

# Safford Library

May 2017



## Star Wars Day

The library hosted Star Wars Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year's event featured displays of Star Wars collectables, photo opportunities, a space themed storytime, Star Wars related crafts, along with a free showing of The Last Jedi. Participants could also participate in the Wookiee Roar and Star Wars Trivia Competitions.

## Coding Club

The Coding Club finished its spring semester. Throughout the school year, over 350 attended the program. Those who registered learned coding concepts, such as if/then statements and loops. They also used their critical thinking and analytical skills as they created their own projects and animations using programs such as Scratch.

The library is continuing the program in the summer, with the Hour of Code through Code.org. Children ages 9-13 can come in to participate in the activity that introduces coding concepts through block coding.

## Updates and Happenings Around the Library

### Friends' Night Out – The Future of Medicine with Mark Marchetti

The Safford Friends of the Library hosted an informational presentation and discussion with the CEO of Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center. Mr. Marchetti explained the current state of healthcare, while also answering questions about future trends, including an aging population and increasingly high medical costs.



### School Tour

The library hosted Sierra Bonita during the Star Wars Day programming May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Twenty children and 8 adults were able to take a tour of the library and participate in Star Wars related crafts.

### Library Outreach

Staff and volunteers participated in the Cinco de Mayo Event on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The library was able to present information about services and programs to the community, including the upcoming Summer Reading Program.



### County Librarians Meeting

Staff attended the biannual meeting in Prescott Valley on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Topics discussed included new free legal services, improvements in the Talking Book Library program, as well as a potentially large increase in the cost of the statewide database package in the near future. Resources in the database package include EBSCoast, WorldBook, and other research databases. The next meeting will be in October 2018.

### May 2018 Statistical Summary

<b>Circulation total</b>	9,443
<b>Computer minutes</b>	77,780
<b>WI-FI users</b>	511
<b>Website visits</b>	6,842
<b>New library cards issued</b>	98
<b>Program attendance ages 0-5</b>	522
<b>Program attendance ages 6-11</b>	257
<b>Program attendance teens and adults</b>	78
<b>Outreach Attendance</b>	470

## Upcoming Events

Jun 5	Summer Reading Program Registration (All Ages)
Jun 7	Movie Screening (Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle)
Jun 11	Fan Art Competition Entries Due
Jun 18	Movie Screening (Black Panther)
Jun 18	Friends' Book Club
Jun 21	The Kilted Man (Free Musical Show)
Jun 28	Movie Screening (August Rush)

### Ongoing Programs

Baby Time (Mon), Toddler Time (Thurs), PreK Storytime (Wed)	10:30 am
Open Playtime (Learning toys & activities - Tues)	10 am
Teen Program (Tues)	3:30 pm
Coding Club (Wed)	11 am
Elementary Age Programs (Tues)	11 am and 1pm
Basic English Language Learners Classes (Mon, Wed)	5:30 pm
Retha's Storytime Outreach to Daycares (Weekly)	Times Vary



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