

LIBRARY LINES

Cottonwood Public Library

WORDS FROM OUR DIRECTOR

JOHN O'NEILL

The biggest surprise of the year was the excitement created by the Teen Advisory Board's request to construct and enter a float in the City's Annual Christmas Parade. The Youth Services staff jumped on it and work began. I think everyone was so jazzed by being involved and were already making plans for next year's parade that when we found out the float had won a trophy it was ice cream on the already iced cake. Doing PR work can be fun. Great job, everyone! The pictures are awesome and available on the library website.

Another surprise was the awarding of a federal stimulus grant to the Arizona State Library that resulted in the placing of additional public access computers, furniture and upgraded routers and attendant security in the six largest public libraries in Yavapai county. It is great to be able to add more computers for public use. Even with time restrictions a person can log a lot of on-computer time in the immediate

area given that the Yavapai Community College library is two miles away and the Clarkdale library is four.

It has been gratifying to see the big increase in donations of current best-sellers by patrons. Thanks for thinking about your fellow library user. Thanks for all donations you make. The Bookmarks, our library friends group, has been able to really make a difference in these hard times. For every PC they buy for placement here it saves us having to fight another City department for tight capital dollars and take it away from them if we are successful.

I happened to drop into Hennan's Public Library Ratings site a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Hennan is a national library consultant (he did some in-county work for the Sedona Public Library 7 or 8 years back that they graciously shared with the rest of us) and rates public libraries based on their annual reports filed with their respective state libraries. The 2010 Arizona rankings are based on reports filed

The library book drop will be open starting Saturday, Jan 15. Until we receive our new outdoor bookdrop, Audio Visual materials are not permitted in the book drop due to breakage. Repeat offenders will be fined \$1.00

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"A book is the only place in which you can examine a fragile thought without breaking it, or explore an explosive idea without fear it will go off in your face. It is one of the few havens remaining where a man's mind can get both provocation and privacy."

-Edward P. Morgan

for fiscal year 2008. The Hennan reports were updated in March of 2010. that means a 203 month wait before the 2011 update will appear.

It is more than a little disconcerting to rate libraries of different sizes, throwing Jerome, Cottonwood and Phoenix in the same group comparison has its problems, but then again any mathematical measuring stick can engender long and hardy arguments. BCS football ratings are a good example but I'll stop the quibbling there and cut to the quick: Ranked by percentile score Cottonwood is first at 98.5, followed by Tonto Basin at 96.6, 3rd Sedona 96.3, 4th Wickenburg 94.5, 5th Scottsdale 90.7 and 6th Jerome 89.0. Flagstaff is ranked 13th at 80.7, Prescott Valley 19th @ 65.3 and Chino Valley 21st @ 62.7.

Thanks to the volunteers and staff who make this the pleasant entertainment and information interaction center that it is.

ART WORLD ADVENTURE

Are you interested in art? Would you like to learn more about the great artists in history? Have you always longed to explore the world's famous art museums? If your response to any of these questions is "Yes!" you are in luck. Your library can fulfill these needs, and you don't even have to pack your bags.

In the Oversized Books section of the library, look for 709 numbers. Here is information on impressionism, surrealism, expressionism, pointillism and more. Read how plain air painters took the world by storm and changed the art world forever. Discover artists who were part of the so-called Ashcan School of

art such as Henri, Luks, & Bellows, the first to depict life among the poor in America.

There are books that focus on museum collections: the Vatican, Spain, Switzerland, Japan, Russia, and nearly every major city in Europe is represented here.

You'll find creators of abstract art such as Jackson Pollock, and surrealist painters such as Magritte, Dalí and Chagall. Beginning in the early 1800s many adventurous artists traveled west to capture images of Native Americans and the beauty of unsettled America. Such people--George

BY MARGO MITCHELL

Catlin, Thomas Moran, Albert Bierstadt---are in the collection.

Picasso? Modigliani? O'Keefe? Frida Kahlo? They are here, too.

You love the European greats? Here are G a i n s b o r o u g h , Rembrandt, Gaugin, Monet, Constable, Giotto, and Dürer, just to mention a few.

Come enrich yourself with this treasure trove of visual beauty and information at your library.

not there for the goose." And this style of repartee continues for another thirty lines or so.

But that sport went out of fashion within a few years and was remembered only as representing a willful and erratic course taken by those who indulged in the chase. By the middle of the eighteenth century, even that much of the origin of the name was forgotten, and, in 1755, Dr. Samuel Johnson defined wild-goose chase

"The only time I feel alive is when I' m painting."

-Vincent Van Gogh

"Progress"

-by Mary Gove

We called them "Candles of the Lord"

The Yucca with flowers white

Standing Tall and stately
They kept the desert bright.

Then to this Verde Valley
Came herds and crops and groves

Came also axe and plow
Brought by Men who came in droves

With lofty dreams of cities

And golf and futures bright
The "Candles of the Lord" are fading

To our healing, beautiful desert ---say "goodnight."

as, "A pursuit of something as unlikely to be caught as a wild goose." this has come to be the accepted meaning—a vain pursuit of something, which, even if attained, would be worthless.

Excerpt from "A Hog On Ice & Other Curious Expressions," by Charles Earle Funk.

CURIOUS EXPRESSIONS

A wild goose chase-



Back in Shakespeare's time this was a game played on horseback with two or more players. It began, apparently, with a race to see which player could take the lead; then, willy-nilly, the losers followed him at set intervals wherever he might choose to lead. The name came from the resemblance to wild geese in flight, each following the leader and

at an even distance from one another. It is this game that is referred to in the dialog between Mercutio and Romeo, in Act II, scene 4, of Romero and Juliet. Mercutio says, "Nay, if thy wits run the wild-goose chase, I have done; for thou hast more of the wild-goose in one of thy wits than, I am sure, I have in my whole five: was I with you there for the goose" Romeo answers, "Thou wast never with me for anything when thou wast

CONGRATULATIONS T.A.B.



Cottonwood Public Library Teen Advisory Board (and little helpers)!

This year the Teen Advisory Board made the decision to design a float for our community holiday parade --- and took home the honor of a second place win in the Community Service Division. We are so proud of all their efforts and accomplishments.

Along with specific projects like the parade float, the teens also help with projects and programming, decorations, and collection development for the Youth Services Department. The Teen Advisory Board meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 4pm and teens from 13-18 are all welcome to come join the fun. Pick up your application at the Youth Services Desk today! For more information, please call (928) 634-7559 x107.

INSIDE THE LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES

Enjoy viewing others collectible treasures. We have two locked display cases that are available on a monthly basis for use. Please contact Vanessa at 634-7559 ext 106 to verify availability and to book one or both of the display cases.

Featured in January:



Fly reels and lures provided by Wayne.

Featured in February



Indian artifacts from the Tennessee valley provided by Bill.

Featured in March



Miniature perfume bottles provided by Karen.

"We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt



Cottonwood Public Library Meeting Room Schedule of Events-Winter 2010

TUESDAY

Writing for Fun, weekly @ 9:00-10:30am

WEDNESDAY

Book Discussion Group, 1st & 3rd Wed. @ 10:00-11:30am

THURSDAY

Senior Companions, last Thurs. @ 9:00am-1:00pm
Girl Scouts/Brownie Troop 1919, 1st & 3rd Thurs. @ 3:15-5:30pm
Italian Beginners Class 2nd & 4th Thur. @ 3:00-5:00pm

FRIDAY

If you would like to reserve a time, please call 634-7559 ext. 103

SATURDAY

Lamplighters Victim Support, 3rd Sat. @ 10:00-11:30pm

The meeting room is available free of charge to non-profit organizations. If you are interested in reserving the room for a meeting, please call Mary at 928-634-7559, ext. 103.

Library Hours

Monday		CLOSED
Tuesday		9:00 am-6:00 pm
Wednesday	All computers	9:00 am-6:00 pm
Thursday	shut down	9:00 am-6:00 pm
Friday	15 min. before	9:00 am-6:00 pm
Saturday	closing	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Sunday		CLOSED

CLOSURES

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Saturday, Jan. 1st, 2011</i>
<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	<i>Tuesday Jan. 18th, 2011</i>
<i>President's Day</i>	<i>Tuesday Feb. 22nd, 2011</i>

Book Discussion Group

(meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

Date	Author	Title
Jan. 05/11	Poetry: Yours or some other poet's	
Jan. 19/11	Bill Bryson	<u>A Short History of Nearly Everything</u> (avoid "A really short history...") Kid's book
Feb. 02/11	Kathryn Stockett	<u>The Help</u>
Feb. 16/11	Aldous Huxley	<u>Brave New World</u>
Mar. 02/11	Naguib Mahfuz	<u>Palace Walk</u>
Mar. 16/11	Lawrence & Lee	<u>Inherit the Wind</u>



Cozy-Up This Winter @ Your Library!



Join us in the Youth Services Department of the Cottonwood Public Library for free quality fun with family and friends!

Weekly Programs

A family play group in a learning environment

Baby Brain Time – Tuesdays @ 10:00am

It is just the thing to encourage your happy, healthy 0-4 year old to enjoy reading as much as you do!

Are you, or do you know, an active and eager teen? The Cottonwood Public Library's

Teen Advisory Board – meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

We are accepting new volunteers. Just pick up an application @ the Youth Services desk and join us in helping the library to better serve the youth in our community through library activities, programming, and collection development. *Have fun while giving back to your community!*

Sing silly songs and listen to stories with your preschooler for

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10:00am

Saturday Family Movies–Every Saturday @ 11:00am.

Special Events

January

Tuesday, January 25 @ 10:00 am

Baby Brain Time guest speaker Claire Louge

With a special encore presentation

Saturday, January 29 @ 10:00 am

Ms. Louge is a First Things First early childhood advocate. Her brief presentation will provide information on the importance of early literacy.

Please call to register your family for either of these presentations by end of business

Friday, January 14, 2010.

February is National Pet month!

Come to the library to check out a great book about your favorite furry, scaly, or slimy family friend!

March

March 2—Read Across America
Dr. Seuss turns 107 years old!

April

April 1, 2011

Votes for the 2011 Grand Canyon Reader Awards are due. Help decide what books should be celebrated by this award. To vote or to find out more go to: grandcanyonreaderaward.org, or visit your local library.

April 10-16

National Library Week

Check with us for special presentations and displays.

Cottonwood Public Library
100 S. 6th St.
928-634-7559 ext. 107
www.ctwpl.info

New CD Books

PRESTON ~ *The Wheel of Darkness* by Douglas Preston

SEDARIS ~ *The Ultimate David Sedaris Box Set* by David Sedaris

DEMILLE ~ *Wild Fire* by Nelson DeMille

CARLIN READS ~ *George Carlin Reads to You* by George Carlin

NEW BOOKS

92 RICE ~ *EXTRAORDINARY, ORDINARY PEOPLE* by Condoleezza Rice

940.5459 AMB ~ *THE PACIFIC* by Hugh Ambrose

364.16 WIT ~ *PRICELESS* by Robert K. Wittman

810.8 NOR~ *THE NORTON ANTHOLOGY OF LATINO LITERATURE* by Ilan Stavans

780.092 MAR ~ *BOB DYLAN WRITINGS 1968-2010* by Greil Marcus

92 CHURCHILL ~ *CHURCHILL DEFIANT: FIGHTING ON, 1945-1955* by Barbara Leaming

LECARRE ~ *OUR KIND OF TRAITOR* by John le Carré

ALLEN ~ *THE GIRL WHO CHASED THE MOON* by Sarah Addison Allen

LEONARD ~ *DJIBOUTI* by Elmore Leonard

LT SMITH ~ *THREE STATIONS* by Martin Cruz Smith

LT RENDELL ~ *PORTOBELLO* by Ruth Rendell

CASEY ~ *COMPASS ROSE* by John Casey

TAX INFORMATION

Are you looking for a tax break? You can donate money to the library and use it for a tax write off under charitable donations.

We have a donation form that we can give you for this purpose.

We will once again provide tax forms that we receive from the IRS and State Department. We do not have a specific arrival date of the forms.

We will put them out as soon as we have a sufficient amount available.

The tax forms are free of charge unless the form you request is only in the binders.

Copies are 10 cents a copy or 15 cents for two sided copies. The forms will be located by the Information Desk near the parking log entrance.

You can also visit their websites: www.irs.gov for Federal forms and www.azdor.gov for Arizona State forms.

"Kindness is a language which the dumb can speak, the deaf can understand."

- C.N. Bovee



*Happy Birthday Arizona!
February 14*

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"LOOKING" GOOD COTTONWOOD

"Lookin" Good Cottonwood is a weight-loss competition designed to help you get healthy and feel great. The competition begins with the first weigh-in on January 17 and ends with the final weigh-in on April 18. Weigh-ins will occur every Wednesday from 7am-7pm. Prizes will be awarded weekly for the person with the greatest percentage of weight loss. There will also be a grand prize of **\$3,000** for the person with the greatest percentage of weight loss over the entire competition.

To help you with your weight loss journey, the

program will include educational seminars, exercise classes, cooking classes, and outdoor exercise activities. All classes and activities will be included in your registration fee. Events are listed below:

Healthy Cooking Class Seminar

Private Group Weight Training Class

Private Water Aerobics Classes

Riverfront Walk

Sports Medicine Seminar

Heart Rate While Exercising Seminar

Community Events

Boot Camp

Nutrition Seminar

Running Clinic

10% discount on Brian Mickelsen Memorial Race

Cardio Kickbox

And much more!

Register at the Cottonwood Recreation Center, 150 S. 6th Street. Phone registrations are

Not accepted. Please call Heather Klomparens at Parks & Rec for more information, 639-3200 x 3210 or email at hklomparens@cottonwoodaz.gov. Must be 18 or older to enter.

Registration fees:

\$10 for CRC members

\$25 for non-members

WE ARE ON THE WEB!
<http://www.ctwpl.info>

FUN FACTS ABOUT ARIZONA FROM THE "LEGENDS OF AMERICA" WEBSITE

COTTONWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 S. 6th St
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Phone: 928-634-7559
Fax: 928-634-0253
E-mail: joneill@cottonwoodaz.gov

<http://legendsofAmerica.com/az-facts.html>

The world's largest solar telescope is located at Kitts Peak National Observatory in the city of Sells, Arizona.

At one time camels were used to transport goods across Arizona.

Phoenix originated in 1866 as a hay camp to supply Fort McDowell.

It **snowed 400.9** inches during the winter of 1972 -1973 at Sunrise Mountain.



AUTHOR PRESENTATION

Carolyn O'Bagy Davis, author of *Hopi Summer* will be speaking at our library on Tues., April 12 in the Youth Services multi-purpose room. *Hopi Summer* is the adult book chosen for OneBook Arizona 2011. Time to be announced.

The Book Discussion group will also meet on Weds. April 20 to discuss the book.

Both events are open and free to the public.



You can now purchase VERDE LYNX and CATS ride passes at our library.

The monthly pass for VERDE LYNX is \$40.00 for calendar month only (expires on the last day of each month.) Or you may purchase a punch pass at \$40.00 for 20 rides.

The CATS bus punch passes are \$20.00 for 20 rides.

Just come to the Information Desk to get your passes.



BOOKMARKS INFORMATION

The annual Cottonwood Bookmarks/Friends of the Library membership meeting date is Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 10:30 AM in the meeting room at the Cottonwood Public Library. All Bookmarks members are invited to attend.

The half price sale that was held in the book boutique area during the

month of November was a great success. Many good bargains were found and over \$1,200 was deposited in the bank to support future library needs such as shelving and computers.

During December, the best quality newly donated books were displayed for gift shopping. Bookmarks members always receive a

fifty percent discount off already modest prices. Be sure to take advantage of the five dollar annual membership fee in order to receive that benefit. Membership envelopes are available on the display shelf. Volunteers and staff members are happy to assist you with the process.

