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## BETWEEN THE LINES

Prescott Valley Public Library's Monthly Newsletter



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#### **DIRECTOR'S CUT** by Casey Van Haren

Never in my 30-plus years of public service did I think I would have to lead through a pandemic. The last two months have been stressful, frightening, and, quite honestly, exhausting. As the Library was closed for almost 7 weeks, staff worked hard to come up with creative ways to serve our community. We kept our drive-through window open so we could continue to checkout materials, we filmed story times in English and Spanish, cooking shows, poetry and creative writing classes, worked on projects, and ate lots of donuts. Changes happened everyday.

When we opened May 6th, things were unlike anything we imagined. We were very restrictive. We only allowed 60 patrons at any given time inside the library, and they had 30 minutes inside the library to browse, use the computers and leave.

Almost a month later, we no longer have a time limit or a limit of patrons inside the building. We are still all about social distancing and do not have chairs or couches available for people to sit. We will continue to lessen restrictions, but want our community to understand that these restrictions are in place for not only the safety of our community, but our staff. I am proud of the dedication and hard work of our staff. They continue to persevere and serve our community during the COVID-19 crisis.



#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Children's

# FREE RESOURCES!

Have you "checked out" our library website lately?
Go to our library home page:

https://www.pvlib.net and scroll down the page to see the links added during the COVID crisis which allow people to register for the children's Summer Reading program, find free Things to Do (link to our YouYube videos, access some zoo webcams, & virtual tours of museums around the country, etc.) If you go to the Children's page,

#### https://www.pvlib.net/Chil

dren, you can access
Tumblebooks, which is an amazing database of virtual stories which is unavailable at other times because of the cost. This resource is available through August.

## Young Adult

## SUMMER READING!

Read books, take home free DIY projects, and compete in weekly challenges to earn different summer reading badges this summer!

Stop by the Young Adult office or the drive-thru window to pick up your summer reading challenge pack, and then post pictures of your completed challenges on social media with #PVsummer to earn your badge.

Be sure to check out
@pvplteens on Instagram
and TikTok to see the
creative fun everyone is up
to this summer. And listen
to our podcast "Two Teens
Talking" on Spotify or
wherever you listen to
podcasts to hear about
your community.

## **Adult**

## GRANTS!

The Adult Services
Department was recently
awarded three LSTA (Library
Services & Technology Act)
grants in the amount of
\$11,000.

Grant money will be used to:
1) create **Citizen Science Kits** (for all ages),

- continue funding WIFI hotspots, and
- 3) create a **Library of Things** (a collection of non-traditional items for checkout like musical instrument, laptops, electronics, etc.)

Look for all of these new items and programs coming soon!





## STAFF SUGGESTIONS

#### Children's

#### **Picture Book Biographies**

Our Summer Reading theme is "Imagine Your Story." What better time to read inspiring stories of other young people to influence our own story?

<u>A Boy and a Jaguar</u> by Alan Rabinowitz (boy with a speech disorder)

Life in the Ocean: The Story of

Oceanographer Sylvia Earle by Claire Nivola

Gregor Mendel: A Friar Who Grew Peas (had

to work hard to get an education)

Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight
Became an Inventor by Emily Arnold McCully
Mickey Mantle: The Commerce Comet by

Jonah Winter

<u>Counting on Katherine</u> by Helaine Becker (mathematician who worked with NASA)

The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball
Player Changed the Game by Nancy Churnin

### Young Adult

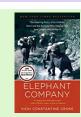
Are you watching the #1 show on Netflix right now, "Avatar the Last Airbender"?



about other great Avatars from this world? Then check out this awesome novel from F.C. Yee about <u>Kyoshi</u>, a previous avatar whom Aang briefly met in the series. As the book begins, everyone believes someone else is the Avatar and Kyoshi is just a servant. What will the world do when the truth is revealed?

#### Adult

## "ELEPHANT COMPANY: THE INSPIRING STORY OF AN UNLIKELY HERO AND THE ANIMALS WHO HELPED HIM SAVE LIVES IN WORLD WAR II" BY VICKI CROKE



Billy Williams was dealing with a lot of emotions from World War II. He took a job as a "forest man" for a British teak company. Billy was mesmerized by the intelligence, character, and even humor of the elephants who hauled logs through the remote jungles, and he became a gifted "elephant wallah." Increasingly skilled at treating their illnesses and injuries, he also championed more humane treatment for them, even establishing an elephant "school" and "hospital." In return the elephants made him a better man. You will fall in love with this book. I highly recommend this read - it will do your heart and mind good to read this wonderful book. - Deborah



## IN OTHER NEWS...

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Welcome back to our volunteers! We are excited to see you once again, even if under slightly different circumstances. Please be assured that we are taking safety measures to keep you and, subsequently, your loved ones, safe. We look forward to moving ahead in a different, albeit safer, library adventure!

In addition to opening our doors once again to our beloved volunteers, we are also currently seeking teen volunteers. If you happen to know of someone who may be interested in becoming a volunteer, please pass along our information or, better yet, direct them to our location!

Thank you all again for your commitment to our library, abiding by our new safety protocols, and loving books and this wonderful public resource as much as we do.

Welcome back!

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#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE

From June 2 - 15, the Friends of the Library Bookstore will be having a sale on items with **PURPLE DOTS** on the spine. Those items will be 25 cents each.

As a reminder, romance books are always 25 cents each.

Come on in and browse!





## IN OTHER NEWS...



#### Yavapai Library Network Introduces Auto-Renewal: Another Improvement to Patron Experience

The Yavapai Library Network wants to make your life easier by automatically renewing the items you check out, beginning June 1, 2020. No longer will patrons of Yavapai public and college/university libraries need to manually renew eligible items before they are due. Borrowed items will be renewed automatically on their due date, with some exceptions.

An item will **NOT** be renewed if:

- Another patron has requested it
- The item reached its maximum number of renewals (3 times for most items)
- Your account is blocked due to billed items or fines of \$10 or more
- The item is a digital item, such as an eBook or downloadable audiobook

You will continue to receive reminders for overdue items. Items borrowed from other YLN libraries are included in this service.

Check your account online, through the YLN Mobile App to keep track of your due dates, or call your local library for help. Even if items renew automatically, you can still return them any time before they are due. If items do not renew, you have 3 days to return them before any fines are charged.

Visit **yln.info/autorenew** for more details.



## IN OTHER NEWS...

Using Libby and OverDrive with Our Partner Libraries to Access Thousands of Extra eBooks & Audiobooks



#### Public Library Patrons in Yavapai County Gain Use of Over 70,000 More eBooks:



**New Overdrive Feature Opens Access to Partner Library Catalogs** 

What happens to all the eBooks that aren't checked out? They just sit there in cyberspace doing nothing... until now. Libraries across the state can now offer their available [not checked-out or on hold] digital titles to patrons from other parts of the state. Thanks to a new feature from Overdrive, patrons of the public libraries in Yavapai County will now be able to browse and check out eBooks and downloadable audiobooks from libraries as far flung as Tempe, Buckeye, and Yuma; titles that are just sitting there in cyberspace waiting to be enjoyed.

YLN patrons will only have to click a button in their Overdrive or Libby app to see titles that are available at participating libraries outside Yavapai County. Patrons can add these partner libraries to their Libby app or select them in the Overdrive app and browse any time for available titles. Unlike in our own library catalog, though, patrons will not be able to place holds on digital materials from outside Yavapai county.

This Reciprocal Lending Agreement [RLA] is a new feature from Overdrive and costs the Yavapai Library Network [YLN] nothing. Participating libraries currently include Tempe Public Library, Yuma County Library District, Little Libraries That Could, Southwest Valley Library Consortium, and Cochise County Library District, with more members to be added in the future.

To take advantage, download the Overdrive or Libby app for your phone or tablet. If you need help, contact your library or visit our Overdrive help page <a href="http://portal.yln.info/overdriverla">http://portal.yln.info/overdriverla</a>. Visit <a href="http://portal.yln.info/library-status">http://portal.yln.info/overdriverla</a>. Visit <a href="http://portal.yln.info/library-status">http://portal.yln.info/overdriverla</a>.