

Friends of Prescott Public Library

GRATITUDE REPORT

Fiscal Year 2024



Dear Friend of our Library,

We are pleased that Melissa Orr joined us as our new Library Director. We look forward to working with her in the coming years.

The charge for the Friends this coming year is to assist the Library staff in getting the message out about what the library does for the community and what the Friends do for the Library. We know the Library provides numerous services to the community, but not everyone is aware of all it does. For example, the Library has a part-time Community Services Specialist to help patrons connect with community services. A patron may want to connect with a social service agency in town; our Library can help.

Our Library is becoming more than a source for books and DVDs. We are becoming a Library of Things. You may check out a computer or a Wi-Fi hotspot so that you can have access to the Internet at home. You can check out hiking backpacks and binoculars to prepare you for a birdwatching event. The Library is considering lending a person who is knowledgeable about a particular subject and having that expert share with local groups.

Our new Library Director and Friends have lots of ideas to help the Library provide more services to patrons. This gratitude report describes what has been made possible through the support of patrons like you. Your generosity is a testament to the value that you place on the Prescott Public Library as an integral service to our community. If you have a story about what the Library means to you, please let us know.

Thank you for your support.
Appreciatively,

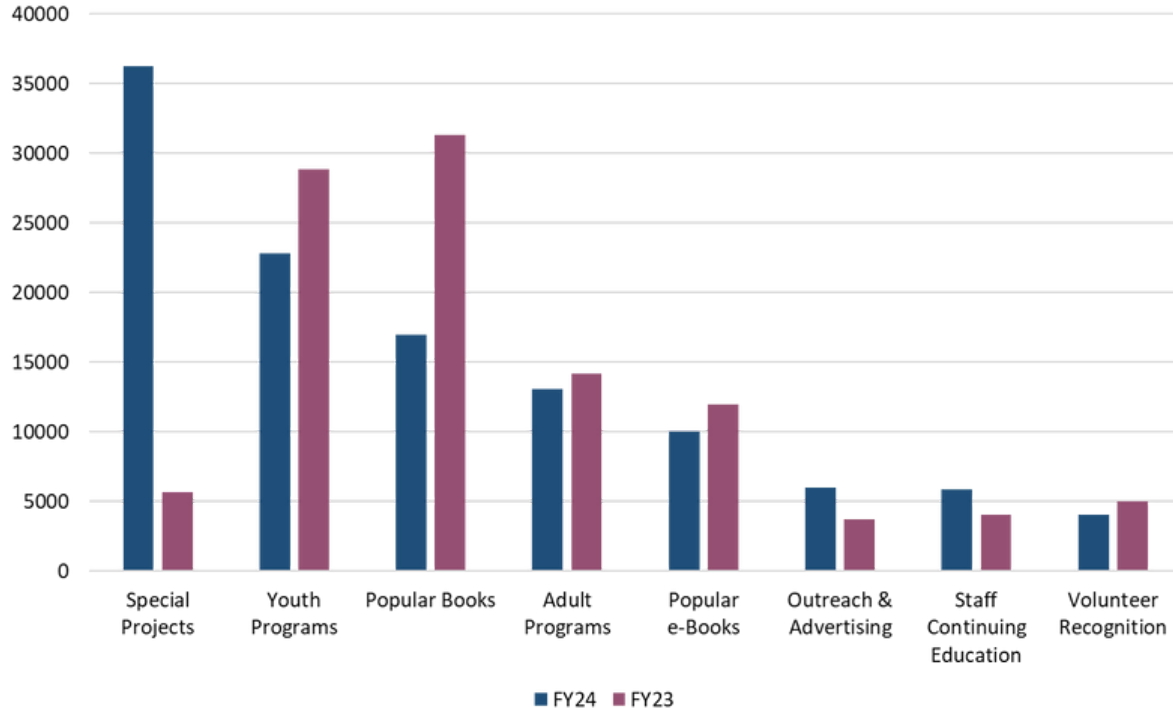
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Library Support Highlights



Our mission is to enhance the library through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteerism. Through Friends donations and Book Sale proceeds, we support library programs, additional copies of popular book titles, outreach, resources, and special projects.

Dear Friends of the Prescott Public Library,

I would like to extend our heartfelt acknowledgment of the remarkable impact your steadfast support has had on Prescott Public Library over the past year. Your unwavering dedication as members of our Friends group and your generous contributions have been instrumental in our ability to thrive and serve our community.

At Prescott Public Library, we firmly believe that a library is not just a repository of books and information but a vital hub of learning, community engagement, and cultural enrichment. It is a place where minds expand, imaginations flourish, and connections deepen. Your contributions have enabled us to uphold this vision by enhancing our collections, expanding access to technology, and enriching our diverse programming.

Throughout this report, you will find compelling stories of how your donations and volunteer efforts have transformed lives, empowered lifelong learning, and fostered a sense of belonging among our patrons. Your commitment not only sustains our mission but also propels us forward, ensuring that we continue to be a cornerstone of education, culture, and community in Prescott.

As we reflect on the past year's achievements, challenges, and aspirations, please accept my deepest gratitude on behalf of the entire library staff, and patrons. Your partnership is truly invaluable, and we look forward to continuing our journey together in building a brighter future for all who call Prescott home.

With sincere appreciation,

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Youth Services

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) titled “Adventure Begins at Your Library” was a success this summer. There were over 1,300 patrons of all ages who signed up for the program. Close to 800 of those patrons logged activity with over 500 completions for the program. Unique programs supported by the Friends included The Magic of Eric Gilliam, Wildman Phil, Jungle Jill and a finale program by Bubblemaniacs. Friends provided funding for all programs, prizes and free books for kids.

Teens had a great time at the epic Teen Battle of the Books as a finale for Summer Reading with t-shirts, books and prizes provided by the Friends.



Four beautiful new and upgraded preloaded educational computers for our 2–6-year-old patrons were installed this year. AWE Learning offers early childhood education all-in-one literacy stations. These popular stations include more than 75 pre-loaded award winning software titles. These provide STREAM-aligned content that has been recognized by the Modern Library Awards, by Library Works, including membership of the kidSAFE-LISTED Seal. They have been very loved and well-received.



The Rock Garden in our Early Literacy Play Space was upgraded this year with new educational toys and new bookcases for board books. The refresh has been very popular with families!



The Teen Zone was in much need of updating, as the most recent remodel was in 2012. In the fall of 2023, the carpet was replaced and the walls were repainted. Matching funds from the Friends allowed the library to write and receive a grant so the total expense of the remodel in 2024 could be shared. Together, the funds will allow the library to add mobile shelving for programming flexibility, new soft seating, tables and chairs, sound dampening clouds, and a new expanded Manga comics collection.

Out in the Community

Since 2021 the Friends have provided funding to update our StoryWalk at Granite Creek Park every quarter. This year, StoryWalk featured The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read by Curtis Manley, Rattletrap Car by Phyllis Root, Got to Get to Bear's by Brian Lies (with a Caldecott and Cupcake Celebration at the library at the end of January), and finished with I Went Walking by Sue Williams.

A new Book Nook opened at the Connections Center Re-Entry Program at Yavapai County Justice Center. Friends provide money to purchase new children's books to add to donated and discarded books for all ages on the bookshelf in the waiting area. People are welcome to read while waiting and/or take the books home with them along with library information. This is the eighth Book Nook in the community!





Adult Services

- The library hosted nine very popular Coffeehouse Concerts, featuring a variety of singer-songwriters.
- The Seed Library has been supported by seasonal orders, including 53 varieties of seeds.
- A library scavenger hunt was conducted during Winter Reading, where adults explored the library and learned about library services to earn prizes.
- The library now features 72 Book Club Kits, with seven new kits added this year.
- Chair Yoga is held monthly to keep our community active, even with reduced mobility.
- The library provided unique programs including lectures on Birds of the Central Arizona Highlands and Haunted Prescott (complete with local ghost stories), a popular quarterly in-person crafting program for adults called CrafTea Time, and a monthly Chamber Music concert series. One new program this year was the fully booked Discover Chocolate event, featuring Clay Gordon, the world's first professional chocolate critic in 2001 and author of multiple books, along with a chocolate tasting.



Staff Professional Development

Two staff members attended the annual American Library Association Conference held this year in San Diego with support of the Friends of the Prescott Public Library. They learned valuable information about providing services to adults and seniors, improving digital literacy, how to connect with older adults with disabilities, and how other communities work with their cities and area agencies on how to address homelessness.





Volunteers

The annual Volunteer Recognition event was a huge success in December! We celebrated National Volunteer Week in April and provided treats from local bakeries each day. There are currently 119 volunteers, and the hours they work equate to more than five full-time employees.

Building Improvements

Founders Suite audio/visual upgrade was completed and numerous patrons have provided positive feedback. The Founders Suite chairs were also replaced. Staff and the public continue to provide positive feedback on their light weight and comfort.



Library Services

- Books by Mail is a library service that provides homebound patrons with materials through USPS. There are currently 29 patrons utilizing this service.
- Books on Wheels is an additional homebound service that currently utilizes the help of 20 volunteers that service 18 individual patrons and the residents at: Prescott Lakes Apartments, Las Fuentes, AZ Pioneer's Home, Pineview Adult Care Home, Pine Lakes, Alta Vista, Willow Wind, Good Samaritan Society and Senior Living.



PRESCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

BY THE NUMBERS

July 2023 – June 2024



320,485

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



3,949
NEW
CARDS

25,141

ACTIVE CARDHOLDERS



722,171

ITEMS CHECKED OUT
(print, media, audio)



36,693

REFERENCE QUESTIONS
ANSWERED



182,309

VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE



17,442

PEOPLE ATTENDED
PROGRAMS & EVENTS



35,948

USES OF THE
PUBLIC COMPUTERS



127,287

ITEMS AVAILABLE
IN THE LIBRARY

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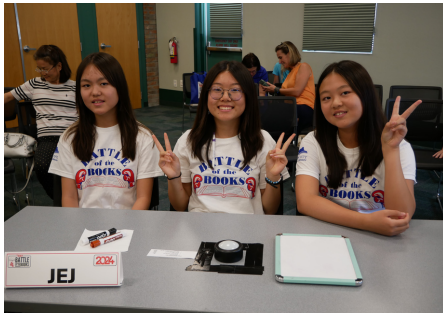
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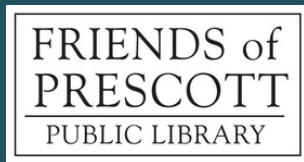
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