

Graham County Report – September 2019

Book Sale



As part of an Eagle Scout project and through Friends of the Library, the library hosted a book sale on April 26th and 27th. Local schools were invited to come before the sale to pick up items for their library/classrooms. Graham County Jail, Pima Public Library, Pima Elementary and High School Library, Thatcher High School Library, Dorothy Stinson Library, Duncan High School Library, and Mt. Graham Childcare Center all were able to take items at no cost. Any unsold items were donated to the Graham County Rehabilitation Center.

Self-Checkout Machine

The library purchased a self-checkout machine through Bibliotheca. As part of the project, staff placed security tags on all books, approximately 38,000 items, along with completing inventory.

Summer Reading – Library Programs



Through a partnership with Eastern Arizona College, the library was able to take 7 teens to the Mt. Graham Telescope on June 18th. Teens learned about the ecosystem on the mountain along with the telescopes.

Programming for the summer reading program concluded with the Summer Pool Party at the Safford Pool. Families were invited to come for a free swim on July 25th. The library provided snacks and water for all who attended, nearly 100. Throughout the summer, nearly 650 participated in library programs.

Additionally, through the online summer reading program, over 200 individuals tracked their reading minutes online to earn free books and gift cards to local businesses. Sponsors included Ginaveve's Market Place, the Plantation, Sodalicious, Gila Valley Escape Room and Walmart.

This year, the library worked with the Safford Middle School to provide activities once a week during the summer lunch program. The library provided 254 individuals with information about library services and the Summer Reading Program.

Magic the Gathering

The library hosted a Magic the Gathering Tournament on July 18th, where 43 individuals of all ages could come and play the card game. Magic the Gathering is a strategy card game first developed in 1993. It is very popular in the Gila Valley with both teens and adults.

Apollo Celebration

Through a partnership with Discovery Park, the library participated in the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Moon Landing on July 20th. Rocket launches, creating constellations, and simulating a trip to Mars were some of the activities offered throughout the event.

Community Baby Shower



The library hosted the annual event on March 29th, attended by 170 individuals. It brings together resources from throughout the community for expectant parents and caregivers with young children. This year's resources included Arizona Early Intervention Program, Canyonlands, Child and Family Resources, Mt. Graham Regional Center, WIC, and First Things First, sponsors of the event.

Early Literacy Restroom

Thanks to the Safford Public Works Department the library has a new ADA compliant restroom in the Early Literacy Room. The restroom is made at a young child's level, and it allows families with young children to utilize the restroom during Early Literacy programming.



Pima Public Library

Programming for the school year has started up again. They offer an after-school program on Mondays for 3rd-6th graders, a Preschool Storytime on Thursdays, women's yoga on Tuesdays, and twice a month adult programs on Thursdays.