a Halloween Haunted House, a Neverland Tea Party, Cookie House Decorating, Cocoa and Crafts for Kids, and an Easter Egg hunt for our young patrons.

Peter Rabbit made a visit for National Library week and the Easter Bunny appeared for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

## Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program featured unique and exciting events to attract new readers. A BMX Bike Exhibition coordinated by Youth Librarians and Recreation Services thrilled viewers of all ages at Granite Creek Park. Dinocrew Entertainment brought dinosaurs to the Library Lawn. Wildman Phil and his reptiles drew a standing room only crowd to the library Founders Suite. The BubbleManiacs Foam Party on the Lawn brought crowds of happy families and the summer program to a close. During the program from June 1-July 22, 932 registered youth read a total of 848,000 minutes, helping children reduce the impact of "summer slide."

What is "summer slide?" Research indicates 2 months of reading skills and 2 1/2 months of math skills are lost over a single summer. This year, the Friends sponsored our Super Readers who earned \$1 for every 1000 minutes read. Together, Super Readers read a





cumulative 680,000 minutes with Friends donating \$680. The money earned will support the Imagination Library Prescott Area (ILPA), bringing more free books to children in the community! Adults were also encouraged to read and participate in the Summer Reading Program. Minutes logged in the program earned participants a chance to win one of 24 weekly prizes and one of 5 grand prize gift baskets for book lovers. This program proved to be very successful with a cumulative of 259,254 minutes read by 244 registered adults.

Getting books in the hands of readers is still the focus for the library and the Friends ensured that books made their way into the community beyond our library walls. With our literacy partner, Scholastic FACE, books were distributed for free to children at the Farmer's Market, Kindergarten Readiness Fairs, and to our community-located Book Nooks. New books were also purchased to support the school libraries at Prescott Lake Parkway School and the Prescott High School Book Club and school library.

Books were provided as prizes for the Summer Reading Program and sets of this year's battle books were distributed to each team participating in the 2023 Teen Battle of the Books. Friends also supported winning book battle teams with Peregrine Book and Amazon gift cards.

Four new books were featured in the StoryWalk panels at Granite Creek Park. One of this past year's beloved StoryWalk favorites was *Dozens of Doughnuts* by Carrie Finison. When this StoryWalk book



was launched in January 2023, patrons were invited to the library to share delicious BOSA doughnuts with Youth Librarians – thank you, Friends!

Three library book clubs for adults and one for children ran throughout the year. Authors got a boost at the library as well, as three children's authors and one adult author presented programs this year. Budding and working authors were also supported through popular Prescott Writers lectures and the Teen Fantasy Writing Contest.

### **Services Enhanced**

Friends funding continued to sustain and build Prescott Public Library's Library of Things including the addition of new ukuleles to the collection, materials and seeds for the Seed Library, service for and replacement of five Wi-Fi Hotspots, and replacement of the heavily used mobile device power cords available for in-library use. Funding also supported the library's popular book club kits (including new, sturdy totes) which were enjoyed by both the library's own book clubs as well as by members of the community.

### **Staff Development**

Arizona State Library Association memberships and conference fees were provided for library staff to continuing to learn and grow. Librarian Bekah Wilce completed a class on American Sign Language through Yavapai College to better assist our hearing-impaired patrons. Librarian Georgiana Daniels completed a collection analysis class and numerous staff members participated in a range of webinars to enhance their skills.





# PRESCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BY THE NUMBER

July 2022 – June 2023



**287,791**

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



**25,552**

ACTIVE CARDHOLDERS



**726,000**

ITEMS CHECKED OUT  
(PRINT, MEDIA, AUDIO)



**39,590**

REFERENCE QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED



**197,562**

VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE



**15,487**

PEOPLE ATTENDED  
PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**39,272**

USES OF THE  
PUBLIC COMPUTERS



**128,446**

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IN THE LIBRARY

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