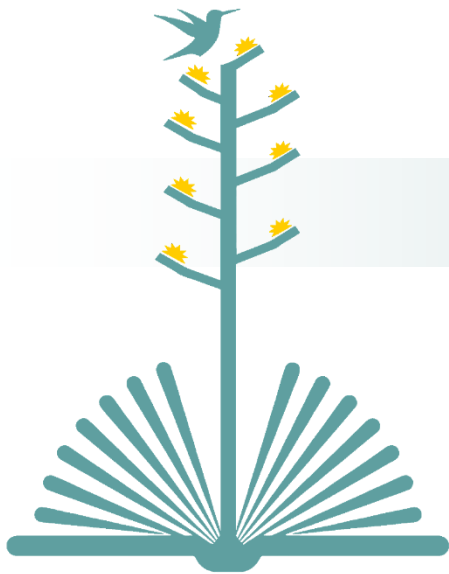


FRIENDS *of the* COCHISE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT



Fall 2024 Newsletter

Friends indeed!

Over the last year, your support has enabled the Friends to launch a countywide 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program to encourage families to read with their young children.

The Friends have also provided support for summer reading programs across Cochise County, including free books for summer readers at the rural libraries in Bowie, Elfrida, Portal, Sunizona, and Sunsites.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

The Friends-sponsored 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program launched countywide in late 2023, and the first young participant logged his 1,000th book in September 2024. Young families across the county are reading their way toward the 1,000-book goal, and they are excited to choose a t-shirt or a tote bag provided by the Friends to celebrate reaching the milestone.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun, flexible national reading challenge which encourages participants to read any books they like. All public libraries in Cochise County offer 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. The program in Sierra Vista was established several years ago and operates independently, but as of July children completing the 1,000 Books program in Sierra Vista are also eligible to receive a t-shirt or tote bag courtesy of the Friends of the Library District. Thank you, Friends!



Celebrating 1,000 books in Elfrida

Summer reading success

The 2024 summer reading theme was “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” and libraries across Cochise County had reading adventures to spare. At the rural branch libraries, 127 readers logged 1,004 hours of reading and nearly 400 people attended 36 special events.

One highlight for kids and families was the selection of free children’s books provided by the Friends. Roughly 300 books were distributed as part of this year’s program.



Summer readers planting flowers in Bowie (above) ; Lego builders in Elfrida (left)



What’s ahead for 2025?

In the coming year, the Friends will continue to promote reading and lifelong learning through support for summer reading, community book boxes, and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Thank you for helping to make these programs possible.



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