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Trivia Night Begins, May 2022

Patagonia Library Vibrant Again

By Marilyn Miller, President

It seems like old times again! Patrons are back in the library, checking out books, movies, magazines, hotspots, and even seeds. They are once again sitting around the tables and in the sofa chairs, reading and discussing what they have read, and hooking their computers to the library internet. They are asking the library staff for reading recommendations and for help with research questions and finding community resources. They are sending faxes and making copies; they are using the library computers to fill out forms, answer emails, and do online banking. School children are coming again after school to use iPads, read, and talk with one another. Patrons stop by a jigsaw puzzle and put in a couple of pieces as they greet neighbors and head back to the non-fiction room.

Free in-library programming has come back as well. Two examples are the summer reading program for kids (which will continue during the school year) and a 6-class astronomy course for adults (with 25 attending the first class in October).

If you are local, you can see the joy and interaction each time you come in. If you are donating from afar, I assure you that it feels so good to see all the people and activity again. Thank you so much for your belief and support. You have enabled the library to come back and once again offer a full contingent of essential services to our community. Thank you!!

Check out our updated website: www.patagoniapubliclibrary.org

Director's Report

By Kayla Miller, Interim Director

In March of 2022, Laura Wenzel, resigned as Library Director to move onto a new path in life. The Patagonia Library patrons, as well as all the staff and board members, miss her greatly, and we wish her all the best moving forward in her career. Kayla Miller has been placed as Interim Director and will be hired as Director upon completing her Library Practitioner's Certificate.

As the new interim Director, Kayla is most interested in learning the needs of the community the Patagonia Library services. With help from the Advisory Board, we are conducting a survey to gauge what the library is doing successfully and what it can improve upon. To support this survey, the Advisory Board will host an open house in February of 2023, patrons can learn about and give insight into how they feel about the library.

Our focus at this time is on a six-month beginner's astronomy program. Ken Graun, Pima Community College Professor and avid astronomer is hosting a six-part class from September 2022 through February 2023. In addition to new programs and activities, we have received volunteer service from Margaret Louderback to clean up and enliven the Legacy Garden, which was planted in honor of all the wonderful people who have helped this library thrive over the years.



Rainy Days & Book Sales

By Marynell Spicer

A shout out to our wonderful community who generously donated volunteer hours and used books for our book sale events.

On Valentine's Day we were in the park with a popular 'Blind Date with a Book.' We quickly sold out of our wrapped books, which were little surprise packages of fun.

The 4th of July brought a monsoon rain and a wonderful steady group of shoppers in Cady Hall. We had hundreds of books and DVDs, something for everyone. We served chocolate chip cookies in honor of Doris Wenig and yummy mesquite cookies too.

We prepared for the rains that fell during our largest book sale of the year at the Sky Island Artisan Market, held the second weekend in October. Cady Hall was full of customers, and in the park, we had brisk sales between showers.

To buy books between sales, come to the library where we are always rotating good used books.

The Friends of Patagonia Library Board gives a huge thank you to all who have donated books, bought books, and donated precious volunteer hours. You have helped these events continue to grow and allowed us to continue supporting our amazing library. Please contact us if you would like to help with our book sales.



Online resources: Overdrive (ebooks, magazines) and Kanopy (movies, lectures)

The Game Remains Afoot: Our 3rd Trivia Night

By Kate Peake

Around 100 participants gathered for our 3rd Trivia Night, held under the stars behind the Patagonia Library. A lively, competitive game of trivia helped the Friends raise over \$3,000 to support library programs and collections. The Friends would like to mention special thanks to our quiz emcees, Laura Wenzel, a.k.a. Sherlock Holmes, and her Watson, Kayla Simpson. They led our quiz teams through lively rounds of trivia created by our Quiz Master Jan Herron and her daughter, Suzannah. We hope to see you and your quiz team at our Trivia Night in 2023!



Here is our winning team!

Celebrating Our Staff

By Kayla Miller, Interim Director

Ashley is the library's newest staff member. She grew up in Flagstaff and moved to Patagonia in March. A few things she loves are road trips, camping, and hot tea, preferably in that order. When not wrapped up in a good book, you can find Ashley in the kitchen testing baked goods recipes. Her favorite books are *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed and *Desert Solitaire* by Edward Abbey.



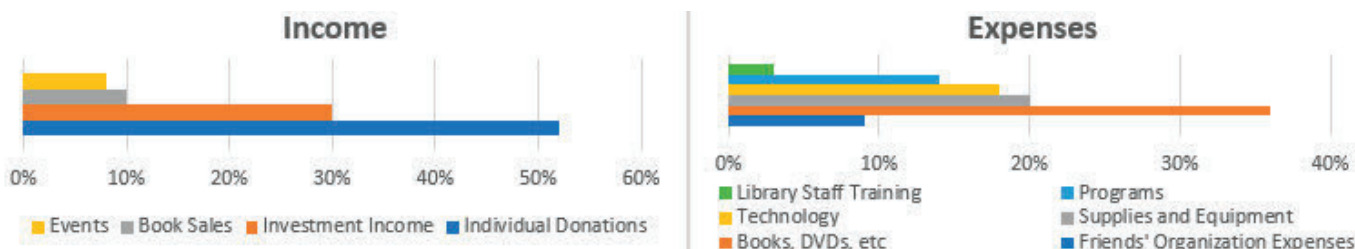
Jade, who began working here in 2021, has become an expert at running everything in the library. Come see her newest project, a photo display showcasing Patagonia's beloved dogs.

How Patagonia Public Library Is Funded

By Steve Finch

Funding our library is a joint effort of the Patagonia Town government and Friends of Patagonia Library. The Town provides the largest share of the costs, covering building expenses (utilities, maintenance, repairs), grounds costs (mowing, tree trimming), permanent library content (equipment, furniture) and the salaries and benefits for three employees.

The graphs below show the Friends portion of the Patagonia Library budget.



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