

BETWEEN THE LINES

Prescott Valley Public Library Newsletter

Sunday	Closed
Monday-Thursday	9 am - 8 pm
Friday	9 am - 5pm
Saturday	9 am - 3pm

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Beginning November 18th, the library will be open on Sundays from 1-5pm. Our week day hours will also change to an earlier closing time: Monday-Thursday 9-am-7pm. Friday and Saturday hours will remain the same.

Director's Cut by Casey Van Haren

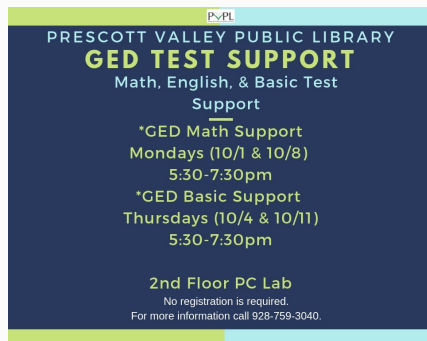
Banned Books Week

This past week the Library celebrated Banned Books. Libraries from all over the United States celebrate this week as a reminder that freedom to read is a democratic fundamental right. Last year, books like *The Hate U Give*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* and *Thirteen Reasons Why*, were in the top ten of 416 books challenged in libraries, schools and universities. Having libraries that support diverse viewpoints and ideas, and encourages learning, creates an inclusive and healthy community. Libraries fight censorship and provide spaces for the community to talk about current events, issues, political involvement and advocacy.

We as librarians and libraries embrace diverse collections, regardless of the topic, and make it accessible to anyone who wants it. We keep our personal beliefs out of selection and stress that everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, or religion, has the freedom to choose what they want to read. The American Library Association, states that "the freedom to read is essential to our democracy. It is continuously under attack. The defense of the freedom to read requires of all publishers and librarians the utmost of their faculties, and deserves of all Americans the fullest of their support." As you think about this amazing freedom, sometimes censorship can sneak up on you. It can be in the media, the information you search for on the internet, or even intimidation from groups for radical ideas. We as Americans have the greatest melting pot of views and opinions that others may think extreme or wrong. These thoughts, creative expressions and innovative ideas help us to grow and progress. Sometimes we take for granted our most prized freedoms and reminders that censorship still happens is a wakeup call to support your library and your freedom to read.



GED Series by Michele Hjorting



Prescott Valley Public Library is hosting a GED Series in October. The GED is a group of four subject tests which, when passed, provide certification that the test taker has United States high school-level academic skills. We know that the GED is not academically easy and PVPL wants to help. The GED is for people who are no longer an appropriate age to enroll in high school. PVPL will have two sessions of GED math assistance (Mondays) and two sessions of basic help for the test as a whole (Thursdays 10/4 & 10/11 GED Basic Support).

No registration is required. If you have any questions, call 928-759-3040.

Math Support – Mondays 5:30 – 7:30pm

Basic Support – Thursdays, October 4 & 11, 2018 @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Classes are held in the PC Lab

LETS TALK ! - Join us for a Community Conversation

The Prescott Valley Public Library is conducting a Community Needs Assessment, which will be the launch pad for our strategic planning. We believe it is critical to obtain meaningful input from the community before any plan is developed. You can help us ensure that future library programs and services accurately reflect your vision for the library in our community.

We invite you to attend our Community Conversations on one of the following dates:

October 30, 2018

5:30 – 7:00pm.

Crystal Room, 3rd floor

Prescott Valley Public Library

7401 E Civic Circle, Prescott Valley

November 1, 2018

5:30 – 7:00pm.

Conference Rooms A & B

Quailwood Community Center

12725 Bradshaw Mtn. Rd, Dewey

You will hear information on the strategic planning process and receive important information about our library. Then you will break into small discussion groups, each led by a facilitator. Light snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP either by email to twillis@pvaz.net or call us 928-759-3043 and 928-759-6188 and let us know which date you will be attending.

Epic Adventure Game Recap by Coleen Bornschlegel

Did you hear about it? Prescott Valley Public Library Teen Department along with Prescott Launchpad hosted our first ever Epic Adventure Game over Labor Day weekend. It was so epic that even a month later we are buzzing and shining in the Olympian Adventure glow, thrilled with the quests, the community, and the magic that was experienced here during that fateful weekend. Workshops all day Saturday such as “How to Die with Honor by the Foam Sword” and “How to React to Magic” led up to the evening’s costume charged escapade where teams were challenged with quests to prove what champions were indeed the most glorious. It was astounding to have over 40 participants, both Teens and adult volunteers, to get nerdy together and play this momentous game. Obviously we are planning to do it again, so keep your eyes open for future epic adventure details.

Messages from Library Ghosts by patron Elaine Jordan

It’s time to let the world know that the library is haunted. When I get home from browsing their sale of used books, I settle in to enjoy a book I’ve purchased, and sometimes a ghostly message slips from the pages!

The thing is, I’ve been getting personal messages hidden within the pages of used library books. I’m astonished at how these missives seem to apply to my life. No doubt they come from spirits in another reality and are meant just for me.

These dispatches require interpretation, of course, but I’m good at interpretation; I’m an old English teacher and not afraid of ghosts.

Here’s what I mean.

The first message to drop into my lap from a library ghost was a small school photo tucked into the pages of *The Chilbury Ladies’ Choir* I’d bought for a dollar, maybe two dollars. The photo is of a little girl with a pink hair ribbon. She’s not smiling but trying to hide her overbite. She has long dark hair and big brown eyes. I immediately fell in love. This child looks like my daughter when she was a young schoolchild, forty years ago. So I’ve listened to what the ghost is telling me: remember that inside your strong, boisterous, adult daughter lives a shy, self-conscious child.

Not many weeks later the second insert—a tiny cutting from the classified section of a newspaper—appeared in a used copy of *A Thousand Hills to Heaven*. The cutting looks old, yellowed, in obsolete newsprint. It reads: “Zarathustra Book Shop, 8614 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood.” The shop no longer exists. I checked. My interpretation of the cutting is that it’s from my deceased friend who came to Arizona from West Hollywood. She sent this note to me as a reminder that more philosophical books need to be on my shelf. My friend was a philosopher and liked to give me orders. I’ll not obey her. I didn’t obey her orders when she was alive either. Her newsprint message was tucked into a memoir—my favorite reading material—and I doubt if I’ll read any philosophical books again, even though this note from my ghost-friend is a nudge to upgrade.

The next mystery insert fell out of the pages of *Daughter of Fortune*. The note was a bookmark printed with a caption, “Flowers from the Holy Land.” On one side of the bookmark is drawn a sprig of flowers, and on the other side are photos of four landmark sanctuaries. The fun part is that I have a connection there too: I’m a retired Protestant minister, and though I now have only a slim interest in organized religion, I am drawn to beautiful old churches and to sacred music; they’re in my soul. You can imagine my response when this bookmark arrived. I’m sobered by its message and keep it as a call to acknowledge a part of me that I so often deny.

The fourth message is a stiff Boarding Pass that fell into my lap out of a Sue Grafton mystery I’d chosen from the used book shelf. The Pass is for a 2001 connecting flight from Phoenix to Dallas/Fort Worth. The passenger never made the flight because the tab has not been removed. Could the passenger have suddenly decided to stay over in Phoenix? Maybe she never left because she met a mysterious stranger? Is the Boarding Pass a suggestion that I too can change my mind and not go according to plan? I’m not one to change plans. Here’s a hint from the haunted library that I could take a new road, the one less traveled—but I’d have to get out of my reading chair and venture into unknown territory. I hope the traveler of seventeen years ago chose a new route and it turned into a fine experience, much like discoveries in used library books.



ONGOING MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book a Librarian By Appointment 928-759-3040	Crochet One, Knit Too 2nd & 4th Mondays 2pm-3:30pm Crystal Room	PVPL Book Club 3rd Thursday 10:30am-12pm Genealogy Room	<u>CHILDREN</u> <u>Baby Time</u> Wednesdays 10am-10:30am Children's Program Room
Beginners Conversational French 2nd & 4th Wednesday 4pm-5pm Glassford Hill Room	Drop in Tech Help Every Friday 1pm-3pm PC Lab	Yavapai Flute Circle 2nd Saturday 12pm-3pm Children's Program Room	<u>Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)</u> Thursdays 10am-10:30am Children's Program Room
Beginners Conversational Spanish 1st and 3rd Wednesday 3pm-4pm Glassford Hill Room	ESL Tuesdays 6pm-7:30pm Children's Program Room	<u>TEEN</u> <u>Gaming Club</u> Wednesdays 2pm-4pm PC Lab	<u>Story Time (K-3)</u> Wednesdays 11-11:30 Children's Program Room
Beginning Meditation and Mindfulness 2nd Thursday 11am-12pm Genealogy Room	Prescott Photography Group 1st Saturday 9am-12pm Crystal Room	<u>Pride Club</u> Thursdays 3pm-4pm Teen Room	<u>Story Time (Ages 4-5)</u> Thursday 11am-11:30am Children's Program Room
Chair Yoga 4th Friday 11am-12pm Crystal Room	Prescott Valley Art Guild 3rd Wednesday 9am-12pm Crystal Room	<u>Teen Advisory Board</u> 2nd & 4th Tuesday 3:30pm-4:30pm Teen Room	<u>Baby Time</u> Wednesdays 10am-10:30am Children's Program Room
Coloring Class for Adults 1st & 3rd Friday 1pm-3pm Glassford Hill Room	Prescott Valley Quilter's 1st & 3rd Friday 9am-12pm Glassford Hill Room		

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Registration Required for Classes</u> <u>Begins October 2,</u> Citizenship - Civics Class 6 pm - 7:30 pm PC Lab	<u>October 1, 10</u> GED Series: Math Support 5:30 pm-7:30 pm PC Lab	<u>October 15</u> Monday Night Movie - Show Dogs 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Auditorium
<u>October 8, 15</u> Computer Class: Wellness Resources on the Web 10 am - 12 pm PC Lab	<u>October 2</u> Master Gardener Series: Xeriscaping 6 pm - 7:30 pm Crystal Room	<u>October 18</u> YRMC Presentation: Inflammation and Nutrition & Exercise Concepts 12 pm - 2 pm Crystal Room
<u>October 9, 16, 23, 30</u> Computer Class: Windows 10 11 am- 1 pm PC Lab	<u>October 4, 11</u> GED Series: Basic Support 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm PC Lab	<u>October 20</u> AZ Speaks: How Abraham Lincoln Used Stories to Touch Hearts, Minds, & Funny Bones 1 pm - 2 pm Auditorium
<u>October 13, 20, 27</u> Computer Class: Introduction to Word Online 9:30 am- 11:30 am PC Lab	Sewing 101 for Teens 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Teen Room	<u>October 25</u> Legal Series: Will, Powers of Attorney 4 pm - 5 pm PC Lab
<u>October 18</u> YRMC Presentation: Inflammation and Nutrition & Exercise Concepts 12 pm - 2 pm Crystal Room *register at yrmc.eventbrite.com* *****	<u>October 9</u> VA Workshops: Home Based Primary Care & Medical Foster Homes 5 pm - 6:30 pm Glassford Hill Room	Creative Aging Art—Origami 2-5pm *Registration required*
	<u>October 11</u> Alzheimer's Presentation: Dementia Conversations 6 pm - 7:30 pm Crystal Room	