

Safford Library

March 2019



Spring Break Programs

The library had several programs throughout the week of March 11th, attended by a total of 260. These included an ISpy and craft activity, screening Ralph Breaks the Internet, a visit from Brain STEM featuring the chemistry behind dry ice, Lego Club and board game activities, a teen program using 3D pens and an adult canning/pressure cooking class, in partnership with the University of Arizona Extension Office.

Community Baby Shower

The library hosted the annual event on March 29th, attended by 170 individuals. It brings together resources from throughout the community for expectant parents and caregivers with young children. This year's resources included Arizona Early Intervention Program, Canyonlands, Child and Family Resources, Mt. Graham Regional Center, WIC, and First Things First, sponsors of the event.



County Librarians Meeting

The bi-annual meeting included the discussion of updating qualifications for county librarians, revisiting the criteria to participate in the Interlibrary Loan Program, along with preliminary discussion on providing additional statewide eBook, database, and Interlibrary Loan services. The next meeting will be in Fall 2019.

Early Literacy Restroom

Thanks to the Safford Public Works Department the library has a new ADA compliant restroom in the Early Literacy Room. The restroom is made at a young child's level, and it allows families with young children to utilize the restroom during Early Literacy programming.



Trainings

Putting Every Child Ready to Read Parent Workshops into Practice

Lesley Talley and Retha Russell attended the training on March 14, which provided background information and ways to implement the 5 early literacy components sing, talk, read, write and play into programs for children and their caregivers.

What's New in Children's Literature

Staff attended the March 29th training to learn about children's books published in the past year as well as ways to incorporate them into library programs for grades K-6.

March 2019 Statistical Summary

Circulation total	12,071
Computer Sessions	1,028
Website visits	6,875
New library cards issued	67
Program attendance ages 0-5	625
Program attendance ages 6-12	302
Program attendance teens and adults	43
Outreach attendance	274
Tutor.com Sessions	126
TABE Test (GED Pre-test)	4
GED Tests Administered	6

April Events

Apr 4	Lego Club
Apr 10	Canning Class – Jam (Presented through the U of A Extension Office)
Apr 11	STEM Family Night
Apr 15	Friends’ Book Club
Apr 17	Friends’ Night Out (Movie Spare Parts)
Apr 20	CORE Event
Apr 26-27	Book Sale (Sponsored by the Friends of the Library)
Apr 27	Dump the Drugs
Apr 27	Graham & Greenlee Veteran Resource Fair

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
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