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December 2021 Newsletter
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Hello from our FOTL Chair

Hello Friends! December is here and it's hard to believe how fast this year has passed. Our November book sale was a wonderful success, thanks to our dedicated, hard working volunteers! We have a new and improved website, where you can see all of our Virtual books for sale, and now you can purchase them online. The 2021 Winter Reading Program kickoff is this weekend on December 4th, and the library is bringing many exciting events and prizes throughout December, for this all ages program. Stay tuned for a special newsletter recognizing all of our marvelous business sponsors! Finally we have elected a new Board for 2022, and we have so many amazing plans in store for next year! Please join us at the next General Meeting to find out more about FOTL happenings, and remember that we are always looking for volunteers to join our group, to help us increase literacy and a love of reading!

Winter Reading Program

THANK YOU to AZ Quality Plumbing, for sponsoring the Winter Program kickoff event!



AZ Quality Plumbing is family owned and operated and provides free estimates for their plumbing services within a 10-mile radius of the city of Maricopa. Real Estate Agent looking for extra help for your seller or buyer? AZ Quality Plumbing is your go-to plumber solution. Whether you need a simple faucet fixed, or need a new water heater, water line replacement, or are interested in a Reverse Osmosis or Soft Water System, AZ Quality Plumbing can meet your needs. Plumbers operate 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. You can check out all of their services by visiting online or calling (480) 415-3507. Website also has a gallery of services offered. <https://azqualityplumbing.com>

Winter Reading Program

The winter portion of our 2021 Reading program begins tomorrow, on December 2nd, and people of all ages are welcome to participate!

Membership

FOTL membership increased to 151 – many new members joined at our fall book sale! If you know of anyone looking to become a member, now is the time as new member dues will be prorated to the end of next year! Membership forms are available at the library and on our website fotlmaricopa.com. Now is also the time to renew your membership. Go to our website to see payment options. If any of your information has changed (phone number, email, or address), please email changes to Charlene Dodson at membership@fotlmaricopa.com.

Thank You Book Sale Volunteers

Hello awesome volunteers, I would sincerely like to thank everyone who came out to volunteer for our November 6th book sale. For all of those that called me to volunteer, to those who I twisted their arms, (not really), to the ROTC cadets and their leader, you are great!

I would like to especially give extra credit to **Colonel Kirksey** for organizing the following cadets to help load the boxes of books:

Cadet Garcia

Cadet Alley

Cadet Nieblas

Cadet Heckadon

Thanks to our FOTL members who provided:

Water-**Barbie Brady**

Coffee, bagels, etc- **Helen** and **Ron Smith**

Yummy cookies, other goodies: New member-**Cindy Hoover**

Our truck driver-**Tom Kelley** and guiding mate, **Jean Kelley**

I looked out at the over 40, yes 40 volunteers, during the day on Saturday, and saw worker bees flitting around keeping things organized, and talking to all the people who came by to purchase our books. We had a great sale thanks to all of you!

Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Monte

Virtual Book Sales

The Virtual Book Sale is now located on our website! We add items every few days, so please check out the wonderful selection at [Virtual book sale](#).

Visit Our New Website

We have rolled out a brand-new website - fotlmaricopa.com - where we'll keep you up to date with all things FOTL! Our new website comes with a new webmaster – Charlona Sawyer. Charlona brings 30+ years of website and graphic design experience to the group. Feel free to email any website comments and suggestions, or just say hello to Charlona at webmaster@fotlmaricopa.com.

We Need Bookshelves



If you have unwanted bookshelves, the FOTL could use multiple shelves to store our books. Please text or call Terry at 662-224-9751.



Mystery Boxes

Mystery Boxes are available in all genres! Mystery boxes are \$10.00 each, and contain about 20 books, DVD's, etc. You can request a box by visiting the library and filling out the form found in our library book nook, or you can request a specific genre on our [website](#), or [Facebook](#) page - just send us a message, and we'll try to fulfill your request!



Calling All Volunteers!

In addition to volunteering to help with our committees, we are looking for volunteers to help sort books, and to assist with our book sales! When you help us sort and sell books, you get the benefit of seeing the books first, and taking some for yourself! Email for more details. info@fotlmaricopa.com.

General Meetings

The next meeting will occur in the library, on January 10th, at 5:30pm. This is our Annual meeting, where we will discuss our past and future goals, introduce our new 2022 Board, present our 2022 Budget, and discuss FOTL happenings and projects.

Thank you to Oliver Anderson!



The Board and members of the Maricopa Friends of the Library would like to recognize and honor Mr. Oliver Anderson, a retired farmer who, along with his wife Hermina, was one of the founding members of FOTL. The Andersons have graciously allowed us to store the donations for our semi-annual book sales at their farmhouse near Murphy and Farrell Roads.

The book sorting committee frequently meets on Monday mornings to organize donations for distribution to our “Book Nooks” at the Library, the Senior Center, Copa Craze and Copper Sky. We also pick out books for our virtual sales, mini sales, authors of the month, and sort books into genres for our semi-annual sales. Some donations are set aside for local schools and teachers as well as group homes. Although he is now retired and lives in Province, Mr. Anderson frequently stops by and tells us stories of the early days on his farm and in Maricopa in the mid-twentieth century.

Oliver was born on his family's farm near Southern and 19th Avenues in Phoenix less than a month after the U.S. stock market crashed on Black Tuesday in 1929. Because farmers raised their own crops and traded with their neighbors as a way of life, the Andersons survived the depression by farming. Eventually, Mr. Anderson spent two years on an Air Force base in Japan before moving to Maricopa in

1954, to work on a farm co-owned by his father and a business partner. The Anderson - Palmisano Farm grew cattle, cotton, grain and alfalfa. The current Anderson Farm, now managed by Oliver's oldest son Kelly, has evolved to specialty crops – providing dry flower products for Hobby Lobby, Pottery Barn and Michaels.

Mr. Anderson is a great storyteller. In an online interview with Michelle Chance of InMaricopa in 2018, Oliver recounts being invited to a barn dance in Phoenix, but not having a date because his datebook was “moldy and unreadable” after leaving military service. It was there that he met Hermina, his wife and the mother of his four children: Kelly, Troy, Lynn and Wendy. The Andersons have lived a life of service to Maricopa, making significant contributions to community activities and culture. Oliver, Hermina and now Kelly's wife Torri have served on the school board. Kelly served as the first publicly elected mayor. Hermina taught piano lessons, directed dinner theater performances at the high school in the 1980s, and was the music director at the Community Church for many years.

With the Rotary Club, Oliver helped the community in its efforts to build a swimming pool and worked with the Stagecoach Days committee to help fund it. He was also active with 4-H programs. As a farmer, Mr. Anderson served on an advisory committee for the Maricopa Agricultural Center. He received a Lifetime Award from the University of Arizona for his work and commitment to agriculture and service to the community and youth of Arizona. In 2006, Mr. Anderson was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

In the interview with Ms. Chance, Oliver talks about the early days of his life in Maricopa. There were no paved roads and the need for groceries required a trip to Casa Grande or

Phoenix. People rarely left their homes, except for events at the school or a meeting at Headquarters Buffet. There were no printed newspapers, and the best sources of information were the party telephone lines (a primitive form of InMaricopa) and the unofficial “Chamber of Commerce” consisting of the town barber and the postmaster, Fred Cole. Oliver warned that a trip to post a letter required an hour’s time if you wanted the “whole scoop”.

Oliver Anderson is one of Maricopa’s pioneers who has seen our city grow from a small dusty town to the largest city in Pinal County. According to his son Kelly, “He’s always served without fanfare, under the radar, wanting no recognition – just wanting the pure joy and knowledge that things will be better.” We are very thankful that Oliver chose Maricopa as his home and has allowed FOTL to use his former home as an essential part of our fundraising program. Funds from our book sales support library programs for children and adults as well as college scholarships for Maricopa students. Thank you, Mr. Anderson!

Community Rewards

Did you know that the FOTL has both a **Fry's Community Rewards** account and an **Amazon Smile** account? Search and select **Maricopa Cultural Activity Center Inc.** for both. All proceeds help fund library programs. To sign up, just click on the following links.



[Fry's Community Rewards](#)



<https://smile.amazon.com/>

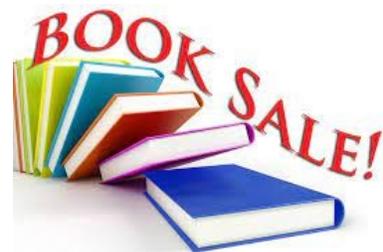
Book Donations

Hello friends! We are not accepting book donations until January 1, 2022.



Inspirational Quote of the Month

It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it. (Oscar Wilde)



Books for Sale

Can't wait for a scheduled sale? Books are also for sale at various places around town.

- Copper Sky
 - Copa Craze
 - Book Nook in the library
 - The new Senior Center
 - Check out your nearest shelf for our latest selection of books of all genres, audio books, DVD's, CD's, puzzles, and more. Our book nook will also have many holiday books through the month of December.
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Book Clubs For Adults



There are 2 book clubs held at the library.

NonFiction Addiction meets the 1st Thursday of the month, at 11:00 am.

Novel Ideas is a fiction book club that meets the 4th Monday at 5:30 pm, and the 4th Thursday at 11:00 am.

Please come out and join us to have an exciting conversation with other book loving community members!

Coffee with Friends



Please join the Friends of the Library on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:00, at the Library in the Redwood room. Coffee with Friends is a social gathering – you do not need to be a member to join us. However, we'll definitely try to recruit you! Coffee, lemonade and snacks are provided, but feel free to bring your beverage of choice.

Board Members

Jamila Miqbel Chair	Jim Irving Director	Charlene Dodson Director/ Chair
Darin Baker Vice Chair	Terry McKaughan Director	Memberships and Website
Barbara Brady Treasurer	Melissa Turner Director	Helen Smith Director/ Chair
Becky Check Secretary		for Scholarships

Thank You!

We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the sponsors of the 2021 Reading Programs! Your contributions help us in our efforts to advocate for and assist our local Library and our community!

EVENT CALENDAR

December 2022

Date	EVENT TITLE	TIME	VENUE / ADDRESS	CONTACT INFO
Dec. 2	Winter Reading Program Kick off	4-6pm	Maricopa Library 18160 N. Maya Angelou Dr.	Register at https://pclid.libnet.info/event/5864066
Dec. 10	FOTL Excursion	Will leave promptly at 9:30am	Mesa Market Place 10550 E Baseline rd. Mesa Lunch @ Chili's Meet to carpool at Tacos N more 21596 N JWPkwy #104	Please RSVP to Connie by email : cstrandemaz@gmail.com No later than Dec. 8th
Dec. 11	Garden Gurus	10am	Maricopa Library 18160 N. Maya Angelou Dr.	Maricopalibrary.org 520-568-2926

