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Meet bestselling suspense author Brad Taylor

Don't miss the chance to meet New York Times bestselling author and former Delta Force officer Brad Taylor at the library Wed, April 22. Taylor is the author of 19 suspense thrillers and is a security consultant on asymmetric threats. His 20th book *Shadow Strike* will be released the day before his visit to the library.

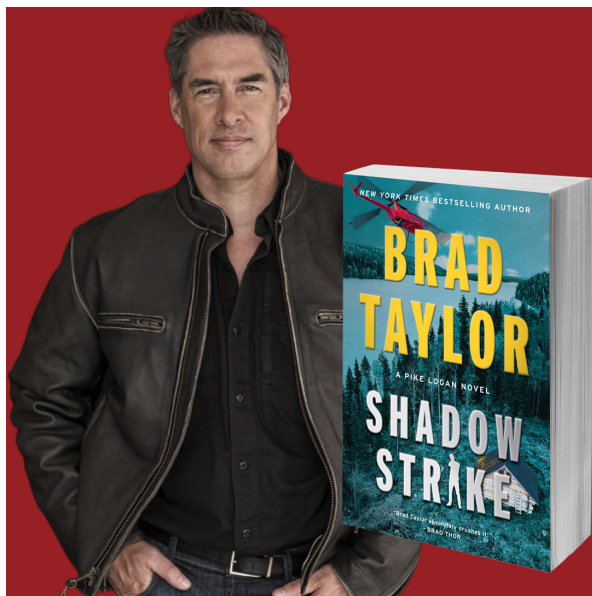


Photo by Claudio Marinesco

As a valued member of the Friends, you are cordially invited to an exclusive reception with Taylor 5:30-6:30pm, April 22, followed by reserved front-row seating at his 7pm public author talk. Space is limited. Use QR code to register or call Janel 785-580-4445 to reserve your seat. Be sure to include if you are bringing a guest. Registering for the reception automatically reserves your spot at the 7pm public event. No need to register for the 7pm author talk if you have registered for the reception. Round Table Bookstore will sell books on site and Taylor will sign books at the reception and after the public event.



The Friends of the Library is proud to bring bestselling authors to the library through funds raised from our memberships, quarterly book sales, Chandler Booktique and online sales.

Your input matters

We want to hear about your experience at our book and media sales. Whether you came searching for a favorite author, discovered a hidden gem or simply enjoyed browsing, your feedback helps us make each sale better than the last.

Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey about your recent visit. Your responses will help us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve—from selection and organization to checkout and overall atmosphere. The survey is quick, easy and incredibly valuable in shaping future sales and events.

Thank you for supporting the Friends and for taking the time to share your thoughts. We truly appreciate your input and look forward to seeing you at our next book and media sale!

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CHANDLER BOOKTIQUE

HALF PRICE BOOK DAY

EVERY MONTH
ON THE 15TH



New Friends board members

Ethan Hawkins, Cecilia Junghans, Maddie Orton and Melina Stewart just started their 2026-2028 terms on the Friends Board of Directors. They bring a range of skills, perspectives and professional experience.

Ethan Hawkins is the Director of Financial Services and a realtor with Stone and Story Real Estate Group. He has a strong background in finance, accounting, administration, management and community service, which will be invaluable in supporting the board's strategic and financial initiatives.

Cecilia Junghans is a reading interventionist at Saint Matthew Catholic School and a dedicated volunteer at the Chandler Booktique, where you will see her several times each month. Her experience in education, instruction and fundraising will be a meaningful asset to the board and our programs.

Maddie Orton is a registered nurse in Interventional Radiology at Stormont Vail Health. She has experience in nonprofit and community service work, along with skills in education, instruction, and special event support that will strengthen our outreach efforts.

Melina Stewart is a Senior Interior Designer at Bartlett & West. With a background in nonprofit and community service, she contributes expertise in special events, fundraising and membership development.

We are grateful for their willingness to serve and look forward to their energy, ideas and leadership.

2026 Friends Officers

In January the Friends Board elected officers for 2026. John Conlee is serving as president, bringing valuable insight, steady leadership and continued support to guide the organization forward. Vice president Chuck Knapp plays an important role in supporting the board and advancing our mission. Robin Sweeney continues in her role as treasurer, which is instrumental in maintaining the organization's financial health and long-term stability. We are also pleased to welcome Carolyn Little as our new secretary. Her experience, dedication and attention to detail are a tremendous asset as we work together toward our shared goals.

Thank you to all our board members for their commitment and service.



Front row left to right: Genevieve Akins, Melina Stewart, Nancy Tate, Carol Ball, Carolyn Little, Cecilia Junghans, Karen Sutton | Back row left to right: Ashlee Davis, Maddie Orton, Chuck Knapp, John Conlee, Robin Sweeney, Ethan Hawkins

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April 17-19  July 17-19  Oct 16-18

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