

Friends of the Kingman Public Library

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OOPS!!

Well, we missed getting out a newsletter during the summer months, so we'll try to get you caught up on all the news.

We purchased some smaller tables that are easier to handle. This made set up and take down less work at our May book sale. We had good help, as always, and our May book sale brought in \$2615.

We were a little concerned that having a book sale over the Labor Day week-end would affect our sales, but we didn't need to worry. That sale netted \$2766. The holiday did affect the number of people available for putting the books away and we appreciate those that worked so hard.

And speaking of book sales, our next one is December 3 & 4. This will be inside only and will feature our "worth more" books. Books make great holiday gifts and you can't beat our prices! If you would like to help with setting up, selling or taking down, please give Jo Deal a call and let her know (692-9585).

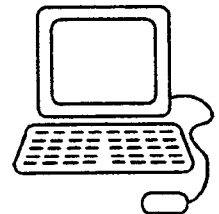


We will be trying a new publicity tactic for this sale. We are renting four of the Critter Grams from Southwest Hospitality. These are the wooden signs that are placed on street corners to help advertise an event. We hope this will get the word out to those who may not subscribe to the paper or see one of the flyers.

We would like to thank the City of Kingman for once again giving us a \$10,000 grant. This money will be used to enhance the collection of the library. It is given to us in \$2500 increments four times a year. Having this money to use for books enables us to use the Friends money for other things the library needs.

One of those extra projects will be replacing the computers that can be used by the public.

We hope to purchase five new models sometime after the first of the year. We will work with the library computer expert to make sure we get just what is needed.



The library will purchase the computers through the county and we will reimburse them for the purchase. By doing it this way, the computers will be covered under the county's service agreement.



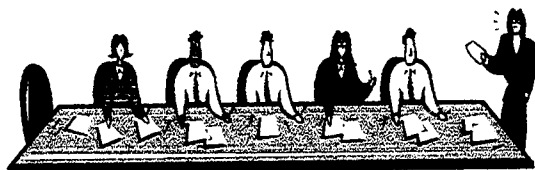
Occasionally we get donations of books that we know will not sale or we find books that have been in our collection for a very long time. Rather than throw them away, we have located two sources willing to take them.

St. Mary's church takes the paperbacks and gives those that meet the criteria to the jail.

St Vincent DePaul is willing to take the hardback books.

We appreciate having somewhere to donate books instead of adding to the landfill!

The Friends of the Library board meets the third Wednesday of every month (except August & December) at 6:30 in the program room of the library. If you would like to see how decisions are made or have some input, plan to attend one of the upcoming meetings.



Upcoming fvent

We will be hosting the Friends of the Library Festival next year and the Festival committee has been hard at work putting together a program.

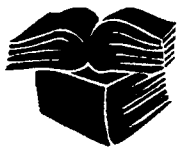
The Festival will be on April 16, 2005 at the Katherine Heidenreich Senior Center. We will begin with coffee and donuts at 9:30. This will be followed by Roseanne, from the Mohave County Museum, who will give a presentation on the resources available at the museum. She will be followed by two professional storytellers who will share ways to tell a story, plus share their skills. We will end with a catered lunch at around noon. The cost will be approximately \$7.50 a person and pre-registration will be required.

We are also planning on having a goody bag for each participant that will include a chit good for a free book.

We still have a few details to work out and we could use some help with preparing for the event and cleaning up after. If you would like to be a part of this event, please call Tami Belcher at 897-0920.

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Calendar*

For those of you who like to do advance planning, here are the scheduled dates for our book sales in 2005.



February 4 & 5

May 6 & 7

Sep 2 & 3

Dec 2 & 3



And as always, we use the day before to get things set up. We usually start about 3:30 and anyone is welcome to come and help. Many hands make light work, plus you get first crack at the books!