

# Safford Library

## February 2017



### Library participates in SciTech

#### Teen Program: Rock of Ages Run



As part of over 300 participants, the library had five teens and two staff members participate in the annual Rock of Ages Run at SciTech. Each year, the Rock of Ages Run raises money to send children with type 1 diabetes in the Gila Valley to summer camp.

The run was a part of the monthly library teen program combining an activity with community service. One teen ran both the one mile and 5K, Cody Lightly, while another, Macaria Ortiz, placed second in the age division of 12-17. Big congratulations to Araceli Cuiriz and Sam Macias for putting the program together and completing the run!

Also, ScienceCity participated in SciTech through the Owl Pellet Lab at Discover Park! Over 150 participants came to learn about owl pellets, including what they are and where they come from. Each participant had the opportunity to dissect their own owl pellet to discover a barnyard owl's diet, from rodents, to moles, to birds. Some took their discovery's home to continue their research. Thanks go to Lesley Talley and Ellen Schmidt for coordinating and running the program. The Owl Pellet Lab was co-sponsored by United Way and Freeport McMoRan.



## Updates and Happenings Around the Library

### Ruth Powell Second Graders Visit the Library

Three classrooms, for a total of 64 students and 4 adults, visited the library on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Each group was read a short story and given a tour of the library. After the tour, they were put into groups and tasked to complete a ten-question scavenger hunt to locate items, from graphic novels, to audiobooks, to chapter books. After completing the scavenger hunt, each student, with their new library cards, could check out books to take home.



### Friends' Night Out – Disney and Magnolia

Safford's own Summer Hendricks shared her life experiences and adventures interning at Disney and working for the Magnolia company in Waco, Texas. This included working her way from a greeter at the Magnolia Bakery to now being a purchaser as it creates its newest designs and items for its home collection.

### Friends' Night Out – Safford Police Chief Joe Brugman

Join the Safford Friends of the Library in hosting Safford Police Chief Joe Brugman on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Chief Brugman will address community members and discuss police department training and initiatives for keeping our community safe. From cyber-crime to the opioid crisis, join us for an informative crime and safety update from Safford's law enforcement leader.

### Music @ the Library – Italian Saxophone Quartet

The Friends of the Safford Library sponsored the free Italian Saxophone Quartet performance, through the Gila Valley Arts



Council. The hour-long performance featured Frederico Mondelci, Michele Paolino, Pasquale Cesare and Davide Bartelucci. The quartet started in the main library playing ragtime music, then went in the programming room to perform music from the film “Life is Beautiful” along with classical works by Vivaldi and Rossini.

### **February 2018 Statistical Summary**

Circulation total	7794
Computer minutes	67042
WI-FI users	498
Website visits	6629
New library cards issued	101
Attendance at programs for children 0-5	400
Attendance at programs for children 6-12	725
Attendance at programs for teens and adults	170

## Upcoming Events and Happenings

Mar 12	Spring Break @ the Library – Movie: Wonder Woman (All Ages)
Mar 13	ScienceCity Spring Break – Featuring Brain STEM of Tucson (Elem. Ages)
Mar 13	Safford Creative Writing Club
Mar 14	Lego Club and Board Games (1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> grades)
Mar 14	Friends’ Night Out (Safford Police Chief Joe Brugman)
Mar 15	Teen Game Day
Mar 19	Friends’ Book Club
Mar 19	IGA Training
Mar 23	Community Baby Shower
Mar 24	CORE Event
Mar 24	Gila Valley Comic Con

### Ongoing Events

Baby Time (Mon), Toddler Time (Thurs), PreK Storytime (Wed)	10:30 am
Open Playtime (Learning toys & activities - Tues)	10 am
Pajama Time (Family Storytime – Tues)	6:30 pm
Teen Program (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs of every month)	3:30 pm
Coding Club (Wed, Thurs)	3:30 pm
ScienceCity (Every Tues)	Times Vary
Basic English Language Learners Classes (Mon, Wed)	5:30 pm
Lego Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs of every month)	3 pm
Library Flicks (Monthly TBD)	
Retha’s Storytime Outreach to Daycares (Weekly)	Times Vary



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