

# Newsletter

## FRIENDS OF THE KIRK BEAR CANYON LIBRARY

[www.fkbcl.org](http://www.fkbcl.org)

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### Friends Need More Friends

#### *How to Become a Friend*

Generous souls 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

Read to a Dog: Every Monday 6 pm

Baby Time: Wednesdays, 3:00

### Attend a Board Meeting

#### *Members Needed in Attendance*

#### **Annual Meeting**

November 8, 4:00 PM

All Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon are urged to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday, November 8, 4:00 at the library. Members will elect officers, learn about activities of the past year, and discuss future projects. A Board Meeting will follow the Annual Meeting and all Friends are encouraged to remain for this session.



*Managing Librarian Margaret Wilke, Board President Dorothy Swerdlove, and Vice President Jean Neilsen discuss donations to the library during the October, 2010, board meeting.*

### 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 [FRIENDSKBCL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FRIENDSKBCL@GMAIL.COM)

### Officers

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### **Kirk Bear Canyon Library 8959 E. Tanque Verde Road Tucson, AZ 85749-9399**

Located on the northeast  
corner of Bear Canyon and  
Tanque Verde Road,  
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? Are You the Ones Who....

*By Dorothy Swerdlove, President*

Like many national organizations with local affiliates, our community has both a Friends of the Pima County Public Library ("Big Friends") and a Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library ("Little Friends") which cooperate and complement each other's activities. For example, both groups work to promote literacy through financial assistance to various projects (e.g., Summer Reading, Homework Help) and to publicize the library's place in the community by supporting special projects such as children's puppet shows, crafts programs for all ages, art exhibitions and book clubs. We both finance our activities through the sale of books donated by patrons, and if FKBCL cannot use a book (e.g., poor condition), we send it to the "Big Friends" who have a recycling arrangement.

As might be expected, we "Little Friends" concentrate our efforts on helping the Kirk Bear Canyon Library. Besides the programs mentioned above, we have bought equipment ranging from the large display cases at the library entrance to the baby changing stations in the lobby restrooms. Many of our members, who appreciate the work of the county library system as well as our local branch, are members of both the "Big" and "Little" Friends.

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*The **Book Discussion Group** is now reading *Olive Kitteridge*, the marvelous fictional work by Elizabeth Strout. All readers are invited to chat about the book at 1pm on Thursday, October 28, in the library conference room.*

*The group will dive into *Greetings from Tucson* by Michelle B. Gray on December 2, also at 1:00.*

*On January 27, the selection is *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick.*

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Pat Flanagan, Kitty Fleming, and Vera Jaeger share a laugh while knitting.

### **Knitting Seen as the Hot New Craft**

The hottest objects at the recent Milan Furniture Fair were knit from yard and string, according to the Wall Street Journal magazine. The September 2010 publication featured knitted lampshades, chairs, and pillows.

In line with this latest knitting trend, Bear Canyon Library hosts its own Sit and Knit group every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00. Novices and experts are invited to gather with their favorite knitting projects. Pat Flanagan, volunteer knitting coordinator, expects about ten knitters each week, some regulars and some drop-ins.

Beginners can show up empty-handed and some of the veterans will be happy to share supplies and demonstrate the beginning steps. An easy camaraderie seems to form as knitters share life stories along with knitting tips. The craft evokes a warmth that we seem to yearn for in our technological age.

### **Lego Club in Building Stage**

A Lego Club is in the works at the library as of October 2nd. The Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library approved funds to supply the little plastic blocks. Nineteen-year-old Bryan Silva, known for his mastery of Lego architecture, will monitor and inspire young Lego enthusiasts. The Lego-fest for fledgling architects and engineers will meet every first Saturday of the month and will surely foster a burst of creative and cooperative Lego construction.

Parents might target each first Saturday for early-morning toy clean-up at home. Then with kids building in the library, using library Lego's, parents may bask in a Lego-free living room for a few fleeting moments each month.

## **Donate a Good Book**

The unassuming book rack in the foyer of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library is an active fundraiser for the library. But it needs a steady diet of good books. Vintage and new book are welcomed at the library. Donated books are stored until volunteers from the Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library sort and price them. Some volumes may be added to the library's collection, but most are sold in the library foyer.

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



Donated books for sale in the foyer of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library.

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"Volunteers polish up the rough spots in our communities."

- Jefferson Award Winner Alice Sandstrom

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### **Teens Ease the Long Hot Summer**

The Kirk Bear Canyon staff sends thanks to the 14 teen volunteers who helped the Kirk Bear Canyon Library this past summer. The following generous teens worked over 295 hours: Rebekah Bilbo, Laura Chalk, Brittany Crowther, Dakota Curry, Charles Ezeugwu, Rita Ezeugwu, Alexis Guy, Nikolas Jackson, Dana Krisofitz, Alex Mercer, Becca Mercer, Brenda Six, Emeline Smith, and Merin Thomas. Friends are so proud of you!

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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

### Please return to:

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Call me! I want to volunteer!

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I don't use email; Please send my newsletter by post.

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