



Navajo County Librarian's Report

November 2, 2016

Silver Tea for Rim Community Library in Heber

Dallan, our automation technician, and I were invited as guests to the Friends of the Rim Community Library formal Silver Tea fundraiser with a princess theme on Sept. 12 at the local Methodist church, one of the most successful, well-attended events for this all-volunteer library to raise funds. Here, two of the library's valuable, hard-working volunteers, Betty Reveling and Paula Grigsby, chat with us at our table.



Large Order of Launchpads

A wealthy family from California donated \$7000 to the Hopi Education Department for tablets and computers, and we determined to spend \$6,000 on PlayAway Launchpads, the rechargeable tablets pre-loaded with at least ten educational video games for ages 3-5; 5-7; and 8-10. Since these don't have to be upgraded and are quite convenient for staff to manage, the Hopi children should benefit greatly from this amazing donation. PlayAway was running a special which enabled us to purchase quite a few more, and I took advantage of the special to purchase additional launchpads from the Library District's budget to add to the other libraries' future rotating collection.



ATALM Conference & Hopi Award

I attended ATALM's International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums Oct. 11-12 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort, where I was a co-presenter with the Hopi Public Library Staff. The Hopi Public Library was also the recipient of the International Guardians of Culture and Lifeways Library Institutional Excellence Award. Noreen Sakiestewa and Dinah Pongyesva attended to accept the award.

SCENES FROM THE COUNTY FAIR BOOTH



We emphasized our jobs/careers page with its exhaustive list of Navajo County employers, small business start-up info, resumé-writing, and more. We also stressed the availability of the databases, eBooks, eAudiobooks, and TumbleBooks.

It was gratifying to have a teacher from Snowflake come into the commercial barn and head straight for our booth. She stated that talking to me was her primary reason for coming to the fair so she could find out about the databases and how the Library District could help her students' research. We handed out hundreds of flyers and book bags, and showed what the Views, PlayAways, and Launchpads are. My staff helped immensely to cover the long hours and some of my relatives came from Phoenix for the weekend to assist.

This year the Library District was able to have a booth at the County Fair in mid-September, after skipping a couple of years, and I'm really glad we had this opportunity to promote the many services and materials the Library District and the member libraries provide. It is sometimes frustrating to realize how many people don't know where their public library is and don't realize the wonderful resources at no cost to them that can make their lives richer. We had drawings for free books every 2-4 hours which are very popular with the children especially. Our large touch-screen computer was set up and well-connected with our Verizon Mi-Fi so we were actually able to demonstrate the links and features of the website.



The Library District's Library Assistant resigned the beginning of October to avoid a 200 mile commute for the coming two years due to road construction, so for that month there were just two of us and a temporary worker holding the fort. The temporary worker started as the Assistant on Oct. 31.



Getting ready for the next DVD Rotation – stacks everywhere!