

Happy National Library Week!

April 19-25 is the annual celebration of National Library Week, sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA). So, even though times are different now, we can still celebrate our special space.

L is for **learning**.

So much to read, view, and ponder from the library.

I is for **interaction**.

We can interact with print, technology, and people at the library.

B is for **books**.

Yes, books . . . online or request them and drive by to pick them up from the library.

R is for **reading**.

Fiction, non-fiction, information available in so many formats from the library

A is for **appreciation**.

Whether it's music, art, stories, or information, we can enjoy it all in the library.

R is for **resources**.

The library has too many to list; just know that if you want it, it is likely available through the library.

Y is for **you**.

Yes, you are the reason for the library.

Thank you for joining Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library. Although current social distancing guidelines have caused us to delay some of our upcoming events, rest assured that we are planning for the future.

If you have friends who are looking to support the Scottsdale Public Library, our memberships start at \$35 and offer numerous great benefits. To join the Friends, visit <https://scottsdalelibraryfriends.org/make-a-donation>.

Upcoming Friends' Member Benefits

Special Book Sales

We have arranged so Friends have early access to Library books sales to get what you really want.

Author Presentations

We are in the final stages of negotiating with Poisoned Pen Bookstore to have special Library presentations with well-known authors, with VIP access for Friends.

Friends Book Club

Last quarter we read *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. We are considering other discussion options during this uncertain time.

Special Events

While dates are currently TBD, we are planning our Libraries are Grand event and a special Scottsdale Heritage Connection event.

Libraries to Go Fine-Free on July 1

Scottsdale Public Library will be joining the more than 200 municipal library systems who have gone late fine free.

At the April 7, 2020 Scottsdale City Council meeting, Mayor Jim Lane and Councilmembers unanimously approved a resolution to have Scottsdale Public Library become a fine free library effective July 1, 2020.

What this means for Scottsdale Library card holders is that there will not be a fine imposed for materials returned past their due date.

Eliminating fines helps to support social equity, ensuring that Scottsdale Public Library is a place for everyone in the community to enjoy and benefit from.



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The Friends' Board voted unanimously to support the resolution, and sent a letter to City Council urging its support. We would like to thank the Scottsdale Public Library Board and Library leadership for its continued efforts on researching both the policies of other public libraries across the US and the impact of fines on Library patrons and the system.

Spirit of Literacy Award Winners Announced

While we have to postpone the award breakfast (originally scheduled for April 24, but Scottsdale Library is closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak), the Friends are proud to announce the 2020 Spirit of Literacy Award honorees.

This year, we have chosen former *Scottsdale Tribune* writer **Lois McFarland**, the **Silverman Family Foundation**, and Former City Councilman **David Smith** and his wife, former Friends' President **Diana Smith**.

All three winners have played a pivotal role in expanding literacy in the City of Scottsdale. We look forward to recognizing their efforts publicly once social distancing regulations are lessened. Friends' members will receive a separate email with an invite.