

Newsletter

FRIENDS OF THE KIRK-BEAR CANYON LIBRARY

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Fall 2011

Attend the Annual Meeting

Members Needed in Attendance

Annual Meeting

October 17, 4:00 PM

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library Conference Room

All Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library are asked to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday, October 17, 4:00 at the library. Members will elect officers, review the activities of the past year, and discuss future projects.

The decision-making could cover book sales, performing and visual art offerings, and programs for children. Also, the current focus and level of scholarship donations may be appraised.

The board is expected to solicit new ideas for enhancing the community library experience. So start thinking and most importantly, show up!

The scheduling of the next regular board meeting has not been finalized.

Friends Fund Series of Rollicking Concerts

Libraries once tended to be quiet, bookish places. Patrons of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library still enjoy silent, tranquil spaces, but through the summer, many clapped and hooted appreciation for the musicians of the Sounds of Summer Concert Series. Renowned classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala presented a global repertoire in June. The Arizona Balalaika Orchestra went full-tilt in July. Then modern folk duo Roth d'Lux, accompanied by jazz trumpeter Glendon Gross, made Kirk-Bear Canyon an enviably cool summer venue.



Musicians of The Arizona Balalaika Orchestra rocked the Kirk-Bear Canyon conference room with traditional and modern Russian tunes.

HELP FRIENDS CUT COSTS

The newsletters of the Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library are available to members by email, on the website at www.fkbcl.org, or by US Postal Service. If you are comfortable with email, please notify FRIENDSKBCL@GMAIL.COM that you can forego paper.

EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Sit & Knit: Every Tuesday 1:00 to 3:00

Baby Time: Wednesday 3:00

Homework Help: Mondays & Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:30

Toddler Story Time : Tuesday/Wednesday 10:15

Pre-School Story Time: Tuesday/Wednesday 11:15

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Public Library

Managing Librarian

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Visit the Friends on the
web at: www.fkbcl.org

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library Hours

Monday	10am-8pm
Tuesday	10am-8pm
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-5pm
Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5p

Message from the President

By Dorothy Swerdlove, President

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Friends of Kirk-Bear Canyon Library for the past three years. Our purpose is to assist Managing Librarian Margaret Wilkie and her wonderful staff by providing KBCL with equipment and/or financing programs that fall outside the regular budgetary expenditures set by the Pima County Library Administration.

Among the most popular projects is the Art Gallery, for which Librarian Rona Rosenberg arranges a different exhibition every month. Also, the Lego Club for children has been a great success, as has the Sit and Knit group which also provides a venue for good conversation. And the monthly Book Club has been going strong for many years.

All of these activities help to make the public aware of our local library and they are only possible because of you, the members of the Friends. Your dues, your donations for the book cart in the Library lobby and for our periodic sales --and, of course, your purchases of books --have made vital contributions to the libraries' mission of outreach to our community. On behalf of the Friends' Board, I thank you all.

The **Book Discussion Group** is now reading *Little Heathens* by Mildred Armstrong Kalish. All readers are invited to chat about the book at 1:00 on Thursday, September 29, in the library conference room.

The group will chisel through *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese on October 27, also at 1:00.

On December 1, the selection is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Is it OK to cheat and just see the movie? Try it and see! The group usually welcomes all insights.



Marie Hirsch coordinates the Kirk-Bear Canyon Book Discussion Group. In late summer and fall, Hirsch solicits suggestions and creates a list of all of the books nominated for discussion by interested participants. The book group then mulls, reads reviews, discusses, and finally votes for the eleven books that will make the roster for the months ahead. Fiction works are generally favored.



A young bibliophile examined a possible purchase during the Children's Book Sale held at the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library in July. The sale drew 118 visitors.

Book Sale to Offer Treasures

The Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library will throw its next big sale on Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23. The extravaganza will start with a members-only hour on Saturday, from 9:00 to 10:00. Doors will open to the general public at 10:00.

According to Robbie Willingham, Book Sale Coordinator, the first hour of the sale offers a valuable perk for members, who will have first shot at a limited number of autographed copies, gorgeous coffee-table tomes, and hot new best sellers.

On Sunday, October 23, the already ridiculously low-priced books will be on sale for half price.

Relief: Parents Do Not Have to Do It All at Home

Are you not exactly remembering about past participles or Vasco de Gama or why you want to find that hypotenuse? Relax. Financed in part by Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, homework help will be on hand at the library on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30.

According to Ella Gomez of Library Youth Services, the homework helpers are teachers or subject specialists, employed by Pima County, who will be assigned to the same library branch from September through mid May. Students may benefit from homework helpers' superb range and depth of knowledge in many subjects. On-line help is also available at www.library.pima.gov/homeworkhelp.

Recycled Books Turn into Programs and Perks

The book racks at the entrance of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library raise money that the Friends turn into special programs and amenities. Library patrons can lend support to the library by bringing their vintage and new books to the library. Some donated volumes may be added to the library's collection, while most will be sold in the library foyer. Volunteers from the Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library sort and price the gently used books and gradually feed them to the book racks.

Book donations are needed! Scrutinize your shelves and let someone else love the books you've already devoured. Then move on and buy some new volumes off the shelves in the library foyer.

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers. ~Charles W. Eliot



Scavenger Hunt: This photo was taken somewhere around the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library. Can you find the spot??

2011 ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Fiction, nonfiction, crafts, cookbooks, children's & more

Saturday, October 22

Members Only, 9 AM to 10 AM

Open for All, 10 AM to 4 PM

Sunday, October 23

All books 50% off already reduced price

1 PM to 4 PM

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Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library Membership Application

New Member Renewal

Membership Options:

Student Friend: \$5/year

Good Friend: \$10/year

Family Friend: \$20/year

Devoted Friend: \$50-99/year

Best Friend: \$100+/year

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