

# Safford Library

## November 2019



### Family History Classes

The initial ancestry class finished in November, averaging 12 participants for 11 weeks, starting in September. The final class was hosted at the Family History Center allowing participants to utilize additional resources the center has to offer. The class was taught by Susan Logan and Susan Tuttle, two local genealogists. The library hopes to offer the program again in the future.



### Dia de los Muertos



The annual celebration of Dia De Los Muertos was on Nov 1st. There were crafts, face painting, door prizes, and a presentation was given on Dia De Los Muertos. There was also an ofrenda (alter) set up to display memories of deceased loved ones of the community.

Also, the Eastern Arizona College's historical dance troupe, the Danseries performed, as well as the local TLC elementary. To end the night beans and salsa prepared by the Safford High Culinary School were served.

Dia De Los Muertos celebrates the lives of loved ones who have passed on. Traditionally, stories of family members or individuals who have passed are shared to remember them.

### Harp Fusion

In partnership with the Gila Valley Arts Council, the library hosted Harp Fusion on November 21<sup>st</sup>. One member of the ensemble from the University of Arizona played music from classical to Elvis Presley. The next performance from the Gila Valley Arts Council will be in January 2020.

### Yoga for Youth

Through a partnership with the Substance Abuse Coalition, the library will be hosting Yoga for Youth on Wednesdays, ages 12-17, through Fall 2020. In addition to Yoga, the program will include education on mindfulness and nutrition to help ease the symptoms of stress and anxiety.

## Science Happens Here

The library was one of five stops for Science Happens Here for Fall 2019. Science Happens Here is a scavenger hunt card game that encourages students to discover STEAM-related activities happening daily in their local community. On the back of each card is a STEAM activity and/or experiment that can be done at home.

## November 2019 Statistical Summary

<b>Circulation total</b>	10,420
<b>Computer Sessions</b>	762
<b>New library cards issued</b>	56
<b>Program attendance ages 0-5</b>	295
<b>Program attendance ages 6-12</b>	146
<b>Program attendance teens and adults</b>	112
<b>Program attendance all ages</b>	142
<b>Outreach Event Attendance</b>	465
<b>Hotspot Circulation</b>	6
<b>Tutor.com Sessions</b>	235
<b>TABE Test (GED Pre-test)</b>	1
<b>GED Tests Administered</b>	3

## December Programs

<b>Dec 5</b>	Family Craft Night
<b>Dec 5</b>	Lego Club
<b>Dec 11</b>	Canning Class – Vegetables (partnership with UofA Extension Office)
<b>Dec 12</b>	Holiday Open House

## Ongoing Programs

### Ages 0-5

- Baby Time (Mon)
- Open Playtime (Tues)
- Preschool Storytime (Wed)
- Toddler Time (Thurs)

### Elementary/Teen

- Teen Program (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of the Month)
- Yoga for Youth (Wed) – Partnership with Substance Abuse Coalition

### Adult

- TABE Testing (GED Pre-test) (Mon-Thurs)
- GED Testing (Mon, Wed)
- English Language Learners (Mon, Wed)