



Report for Gila County
County Librarians Meeting
September 2019

Gila County Library District has unfortunately had the library in Hayden close due to financial burdens with the Town of Hayden. The district hated to see this community without the resources libraries provide resulting in talks with the town to open a satellite branch. Using funds we normally allocate for this library, we were able to open a new district branch in Hayden on a limited basis on August 19, 2019. The library is located in a small room off the Senior Center in the Town Hall building. Staff was recently hired and training will occur over the next few weeks. And we are happy to say hours will be extended starting September 16, 2019 with a staff of two part time employees, hired from within the community.

Library Happenings around the County:

Isabelle Hunt Memorial Library in Pine Library Director retired in mid-August after 18 years. They recently promoted staff member Ann Pendleton to the Library Manager to the position. And they are currently preparing to hire a new Library Assistant Manager. Recently Isabelle Hunt celebrated their 45 year and celebrated all week with cupcakes and punch for their community members. During the summer they held their summer reading programs, adding the adults to the online program which proved to be a big hit.

Young Public Library has once again had another change regarding staff. A new staff member was added to the library in July which was a big help with the summer reading program. This summer the library added movies to their program list with the purchase of a new projector and screen. Another new addition to programming was the partnership with the Young Public School's pre-school. Story times in the library were held over the summer and will continue throughout the school year. With staff firmly in place the library has been able to present two programs each month and will continue this throughout the year.

Miami Memorial Public Library participated in the Leap into Science program and are now started the new Wind program. Summer reading was a busy time with stories and activities every morning through June. Added to the fun was movies every Friday afternoon. A once a month program including STEAM based themes of Spheros and Bloxels which involve basic coding and graphic arts will continue throughout the year.

Globe Public Library is continuing another installment of their WALK/RUN Club which began in August and will end in October. These dedicated members meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly and include a weekly raffle drawings for those who participate for the entire week. The participation for the group varies between 20-45 participates weekly. Septembers and cooler weather (hopefully) will bring the start of Outdoor Movie Night starting September 20th.

Payson Public Library has experienced personnel changes to both their Youth Services Specialist and Circulation Supervisor positions. In FY19 they answered 11,320 reference questions and had 124,167 total circulation numbers. They ran 156 programs/events/outreaches for children, 39 for teens, and 208 for adults with a total attendance of 6,836. The library is also in the process of expanding their meeting space and recently received notice that permits are currently being issued.

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