

Friends of the Mohave County Library-Kingman

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CHANGE, CHANGE, CHANGE.....

Our Annual Meeting this year is March 15, 2006 at 6:30 pm in the Program Room of the library. We will be presenting a number of changes for the members to vote on.

First, we would like to change our fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. It currently begins in April. We feel that moving to the calendar year would be better from a record keeping perspective and make for a cleaner change from one year to the next.

Second, we would like to change some of the Friends By-Laws. These center around the duties of some of the Board members. Most of these changes have actually been in place for years, but never changed on paper.

As always, we will also present an overview of what has been going on with the Friends over the past year, present the budget and elect a new board to serve for the coming year.

We would like to encourage members to attend this meeting and vote on the changes. This is your organization, not just the Boards, and your participation is very welcome. See you there!!

TIME TO RENEW

Attached to this newsletter is your Friends membership renewal envelope. We appreciate those of you who are so faithful year after year in supporting this organization with your dues. Membership dues are important to our yearly budget and used to help build up the library.

We would like you to know that if the change in the calendar year is approved, the date for starting our renewal drive will be changed to January.

We are also asking for your email address this year. These will be kept strictly for Friends of the Library business and help us cut down on postage for some of our mailings.

If you have joined the Friends of the Library since November 2005, (and there are a lot of you!) it is not necessary to renew at this time. Dues paid the latter part of 2005 will be carried over for this full year.

Remember that by sending in your membership today, you help us cut down on the need for sending out reminder letters later on.

Thank you for your continued support!



Let's talk about the book sales....

With our December book sale we added a new feature. We opened the doors to members on the Thursday evening before the sale opened to the public - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. There seemed to be enough interest from our members to make this a regular feature. This will only be for books in the Program Room since we don't have lights in the parking lot area. But you can come by early Friday morning to see what we have out back.

The December book sale made \$3082, which was a great amount for an inside only sale.



We also had our first sale of 2006 in February and we certainly got off to a good start. We made \$4337!! This is by far the best sale we have ever had and sets a high bar for future sales.



Thanks to everyone who helped staff the cash tables and also set up and take down. The more people that help, the lighter the work and we appreciate those who put in so much time and energy to make our sales so successful.

NEW SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

Ever need that third book of the series? Or maybe the second volume of your set? Or a particular issue of a magazine? Or a book you read years ago that's now out of print?

Maybe Friends of the Library can help you find it! As we sort through the hundreds of books that are donated/picked up etc., we are able to pinpoint certain books you may be looking for. All you have to do is let us know about your need! We have already found types of books for members, as well as particular volumes. All we need to know is your name,

phone number and book title or author. There is no charge for this service, just one of the benefits of being a Friends member. Call Karla at 718-0658 to start the search!

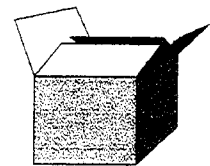


ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

As we all know, the success of any group depends upon the support of its membership, both in financial matters and in the work the group performs. Currently we have a small number of people doing the majority of the work and we could really use your help.

Publicity is one such area. We need someone willing to get our information to the Miner, Channel 11 and outlying newspapers, distribute flyers, and do anything else we can come up with to get the word out about our sales and organization. Most of this occurs only four times a year, so we're not talking about a big time commitment, but it is a very important thing. Since we have started really working on publicity, we have seen our book sale profits really grow (look at February!). If you would be interested in helping with this, please call Karla Kay at 718-0658.

Another area that could use more help is in the sorting of books. This is done two or three days a week and times could be arranged to fit your schedule. This takes a relatively strong back (40 lb. boxes), but that is compensated for by the fact that you



get to buy books as they come in before anyone else sees them! Give Karla a call (718-0658) if you would be willing to help with this.

We would also like to find someone who would be willing to contact businesses in the area, acquaint them with what the Friends do, and encourage them to make a contribution to our organization. We would use these funds for some of the bigger projects for the library that are beyond our current budget. You can call Tami at 897-0920 if you would be willing to help with this project.

On November 11, 2005, long standing Friends member Jim Hudson passed away. Jim had been a Board member for many years, serving wherever he was needed. He was always willing to share his ideas and to go the extra mile. Jim always kept the Board on track and made sure everything was done in proper order. Even as his health declined, he came to meetings and presented his reports. Jim's presence will be missed and we're grateful for the service he gave to the Friends of the Library.

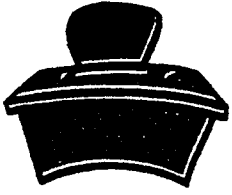


WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Lloyd Bolling
Shirley Buren
Delbert Calkins
George & Ruth Cisney
Rita Cownie & Family
Carolyn Diggs
Brad & Pam Ellico
William Elliot
Dale & Diana Fechner
Steve Haller & Family
Daniel Hendricksen
Amber Leonard-Prestia
Rick & Virginia Lundgren
Stan Major
Maureen Reed
Judy Reynolds & Family
Patricia Ryden
Marc & Lynne Stiegler
Patti Whiting
Craig Wilson & Family*



*Thanks for joining the Friends
(Sorry if we missed anyone!)*



News from the Library

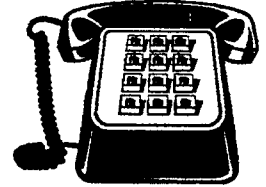
The Children's Department will be having Story Time at 9 & 10 am on Wednesdays and at 4:30 PM on Thursdays through April 13th. The program will be the same each hour for one week. This is for children from new born to 5 years old. They will also have "Book Bingo" for children ages 6-12 on Tuesday, March 7th from 4:30-6:00 PM.

The library now has a trial program from Sun Sounds of Arizona. This is a free service for the visually impaired, providing 24 hour-a-day talk radio on a special radio receiver. They have volunteers who read newspapers, magazine articles and books. People can come in and listen to the station and look at one of their program lists to determine if they are interested in this service. If they do want it, they can apply for a radio to be sent to their home so they can listen anytime.

We are in the process of acquiring five new computers for use by the public.

We are currently conducting an inventory of the books in the library. This will help us discover what is missing and what needs to be replaced or recovered.

We, the members of your Board of Directors, have been trying to find ways to make your organization more interesting and useful. If there are ways that we could serve either you as an individual or the community in general, please call us, and give us your suggestions and ideas. Call Tami, President, at 897-0920 or Karla, Secretary, at 718-0658.



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