

PLEASE SUPPORT THE 2021 CHOCOLATE TASTING

Next year, 2021, would have been the 30th annual Chocolate Tasting. Because of this special anniversary and because our Chocolate Tasting earned the 2019 Bisbee Best Event award, the Board has chosen to continue the tradition in a Covid-safe environment. Look for upcoming publicity on how you can contribute to this beloved February fund raiser but, for now, here is the available information.

See's CANDIES®

The Friends are partnering with See's Candies so that delicious chocolate is still the focus of this Valentine-related event. You will be able to order candy directly on line from See's from a unique address on their web page. (We will help you if you are technology challenged.) You may select a quantity and product of your choosing. The candy will come directly from See's to you. If you do not want any chocolate but still wish to contribute, you may send donations to our P.O. Box 516 in Bisbee or put your donation in an envelope marked "Chocolate Tasting" and drop it in the book return box outside the post office.

We will give you all the information on how exactly to do this after the holidays but, for now, we wanted to let you know that it is happening.

Thank You to members who have renewed or have become members since the last newsletter.

Sustaining: James/Irene Widner; Rebecca Orozco; Marilyn Seibold; Nancy Williams; Brenda Taege

Supporting: Lis Longface

Family: Susanna Pretty; Tracy Sheppard/Chris Huelsbeck; Thomas Oatman/Jacqueline Ayd

Individual: Barbara/Ken Sikora; Susan Mathews; Randy Thill



On Wednesday, December 16th, the City's Public Works Department installed a long-overdue and much-anticipated library sign designed and constructed by Bisbee artist/welder Ben Dale. Thank you to all the Friends of the Copper Queen Library whose contributions made this beautiful sign become a reality.

We are so sad that Covid prevents us from gathering for our annual holiday party. This tradition has been such a wonderful time to visit with each other and share our love for the library. The Board wishes you the warmest of blessings for a peaceful holiday and we look forward to seeing you safely in the coming year.



WE'VE PAID FOR A LOT DURING COVID!

Even though the library building has been closed to patrons, services have remained very active. Since the last newsletter, The Friends of the Library have responded to requests by staff to fund the following programs, services and materials to support patrons during this time of critical need.

- \$200 Family Movie Night checkout kits of popcorn and hot chocolate.
- \$800 Grab-and-Go teen and adult craft kits.
- \$150 Snacks and props for the Teen Haunted Library film.
- \$1,150 for additional materials to supplement the Health and Wellness \$2800 grant for all students enrolled in Bisbee schools.
- \$120 for weekly video chair yoga classes.
- \$400 for Teen Health and Wellness Initiative.
- \$500 for Easy CD audio books.
- \$500 for Juvenile audio books.
- \$150 for 10 additional copies of THE BLUEST EYE for Banned Books Week.
- \$150 for Youth Free Write program.
- \$150 for Youth Free Write printing of "Copperopolis."
- \$150 for Jason and Alison's membership in the Arizona Library Association.
- \$5,000 for the new library sign.



Jason and Alison and all the staff come up with the best ideas for us to support the Best Small Library in America such as these beautiful new lights and the Tool Library and this cool mural at the Annex.



Someday....

"I looked around the room at the few people scattered here and there. Some were leaning into books, and a few were just resting, having a private moment in a public place, and I felt buoyed by being here. This is why I wanted to write this book, to tell about a place I love that doesn't belong to me but feels like it is mine, and how that feels marvelous and exceptional. All the things that are wrong in the world seem conquered by a library's simple unspoken promise: Here I am, please tell me your story; here is my story, please listen."

-THE LIBRARY BOOK-
Susan Orlean

IN MEMORIUM

The Board extends its deepest sympathy to friends and family of Sandra Plotzer, former Friends President.

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All are welcome.

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