



*Volunteers working to preserve and enhance our community library
for present and future generations*

FY 22-23 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Friends of the Twentynine Palms Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to help preserve our local library as a resource for the community. Libraries in small towns and rural areas like the Morongo Basin do a lot of heavy lifting. Yes, they circulate books, but they also provide crucial Internet access for job seekers and students. They offer programs for children that capture their imaginations and fuel their desire to learn. They offer shelter in bad weather and lessen isolation for adults.

We owe a debt of thanks to everyone in the community who has helped our mission by contributing to our fundraising efforts. Our book sales and events such as the Annual Murder Mystery Dinner and the Annual Morongo Basin Spell-A-Thon continue to grow in popularity and provide significant income that we are able to channel into new books on the shelves as well as events like the Summer Reading Program for children and adults. We issue a special thank you to Kiwanis of 29 Palms which has provided donations and support for our programs over many years.

Revenue and Expenses FY22-23

Our revenue during Fiscal Year 2022-23 was \$8856 broken down as follows:

• Fall and Spring Book Sales	\$2107
• Donations	\$ 887
• 29 Palms Murder Mystery Dinner	\$1423
• Morongo Basin Spell-A-Thon	\$1746
• Monthly Book Sales and Silent Auctions	<u>\$2693</u>
TOTAL	\$8856

Administrative expenses for fees, office supplies, and insurance - our largest annual expense at \$930, totaled \$1632. With the exception of these expenses, every dollar we raise is earmarked to buy new books for the Twentynine Palms Branch Library and to cover the costs of special library supplies and programs, including the Summer Reading Program. This fiscal year the Twentynine Palms Branch Library received \$5149 from the Friends.

As of June 30, 2023 our total assets were \$21,842, including \$9,334 in reserves. This is an increase of \$2,128 over the prior year.

Plans for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

We have an exciting fundraising year planned. While we are still working out details, here is a brief schedule of events:

September 16: Book Drive – we will accept your gently used books, audiobooks, and DVDs at the library from 9 am to Noon

- October 21: Pioneer Days Book Sale. 9 am - 3 pm at the library, 6078 Adobe Rd.
- November 4: 6th Annual 29 Palms Mystery Dinner at Patriotic Hall. You won't want to miss this one. It is set in 29 Palms and features local places and people.
- March 2024: 3rd Annual Morongo Basin Spell-A-Thon. Date and place to be announced
- May 2024: Spring Book Sale at the library. Date to be announced

The Board of Directors has a vacant seat and we would be interested in talking to you if you have time to spare, energy, don't mind getting your hands dirty, and are interested in keeping our library relevant to the community. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 5 pm at the library.

The board is grateful to the community for its generous support over the years. Our ability to support the Twentynine Palms Branch Library and to keep its doors open is dependent on you. Individual donations are always welcome, even a dollar makes a difference.

We are also looking for people who are willing to give us a few hours during our Fall and Spring book sales to help set up and break down. You'll have our thanks and first crack at the books for sale.

We appreciate your continued support and invite you to contact us with your ideas and wishes for the future. Please email us at 29libraryfol@gmail.com and visit our website at www.29fol.org.

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