

# BETWEEN THE LINES

PRESCOTT VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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BY CASEY VAN HAREN

May in Arizona has many faces. It brings spring, warmer weather, and allergies. May is a time of growth, rebirth, and resiliency. We think of May as the month of mothers and celebrate the women who brought us into the world. When I think of May, I think of my pug Max. Why? Well, he turns 9 years old this month and is possibly the most resilient little guy ever.

Three years ago Max lost his sight. He was an active pug, tore up toys in less than 30 seconds, loved the water, enjoyed hiking, camping, chewing the lids off of water bottles, peeing on my husband's shirts, and chasing after soccer balls. When he lost his sight I thought I would have to guide him through the doggie dog, his water dish, and the backyard. I was so worried he would be lost and couldn't get back inside the house or find water. Within a week he had no problem navigating the house and backyard.

Two years ago we moved into our new house and Max had to learn how to navigate the layout along with a larger backyard. He had the layout of the house and backyard down in two days. As Max is not as active as he used to be, he loves to go camping with us and lay in the sun. He has his own little doggie pool and splashes around and doesn't let my other pugs in the pool. Max is happy and has worked through his disability with little to no issues. Don't get me wrong, my baseboards and doors are covered in his little nose mucus because he does a lot of "feeling" his way through, but he knows where to jump on the couch and can even find the toy box. We all have our challenges in life and when I find myself feeling defeated or down, Max seems to find me, jumps in my lap, and settles in for a long cuddle. I smile and all the bad melts away. Max is resilient and I love his little spirit.

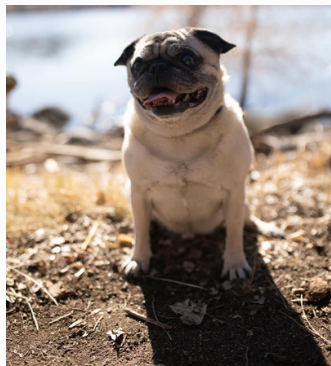


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# HIGHLIGHTS

## CHILDREN'S

### Preschool Programs are back! (for a limited time)

We will have 2 outside classes in May.

The classes are free and open to the public but registration is limited. Register [here](#) (pvlib.net--Attend--Children's Programs). Click on the class you would like to attend.



### Sunflower Kits

We will be furnishing kits for children ages 4-8 to plant sunflowers. Please register [here](#) to participate and kits will be available for pick up during the week of May 24-28. Ms. Ashley will have a video available showing the steps for planting the seeds.



### Children's Pet Show

May is National Pet Month so we are having a Children's Pet Show on Saturday, May 15, at 10 am. Children age 3-12 may bring one pet per child and may register [here](#). Others who would like to watch do not need to register.

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

We have three children who have completed their 1000 books before kindergarten. Thank you to Finn, Garrett, and Sawyer and their parents.

## TWEEN (AGES 9-13)

### Canvas Take&Makes

The Prescott Valley Public Library Children's Department is offering Canvas Take&Make kits! Kits will include:

- a canvas
- a paintbrush
- painter's tape
- paint!



Supplies are limited, so reserve your kit through the [Yavapai Events Calendar](#) now! Kits will be ready for pickup **May 17 - May 21**.

### Tween Poetry Club

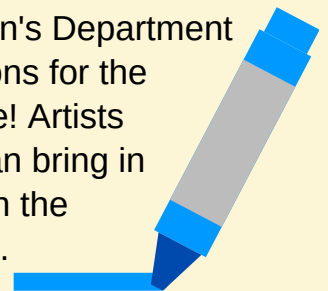
Join us on Zoom every other Wednesday starting May 5! Miss Ruby will have fun writing prompts and activities to get you inspired to write some poetry!

You can register through the [Yavapai Events Calendar](#) to join! We have journals, pens, and pencils for you to pick up to help you on your writing journey!



### Junior Artist Showcase

As always, the Children's Department is accepting submissions for the Junior Artist Showcase! Artists under the age of 12 can bring in their work for display in the Children's Department.



If you have any questions about Tween Programs, feel free to [email Miss Ruby!](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### YOUNG ADULT

#### Creative Writing Workshop: May 6, 2021, 12:30 PM



Learn to write poetry from a best-selling author! David Elliott joins the library to teach teens how to write stories, poetry, and more.

David Elliott has written over 25 books for children and teens, including the acclaimed novels, *Bull*, *Voices: The Final Hours of Joan of Arc*, & *The Seventh Raven*. Go to [pvlib.net/teens](http://pvlib.net/teens) to register.

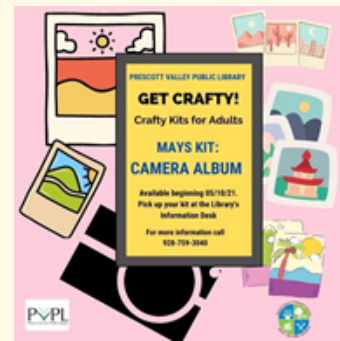
#### Cosplay Cooking: May 4, 2021



May the 4th be with you! For all the *Star Wars* lovers out there (or those who love baking), join Autumn and Coleen for a video baking tutorial. There may even be costumes involved. Go to [pvlib.net/teens](http://pvlib.net/teens) for the link or find the video on the library's [YouTube page](#).

### ADULT

This month's Adult Services book display is focusing on '**Gardening**'. The Prescott Valley Public Library has many wonderful books to check out about flower gardens, herb gardens, or gardens that can produce food for your table. Check out a book in May, plant a garden, and enjoy watching your garden bloom with colors or food.



May's '**Get Crafty!**' kit is a Camera Album. Decorate a wooden camera album and add pictures on the following boards. The Prescott Valley Public Library will supply all you need to decorate your camera album. Supplies are limited and can be picked up at the info desk starting May 10, 2021.

## STAFF SUGGESTIONS

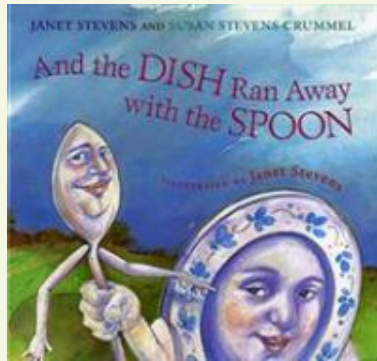
### CHILDREN'S

#### May and Reading

Reading is important this month as the first week is **National Family Reading Week** and **Children's Book Week** (May 2-8).

The second week is **Reading is Fun** week.

There are many great books for family and children which are fun. One favorite is **And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon** by Janet Stevens and her sister, Susan Stevens Crummel. Janet is a children's book author with many titles that she has written. For this book, she and her sister (who is a teacher) collaborated by writing long distance.



The book is the rest of the story for the well-known nursery rhyme, Hey Diddle Diddle.

What happens when they run away and will they get back in time for the next reader? Be sure to read the dedication and watch for the Fork in the Road throughout the book.

### TWEEN (AGES 9-13)



#### **NewsPrints**, by Ru Xu

In a city gripped by preparation for war, Blue is a newsie just trying to get by. She's disguised herself as a boy because girls aren't allowed to be newsboys -- but Blue is desperate to prove herself, no matter the risk.

Between her newspaper selling duties, she finds herself working as an apprentice for an eccentric (a very eccentric) inventor named Jack. Jack has some serious secrets of his own, and Blue finds herself caught in a web of political intrigue. Her new friend Crow is definitely involved, but he's convinced no one can help him. Blue will do whatever it takes to protect her friends and family -- after all, she made a promise. And she never breaks her promises.

A perfect read for fans of the musical *Newsies*, **NewsPrints** is an exciting tween graphic novel that will surely draw you in.

## STAFF SUGGESTIONS

### YOUNG ADULT



### I'LL BE THE ONE BY LYLA LEE

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by reading stories by Asian authors! *I'll be the One* by Lyla Lee is a sweet rom-com about body positivity and following your dreams. Skye Shin has been told by everyone, including her mother, that a fat girl can't dance. But no one can tell Skye what to do, so she enters an internationally televised K-pop competition. Talented and confident, Skye makes the first cut but still faces bullying from producers and fellow competitors. Still, she finds surprise support in Instagram star Henry Cho who becomes her dance partner. Overall, *I'll be the One* is a delightfully romantic read with positive role models for teens.

### ADULT



### Prescott Valley Public Library will be hosting 'Checkin' Out the Neighborhood PVPL's Podcast – Roller Derby Queen.

Join us for our next episode that will air on May 11th, 2021. Find 'Checkin' Out the Neighborhood' on the library website [pvlib.net](http://pvlib.net) or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Tuesday, May 11th, 2021  
More Info? 928.759.3040

# MAY CALENDAR

- ★ **Online Chair Yoga - Registration Required for all Yoga Classes at [pvlib.net](http://pvlib.net)>Attend>Classes & Programs**

**MONDAYS-FRIDAYS 10-11AM**

- ★ **Online Morning Stretch - Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am**
- ★ **Online Yoga Nidra - Thursdays 12-1pm**



- ★ **Checkin' Out the Neighborhood - PVPL's Podcast: Roller Derby Queen**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2021 [here](#), on the library website, or your favorite podcast source.**

- ★ **May Master Gardener - Wildflowers**  
**Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 from 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**Registration is required [pvlib.net](http://pvlib.net)>Attend>Classes & Programs**



- ★ **May Master Gardener - Summer Vegetable Garden**  
**Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 from 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**Registration is required [pvlib.net](http://pvlib.net)>Attend>Classes & Programs**

- ★ **Check out the PVPL Facebook page for 'It's Trivia Day'**  
**Every Wednesday Questions - Every Friday Answers**

## MAY CLASS CALENDAR



Prescott Valley Public Library, in partnership with **SilverKite Community Arts**, is hosting the following live virtual classes in April. Can't attend at the times listed below? Register for the class and you will receive access to the class recording!  
**Registration is required at [pplib.net](http://pplib.net)>Attend>Classes & Programs**



Sat May 1st, 1:30 pm **Paper Flowers**



Wed May 5th, 10:30 am **Bollywood**



Sat May 8th, 1:30 pm **Introduction to Pastels**



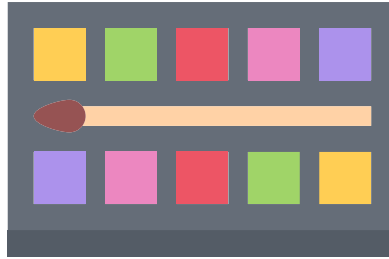
Fri May 21st, 10:30 am **Beginning Drawing - Portraits**



Sat May 22nd, 1:30 pm **Sip and Paint (Acrylics)**



## MAY TWEEN CALENDAR



**Ongoing:** The Junior Artist Showcase is accepting submissions! Artists 12 years old and younger can submit their art for display in the Children's Department.



**Every week in May:** Miss Ruby will post Tween Reads recommendation videos to Prescott Valley Public Library's [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts!

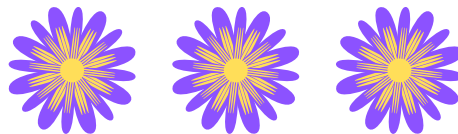


**May 5:** Poetry Club begins! You can register on the [Yavapai Events Calendar here!](#) We'll meet on May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16 through Zoom.



**May 17 - 21:** Canvas Take & Make Kits will be ready for pick up in the Children's Department! Reserve your kit on the [Yavapai Events Calendar!](#)

**All Tween programs (excepting the Junior Artist Showcase) are intended for library patrons between the ages of 9 and 13. Thank you!**



## MAY CHILDREN'S CALENDAR



### **Ongoing starting May 3: Pirate Scavenger Hunt**

Come explore the Children's Department and look for pirate clues. You may even find some treasure...



### **May 5 and May 19: Two preschool classes** outside

9:30 - Toddler Time for 2-3-year-olds and

10:30 - Story Time for 4-5-year-olds

Free but registration is required. Register [here](#).



### **May 15: Children's Pet Show** for children ages 3-12

One child per pet and pet must be restrained. Children showing pets must register; others can come and watch.

Register [here](#).



**Summer Reading is coming!** The theme this year is Tails & Tales so we will be focusing on animals and their habitats. Read along with us.



### **May 24-28: Sunflower kits** for children ages 4-8.

[Register here](#) to participate in our growing sunflowers virtual program. You can come in to pick up the kits during May 24-28 and Miss Ashley will have a video on youtube for you to follow in planting the seeds.

## TWEEN POETRY CONTEST

Here are the winners of the 2021 Prescott Valley Public Library Tween Poetry Contest! To read all the poems submitted to the contest, check out the Prescott Valley Public Library website [here](#)!

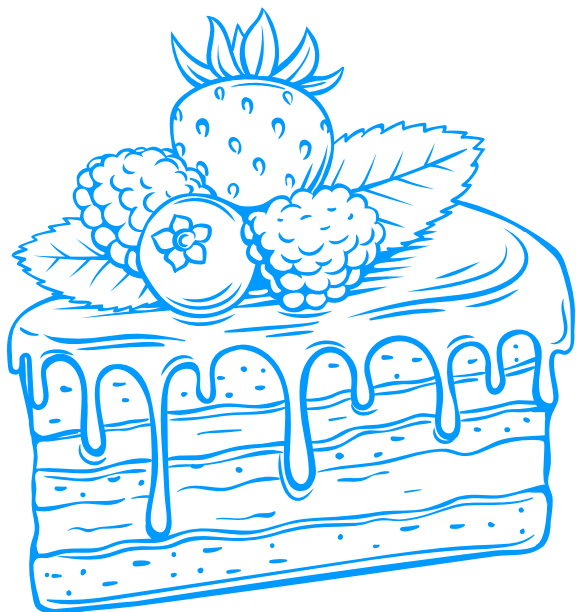
### FIRST PLACE: SHORT POEM CATEGORY

#### Desserted Island

Elise M

To a graham cracker island  
Sail cheesecake boats  
Where lime wedge trees  
Drink honey river floats

The peach sun rises  
Cool whip clouds, once gray  
Sprinkle lemon raindrops  
On sandcastles of sorbet



### FIRST PLACE: MEDIUM POEM CATEGORY

#### Bluebird's Farewell

Miriam H

Based on "The Last Word of a Bluebird" by Robert Frost

I saw the roost in an old birch-  
I knew it was the perfect perch.  
I landed and fluffed my feathers,  
And wondered about tonight's weather.

The moon lit the night  
And the stars shined bright.  
I could see all around for many a mile.  
The house, the barn, the wood pile.

Then the wind began to blow,  
And I knew it would snow.  
I felt so terribly cold,  
As I struggled to keep my hold.

Below me was the water trough.  
I hoped the wind wouldn't blow me off.  
I was covered in frost,  
And my tail I nearly lost.

Then came a crow.  
He was flying low.  
I called "Good friend, come here  
So I can speak a word in your ear."

"Would you mind telling a friend  
That I've gone to the south end?"

## TWEEN POETRY CONTEST

### FIRST PLACE: LONG POEM CATEGORY

#### What If

Isabelle B

What if.

The words what if are throwing around at length.

What if I forget?

What if I could have been there?

What if I say no?

But if one was to think of the power they possess, they would find that the words alone can make someone feel guilty or prideful.

Happy or in despair.

With the times of today, the words have turned from a whisper to a roar.

What if the pandemic never came?

Would we still know the things we now know?

Would mankind be as foolish?

Would we be as aware?

What if the pandemic never helped those who had something to say speak up?

Would we still have as much courage to stand up for ourselves?

Would we still be as aware of the struggles of today?

What if the pandemic never taught us what gratitude and grief really meant?

Would we just go about our days oblivious?

Would we let those who struggle, struggle alone?

Well

What if I stand by you?

What if we work together?

What if we build a better world?

What if we walk towards the future hand and hand and know that we can brave anything together?

What if.

## TWEEN POETRY CONTEST

### **RUNNER UP:**

### **SHORT POEM CATEGORY**

#### **Little Bird**

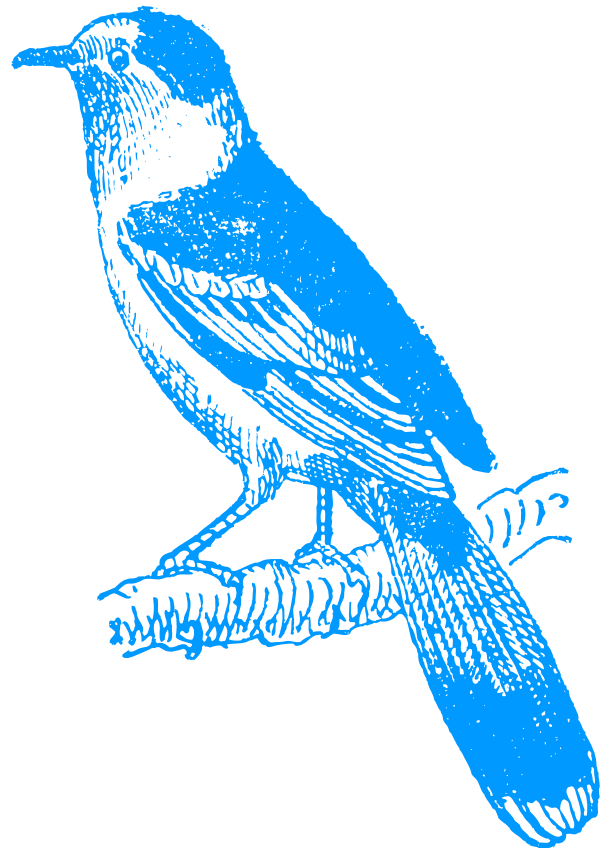
Miriam H

Little bird, did you know?  
It's you the world loves so.

Your sweet voice and silvery song  
Inspire us all to sing along.

And though you're just a little chicky  
I know soon you'll grow up quickly!

And then across the meadow will be heard  
The song of the little sparrow bird



## TWEEN POETRY CONTEST

### **RUNNER UP: LONG POEM CATEGORY**

**Sixteen**

Anonymous

It was a heartbreaking spring morning, one of many she had suffered through.

It's difficult to climb out of bed, hopefully face the day she's been unwillingly given.

Where did she go wrong?

Scarcely clinging to the happy face she forces, waiting for the hours to pass. Growing up is burdensome; without warning, the bubble of joy bursts, and everything is doubted. It was a harsh summer night, most likely the worst time of her life.

It was her party, but somehow she had been forgotten.

Where did she go wrong?

Crying numbly in her room, while all the fake friends and cheaters were dancing the night away.

Growing up is burdensome; suddenly every decision matters, and the hurt doesn't fade away.

It was a chilling fall afternoon; chances are, it was when she completely fell apart.

Self medicating was the new normal, however the help wasn't truly of assistance.

Where did she go wrong?

Watching herself slowly shatter, realizing she was only sinking further into the deep end.

Growing up is burdensome; at a rapid rate, your existence is changing in every way, and the word normal is wholly meaningless.

It was a surprisingly friendly winter midnight, and she was laying in bed pondering her hopeful improvement.

She had confessed, and was pushing through the controlled road to feeling alive once more. Finally, an event had gone right.

Smiling in the sunlight, remembering her family's still standing there; waiting for her.

Growing up teaches a message; through good times and bad, you will persevere, for there is always a light at the end of the tunnel.

To all the broken souls with their counterfeit personality, concealed and scarred skin, along with their crumbling hearts, keep fighting.

Even when the season drags on for decades, you must believe that one day the sun will break through.

You are stronger then you realize.

## IN OTHER NEWS



1st Place

"Guardians" by Regina Helstrom

May is National Photography Month, and to celebrate we have put on The Prescott Valley Photography Showcase: a juried photography show in the Prescott Valley Public Library! With this showcase, the Arts and Culture Commission seeks to highlight the expansive and diverse local talent that we have in Northern Arizona. The 2021 theme for The Prescott Valley Photography Showcase is "Surrealism and Abstract." We gathered 42 incredible artworks for this showcase and our distinguished Juror, Amy Horn, has selected 1st – 3rd Place winners. Please stop by the Library this month to support these talented local photographers and view the show, which will be on display from 5/1/2021 – 6/3/2021.



2nd Place

"Spork" by Patrick Bartley



3rd Place

"Total Leaded Glass" by Patrick Bartley

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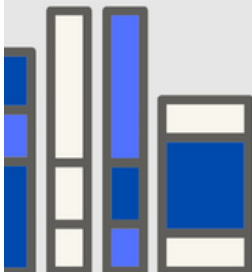
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## IN OTHER NEWS

### Did you know?

You can help donate to the Friends of the Library just by shopping at Fry's Food Stores! Participate in Fry's Community Rewards by linking your Fry's Shopper Card to a digital account. Then choose Friends of the Prescott Valley Area Public Library organization.

That's it! Fry's donates annually to the Friends based on your percentage of spending. For more information, visit [Fry's Community Rewards](#) page.

