

FRIENDS OF PATAGONIA LIBRARY

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A Message from Marilyn Miller, President

The Patagonia Public Library is surviving the challenges of COVID-19 and is beginning to thrive. In the upcoming year, the Library will slowly open and expand services and programs, in a large part because of the support all of you have been providing.

28% of the Library budget comes from the funds the Friends of the Patagonia Public Library raise. These funds pay for new books, magazines, movies, and books on tape; computers, tablets, and software; free in-library events, supplies, and library staff training. About half of these funds come from individual donations and about half from fundraising events. Donors give in memory of loved ones and for magazine subscriptions, to help build the endowment fund, and largely for whatever the library most needs.

Friends' fundraisers and book sales have been hit hard this year by the COVID-19 outbreak. We've also been faced with additional costs to make the library safe enough to slowly reopen and to provide access for those who don't want to visit in person yet. We've dipped into our reserves and applied for grants to offer Overdrive for online ebooks and audio books, to increase Kanopy services for videos, movies, and lectures, and to broaden the availability of computer and internet access, while continuing to update physical materials. In the upcoming year, the Board will look into safely holding fundraising events and book sales. We also will support the library staff as they look at ways to again provide free library programming. We look forward to seeing you again at events, hope you will continue to support our Patagonia Library, and encourage you to use the Library in the way that best fits your needs.

Thank you.

Director's Note

By Laura Wenzel

At their core, libraries are merely buildings. It's the connections between patrons and staff, in addition to the books and items within, that make them memorable. Knowing how important those in-person connections are to Patagonians and visitors alike made temporarily closing the library in March that much more difficult, but we knew that it was the right thing to do given the circumstances of COVID-19.

In lieu of our annual summer kids' programs and lunches, staff worked from home and in the building to create virtual storytimes and Summer Reading grab and go kits for kids, complete with a reading challenge and fun prizes to collect, like ice cream from the Gathering Grounds, Arizona Park passes, and free books courtesy of the Mountain Empire Rotary Club. We received funds from the Arizona Community Foundation to pay for COVID-19 supplies and part of our ebook contract. We received CARES Act germbuster kits through the Arizona State Library, which provided us with hard-to-find masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes to ensure our safety and the safety of our patrons. All this while providing curbside and reference services to patrons during a pandemic.

After tentatively reopening with appointment only services on September 8, we hope to offer more grab and go kits for people of all ages, like our Fall Early Learning Packets for 3-5-year olds. We'll try our hand with virtual programs and secure funding to pay for Chromebooks and hotspots so that those without can bridge the digital divide that is very real in our rural community. The pandemic certainly hasn't made anything easier, but it's shown that Patagonia Public Library and the Friends Board will do just about anything to ensure that people continue to have equitable access to the resources they want and need. We don't know when the library will fully open to the public again, but until then, we hope that you'll continue to utilize our services.



Remembering Doris

By Jan Herron

Sadly, on October 8, our community said goodbye to Doris Wenig, a great supporter, advocate and friend to our library. Her enthusiasm and good will was instrumental in saving the library during financially hard times. Throughout the years, Doris served on our board, volunteered generously, attended our events and generally spread "love for our library" around the community. The Friends of Patagonia Library Board hope you remember Doris, as we will, as she laughed and danced around the library on our music nights, full of the joy of living. She will be greatly missed.



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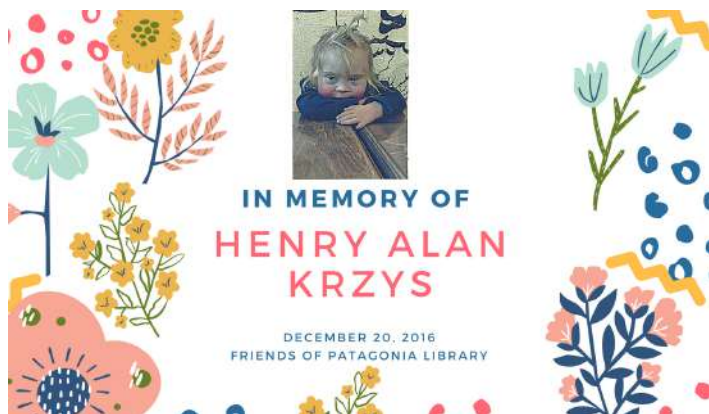
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Henry Krzys Collection

By Kate Peake

The Patagonia Library will curate a new collection of multi-ability books dedicated to the memory of Henry Alan Krzys to expand the diversity of the children's section. Henry, a frequent visitor to the library, always brought extra sunshine to Library Advisory Board meetings and smiles to library patrons during his frequent visits with his parents, both dedicated volunteers with the library.

Those interested in supporting this special collection can make a donation to the Friends in honor of Henry Alan Krzys.



All Roads Lead to the Library

By Sue Baz

Library volunteer and Board member Barbara Ellis generated the process of getting library street signs erected on Naugle at 3rd and 4th Avenues and 4th and Duquesne. Many thanks to Barbara, Town Manager Ron Robinson, Marshal Joe Patterson, and ADOT.



Hope Embroidered

By Marynell Spicer, interview by Valarie James

As part of the *Hope & Healing: Art of Asylum* exhibit in Cady Hall this past March, curator Valarie James showed the film *Embroidering Hope*. I was deeply moved by the story and the beautiful embroidered mantas created by asylum seekers at the U.S.-MX border in Nogales, Sonora. I purchased a Friends of Patagonia Library tote bag for Valarie and asked if an artist would embroider the Friends' logo. She commissioned David Aurelio Aguilar Arellano to create two mantas for us to display in the library.

David is a 21-year-old asylum seeker, from the small village of San Cristobal, Guerrero, Mexico. His family of eight fled their town through the mountains when mafiosos violently killed other family members who refused to join them. He learned embroidery from his mother, Felicitas Arellano Longares. Felicitas told Valarie, "We loved having a job when we embroidered the Patagonia Library design. We tried very hard to make it look good. We are refugees and it is our only help. If you like our work, do not hesitate to give us more. Thank you and God bless you."

Embroidering Hope supports handmade heritage art made by asylum seekers at the U.S.-MX border: artisansbeyondborders.org.



The Little Free Pantry is now at Patagonia Public Library!
Donate non-perishable food and personal care items to the cabinet at the front of the building facing Duquesne Ave. It operates on a take-an-item-leave-an-item basis and is available, no questions asked, 24/7, 365 days a year.
Many thanks to Nancy Coyote and Steve Niichel for its creation and installation.

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And anyone that we inadvertently missed. Thank you!

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In Memoriam

The Board wishes to
 remember Gwyn Enright,
 who died January 15, 2020.
 She was a generous donor,
 active Board member and
 lover of Patagonia Library.

