

# FRIENDS' NEWS



Friends of the Libraries Surprise, AZ

December 2015

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALYSON CLINE

Alyson Cline to Friends Volunteers: "2015 has been a great year for Friends of the Surprise Libraries. Here are some facts that you may want to share with customers who say, "Where does the money go?" This year we have donated \$51,154.24 to our local Community! Less than 6 percent of our income goes to expenses and most of that is for Volunteer Appreciation and operating supplies such as the stickers we use to price the books. We also donate books to local school classrooms. We have a School Grant program for Teachers, Reading Specialists, Reading Coaches and Librarians. Grant request forms are available on our website. Veteran teacher Judy Spradling is the Chair for the School Grant Committee. Our book sale this year garnered \$3,319 When is our next sale? We don't have an exact date, but we will be looking at having a sale around Thanksgiving in 2016. Thanks you for helping us support our Community. You are the heart of the organization."

## NOVEMBER INCOME SOARS TO \$7,155

Total Friends income for last month soared to \$7,155.10, including \$3,780.25 from daily book sales (for 23 sales days) and \$3,319 from the special four-day book sale the week of Thanksgiving.

## FRIENDS GIVES SCHOLARSHIP FOR THIRD YEAR

Friends School Grant Chairman Judy Spradling presented \$4,000 to the Dysart Education Foundation to fund for the third annual Friends College Scholarship for an outstanding Dysart graduating senior. The scholarship program began in 2013. "We are very grateful to Friends of the Surprise Libraries for this much needed scholarship," said the foundation's President Billie Laird. "We are proud of our association with Friends and look forward to continuing that tie."



*School Grant Chair Judy Spradling with 7-8 grade teacher Andrea Wilson with a box of Elie Wiesel "Night" best-seller "Night" furnished to the Countryside Elementary School by Friends. This allows a number of students to read the same book in a literacy class that is working on main ideas and themes*

## FRIENDS SCHOOL GRANTS – THE 10<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

Friends' \$34,793.68 grants to local schools and libraries closes out the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the program which began in 2006. In 2008 this program was expanded, bringing annual grants to \$14,000 a year. In 2013 the contribution expanded again for a total of \$30,309.86. This year Friends reached out to PTA organizations, Reading Specialists, Reading Coaches and School Principals to fill budget funding gaps. In a December meeting the Dysart Unified School District presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Friends President Alyson Cline to honor the total \$180,767.17 grants to Dysart Libraries and Schools.



*Shoppers jam the Friends' book sale in November*

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY SINCE 2003 - \$424,095.53**