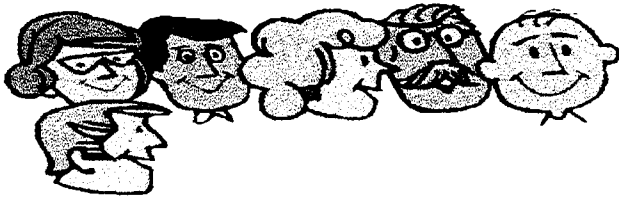


# Friends of the Kingman Public Library

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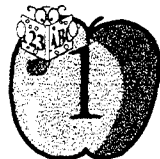
We will be holding our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 pm in the program room at the library. This meeting gives us an opportunity to let you know what we have accomplished in the past year and the direction we will be heading in the future.

We will be voting on a new board, including a new president, Irv Lubin, and we encourage you to come out and meet him as well as the other members of the board.

The budget for Fiscal 2004-2005 will also be presented to the membership. With our increase in book sale returns, we will be able to offer the library more funds for books as well as equipment.

There will be sub sandwiches, snacks and we promise to keep the meeting brief! Please mark your calendar's now and plan to attend this once a year meeting.

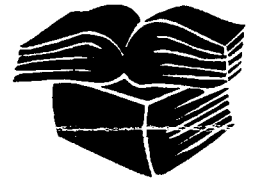
Our first December book sale went very well. We only used our "worth more" books and held the sale inside. We made \$1872.50 during the two days of the sale. Set up and take down were much



easier only using the program room, but we couldn't have done it without help from the members. We also appreciate those who worked the sale.

December is notoriously a busy month, and we appreciate those who gave of their time.

We also had a very successful book sale in February. We had received some very generous donations from patrons and from the library itself, and we found ourselves with an over abundance of fiction books. So the decision was made to sale all fiction books in the back at 2 for 25 cents and paperback fiction inside for 25 cents. There was a little concern that this would impact the sales numbers, but our final tally was \$2603.96!



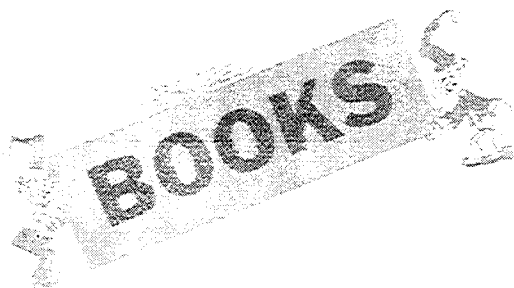
A number of our regular helpers were not available for this sale and we appreciate all those who jumped in and worked double shifts at the sales tables and worked extra hard setting up and taking down. These sales would be impossible if our members weren't so willing to help. Thanks!!!!

We would also like to give a special thank you to Karla Kay, who took on the job of publicity. She really did a wonderful job of putting out flyers as well as getting us newspaper coverage (front page, no less!) We appreciate all her time and hard work.

Our next sale will be on May 7 & 8. Hopefully, we'll have warmer weather by then!

## Update

In our last newsletter we reported that we were looking into putting a storage building in behind our annex. We received the necessary approvals and purchased a building from Southwest Building Systems. It is 6 x 10 feet and will be painted gray to match the annex. It has been installed behind the annex, and we are just waiting for them to paint it. The total cost was \$1069.17. This building will be used to store our tables and other miscellaneous items so that we have more room in the annex for books. Jim Hudson did a great job in spearheading this project and we appreciate his willingness to take this on.



We also purchased a fourth cart for our book sale area in the middle of the library. We typically sale between \$250 and \$300 worth of books a month off these carts and we felt it would be worth while to increase the number of books available. We hope this will enable us to keep the carts just a little better organized as well as increasing sales by offering a wider selection.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find an envelope for renewing your Friends of the Library membership. We encourage you to do this as soon as possible so it doesn't slip your mind.



We appreciate your continued support and hope you feel that your contributions are used to benefit the Kingman Public Library. You will receive a receipt and a new membership card. Remember that Friends membership fees are tax deductible. Your prompt reply helps us keep our expenses down by reducing the number of reminders we have to send out.

*(Note: if you recently joined the Friends, it is not necessary for you to renew until next year.)*

We will be hosting the Friends Festival this year. We are still in the planning stages, but we have set the date. The Festival will be May 15, 2004. Suzanne Phfister, a motivational speaker will help us with ideas for raising funds and attracting new members. We are also working on finding an author to speak. We currently plan to have both speakers finish up by noon and then have a catered lunch. As we finalize the event, we will send out a flyer with all the details.

