

# Newsletter

## FRIENDS OF THE KIRK-BEAR CANYON LIBRARY

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### Friends Always Need Friends

#### *How to Become a Friend*

Bighearted fans can become Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library by donating ten dollars and sending in a membership application. No applicant has ever been turned away. And being a member carries no mandatory duties. The benefit of membership lies in the philanthropic glow that comes with doing a good deed.

Membership money goes straight to the organization called Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, which has bylaws and officers and regular meetings. The Board of Directors accepts requests from the Kirk-Bear Canyon librarians for funds that provide furnishings or activities for the library, beyond that provided by the Pima County Library system. All officers are volunteers.

The beauty of giving to the Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library is that ALL of the money goes to the library. There are no middlemen, no big agencies. The amenities bought with memberships and other donations appear right in this friendly neighborhood library. And your membership fees are tax deductible.

### EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

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

Book Discussion : Last Thursday of the month: 1:00

Homework Help: Tues & Wed 3:30 - 5:30

Canyon Crafts: Fourth Thursday, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

FRIENDS BOARD Meeting May 9, 4:00

### Friends Celebrate Kirk-Bear Canyon Library's Twenty Years

The New Year came in on a high note for Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, as the branch celebrated its 20th anniversary with a week of gala events arranged by librarian Rona Rosenberg. Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library covered the costs. The festivities culminated in a jazz concert on Sunday, January 16, the actual date of the anniversary. The Arizona Daily Star was most diligent in publicizing the library's various activities and programs.



FRIENDS PRESIDENT DOROTHY SWERDLOVE HELPS DISPLAY GOURMET SNACKS AT THE KELLAND TRIO JAZZ CONCERT.

### 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](http://www.fkbcl.org)., or by US Postal Service. If you are comfortable with email, please send a request to [FRIENDSKBCI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FRIENDSKBCI@GMAIL.COM)

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A branch of the Pima County  
Public Library

## Managing Librarian

Margaret Wilke

Visit the Friends on the  
web at: [www.fkbcl.org](http://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

## *Friends? What do they do?*

*By Dorothy Swerdlove, President*

The Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library threw a book sale on March 19 and 20, attracting approximately 250 people. Robbie Willingham, Chairman of the Book Committee, did her usual superb job of managing all the details, from preparation to clean-up. A heartfelt "thank you" goes to those involved in the sale --donors, buyers, staff, and volunteers. The sale couldn't have succeeded without all of you. Thanks, also, to the various merchants who put flyers in their windows, and a special thank you to Safeway for providing bags for carrying home the purchases.

The proceeds from the sale and from the book carts in the library lobby will be used to underwrite various library items and programs, as determined by the library staff. Ongoing programs sponsored by the Friends include the Book Club which has been an attraction for many years. More recent groups are "Sit and Knit" and the Lego Club, both of which have displayed their work in the large cases at the entrance to the library.

I hope that members of the Friends are proud of our organization and its activities in support of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library.

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The **Book Discussion Group** is now reading *The Blue Tattoo* by Margot Mifflin. All readers are invited to chat about the book at 1:00 on Thursday, April 28, in the library conference room.

The group will dive into *Rain Water* by Sandra Brown on May 26, also at 1:00.

On June 30, the selection is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson is slated for July 28.

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Marie Hirsch coordinates the Kirk-Bear Canyon Book Discussion Group. Commenting on her appreciation of the group reading experience, Marie said, "The most memorable experiences were when there was a book we didn't want to read, but we were all glad we read it." Member Jane Sanders added, "We have wonderful discussions."



Sit and Knit Coordinator Pat Flanagan, left, and Friends Secretary Pat Bergen welcome Glory Averaino (seated) who volunteered to track Friends Membership.

## Volunteer Opportunities Abound

So maybe you have a few hours a month when you wish you were doing something wonderful and meaningful and maybe creative and just a little heroic? Or maybe you are just starting out in your life and could use a few brilliant entries on your resume?

Consider volunteering with the Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library. You could be a document designer for bookmarks and brochures. Maybe you could type updates to documents such as bylaws. Or you can be a photographer or writer for this very Newsletter! Join Friends and leave a note about your skills and your willingness at the library main desk.

## Crafters Bond Across Crafts

An activity called Canyon Crafts is promoting a new kind of inter-craft communication. While quilters have traditionally covered their own quilting bees and cake decorators kept a taste for their own recipes, a new camaraderie is blossoming at Kirk-Bear Canyon Library. On the fourth Thursday of the month, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., crafters of all persuasions come together to pursue and maybe even share their passions.

Started at the end of February, Canyon Crafts is scheduled to meet through May. Admission is free. Bring your own craft supplies, a few skills and lots of enthusiasm!

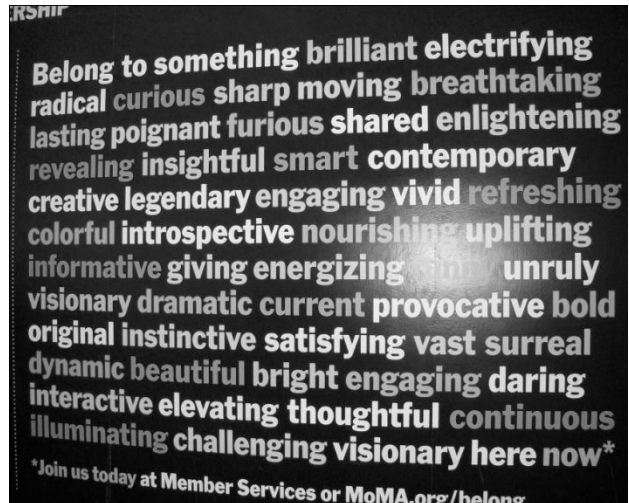
## Donate a Good Book

The book racks in the foyer of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library are active fundraisers for the library and they need a steady supply of good books. Library patrons can express their support by bringing vintage and new books to the library. Some volumes may be added to the library's collection, but most are sold in the library foyer. Donated books are stored until volunteers from the Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library sort and price them.

Book donations are needed! Clear your shelves and make room in your brain for fresh new books. And let your donated books give bright new ideas to a fellow reader.

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**Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend.  
Inside of a dog it's too dark to read-Groucho Marx**



*Sentiments from a MOMA poster easily apply to Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library!*

## Library Plans a Rollicking Summer of Events for Kids and Teens

Summer Reading Club 2011 starts on May 26 and ends on July 23. Though reading is its own reward, youngsters can also win a book and a ticket to Breakers Water Park. Teen action includes a planetarium show, Bollywood dancing, photography and chess! Catch flyers in the Kirk Bear Canyon Library for details.

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## Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library Membership Application

New Member     Renewal

### Membership Options:

- Individual: \$10 per year  
 Family: \$20 per year  
 Youth under 16: \$5 per year  
 Benefactor: \$100  
 Life Member: \$500

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