

Friends of the Library



The Alpine Library has a very active Friends group called the Alpine Area Library Friends or AALF. The group has been active since the late 1990s. They have purchased needed equipment and supplies for the library such as new carpeting, a new printer, craft supplies, new vacuum, and other things that weren't in the County budget. They have also helped with special events such as pumpkin carving at Halloween, Summer Reading Programs, and various contests at the library. They have held yard sales and rummage sales to benefit the library, and currently sponsor the Alpine Quilt Show and the annual Cowboy Poets Gathering, which also benefit the library. The Alpine Thrift Shop, which is open on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. during winter months, and every Saturday in the summer, is another of the Friends' projects benefiting the library. They recently purchased a children's "ladybug bookshelf," snow blower, easel, and workroom table for the new library. The Friends are "true" friends and they are very much appreciated! (Thanks to Alpine Library Manager, Evelyn Williams for this information.)





Another friend of libraries is Representative Jack Brown. The Apache County Library District is extremely grateful for all he has done and is doing for our district as well as all libraries in the state.

The following information was sent to us by Sarah Weber, Special Event Coordinator, for the Arizona State Library.

This year, Representative Jack Brown and Mr. Jack Pfister, former general manager of the Salt River Project, will both receive the Polly Award at the Statehood Day Ceremony on February 12, 2009 at the State Capitol.

The Polly Rosenbaum Award recognizes an individual's interest in and support for cultural institutions statewide, and in particular, the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. The "Polly Award" is given to a public official, not on the current Library Board, who has significantly supported the work of the Library and Archives' statewide cultural mission. The first Polly Award was presented to Senator Mark Killian in 1999.

Rep. Brown was nominated because of his sincere interest in and public commitment for many historical and cultural organizations, demonstrated in numerous ways.

- He supported the State Library in its goal of securing funding for a state of the art Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building. Although others opposed, he

stood firm in his support of full funding for the best building possible to secure Arizona's history for future generations.

- As a member of the library board he supported the many goals and activities of the State Library. He brought the voice of rural Arizonans and the importance of rural libraries to the forefront.
- Thanks to his support, and that of others he influenced, the people of Arizona now have adequate storage space, proper archival conditions and conservation equipment to preserve and protect the historical records of state, county and local governments.