



the
Friends of the
COPPER QUEEN
LIBRARY

Among Friends

Winter 2022



In fond memory...

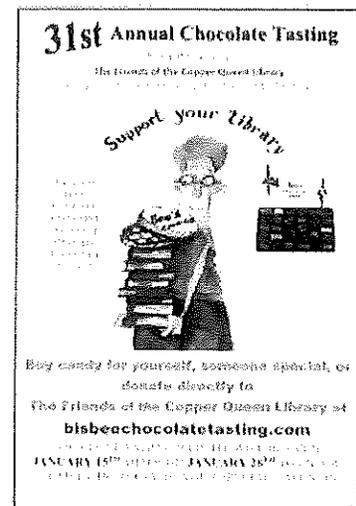
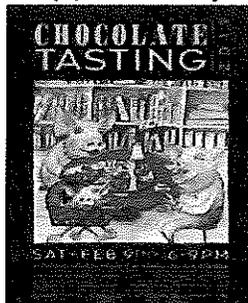
Mary Jane Bank was a beloved board member of The Friends of the Copper Queen Library for over 10 years. Her wonderful sense of humor and creative writing and art work have brought joy to so many of our lives over the years, her passing on Dec. 15, 2021 is deeply felt.

Mary Jane will be well remembered for her great organization of the CHOCOLATE event bakers and donations as well as tending the wine bar with grace and her usual panache. Her contributions for Altered Books and volunteer work contributed to the success of the event for many years. Mary Jane also created two of our CHOCOLATE posters and created and published The Friends' newsletter regularly.

Mary Jane's dedication, positive attitude and creative skills have been greatly appreciated and will be sorely missed. The Friends board would like to extend our heart felt condolences to Mary Jane's family and loved ones.

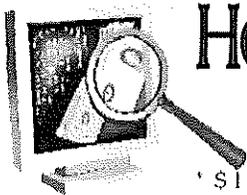


The Friends of the Copper Queen Library board would also like to acknowledge the passing of a very dear Friend and supporter of the Library, Snooky Borowiec and send our condolences to her family. Her contributions of amazing chocolate treats will be well remembered and missed.



The annual CHOCOLATE TASTING event, held for the Copper Queen Library for over 30 years, is one of our main fundraisers, helping The Friends support programs like Kanopy, a streaming link provided through the library, pre-school literacy, movie showings, new book and DVD purchases, and many other community events. Due to the pandemic the Friends were unable to hold the CHOCOLATE event publicly and instead, asked you to support us by purchasing chocolate from See's Candies, online, that arrived in time for Valentine's Day. Thanks to you, our supporters, we raised \$707.46 through candy sales and \$870 from direct donations for a grand total of \$1382, after expenses. The Friends greatly appreciate your support and look forward to enjoying CHOCOLATE together next year!

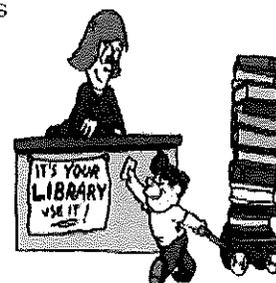
The Friends of the Copper Queen Library appreciate any direct donations which can be dropped off at the Library or mailed to our PO Box 516, Bisbee, AZ 85603. We are a non-profit organization and are happy to provide a receipt for your taxes.



Here's where your money went in 2021

Thanks to our wonderful Treasurer, Carol Lokey, we are happy to report:

- * \$1988 spent on the Juvenile Collections
- * \$3500 spent on Kanopy streaming
- * \$820 spent on Preschool programs
- * \$1570 spent on Professional Development
- * \$1643 spent on Special Programs, including Qi Gong classes, Community Art Projects & Shows, Open Art Studios and GED materials, etc.
- * \$500 spent on Annex Patio Project
- * \$5260 spent on the Summer Reading Program
- * \$500 spent on Philosophy Titles
- * \$500 spent on the Annex mural
- * \$500 spent on Adult Spanish titles
- * \$500 spent on English Language Learning books
- * \$900 spent on Juvenile/Adult books
- * \$400 spent on Poetry Chapter Books
- * \$500 spent on the "Read to Shelter-Animals" Project.



Here's where the money came from...

The Friends of the CQL receives funding from various grant sources but are especially grateful to our local donors and individual, family and sustaining members. New and sustaining members since the last newsletter are: Steve and Dona Wirtel, Chad Larson, Kelly Greenne, Debra Wight, and Alexandra Moon.

We've also received very generous individual donations from Mary Crews and Marsha Gibbons who directed her donation to the Annex Children's Library. Direct donations from our Chocolate Fundraiser came from Natalie & Ron Ingram, Nancy Gullmette, Dan & Carol Beauchamp, Anne Carl & Alvin Anderson, and Lara Cooper Raphael. Thank you all for your thoughtful generosity and support.

In addition to money donated and earned through our CHOCOLATE and ALTERED BOOKS fundraisers, the BOOKSTORE on the ground floor of the Library beside the elevator has been doing great business, raising over \$793 in December and \$485 in January. Thanks to Book Store Manager, Sara Curtis and all of the fabulous volunteers who work there, and of course, to all who donate and shop there.

With the passing of our dear friend and fellow board member, Mary Jane Bank, some of her family and friends have generously donated to "The Friends of Mary Jane Banks Fund", which will help support the purchase of illustrated children's books, children's books on art and art supplies and materials for children's programs. Thanks to Mary Jane's family, Larry & Jane Berger and New Tier Township High School for their support in memory of Mary Jane. Donations to the Mary Jane Bank Fund can be sent to FOCQL PO Box 516, Bisbee, AZ 85603.

The Friends would also like to thank the Dunn's for their continued support of our Pre School Literacy Programs which supported staff attendance at a recent Pre School Literacy conference.

So long and thanks to a good friend and dedicated board member...

The Friends of the Copper Queen Library Board would like to acknowledge and thank James Coull for over 14 years as a board member, dedicated to making the Copper Queen Library the wonderful, successful institution it is. James has been crucial to our fund raising activities and has been tireless in his efforts to plan, organize, set up, clean up and show up. He's definitely an "UP" kind of guy. Though James is leaving us to move on to other creative endeavors, we are fortunate that he is willing to continue to volunteer at our events and is looking forward to continuing the "Free Write" program at the Library when it's safe to do so.

Among Friends is published quarterly by the Friends of the Copper Queen Library. The Friends meet the second Monday of the month at 5 PM at the Library. All are welcome.

Friends of the Copper Queen Library Board Members are: Joan Reichel, president; Sara Curtis, vice president; Carol Lokey, treasurer, Cathy Clifton, secretary, and members at large: Kathie Muserelli, Nicole Hansen, Karen Corey, and Rachel Whyte.