



New Friends Operations Manager



Kallie Worthington is our new Friends Operations Manager. She may look familiar to some of you as she worked in the Chandler Booktique about five years ago. Kallie manages, oversees and coordinates the total operation of the

Booktique and inventory process for the book sales, Booktique and online sales. Kallie holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and an associate's degree in art. She is currently working on her master's degree in library science.

Stop by the Booktique to meet Kallie and see all the wonderful holiday merchandise and displays. Remember we do not charge sales tax and your Friends membership gives you a 10% discount in the Booktique!

Booktique hours are Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm.

If you have retail experience, we could use a few more volunteers to work in the Booktique. Please contact Library Volunteer Coordinator Kari Zimmerman at 785-580-4490 if you are interested.

Upcoming Book and Media Sales

The first Book and Media Sale of 2024 is scheduled for Jan 19-21.

Take advantage of your Friends membership Fri, Jan 19, 5-8pm! This evening is for FRIENDS ONLY. As a Friends member you have the opportunity to shop before the sale opens to the public Saturday morning. This means you get first dibs on thousands of books and media items.

Sat, Jan 20, we open to the public 9am-3pm and Sun, Jan 21 noon - 3pm is bag day where you can fill a grocery bag (provided) for only \$10!

If you need to renew your membership or buy one for a friend, we sell memberships at the door or in the Chandler Booktique: \$20 for individuals and \$30 for family memberships. Memberships are good for one

year from date of purchase. This event is held in the library's Marvin Auditorium. Mark your calendar for this sale!

2024 Book Sale Dates

- Jan 19-21
- April 12-14
- July 19-21
- Oct 18-20



Half Price Books

2nd Mondays in the Booktique

All books in Chandler Booktique are 50% off second Monday of each month.

Author Craig Johnson makes new friends in Topeka

New York Times bestselling author Craig Johnson participated in our Fall Author Series Oct 9. Johnson writes Western mystery novels and is best known for his Sheriff Walt Longmire series of 19 books, which are the basis for *Longmire* the hit Netflix original drama.

Friends of the Library members were treated to a meet and greet reception with Johnson before his author talk in Marvin Auditorium. He mingled with our members and happily signed copies of his latest Longmire release, *The Longmire Defense*.



Johnson talking with Friends members in Claire's Courtyard

This reception was just one of the many benefits of your membership in the Friends of the Library!



During the holiday season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. We sincerely thank you and wish you the best for the holidays and for the new year!

Alex Grecian featured at Friends Annual Event

New York Times bestselling author Alex Grecian was the guest speaker at the Friends of the Library Annual Event Nov 5. After a brief business



Grecian and Pyko talking on stage

meeting, Grecian participated in a conversation with Library CEO Marie Pyko. He also took questions from the audience and signed books.

Grecian has written *The Yard* and its sequels *The Black Country*, *The Devil's Workshop*, *The Harvest Man* and *Lost and Gone Forever*, as well as the contemporary thriller *The Saint of Wolves and Butchers* and the ebook *The Blue Girl*. He has also written multiple award-winning graphic novels, including *Proof* and *Rasputin*. Grecian's newest book *Red Rabbit* was released Sept 2023.

Mark your calendar on Nov 3, 2024, for the next Friends Annual Event!



In the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery's exhibit *Light and Shadow*, you'll delve into art from the library's collections, along with borrowed works from Kansas artists Ye Wang and Lisa Grossman. Explore artists' use of light and shadow to tell a story or evoke an emotional response. The exhibit runs Dec 15, 2023 - Feb 11, 2024.

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