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CAMP VERDE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Russ Martin, Town Manager
FROM: Kathy Hellman, Library Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Report – July 2016
DATE: 8/10/2016
CC: Department Heads

Library Construction Update: View of the library from the east side (back) of the building. No matter which angle you view it from, the building looks fantastic. Progress in July included detailing out the parking areas and drywall, tape & texture of the interior. Exterior red railing continued to go up as well as interior windows and exterior doors.



The Library received notification from the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County that the grant used to fund Teens Work @CVCL was approved for a second year. Our funding increased from \$2500 to \$5500. We hired 3 teens for 3-5 hours/week. We currently have 2 teens working for us and look forward to growing their job skills as the move from helping us out with children's programming to working in the Teen Library.

The 2016 Summer Reading Program started June 1 and ended July 29. The library hosted 40 programs related to this year's theme, *On Your Mark, Get Set Read!* With some programs onsite and some off, it was chaotic but one participant thanked us and commented, "My kids and I had a blast! It was the highlight of our summer!" The Library registered 174 people and had 80 log their activity in our online tracking system, ReadSquared. With 46% of registered patrons participating, we celebrated our success with the following outstanding participants:

Infants & Toddlers ages 0-4 9 participants (17 registered)
11,790 minutes of reading logged, 18,140 total points logged
1st Place: Brian Laxton
2nd Place: Levi Matthews
3rd Place: Yelaina Machado

Children ages 5-11 35 participants (75 registered)

73,825 minutes of reading logged, 112,920 total points logged

1st Place: Bayley Dykstra

2nd Place: Kiena Jimenez

3rd Place: Tonali Jimenez

Teens ages 12 – 17 14 participants (34 registered)

67,181 minutes of reading logged, 83,111 total points logged

1st Place: Ty Holman

2nd Place: Celeena Johnson

3rd Place: Abigail Jensen

Adults ages 18 and up 22 participants (48 registered)

63,686 minutes of reading logged, 83,271 total points logged

1st Place: Glenna Wadsworth

2nd Place: Aleatha Jimenez

3rd Place: Tracey Dawson

The Sedona Rotary Club contacted the Library to participate in the [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#) program. The club is expanding the program to all Verde Valley communities through a Yavapai County Community Foundation grant that helps fund the expansion. Parents and caregivers can sign-up any child ages 0-5 to receive one free book/month delivered to their home. Anyone interested in the program can stop by the library to pick up the information or get their child signed up on the spot.

Report from Youth Services Librarian, Nadia Torabi: Completing the Summer Reading Program this month was definitely a learning experience for me! Helping run the program for my first time this year gave me space to gain better programming skills through the computer. It also helped me develop my outreach and communication skills. I got to meet several families and have come to know them on first name basis and always enjoy chatting with the parents and children every time they come in now. Seeing so many families excited about summer reading and watching the enthusiasm coming from children involved in our programs and completing their reading hours and goals was a joy for me to experience. I am looking forward to brainstorming ideas for next year's Summer Reading Program to keep this enthusiasm for reading growing and to get more families in the community involved.

Report from Circulation and Volunteer Coordinator, Alice Gottschalk: This month, I attended the Verde Front Volunteerism Workshop at the Cottonwood Recreation Center, a brainstorming session on how to recruit, train and retain volunteers. Some of the groups represented were: Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition, Prescott Trails and Safety Coalition, Sedona Volunteer Park Rangers, Friends of the Verde River Greenway, Verde Valley Land Preservation, Arizona State Parks and NPS. We talked about opportunities to host joint volunteer events, volunteer tracking, streamlining/facilitating agency paperwork, etc. They provided us with a great lunch

from Red Rooster. The Friends of the Verde River Greenway group is looking forward to being part of beautifying the area around the new library.

Report from Reference and Computer Help Librarian, Gerry Laurito: Over the last month, I started to investigate options for managing meeting rooms in the new library. I will be working with the Town's Parks & Recreation Department to determine the best product. I have also been gathering information from other YLN Libraries regarding the room reservation programs they use.

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