

Friends of Mohave County Library-Kingman

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BOOK SALE NEWS...

Well, our book sales just keep getting better and better! Our September sale netted us \$3228.75. Thanks to the hard work of Irv Lubin and Karla Kay, we had a lot more books available for sale and they were in better condition. We also purchased a few more tables for the back so more books could be off the ground. These sales would not be possible without the support of our members who help with set up, staffing the tables and take down. Thanks for all you do and keep up the good work!!

NEW

The Friends of the Library board voted to have a "Members Only" sale on the Thursday evening before our regular book sales. This sale will be for dues paying Friends members only and will be from 6-8 pm. Our next book sale is December 2 & 3, so the members only sale will be on December 1st. You will need to show your membership card or have some form of ID to get in to the sale. Come take advantage of being a Friends member by getting first pick of the books!


INSIDE THE FRIENDS -

By Karla Kay

Ever wondered how our books get into our sales? Or onto the cart in the Library? Where they come from? Who chooses what to keep? Here are your answers!

There are three people primarily responsible for "working" the books themselves - Irv Lubin, Karla Kay, and Sharon Schwartzlose.

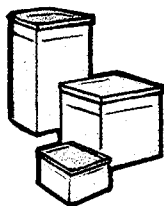
Irv's duties are to keep the cart filled and to help with the sorting. Irv (and his wife, Jerlyn) are at the Library at least

five out of the seven days of the week - stocking and sorting. Irv tries to keep a good variety of books on the cart as well as making sure we have the type of books that seem to fly  off the shelves.

Jim Hudson, our treasurer, collects the money that is placed in the box on the cart. He then counts it, rolls it and deposits it. Since the majority of the money is in change, this can be a rather labor intensive task.

Karla is the publicity person for our organization - getting the information out to the media, making

sure the flyers, bookmarks and signs are prepared, as well as doing the major part of the job of sorting all of the incoming donations. This takes about three sessions a week, as we receive donations continuously through the front door of the Library, as well as truckloads of drop-offs at the Annex door.



Sharon's prime area of service is at the sales themselves. Sharon (and her husband, Don) are the ones who physically set up/take down the tables (starting at 6:30 AM the day before the sale!), find teenagers to help load/unload the books, and make sure the areas are presentable for the beginning of the sales. Sharon is there almost none stop during the sale and then she makes sure everything is put back in an orderly manner after each sale.

If we speak primarily of the books involved, in general they come from the public, from our Library, and from other Libraries within the system. Donations are accepted through the Library, or picked up by Irv, Karla, or Jim Hudson upon request.



Donations are requested on Channel 11, through publicity on KAAA 1230 AM, the Miner, and



the Standard. Irv has been extremely instrumental in getting MANY donations from the other Libraries in the system, as well as from private donors in Golden Valley.

When the books are received, they are sorted into their categories -

New Fiction, hardcover and paperback and "worth more" books (coffee table books, older copyrights, new sets, etc.) New Non-fiction, used fiction (hardcover and paperback), used non-fiction, and children's. Magazines are sorted into "new" (within the past 12 months), and used (anything else). Also, "trash" is sorted out and thrown away (molded, rained-one, torn, filthy). Regrettably, some donors use us to haul their "trash" books away, but this happens only rarely.

Some of the books we receive are still good, but perhaps a little too used for our sales. These are put aside, and donated to various charities in the area - Cornerstone Mission, St. Vincent de Paul, ARC, etc.

Sometimes, requests are submitted to us to sort the books (particularly the fiction) into categories - mystery, western, romance, sci fi, etc. If we had the room, we would. However, our working area consists only of the space in the Annex (the small building in back of the Library), and the shed in back of that building. We just don't have the room to sort and store over 8,000 books into so many different categories.



After the books are sorted into their various boxes, they are stored until

the next sale.

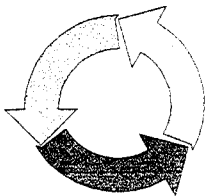
Want to help in any of this? We'd appreciate having more people in the weekly activities! If you can handle a 50-pound box of books and you'd be interested in working with us, please call Karla - 718-0658, - we could really use your help! (Big perk - if you help with the sorting you get to see what comes in before anyone else, and get to buy the books BEFORE they hit the sales!)

Also, if you have any ideas, advice, or suggestions on what might be different, please call! We'd LOVE to hear from you.

****NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY****

The summer reading program was a big success and we appreciate the Friends continued support of this program. We had over 100 patrons participate and they read a total of 5064 books!

We are in the process of getting rid of the books that are old and in poor condition. By doing this we make room for the new additions. These books are donated to the Friends for their book sale and the money raised is then used to buy new books. It's a continuous cycle and benefits everyone involved.



Mohave County Library District's newest volunteer is a giant green

bookworm named Wee Reed MCLeeD. MCLD Marketing and Development Specialist, Kathy McGehee says that Reed was selected by ballot from a number of popular bookworm designs by the Staff. "A Ballot was sent out and employees responded." She said, "And his name was selected the same way."

The costume was designed and created by a MCLD employee and the Library District plans to use the mascot costume in parades, fairs and special events around Mohave County.



ARE YOU MOVING?

Be sure to give us your new address so that we can keep our membership lists up to date and you won't miss any of our mailings. Just call 897-0920 and pass on your new information.

Thanks!!

At the request of Bonnie Campbell, Director of the Mohave County Library District, we have changed the name of our organization to Friends of the Mohave County Library-Kingman. All money raised will still go to the Kingman library. This is a name change only.

