

# Safford Library

## June 2020



### Early Literacy Drive Thru Event



On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the library partnered with First Things First to have an Early Literacy Drive Thru event at the First Things First Office. Children ages 0-5 were able to receive packets that included a book, crafts, playdoh, and other age appropriate activities. Parents received information about First Things First and local early childhood resources in Graham and Greenlee Counties. Approximately 132 children were able to pick up the kits and take pictures with superheroes who were present at the event.

### Summer Reading Program

The library started its Summer Reading Program on June 8<sup>th</sup> with the theme “Imagine Your Story.” Points can be earned by logging minutes read on paper or using the app Read Squared.

There are also activities that can earn points, such as participating in the weekly “Where in Graham County Challenge.” Each week, staff post an image of a location in Graham County and those that submit the correct answer to the library are entered into a weekly drawing. The library also had a presenter, Jester Jim, available online on June 24<sup>th</sup>. He included magic tricks, jokes, and juggling.

Elementary Age participants earn prizes for attaining a certain amount of points earned throughout the summer as well as eligibility to be entered into prize drawings throughout the summer. Teens can enter a raffle drawing for backpacks, a solar robot, a drone, or a 3D pen for every 300 minutes read throughout the summer. Adults can log their minutes or pick up a Bingo Card and with each completed square be entered into a weekly prize drawing that includes a gift card to a local business.

Weekly take home kits are given to Preschool and Elementary aged children that contain activities based on the Summer Reading Theme. Additionally, thanks to the Arizona State Library, the library has included 160 age appropriate books for preschool through elementary age children as part of some of the take home kits.

Individuals can participate in the Summer Reading Program through July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Measuring Library Broadband Networks and WhoFi

The library has been selected to participate in two pilot programs for the Arizona State Library. One program is Measuring Library Broadband Networks, which entails attaching a device to the network to measure the quality of the Internet speed over time, to give the library data on how the network performs.

The other program includes using the library network assessment tool, WhoFi, from June-September 2020. Who-Fi gathers anonymous usage data and provides analytics regarding peak usage times and frequent library WiFi users.

The goal of both programs is to provide the State Library with a potential combination to collect Internet data and usage in public libraries.

## June 2020 Statistical Summary

<b>Circulation total</b>	6,794
<b>WiFi Uses</b>	113
<b>Curbside Service</b>	52
<b>New Library Cards Issued</b>	27
<b>Program Attendance Ages 0-5</b>	616
<b>Program Attendance Ages 6-12</b>	162
<b>Hotspot Circulation</b>	6
<b>TABE Testing (GED Pre-test)</b>	5

## Ongoing Programs

### Ages 0-5

- Mondays 11AM – Babytime through Facebook Live
- Wednesdays 11 AM - Preschool Storytime through Facebook Live

### Youth

- Summer Reading Program – Elementary and Teens

### Adult

- Summer Reading Program
  - Online or Bingo Card Program