



Mohave County Library

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Library Services in Northeastern Mohave County

At their September 19th meeting, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Board of Directors of the Mohave County Library District (MCLD), approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Utah's Washington County Library System for the provision of library services to Arizona residents in the Colorado City/Centennial Park area.

Since 2007, MCLD's bookmobile has traveled 265 miles (530 miles round trip) every two weeks to provide service to Mohave County residents in the northeastern part of the county as well as to Washington County residents immediately across the border in Hildale, Utah. The Washington County Library System is currently building a 5,300 square foot branch library in Hildale which will be open 48 hours per week and offer a full range of library services. The Intergovernmental Agreement will allow Arizona residents in those nearby communities to become library card holders, giving them access to Washington County Library System's services, collections, computers, Internet, and programming. The library's grand opening is set for November 18, 2016.

Mohave County Library's bookmobile will make its final trip to Colorado City/Centennial Park on November 9.



Life Skills for Teens

Staff at the Mohave County Library in Bullhead City have recently implemented a series of programs entitled ***Life Skills for Teens***. These programs not only teach the teens basic life skills, but also connect them with community members who understand the struggles they face.

The initial speaker, a fireman and EMT with the Oatman Fire Department, taught basic first aid.

During the second program, two representatives from Wells Fargo Bank addressed various essential financial topics as well as how to plan for college. In response to comments that college may not be an option for all, the bank representatives provided valuable information that could help make higher education a viable choice. The teens in attendance were fully engaged and asked many thoughtful questions.

October's topic will be ***How to Eat Well on a Ramen Budget***. A representative from the Mohave County Public Health Department will discuss nutrition and offer a variety of options for eating delicious, healthy meals on a budget.

Upcoming programs include:

- A representative from Arizona @ Work will discuss how to apply for jobs, getting a GED, and the Coyote Program.
- A member of the National Parks Service will teach the teens how to use a compass, read a map, and other survival skills.

Library staff hope this program will continue and evolve as the needs of our teens are identified. The library has always been a community center and is a natural place to connect our youth with the services available to them. Staff want our teens to succeed and hope that this series of programs will help guide them toward their goals.

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