

Cottonwood Public Library

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Fleishman and Johnston Honored at Library

COTTONWOOD, Arizona (May 23, 2012) – After their April 18, 2012 board meeting, the Cottonwood Public Library Board of Trustees honored their longtime friend and colleague Dr. Jay Fleishman and long-serving volunteer Betsy Johnston.

Affectionately nicknamed “Dr. Jay,” Fleishman started his volunteer work at the library in 1995 when he was appointed to the library board. He served many of those years as chairman of the board. He is honored with two brass plaques embedded in boulders in front of the trees planted in his memory at the library.

Dr. Jay S. Fleishman passed away on July 19, 2011, at the age of 69 after a short battle with cancer. He was a retired pathologist, teacher, and dedicated community volunteer known throughout the Verde Valley.

Betsy Johnston started her library volunteer work in 1971. A member of the Cottonwood Bookmarks, the Friends of the Library group, she played a large part in raising money to build the old library building which was located on Mingus Avenue across from the Cottonwood Middle School.

Through the years Johnston volunteered in many different positions, including assisting patrons at the front desk and covering library books. Before she died in 2011, she received her certificate for 40 years of service to the library. Friend and fellow volunteer Dede Ewald made a ceramic vase and tile in memory of Betsy Johnston.

Please stop by the library and pay tribute to two of the Cottonwood Public Library’s longtime volunteers. Both provided years of dedication to make your library experience a pleasant one