

LIBRARY LINES



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

WORDS FROM OUR DIRECTOR

The current budget crunch has once again affirmed almost all citizens have no idea where their tax money goes or how organizations are funded. (Don't feel too bad. None of those rich folks were paying close attention to what Bernie Madoff was doing with their money.) Where does library funding come from? How much of our operating funds do we get from the feds____, the state____, Yavapai County____, Yavapai County library property tax____, City property tax____, City sales tax____ and library fines____. Fill in the figures and see how close you can get? The total should be 100%. Answers on page 2.

In early November all city departments were required to cut 5-8% of already truncated budget to be put into effect immediately. Last year at that point we had \$52,000 in our acquisitions (new books, DVDs, audio CDs, etc.) This year we now have zero. That zero will march on until July 1st next year.

I have had patrons get

apoplectic about the cuts, indignantly asking why we don't cut staff. The answer is two-fold:

- 1) The city administration and Council is committed to trying its utmost to retain all onboard staff members, a stance I heartily applaud.
- 2) When you cut staff you increase work load on remaining employees and everyone starts looking over their shoulder wondering if they are next.

Losing the acquisitions budget is weirdly akin to the death of a family member. Eight weeks later I can attest to that but let's look on the bright side. We own over 97,000 titles in this library and another half a million spread across the Yavapai Library Network so you are NOT going to run out of free reading or viewing material. If you insist on reading the latest best sellers I have a suggestion: join the Book Of The Month Club and as

you read the books donate them to the library. My wife is doing this and has gone through four novels already. Buy a heavily discounted best seller at Wal-Mart and donate it when through. You could make a monetary donation to our friends group, The Cottonwood Bookmarks and earmark it for areas you favor or specific titles. When we buy most newly released fiction and non-fiction of lots larger than four titles from our distributor we can usually get a 45% discount. "New Fictions," "New Non-fiction" "New Biographies" are terms I can readily deal with. Got a bunch of DVDs you have seen twice, we'll take 'em. As always we take donations of all type of reading, listening and viewing titles. I'll even come pick them up. My phone number is 634-7559 ext. 105. My email address: joneill@ci.cottonwood.az.us

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- *Tax forms are now available, they are located by the fireplace between Adult Services and Youth Services.*

"WHAT MAKES A BOOK GREAT, A SO-CALLED CLASSIC, IS ITS QUALITY OF ALWAYS BEING MODERN, OF ITS AUTHOR THOUGH HE BE LONG DEAD, CONTINUING TO SPEAK TO EACH NEW GENERATION"
-LAWRENCE CLARK POWELL

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Answers to library funding:
 We get nothing from the feds, nothing from the state and nothing directly from the county but the county library district property taxes provides 21% of our budget pre-cut (and 23% post-cut), city sales tax 76%, there is no city property tax, and library fines account for 3%.

OneBook Arizona Coming in April

Adult selection: *Capirotada: a Nogales Memoir*

by Alberto Rios

Kids selection: *Hip, Hip Hooray, it's Monsoon Day! ...*
 by Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford



BRaille BOOKS



Youth Services has a selection of Braille books available for checkout. There are actually 68 titles listed in the system. We have 15.

Some of the selections are:

Harry Potter and

The Chamber of Secrets

The Prisoner of

Azkaban

The Sorcerer's Stone

The Order of the Phoenix

The Goblet of Fire

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Where the Sidewalk Ends

The Period Book, Everything

You Don't Want To Ask (But Need to Know)

Looking Out for Sarah

How Do You Know What Time It Is?

And more, just visit the upstairs area close to the elevator to pick a selection.

NEW ITEMS IN ADULT AUDIO AND MAGAZINE AREA

CD

Streichquartette Op.20

By Joseph Haydn

Paste Magazine CD Sampler

CD Book

Big Reads:

Gaines

Ozick

Robinson

Twain

DVD

Arizona Parents Kit Series

6 DVDs

One Step closer to Jesus Series

7 DVDs

Magazine

All You - a magazine about home economics

"BOOKS OPEN YOUR MIND, BROADEN YOUR MIND AND STRENGTHEN YOU AS NOTHING ELSE CAN."

-WILLIAM FEATHER

FCC CONSUMER ADVISORY

On Feb. 17, 2009, all full power broadcast television stations will stop broadcasting on analog airwaves and begin broadcasting only in digital.

You can visit the FCC (Federal Communications

Commission) at their website www.dtv.gov to find out more information. The site also tells you about the converter box coupon program. For inquiries by phone: 1-888-225-5322 or

email fccinfo@fcc.gov.





NOW FOR YOU BOOK WORMS . . .



WHAT'S NEW THIS WINTER....

158 PRE Be Who You Want Have What You Want: Change Your Thinking Change Your Life by Chris Prentiss

179.2 EDE The Sea is so Wide and my Boat is so Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation by Marian Wright Edelman

92 CHA Chagall: A Biography by Jackie Wullschlager

363.72 GEO The Big Necessity: The Unmentionable World of Human Waste and Why it Matters by Rose George

027.1 RYB Hitler's Private Library: The Books That Shaped His Life by Timothy W. Ryback

520 PLA Death From The Skies!: These Are the Ways the World Will End... by Philip Plait, Ph.D.

940.53 PEM The Road to Rescue: The Untold Story of Schindler's List by Mietek Pemper in collaboration with Viktoria Hertling, assisted by Marie Elisabeth Muller, translated by David Dollenmayer

And lots more . . .



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE



www.ctwpl.info



On January 20th, 2009 we will be going live with our new website. Renew your items on line, put holds on books, view your account, search our catalog, re-search databases, get local information and much, much more!

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Stay tuned for
WACKY WEDNESDAYS

To return to Youth Services sometime in
February or March

"OUR PROBLEMS ARE MAN-MADE, THEREFORE THEY
MAY BE SOLVED BY MAN. AND MAN CAN BE AS BIG
AS HE WANTS.
NO PROBLEM OF HUMAN DESTINY IS BEYOND
HUMAN BEINGS. "

-JOHN F. KENNEDY

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

<http://www.ctwpl.info>

BOOKMARKS NEWS

The book sale on Friday, December 5th was well attended. Thank you to all who worked the sale and many thanks to all of the shoppers. Jon Pelletier, a photographer from the Verde Valley Newspapers took several photos during the sale. On Wednesday, December 17th, an article written by Steve Ayers described the current plight of the library due to city budget cuts, which deleted an amount more than the entire new book budget. Included with the article were two photos of the book sale customers and workers. We hope you had an opportunity to read the item.

Jean Myers, our dependable treasurer, retired from her duties. A special thanks for all of your service Jean! Kathy Hellman is the new

treasurer. Welcome to the board Kathy! Kathy will be assisted by her husband, Kent.

After Julie Hammons moved out of state, Gail Bell took over the tasks of training members to price books for the boutique as well as doing the research on the rare books. Currently, Gail works on pricing and stocking books every Tuesday. Later in the week, Mary Eichman checks the boutique area and restocks where needed. So, you may find a new selection of books in the boutique on a regular basis. The Annual Membership meeting is scheduled to be on Saturday, April 18th at 10:00am

The next big sale is March 7th from 9:00am to 12:00 pm.

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