

Safford Library

October 2018



Family STEM Night

The library hosted a Family STEM Night in partnership with EAC and the Forest Service. Participants were able to do science activities such as identifying animals based on their fur, skull and footprints along with seeing live animals.

Dinosaur Days

In partnership with EAC, the library hosted its annual Dinosaur Days event. There were dinosaur related activities geared toward preschool children ages 3 - 5 including art, reading, and games. Also, this year the library partnered with the Federal Correction Institute (FCI) to have cutouts made for photo opportunities for participants.



Author Alexandra DeMers

The Friends of the Safford Library presented several programs with Safford-born author Alexandra DeMers. She visited Safford and Thatcher High School classes on the 22nd and 23rd, as well as a program at the library on October 24th. At each program she detailed her experiences writing her novel "Threadbare," answered questions from the audience, and signed copies of her book.

Halloween/Trunk or Treat

The library hosted its annual Halloween program for 0-5 year olds and their caregivers. There was a carnival, with several games provided through FCI inmates, who built activities including a bean bag and ring toss. Also, the library partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to host a Trunk or Treat for the second year on October 31st. About 200 participants came through during the event.

Outreach Events

Library staff attended several events to promote the library and its services. These included the Senior Expo, Light up the Night and the Harvest Festival. In total, staff was able to provide information to 1,740 individuals.

Arizona Library Association Conference

Staff attended the annual conference in Mesa where they were able to attend sessions that included ways to incorporate technology for younger children, how to work with the homeless and accommodate those with disabilities.

County Librarians Meeting

Staff attended the biannual meeting in Phoenix on October 24th. Topics discussed included statewide digital services, including ebook and eaudio, new grant opportunities and funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for the fiscal year 2019. The next meeting will be in the spring of 2019.

October 2018 Statistical Summary

Circulation total	15,230
Computer minutes	82,611
Website visits	7,143
New library cards issued	81
Program attendance ages 0-5	512
Program attendance ages 6-11	218
Program attendance teens and adults	130
Outreach attendance	1,740

November Events

Nov 1	Dia de los Muertos
Nov 1	Lego Club
Nov 14	Arizona State Library Training (Perfecting Your Game with Skilled Volunteers!)
Nov 14	Gila Valley Arts Council - Black Oak Ensemble (Presented by Friends of the Safford Library)
Nov 14	Library Advisory Board Meeting
Nov 19	Friends' Book Club
Nov 28	Friends' Night Out (Stop the Bleeding with Mt. Graham Regional Hospital)

Ongoing Programs

Baby Time (Mon), Toddler Time (Thurs), PreK Storytime (Wed)	10:30 am
Open Playtime (Learning toys & activities - Tues)	10 am
Fun With Math and Science (Thurs)	1 pm
ScienceCity (Tues)	1 pm and 4 pm
Coding Club (Wed, Thurs)	3:30 pm
Teen Program (Third Thursday of the Month)	3:30 pm
Retha's Storytime Outreach to Daycares (Weekly)	Times Vary
TABE Testing (GED Pre-test) (Mon-Thurs)	10 am and 1 pm
GED Testing (Mon, Wed)	3:30 pm
English Language Learners (ELL) (Mon, Wed)	5:30 pm