

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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Explore Reimagined Kids Library

On May 29 the library opened the redesigned Kids Library, a 14,050-square-foot interactive wonderland for kids to learn, play and grow.

“This isn’t just a library—it’s an unforgettable adventure for every age and stage,” said Marie Pyko, library CEO.



Whether kids are projecting their artwork on a giant screen, pretending to be fix-it pros in ever-changing play zones,

or diving into stories in cozy nooks near a towering T. Rex, every corner of the Kids Library is made for discovery. Watch sea life shimmer in our brand-new aquarium, take a break in our calm room or play in an infant-only space. Kids can use a rock-climbing wall, take the stairs to the crow’s nest for a bird’s-eye view, or relax in a campfire-inspired reading zone. There is also a vibrant tech-filled hangout for teens and a separate tech area for school-aged kids.

The Kids Library redesign is part of the library’s Facilities Master Plan. HTK Architects designed the new space and construction was led by Shirley Construction.

The redesign was funded by the library and gifts to the Library Foundation from the following organizations and individuals:



- Capitol Federal Foundation
- Security Benefit
- Lewis H. Humphreys Charitable Trust
- Advisors Excel
- Capitol Federal Employee Giving
- In Memory of Patricia Barr
- Snethen Family
- Evergy
- Giving Tuesday 2024 Gifts
- Library Giving Day 2024 Gifts
- Russ and Jane Greene

CHANDLER BOOKTIQUE
HALF PRICE BOOK DAY
EVERY MONTH
ON THE 15TH



Books & bargains at the Farmers Market



Every Monday stop by the Friends of the Library book cart at the Farmers Market in the library parking lot. Browse a wide selection of gently used fiction and nonfiction books for adults, young adults and children. You'll also find paperbacks and even DVDs — all for just \$1! Whether you're looking for a beach read, a bedtime story or a classic film, there's something for everyone.

Shop and support your local library — every dollar goes to support library programs and services.

- Mondays through Sept 29
- Library Parking Lot
- 7–11am

Don't forget to stop by the Chandler Booktique, Monday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm, for even more great finds in the comfort of air conditioning!



Friends Board – Front row (l-r): Nancy Tate, Genevieve Akins, Ashlee Spring, Carolyn Little, Ruth Nelson, Robin Sweeney | Back row (l-r): Jim Wilson, Frank Yeoman, Marty Hillard, John Conlee, Karen Sutton | Not pictured: Carol Ball & Chuck Knapp

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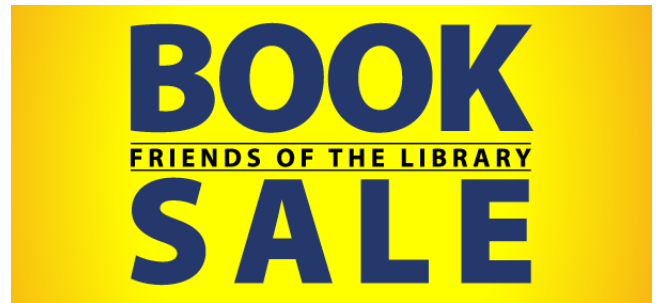
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Summer Reading & Events

Be part of the family fun, stories, art, music, games and of course the Summer Reading Challenge for all ages in June and July. Kids and teens get a prize for every 2 hours of reading up to 8 hours. Adults get a prize for reading 3 books and a prize for 6 books. Sign up for the Reading Challenge, start logging reading/books and explore summer events including Grown-Up Fun at tscpl.org/summer.



July 18-20  Oct 17-19

Book lovers, mark your calendars for our next book sale July 18-20. Shop hundreds of gently used books and media at unbeatable prices. Fri, July 18, 5-8pm Friends Members shop early for the best selection of fiction, nonfiction, children's books, paperbacks, DVDs and more. If you want to bring someone who isn't a member on July 18, memberships are sold at the door and in the Chandler Booktique. Single memberships are \$20 and family memberships are \$30. Memberships run one year from date of purchase.

The sale opens to the public 9am Sat, July 19.



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