



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

FY 23-24 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 have a big job to do. Yes, they provide free books for avid readers. But more than that, libraries are an essential tool in promoting literacy. Free access to books is an invaluable tool in a child's learning and development. Libraries like ours also provide crucial Internet access for job seekers and students who may not have reliable service at home. They offer programs for children that capture their imaginations and fuel their desire to learn and they offer shelter in bad weather and lessen isolation for adults.

We thank 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 Morongo Basin Spell-A-Thon continue to grow in popularity and provide significant income that we are able to channel into events like the Summer Reading Program for children and adults as well as putting new books on the shelves.

Revenue and Expenses Fiscal Year 23-24

Our revenue during Fiscal Year 2023-24 totaled \$11,582 broken down as follows:

• Fall and Spring Book Sales	\$3273
• Donations	\$ 707
• 29 Palms Murder Mystery Dinner	\$3309
• Morongo Basin Spell-A-Thon	\$1753
• Monthly Book Sales and Silent Auctions	<u>\$2540</u>
TOTAL	\$11,582

Administrative expenses for fees, office supplies, and insurance totaled \$2568. \$1613 of this amount covered our liability insurance for a period of 18 months due to a change in accounting. With the exception of these expenses, every dollar we raise is earmarked to cover the costs of special library supplies and programs, buy new books and cover the cost of the Summer Reading Program. This summer, we were able to pay for eight summer programs totaling \$4244. While we did not provide funds for new books this fiscal year, significant funds have been allocated for a sweeping update of the collection during the coming Fall. Library staff have been working hard to delete old books from the collection so that there is room for many new editions to the fiction and nonfiction shelves.

As of June 30, 2024 our total assets were \$28,199 including \$9,339 in reserves. This is an increase of \$6,412 over the prior year, primarily because \$3,000 earmarked for books was held over for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Plans for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

We are very excited that our library's book collection will be updated this Fall and we are poised to contribute funds to buy as many new books as the shelves and the staff can handle. We are also hoping to be able to fund another eight weeks of summer reading program entertainment next summer.



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

- September 21: Book Drive – we will accept your gently used books, audio books, and DVDs at the library from 9 am to Noon.
- October 19: Pioneer Days Book Sale. 9 am - 3 pm at the library, 6078 Adobe Rd.
- November 2: 7th Annual 29 Palms Mystery Dinner at Patriotic Hall. Join us for laughs and mayhem.
- March 2024: 4th Annual Morongo Basin Spell-A-Thon. Date and place to be announced.
- May 2024: Spring Book Sale at the library. Date to be announced

We are grateful to the community of Twentynine Palms 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 of help 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 invite you to contact us with your ideas and wishes for the future of your library. Please email us at 29libraryfol@gmail.com and visit our website at 29FOL.org.

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