



CAMP VERDE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Russ Martin, Town Manager
FROM: Kathy Hellman, Library Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Report February 2021
DATE: 3/10/2021
CC: Department Heads, Town Council

Report from the Library Director: Thanks to a generous donation from **Friends of Camp Verde Library** we replaced all 18 of our public PC monitors which we purchased used in 2016. The new monitors are AOC full HD, 3-sided Frameless, Lowblue Mode, VESA compatible Ultra-Slim 24" monitors. Much appreciation is due to **Wendy Cook-Roberts and Janell Leland** for setting them all up and doing wire-management at each station. Patrons are enjoying the upgrade.



The Library submitted an application to AmeriCorps Vista to fill a Volunteer Coordinator position. We realized several years ago that we need to update our volunteer program to add flexibility, consistency, and professionalism in order to expand opportunities throughout the library and attract the next generation of volunteers. Several attempts have been made to handle this in-house but the lack of time and/or skills has kept us from moving forward. Then the pandemic hit and nearly decimated our volunteer program, though thankfully we do have several faithful souls eager to work with us. It is the perfect time to start fresh with someone who can devote all their effort to getting our volunteer program setup for success. We cannot serve our community with normal open hours Monday-Thursday 9:00a-8:00p and Friday-Saturday 9:00a-5:00p without volunteers covering our public service points. We cannot expand our workforce development services, computer instruction, or children's STEAM learning opportunities without volunteers to help us. The AmeriCorps Vista program gives us the perfect opportunity to bring a robust solution to our long-term needs.

Report from the Teen Library: In February, we had a very successful FRANK Talk with host, Dr. Matthew Whitaker on the topic *Our Right to Assemble: The History of Protest and Civil Disobedience in the U.S.* This topic was chosen as a tie-in with the Smithsonian exhibit *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America*, which CVCL hosted through the end of February. Additionally, a class of 10 students and 3 teachers and aids came to the library to walk through the exhibit. CVCL was the last stop in Arizona for the *Voices and Votes* exhibit. Looking toward the future, we are planning an outdoor, socially distanced activity on March 13. The library will host a cookout for the teens at the Rezzonico Park Ramada. The event includes activities available like kite

flying, yoyos, and giant bubble wands, but no requirement to partake. We are creating a venue where teens can socialize and remember that the library and its staff are here for them and to find out what interests them for summer programming. I am also consulting with other Town employees to bring a weekly propane campfire program for teens – outdoors, relaxed, fun, and in-person.

Finally, I started a [TikTok social media site](#) for the teen library. At the beginning of the pandemic I tried communicating with teens via BAND, the platform I use for the Youth Advisory Council, but had no success. Additionally, teens have largely forsaken Facebook, a platform that belongs to their parents and grandparents generations. We decided the best approach is to go where they already hang out, instead of trying to get them to come to our platforms. I was inspired by the Glendale library system which paved the way and has used TikTok to great success. So far I have only made two videos, but plan on trying to post weekly, and using it to advertise events, like the cookout.

Report from Adult Services: The Library participated in our second Verde Library Group partnership for a virtual author talk program with local author Roger Naylor held via Zoom. We partnered with Sedona Public Library and Cottonwood Public Library for a webinar that went very well with over 175 people attending! Roger writes about the multitude of beautiful drives and hikes the state of Arizona has to offer, and did a wonderfully engaging presentation that elicited many audience questions and participation. This is the beginning of more partnerships with the Verde Valley libraries, so look for more exciting events to come!

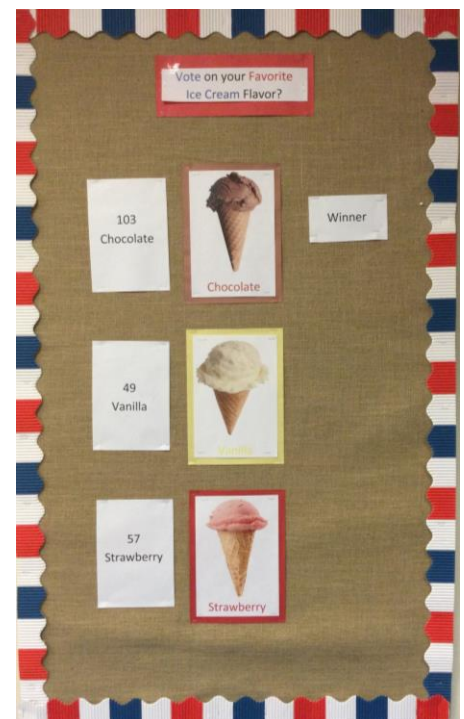
Report from the PC Helpdesk: Library patrons are happy to have AARP tax services at the library, thanks to Bruce and Pat George. We distributed over 142 Tax Packets for patrons to do their own to fill out and return with an appointment with AARP Tax Aide. We've also gotten many requests from patrons wanting to find out where their stimulus checks are and so we help them file for that. Working at the PC Helpdesk, we have been privilege to hear many positive comments about the Voices & Votes exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute.

Report from the Children's Library: We began the year with a winter scene in the Children's Library and created activities to support the Smithsonian Voices and Votes exhibit. In order to give children the opportunity to have a voice, we setup a chance for them to vote on their favorite ice cream flavor – chocolate, vanilla, or strawberry. The winner was Chocolate with 103 votes!

Children were given the opportunity to illustrate their own copy of an original story, *Dewey Learns His Vote Counts*. Eighteen children signed up and their illustrations are looking great! Families were encouraged to check out movies supporting the Voices & Votes message and received a free movie night kit with popcorn and snacks.

The second Tuesday in February the Children's Library began collaborating with Head Start to host Make & Take kits aimed at school readiness for preschoolers who will be entering Kindergarten this coming school year. The children receive a great lesson and the parents learn the skills and are provided the tools to support them as their child's first teachers.

One of our virtual programs, **Sew Along with Allyn: Where Happiness is Homemade** continues to be popular. Thanks to Ally Watson for her excellent contributions to this program. February's no-sew baby quilt had 96 post engagements!



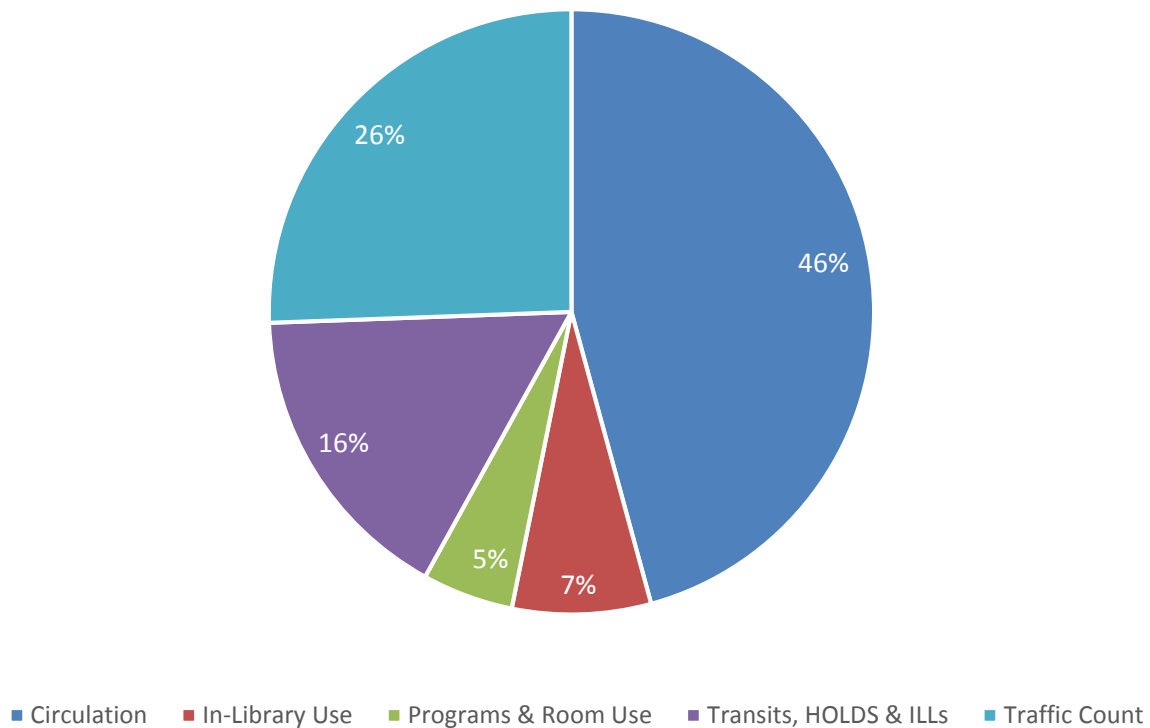
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<https://www.facebook.com/campverdelibrary>

	Jan-21	Jan-20	% change	YTD-FY21	YTD-FY20	% change
In-Library Uses						
Traffic Count	4,832	9,302	-48.1%	36,245	69,942	-48.2%
New Cards Issued	40	57	-29.8%	369	519	-28.9%
Computer Use - All Ages	618	1,229	-49.7%	5,625	9,518	-40.9%
PC Helpdesk Answered Calls	139	n/a		988	n/a	
PC Helpdesk Missed Calls	107	n/a		673	n/a	
Requests for Computer Help	102	73	39.7%	595	793	-25.0%
Reference Questions	77	50	54.0%	573	666	-14.0%
Study Room Uses	62	111	-44.1%	379	621	-39.0%
Study Room Use - Hours	137	77	77.9%	819	783	4.6%
Study Room Use - People Served	118	73	61.6%	543	580	-6.4%
Total In-Library Use	6,232	10,972	-43.2%	46,809	83,422	-43.9%
Library Programs						
Community Room Uses	10	54	-81.5%	79	307	-74.3%
Community Programs Attendance	228	504	-54.8%	2,402	2,348	2.3%
Adult Programs	12	24	-50.0%	35	170	-79.4%
Adult Program Attendance	209	272	-23.2%	513	1,908	-73.1%
Children's Programs	15	19	-21.1%	142	204	-30.4%
Children's Program Attendance	235	96	144.8%	1,490	1,418	5.1%
Teen Programs	4	15	-73.3%	55	108	-49.1%
Teen Program Attendance	27	214	-87.4%	322	1,387	-76.8%
Total Library Program Attendance	699	1086	-35.6%	4727	7061	-33.1%
Circulation						
Self-Checkout Use	2,732	1,725	58.4%	21,906	12,543	74.6%
Items Checked Out	3,612	4,876	-25.9%	28,553	40,594	-29.7%
Items Checked In	3,639	5,183	-29.8%	29,298	46,343	-36.8%
Renewed Items	1,394	753	85.1%	12,233	6,892	77.5%
Total Circulation	8,645	10,812	-20.0%	70,084	93,829	-25.3%
Circulation Areas of Interest						
Audio Books	127	248	-48.8%	1,296	1,658	-21.8%
DVDs & Movies	1,419	1,954	-27.4%	11,977	17,249	-30.6%
eBooks	845	650	30.0%	6,567	5,401	21.6%
Laptops & iPads	64	38	68.4%	147	590	-75.1%
Spanish Material	9	63	-85.7%	60	405	-85.2%
VOX Media Books	48	45	6.7%	377	359	5.0%
Children's Material	863	912	-5.4%	7,580	8,863	-14.5%
Teen's Material	239	401	-40.4%	2,886	3,923	-26.4%
Transits, HOLDS & InterLibrary Loans						
HOLDS Filled	1,204	1,148	4.9%	9,374	9,222	1.6%
Transit Items Sent & Received	1,880	1,831	2.7%	14,646	14,996	-2.3%
CVCL ILL Items Going Out	8	20	-60.0%	95	225	-57.8%
ILL Items for CVCL Patrons	5	4	25.0%	27	35	-22.9%
Total Transit, HOLDS & ILL Activity	3,097	3,003	3.1%	24,142	24,478	-1.4%
Library Volunteers						
Number of Volunteers	11	26	-57.7%	97	203	-52.2%
Number of Hours Given	169	425	-60.2%	1,187	3,512	-66.2%
Average Hours/Volunteer	15.4	16.3	-6.0%	12.2	17.3	-29.3%
Collection & Development						
New Kids & Teen Material Added	29	29	0.0%	432	403	7.2%
New Books & Magazines Added	202	272	-25.7%	1,172	1,634	-28.3%
New Audio-Visual Material Added	2	20	-90.0%	503	640	-21.4%
Total Items Added	204	292	-30.1%	1675	2274	-26.3%

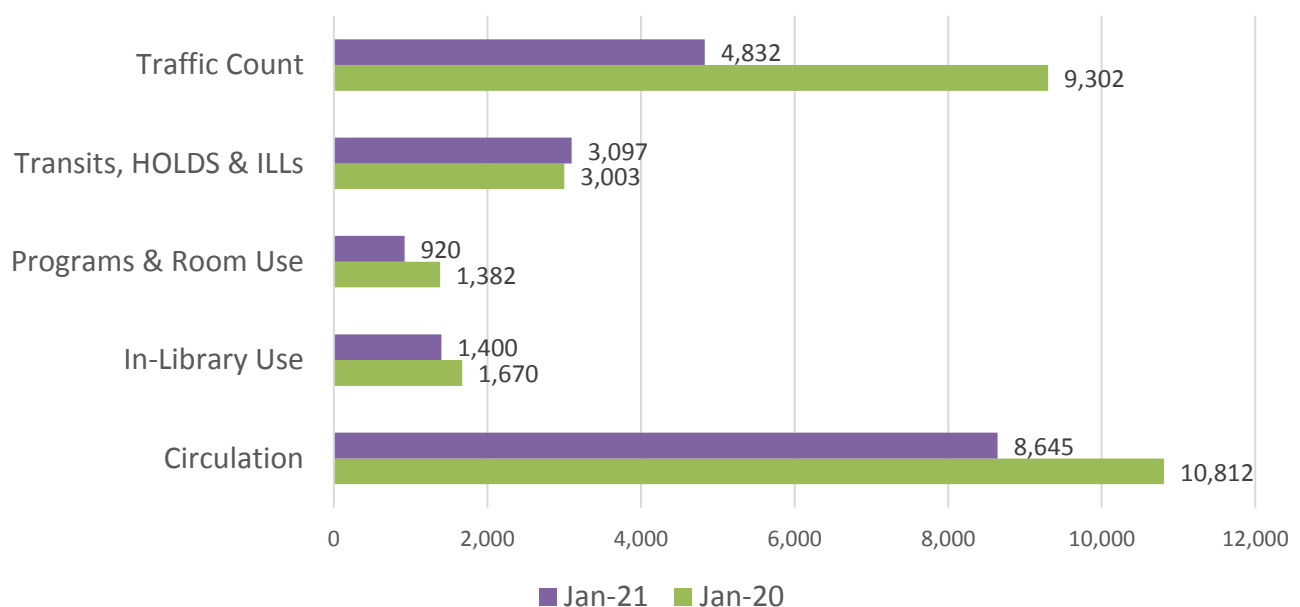
Mending & Donations

Items Mended or Repaired	369	25	1376.0%	816	518	57.5%
Donations Processed	1,259	1,759	-28.4%	5,783	13,759	-58.0%
Donations Cataloged	6	45	-86.7%	135	664	-79.7%

Library Use: February 2021



Library Use: February 2020 vs. February 2021



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Camp Verde Community Library is located just off of Montezuma Castle Highway at 130 Black Bridge Road, Camp Verde AZ. For more information about this or any other library program visit the library's website at www.cvlibrary.org or call 554-8380 during library open hours Mon-Sat 9am-5pm.

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WIFI HOTSPOTS & DELL LAPTOPS READY FOR CHECKOUT AT THE LIBRARY AS PART OF COMMUNITY CONNECT: DIGITAL ACCESS AT HOME GRANT

Starting Monday, February 1, library patrons with a valid Camp Verde Community Library card on an account in good standing are invited to checkout a Verizon WiFi Hotspot or a Dell Laptop for use at home. Patrons must be 18 or older and present photo ID along with their library card to checkout electronic equipment. The checkout period is for one week at a time and the transaction will be handled at the PC Helpdesk only.

As the past year has shown, people across the country are increasingly reliant on internet for essential services like education and tele-medicine, but rural areas often lack the internet access found in more populated regions. Twenty-two percent of Americans in rural areas lack broadband coverage, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

Community Connect: Digital Access at Home is made possible by Capital One and the American Library Association. Thanks to Senior Library Clerk, Wendy Cook-Roberts' work, Camp Verde Community Library has been selected as one of 20 U.S. libraries to participate in Community Connect: Digital Access at Home. The WiFi-lending project is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) and Capital One that offers cash grants to help rural libraries offer internet access and financial education for their patrons.

The laptop-lending project was made possible by a Yavapai County Foundation grant. Previously laptops could only be used on library grounds, but Ms. Roberts has installed software controls and put policies and procedures in place to allow the laptops to be checked out. We now have 5 hotspots and 10 laptops available for use.

About Capital One

Capital One Financial Corporation is headquartered in McLean, Virginia. Its subsidiaries, Capital One, N.A. and Capital One Bank (USA), N. A., offer a broad spectrum of financial products and services to consumers, small businesses and commercial clients. We apply the same principles of innovation, collaboration and empowerment in our commitment to our communities across the country that we do in our business. We recognize that helping to build strong and healthy communities — good places to work, good places to do business and good places to raise families — benefits us all, and we are proud to support this and other community initiatives. <https://www.capitalone.com/about/>

About the American Library Association

The American Library Association (ALA) is the foremost national organization providing resources to inspire library and information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services. For more than 140 years, the ALA has been the trusted voice for academic, public, school, government and special libraries, advocating for the profession and the library's role in enhancing learning and ensuring access to information for all. For more information, visit ala.org.

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To register for this free event, go to <https://bit.ly/3t3zxnT> or go to the library's website at cvlibrary.org and click on the event in the Spotlight section of our homepage.

Catholic Charities Community Outreach Comes to the Library

Join Catholic Charities Community Outreach Services in the parking lot at the Library between 10:00a and 11:30a on Tuesday, February 2nd. Learn about Veteran's Services, Housing Issues, Mental Health Services, and other community resources that are available. ACCHS Applications (including SNAP/TANF) help provided via phone/Zoom. Accommodations providing social distancing and sanitization have been implemented.

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Library Sponsors Virtual Art Class for Ages 10 and Up

The library has an opportunity for a limited number of community members interested in learning alcohol ink painting techniques. Instructor, Lynne Kohler, founder of [Lynne's Jubilee](#) will teach a six-week series of virtual classes introducing alcohol ink painting for individuals 10 and older. Learn the art of expressing

your voice through this unique medium known for its vibrant colors and organic images. Art supply kits are available free of charge to the first 12 people who sign up and commit to attend all 6 classes. The series begins February 04 at 1:00p and repeats every Thursday at 1:00p through March 11.

Lynne unleashed her creative side later in life. After the age of 60 she discovered alcohol ink painting and fell in love with the bright colors and irrepressible qualities of the medium. She has focused on the themes of animals, flowers, birds and nature and has recently begun to do human faces as well. In this workshop Lynne will walk students through the basic techniques of working with alcohol inks on tile, paper, ceramic and plastics and include ideas for adding details using Gelly Roll ink pens and more.

This virtual alcohol ink painting workshop is part of the Smithsonian's *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America* exhibit at Camp Verde Community Library January 16 – February 27, 2021. Often humans use mediums other than words or speech to express their opinions, thoughts or emotions. At the end of the six-weeks, students will be invited to show their "visual voice" through a display on the art wall at the library.

To sign up for the Virtual Art Class and receive a Zoom link to attend, contact Library Director, Kathy Hellman at 928-554-8381 or Kathy.Hellman@campverde.az.gov

Voices and Votes: Democracy in America has been made possible at Camp Verde Community Library by AZ Humanities Council. **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America** is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. It is based on an exhibition by the National Museum of American History. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

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Online Storytime with Ms. Letty (and Dewey)

Don't miss online Story Time with Ms. Letty & Dewey, posted to our Facebook Page every Wednesday!

Pick up a copy of the OneBook Experience Book Now

Modeled after OneBook AZ, **OneBook Experience** seeks to bring the Verde Valley communities together through the experience of shared literature. This is your opportunity to read [Vanished Arizona: Recollections of the Army Life of a New England Woman](#) by Martha Summerhayes through the month of February and experience an example of what life was like before women had a voice or a vote. Then, [click HERE](#) to join in a Virtual Book Discussion facilitated by Amber Polo Thursday, February 25 at 10:00a.

*Martha Summerhayes's recollections span a quarter of a century and recount life at a dozen army posts, the heart of this book concerns her experiences during the 1870s in Arizona, where the harsh climate, rattlesnakes, cactus thorns, white desperadoes, and other inconveniences all made for a less-than-desirable posting for the Summerhayeses. First printed in 1908, Vanished Arizona is Summerhayes's memoir of her years as a military wife as her husband's Eighth Regiment conducted **Gen. George Crook's expedition** against the Apaches. It was so well received that she became an instant celebrity and the book a timeless classic. The book retains its place securely among the essential primary records of the frontier-military West because of the narrative skill of the author and her delight in life.*

This program is part of the [Voices and Votes Special Programs & Events Experience](#) currently at the Library.

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Camp Verdeans are encouraged to add their voices to the national narrative through the Be Here story app. Visitors to the area can then use the app to tap into the community's cultural heritage when they listen to the stories based on the geolocations on their smartphones.

*Be Here: Main Street is a partnership between MuseWeb and the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street program, which, along with the Arizona Humanities Council, brought the Smithsonian Voices and Votes: Democracy in America traveling exhibition to Camp Verde Community Library. MuseWeb is working with communities to record stories about culture, history, people, and the things that make each community unique. This program is part of the Smithsonian's Voices and Votes: Democracy in America exhibit at Camp Verde Community Library January 16 – February 27, 2021. **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America** has been made possible at Camp Verde Community Library by AZ Humanities Council. **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America** is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. It is based on an exhibition by the National Museum of American History. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.*

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Wednesday w/Wendy: 1-2-1 Tech Assist

Are you having trouble figuring out how to use or update your mobile device? Do you need someone who is patient, knowledgeable, and has an affinity for solving tech issues to help you? Make an appointment or drop-in for one-to-one help from Wendy any **Wednesday between 9:00a and noon**. She can assist you with your tech issues and help you learn how to download and use library apps and resources. Give her a call at 928-554-8385.

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*Be Here: Main Street is a partnership between MuseWeb and the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street program, which, along with the Arizona Humanities Council, brought the Smithsonian Voices and Votes: Democracy in America traveling exhibition to Camp Verde Community Library. MuseWeb is working with communities to record stories about culture, history, people, and the things that make each community unique. This program is part of the Smithsonian's Voices and Votes: Democracy in America exhibit at Camp Verde Community Library January 16 – February 27, 2021. **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America** has been made possible at Camp Verde Community Library by AZ Humanities Council. **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America** is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. It is based on an exhibition by the National Museum of American History. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.*

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SCHOOL READINESS ACTIVITIES: in the Children's Library

Do you have a preschooler looking forward to kindergarten in the Fall? Camp Verde Head Start and Camp Verde Community Library are partnering every **Tuesday at 10:00a** to provide **Make & Take** activities that help prepare your child for a successful school experience. Head Start teachers are available to assist and help you and your child with each School Readiness Activity and pick out appropriate books to enjoy together. All supplies are provided free of charge.

FRIENDS DONATION: Purchases New Monitors

Thanks to a generous donation from **Friends of Camp Verde Library**, new monitors have been purchased and installed at the Public PC stations. The Friends donated the funds to replace the used and failing Dell monitors with brand new 24" Full HD 1920x1080 LED-lit monitors with HDMI. Public computer users at the library will enjoy vivid colors, and a wide viewing angle, ensuring the best imagery in virtually all sitting positions. Its 3-sided frameless and ultra-slim design boasts low Blue mode and flicker-free images to help reduce the harmful blue spectrum of light and remove flicker for more comfortable computing sessions.

OUR RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE: the History of Protest and Civil Disobedience in the United States

Join us online **Friday, February 19 at 3:00p** for a free FRANK Talk about Our Right to Assemble. Dr. Matthew Whitaker will present the program online via Zoom meeting co-hosted by Teen Librarian, Zack Garcia. The First Amendment prohibits the government from abridging "the right of the people peaceably to assemble." This basic freedom ensures the right of people to come together and collectively express, promote, pursue, and defend their collective or shared ideas. When and how have people engaged in protest? Who has engaged in protest? What is civil disobedience? Does everyone have the same right to assemble? In recent years the brutal murders of African Americans by the police has sparked widespread protest across the U.S. and even abroad. How do we balance public safety and human rights? How do race, power, and class impact access to free speech and the right to assemble? Participants will explore these questions in a safe, interactive discussion.

About the speaker:

Dr. Matthew Whitaker is a decorated educator, historian, author, social justice advocate, motivational speaker, and founder of the ASU Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, where he taught for 16 years. Whitaker's expertise lies in U.S. history, African American history, race relations, social movements, cultural competency, equity and inclusion, teaching excellence, and community partnerships. Whitaker has received numerous awards including the 2016 DLA Diversity and Inclusion Award, ASU's 2015 Pioneer Award for work on African American life and culture, and 2014 DLA Inclusive Workplace Award. Whitaker has spoken throughout the U.S. and abroad and has been featured on CNN, NPR, PBS, WVON, and KEMET. His books include Hurricane Katrina: America's Unnatural Disaster, Race Work: The Rise of Civil Rights in the Urban West, and his forthcoming memoir, The Undisputed Truth: A Revolutionary Journey to Black Manhood.

[Click HERE to register](#)

FRANK Talks is an interactive community conversation program from Arizona Humanities in partnership with the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records. Attendees discuss issues of local and national importance. FRANK Talks encourage participants to weigh facts, provide the opportunity to put them in context, and consider different points of view. Please be advised that we do not record Frank Talk programs. We ask that all participants respect this rule. You participate at your own risk and agree to hold harmless Arizona Humanities and the State Library.

FEDERAL ACA MARKETPLACE RE-OPENS: Special Enrollment Period February 15 to May 15

The **Affordable Care Act Marketplace** serves as a critical source of health coverage for Verde Valley families. Free, local in-person help is available at the Library to help you learn about and enroll in health insurance coverage plans. Families and individuals who need help applying for coverage don't have to do it alone. **Health care assistors at the Library can help you find the best source of health coverage and can help with completing applications for coverage through the Marketplace.** Arizonans may shop for affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage at healthcare.gov. **Interested parties can book an appointment online at coveraz.org/connectors** or call the Library at 928-554-8380.

SEW-ALONG WITH ALLYN: Where Happiness is Homemade

Instructor Allyn Watson records a series of online classes showcasing a variety of sewing projects for beginners. These digital recordings are posted to the [Library's Events Calendar](#) and Facebook pages on the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:00 am. This month's project, a Snuggle Baby Quilt, is fun and makes a nice and pretty easy baby gift. The pattern is available to trace at the library if you want to stop by and trace it during open hours (Monday-Saturday 9:00a-5:00p),

Supplies Needed for this month's project, Snuggle Baby Quilt (Tied):

- 2 pieces of fabric, 1 yard each (for the front and the back, may be coordinating or the same), 1½ yards of each fabric will give you enough to make a burp rag and bib as well
 - 1 package of crib-size batting (Allyn likes high loft but use what you prefer)
 - Coordinating yarn, floss, or 1/8 inch ribbon (Allyn prefers yarn)
 - A sharp needle that you can thread your yarn through – yarn darning needles work well
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Online Storytime with Ms. Letty (and Dewey)

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Know a Veteran Who Needs an Advocate?

Lettie J. Irons Connell meets with veterans weekly by appointment on Wednesdays 9:00a-11:00a at the library. Lettie is a volunteer with 18 years of experience and charges NO FEE for her services as an Accredited Claims Agent Veterans Service Officer American Legion Post 93. Call 928-239-1777 to set your meeting.

Experience More in Movies & Enjoy a Movie Night on Us!

Select one of the movies themed around Democracy in America from the display shelf near the PC Helpdesk and get a FREE movie night snack bag to take home. There are 10 selections for grownups and 9 family selections that will help you experience different times and places to better understand some of the issues our country has faced on the journey toward a "more perfect union." [Click HERE](#) for a

complete list of eligible movies. Show the movie you have selected at the Children's checkout desk or the Front desk and ask for your movie night snack bag. There is a limit of one movie night snack bag per family per week.

Pick up a copy of the OneBook Experience Book Now

Modeled after OneBook AZ, **OneBook Experience** seeks to bring the Verde Valley communities together through the experience of shared literature. This is your opportunity to read Vanished Arizona: Recollections of the Army Life of a New England Woman by Martha Summerhayes through the month of February and experience an example of what life was like before women had a voice or a vote. Then, [click HERE](#) to join in a Virtual Book Discussion facilitated by Amber Polo Thursday, February 25 at 10:00a.

*Martha Summerhayes's recollections span a quarter of a century and recount life at a dozen army posts, the heart of this book concerns her experiences during the 1870s in Arizona, where the harsh climate, rattlesnakes, cactus thorns, white desperadoes, and other inconveniences all made for a less-than-desirable posting for the Summerhayeses. First printed in 1908, Vanished Arizona is Summerhayes's memoir of her years as a military wife as her husband's Eighth Regiment conducted **Gen. George Crook's expedition** against the Apaches. It was so well received that she became an instant celebrity and the book a timeless classic. The book retains its place securely among the essential primary records of the frontier-military West because of the narrative skill of the author and her delight in life.*

This program is part of the Voices and Votes Special Programs & Events Experience currently at the Library.

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HOLDS Pickup Times Go Back to Normal

At the beginning of the pandemic, the Yavapai Library Network began pushing out hold pickup times to eight weeks. Since library operations have stabilized, pickup times for new holds will go back to 10 days for everyone. The items already on the hold shelf for you will wait out their eight-week period. Starting this week, all holds arriving at the library will be available for pickup for 10 days before being sent back to the owning library or on the next patron in the hold queue.

Final Week to See Voices and Votes: Democracy in America Exhibit

Voices and Votes: Democracy in America explores the action, reaction, vision, and revision that democracy demands as Americans continue to question how to shape the country. From revolution and suffrage to civil rights and casting ballots, everyone in every community is part of this ever-evolving story, the story of democracy in America. Exhibition sections highlight the origins of American democracy, the struggles to obtain and keep the vote, the machinery of democracy, the right to petition and protest beyond the ballot, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. "Voices and Votes" features historical and contemporary photos; educational and archival video; engaging multimedia interactives with short games; and historical objects like campaign souvenirs, voter memorabilia, and protest material.

Camp Verde Community Library in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Northern Arizona was chosen by the AZ Humanities Council to host Voices and Votes: Democracy in America as part of the Museum on Main Street program—a national/state/local partnership to bring exhibitions and programs to rural cultural organizations. **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America** has been made possible at Camp Verde Community Library by AZ Humanities Council. **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America** is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. It is based on an exhibition by the National Museum of American History. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

CVMO Mobile Command Center Parked at the Library

Are you wondering why the CVMO Mobile Command Center is parked in the library parking lot? We are excited to announce that due to our ongoing partnership with CVMO ownership of the 5th Wheel has been transferred to the Library. Our plan is to transform it into a Mobile STEM Lab with the aim to captivate, elevate, and motivate the love of STE(A)M through hands-on informal learning across the Verde Valley. The goal is to design and set up the interior to be as versatile and cutting-edge as possible for hands-on STE(A)M activities. Once we have it ready to use, you will see it at events, libraries, parades, senior centers, etc. throughout the Verde Valley showcasing a variety of STEAM experiences for all ages to enjoy.

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Wednesdays w/Wendy

Are you having trouble figuring out how to use or update your mobile device? Do you need someone who is patient, knowledgeable, and has an affinity for solving tech issues to help you? Make an appointment or drop-in for one-to-one help from Wendy any Wednesday between 9:00a and noon. She can assist you with your tech issues and help you learn how to download and use library apps and resources. Give her a call at 928-554-8385.

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AARP Tax-Aide Services

No-cost tax preparation and e-filing services for taxpayers of all ages by AARP Tax-Aide IRS-certified volunteers at the Library on **Tuesdays between 2:00-4:30p through April 14th.** For tax-aid assistance, stop by the PC Help Desk and ask for an AARP Taxpayer Packet. All forms must be filled out and signed. Once the packet is complete, call the number on the form to make an appointment. You will receive a call back for an interview prior to the appointment. Then, come to the library and park on the south side of the building where you will be met in your vehicle by one of the AARP volunteers to pick up the completed documents. Your forms will be scanned inside the library and returned to you in your vehicle. You will be notified when the return is complete, and you can make another appointment to pick up the completed return. For questions call the library at 928-554-8330.

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