

# Coconino County Library District Report –Sept. 2019

## County Librarian—William Ascarza

### Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library



- **BETTER BUCKS:** In partnership with the Shadows Foundation, the Downtown library has been conducting a pilot program selling Better Bucks packets and also allowing people to donate Better Bucks to the library for distribution to those in need. In a single month we sold all of our trial stock. We will be implementing this program at both libraries as a way to better serve our community.
- **CELTIC FESTIVAL:** 150 people attended library events at the Celtic Festival. This is the first year the library had a presence at this community event. Kudos to Reference, Youth Services, and Bookmobile staff for working together to make this happen.
- **CIRCULATION:** Staff have been working on various reports to clean up discrepancies with our records. This should be a help to both patrons and staff when trying to locate material on the shelf. Circulation staff also continue to shift the Arizona locked case collection, in order to make room in areas of the case that were getting tight.
- **DIGITIZATION:** Flagstaff Airport Collection completed and submitted to Arizona Memory Project for online access. Will also be available on library website.
- **GROW WITH GOOGLE:** Happened Friday 6/14. This event featured a series of workshops and one-on-one trainings that are available to patrons and staff to help to develop job skills, improve small businesses, and more! A total of four workshops were held and well attended by the local community.
- **LUNAR LEGACY:** Library Lunacy was also at Lowell this month with 82 patrons gaining free admittance to the Observatory just by showing their library cards. 42 people attended the full moon hike at Buffalo Park as part of our Library Lunacy: Lunar Calendar Hike. The hike was followed by an information session about the moon in astrology and astronomy hosted by guest speaker Donna Lee Steele. 40 people attended the Written World Special edition workshop which included prompts and support focused on creative nonfiction.

- **MATERIALS:** Currently evaluating In-house magazine and newspaper usage to better understand what materials best fit patron needs.
- **RENOVATIONS:** Successful completion of Downtown Library Conference Room. This room is now available for staff and public use and will have user-friendly business ready technology. This was undertaken in conjunction with construction of I.T. Managers Office next door.
- **RECENT PROGRAMS:** included Plot Your Garden where community members gathered to learn about rain water collection; Plotting the Plateau Book Club with Mindy of the Grand Canyon Conservancy and discussion of *The Amazing Kolb Brothers of the Grand Canyon*; Writers Who Lunch came together with our writer in residence to talk about the writing process and spend time writing; Local Legends Intergenerational Storytime with local historian and author Kevin Schindler to hear about Flagstaff's early years; and an Author talk with Jim Kristofic where he discussed his new book, *Medicine Women*, about the first nursing school on the Navajo Nation.
- **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE:** 393 adults signed up for the program, ranging in ages from 17 to 99. Participants read a combined 142,837 minutes, and six people already earned their 2,880 points, thereby completing the challenge in only a week and a half! 1,417 youth registered for the event with 738 completing it. That's 52% completion compared to last year's 47%. These amazing kids read a total of 1,244,182 minutes or 2.36 years of reading in one summer!

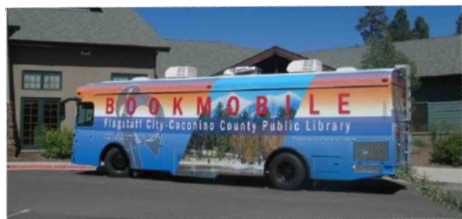
## East Flagstaff Community Library



- **ADULT PROGRAMMING AT EFCL:** Staff have been increasing programs for adults. Participation has been slow, but we are gaining momentum. In June, we offered 7 adult programs, with only 12 total participants. In July, we offered 6 adult programs with 31 participants, an average increase from 2 participants/session to 5. Programs have included topics like stitching, self-care, and digital literacy.
- **ATTENDANCE:** EFCL has received more requests for school visits this year compared to previous years.
- **EFCL TEEN ENGAGEMENT:** Staff has developed a scavenger hunt for the teens to complete, for which they are rewarded with candy and a chance to win a raffle prize. This has helped our more computer-centric teens get to know the library space and been very engaging for the 17 young people who have completed it so far.
- **PROGRAMMING:** New fall program: Scrolls & Rolls. Dungeons and Dragons for ages 12 and up, two Wednesday a month.

- **RENOVATIONS:** Successful construction of a family bathroom. The addition will be a great service to the families who use this library. EFCL also received a fresh coat of paint. This project is in conjunction with the carpet installation and overall facelift of the library.

## County Bookmobile



- **ASSISTED LIVING PERFORMANCE SERIES:**  
Mariachi Mar Y Sol, a mariachi band from NAU appeared at both Brookdale Senior Living and Haven Health. The “Kidz Camp,” a division of the Pinewood Players theatre group in Munds Park, performed excerpts from their musical play “Annie” at both Brookdale Senior Living and Haven Health. About 30 kids, aged 6 to 18, performed.
- **GRANT:** Received \$2000 CAP Grant from State Library for Navajo Related Materials.
- **NEWS:** Recently featured in Arizona Daily Sun Article July 28, 2019 article.  
[https://azdailysun.com/news/rollin-down-the-highway-with-a-library-on-wheels/article\\_83b00679-2e3a-5e78-a828-625e5ca18941.html](https://azdailysun.com/news/rollin-down-the-highway-with-a-library-on-wheels/article_83b00679-2e3a-5e78-a828-625e5ca18941.html)

## Tuba City Public Library



- **GRANTS:** Received \$2000 CAP Grant from State Library for Navajo Related Materials. Also received \$5,000 Education for 2 Early Literacy Computers “Through Interactive Spaces for Tuba City Public Library.”
- **NEW COMPUTERS:** IT staff has replaced the public PCs with new, faster Windows 10 machines.
- **RENOVATIONS:** Navajo-Hopi land deal extension received final signatures. Plan to start construction in October on the Tuba City remodel. Architectural plans are being reviewed.

- **SUMMER READING PROGRAM:** The Grand Finale was held on August 1 in *Louise Yellowman County Park*. The event was well attended with 80 children and parents (A new record number of participants)! Children played games and built a rocket ship. The fire department, was invited and they provided attendees information on their fire engine and equipment. The children got sprayed with water and that was one of the highlights of the event!

## Grand Canyon Community Library



- **NEW COMPUTERS:** IT staff has replaced the public PCs with new, faster Windows 10 machines.
- **PATRON ACTIVITY:** Many people doing their taxes, applying for jobs, signing paperwork for the sale of a house and even one couple from Germany registering their wee child for kindergarten via scanning and email. The new patron computers have made a big difference with positive feedback from patrons.

## Forest Lakes Community Library



- **SUMMER READING PROGRAM:** The great, 2019 Forest Lakes Community Library Rocket Launch on June 8, involved nineteen kids and ten adults, built rockets. Alka-Seltzer and water was combined to propel the rockets up to twenty feet in the air. In corporation with the Sheriff's, Police, and Fire Departments, the library had a fishing day at the local pond. No license was

necessary. The local stores and café donated food and fishing equipment. 46 people turned out. Most kids reached their fishing limit within the first thirty minutes, with most fish ranging from 15 to 18 inches. While fishing, a large herd of sheep passed by giving the kids a chance to see the herder and sheep dogs in action. A Weather Watch Program taught by Tony Merriman, a warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Flagstaff, was sponsored by the library and attended by 24 people. The purpose was to teach people how to identify dangerous weather patterns in the area and to call in reports.

- **STEM:** The library now offers STEM events for kids every Friday from 2 to 4.

## Page Public Library



- **LIBRARY HOURS:** New hours of operation, Monday thru Friday 10am—6pm, Saturday 12pm—4pm.
- **WEBPAGE:** City IT has created new webpage for library operational since May.

## Williams Public Library



- **CATALOGING:** Discussions underway to incorporate Williams Library with Central Cataloging and Processing at the Main Library in Flagstaff.
- **STAFFING:** Library Director Search.

## Sedona Public Library





- **AWARDS:** Sedona Public Library was included in the 2018 list of America's Star Libraries for the fifth year in a row.
- **STORYWALK:** Sedona Public Library has opened a permanent StoryWalk display at the City of Sedona's Sunset Park. Residents and visitors can walk along the half-mile, paved path and enjoy reading a children's book. "In the Middle of Fall," by Kevin Henkes was the first title featured and a new story will be on display every three months. This has been made possible through a partnership with the City of Sedona and support from the Goldenstein Gallery, the Arizona Community Foundation, and the Langston Family Foundation.

## Coconino County Law Library



- The Coconino County Law Library currently offers AZCourtHelp Legal Talks on multiple topics. These talks are free and are broadcast live so that anyone/anywhere can attend from their home computer or mobile device. Libraries and community centers around the state host the live broadcasts for their customers. Here are a few examples of our Legal Talk subjects:
- Adoption
- Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship
- Bankruptcy
- Changing Custody Orders
- Child Support Services
- Estate and Probate Planning
- Family Court 101
- How to Represent Yourself in Court
- Landlord/Tenant Clinic
- Planning for Health Emergencies
- We're in the process of creating videos of each Talk for access anywhere, any time. These Talks are available online:

- Someone is Suing Me, What Do I Do Now?: <https://youtu.be/lxsxMT8cbEs>
- Pay Day Loans: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdKngOjLCAC>
- Family Law 101 in Spanish: <https://youtu.be/nQgJyBDsUmk>

## Coconino County Correctional Facility



- **Materials:** GED books were ordered due to the Friends of the Library donation. Baskets are FINALLY placed on the walls of the pods for library materials to be returned as inmates are released from custody. This will keep our books and magazines cleaner and more accessible for us to collect on a daily basis. All new books that were purchased at Barnes and Noble have been processed, transported to the Jail, and added to the collection.

## Fredonia Public Library



- **NEW COMPUTERS:** IT staff has replaced the public PCs at Grand Canyon and Fredonia with new, faster Windows 10 machines.
- **STEM:** We use stem projects in the Early Literacy group one time per month and in Regular Story time one time per month. The Kids love it. We keep the re-usable stem items available to use for Parents and kids when they come in. The really love the Coding Mouse, Catapults and Blocks. We've always had stem craft ideas (like building their own mazes and etc. but now we have reusable activities and the kids come in and request them.

