



GREENLEE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT September 2019

Programming for the Headin' to the Greenlee County Hills wrapped up in June. All the field trips and in house programming were very popular and well received. The StoryWalks in Loma Linda, Clifton and Blue are complete and now being used by families with all positive and encouraging comments on the surveys. The Duncan StoryWalk is in the process of being completed and should be ready by the end of September. There are now 12 geocaches hidden by the library throughout the county. Adventure backpacks continue to be checked out on a regular basis by the community members. The Book Nooks in the county continue to be used a lot. We have volunteers who restock them on a regular basis with discarded books from the libraries.

The new LSTA STEM grants provide programming which began at the beginning of September at Clifton and Duncan. Coding, Robotics, Lego, Crazy8s, Fun With Math and Science and STEAM Days are scheduled weekly. Also provided are STEAM kits for family checkout. The iPads that were purchased with the LSTA and RAIN grants are being used weekly for the coding and robotics programming. STEAM apps were also downloaded on them for use in the libraries when they are not used for programming.

Funding was also provided from a United Way of Graham and Greenlee County grant to continue the consultant salary for Tech Day programming. This programming was held at the Senior Citizen Center, and the libraries on a weekly basis.

The Greenlee County Library System also partnered with Grow With Google to provide free digital learning workshops. The first workshop for Small Businesses is set for October. We are also partnering with the Chamber of Commerce for this workshop to be sure that information is provided to all the small business owners who may be interested in attending.

BLUE NEWS: Big news...a composting toilet has been added to the library "outhouse"! This was made possible through a Blue Cross and Blue Shield grant. There is now a geocache hidden near the library which has already been discovered twice by geocachers traveling through the area and adventuring down to the Blue River. Bear and wolf activity has been on the rise so volunteer librarians and patrons are being extra careful in the area.

CLIFTON NEWS: The library participated in the new annual Easter Egg Extravaganza by hiding eggs in the library for kids to find. Clifton library had a booth at the DeGrazia Park in Morenci as participation in the "Week of the Young Child" celebration in April. A decision was made that when the library Book Clubs books are completed, they will be placed in Book Clubs In A Bag kits for community members to have home book clubs. The kits contain all the books and a notebook guide on how to run a book club and reader guides. There was a town picnic at the Clifton RV park to celebrate summer and the new

StoryWalk. Summer Reading was very successful this year. The format was changed from every day to weekly sessions.

DUNCAN NEWS: The library hosted a second book release party for local author Pamela Harrington. Easter Eggs were also hidden in the library for the Easter Egg Extravaganza. A new glass door was installed at the main entrance and the window from the break-in was replaced. The book club for adult patrons is continuing monthly. Programming is still being worked on for ages 8-15. Summer reading was a success and there was a final movie party after it was over for all who attended. A jigsaw puzzle table has become very popular at the library.

Respectfully submitted
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