

## Please Join Us in Welcoming Two New Board Members

The Board recently updated its Bylaws to reflect current practices and procedures. One of the updates included changing the number of Board members to not less than seven or more than eleven. This increased number better spreads out the duties and work involved in carrying out our Mission. We currently have ten Board members: President Joan Reichel, Vice President Sara Curtis, Secretary Cathy Clifton, Treasurer Carol Lokey, Members-at-Large Kathie Muserelli, Nicole Hansen, James Coull, Mary Jane Bank, and our two newest, Rachel Whyte and Karen Corey. We meet at 5 pm on the second Monday of the month in the library. All Friends are welcome to attend. Here are profiles of our newest Board members submitted by Karen and Rachel.

Karen Corey was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania, moving to Bisbee in 1980 to work as a Special Education teacher for Vision Quest at their Learning Center in Bisbee. A year later she became the Special Education Teacher at Greenway School where she continued her career at BUSD until retiring in 2011. During the 40 years Karen has lived in Bisbee, she has taught summer school, instructed aerobics and other fitness classes at her business, Border Fitness, worked for county elections and finally as a garden clerk at ACE Hardware in Sierra Vista.

Karen has also been a frequent volunteer in the community for various groups. She held a Read Aloud-Activity time on Saturdays at the library for a couple of years in the mid 90's, has volunteered for the Chocolate Tasting in some capacity since its inception, and served on The Friends of the CQ Library board for three or four years.



Karen Corey

She volunteers for highway clean-ups, fund raising for the Animal Shelter and the Historic Home and Garden Tours. She has also been active in her Banning Creek Canyon Fire Wise Community for the past 14 years. Karen is currently an art student at Cochise College and working on many of her own projects at home both in gardening and plant care as well as painting and drawing.



Rachel Whyte

It is an honor to serve on the board of The Friends of the CQ Library. The Friends board does so much to support our wonderful library and the important work that the library does in our community. Our creative and dynamic award-winning library impacts most everyone in the community in many different ways. It is a true partnership between city government, staff, volunteers, the Friends, the arts community, business, and a diverse public.

I have volunteered for about eight years with The Friends, helping on various fundraising events such as Chocolate Tasting and Altered Books. I volunteered at the Annex for several months during their first year. I currently volunteer at the Main branch on Wednesday morning. I also assist in The Friends bookstore as needed. I have been a participant in Freewrite for several years. So I feel that it has been a natural progression to now be

My background is in professional social work. I have a Masters of Social Work, and worked for 35 years in the field. My experience was initially in medical social work, but then I moved into state government and worked in program planning and development in the areas of public health, family support, child abuse prevention, and women's services.



We are disappointed that Covid has once again robbed us of our annual holiday get-together. But since The Friends have always used this time as an opportunity to thank you for all you do, we will thank you again this year with treat sacks filled with cookies homemade by our board members. These can be enjoyed as a companion to the hot chocolate served during the Bisbee Community Chorus Christmas program December 21<sup>st</sup>, 5-6 pm. Happy Holidays!

**Here's what your money has bought since the last newsletter**

- \$175 books and supplies for Banned Books Week
- \$179.50 for 10 Kaplan GED workbooks
- \$550 for preschool seasonal books
- \$320 for Yotaki to lead the QiGong classes twice a week in October and November
- \$500 for expansion and upgrade of the Adult Spanish collection
- \$500 to update the English language learning books
- \$3,000 for a year subscription to the Kanopy free streaming program



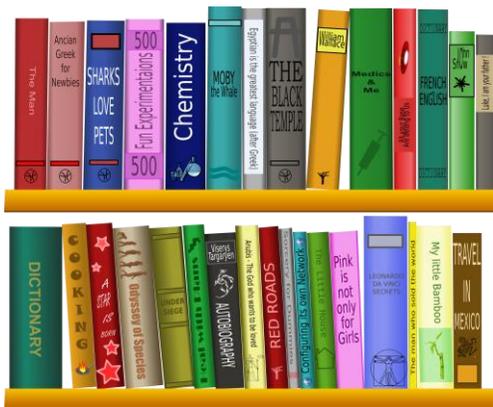
**ALTERED BOOKS**

**Income \$4,920**  
-including \$234 in donations and \$444 from Eric Scholz's postcards

**Expense \$2,238**  
**NET INCOME \$2,682**

Memberships since the last newsletter

- Carol Chandler – Family
- Gale Frances – Family
- Brianna Jacobs - Family
- Gina Pierson – Individual



The Friends of the Library Bookstore is bouncing back after being closed during Covid. Current revenues are averaging over \$100 a week with a 2021 to-date income of \$2,343. Thank you to our fantastic volunteers who staff the store.



These are some of the fun preschool seasonal books recently purchased by The Friends.