Between the Lines

Prescott Valley Public Library Newsletter

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401 E. Civic Circle







Poetry Month by Jim Black



PVPL is exploring Poetry Month in April. We will start the month off with 'Pocket Poems". Stop by the Circ or Help desk and pick up a poem. Also, the Creative Aging class will be learning about all the different types of poetry and creating some of their own masterpieces. Stop by and check out our "Haiku Poet Tree" which will have examples of Japanese Haiku poems. Each Haiku poem must have 17 syllables, in 3 lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables, try to make one! Look near the April Poetry book display where we will have magnetic words for you to create

your own poems. Finally, we will finish off Poetry Month with a poetry reading on Saturday April 28th from 10am-12pm in the Glassford Hill room. For more information call 928-759-3040.

Welcome Back! By Tess Willis

Join us in welcoming back Reneé Ramsey as member of the Prescott Valley Board of Trustees. Reneé previously served on the Board from 2009-2012. She holds a PhD in English literature and has been an educator for over 20 years. Currently, she is an adjunct professor at the Yavapai College. Reneé's commitment to serving the community and championing the love of books and learning has been the greatest motivation in her decision to rejoin the Board. With her rich experience in the field of education and a strong partnership with the PVPL Board members and the PVPL leadership, Reneé hopes to serve as an effective advocate in shaping the future of the Library.



Director's Cut by Casey Van Haren

April is upon us! A time of renewal, the coming of spring, and the end of winter. For Libraries, April means the celebration of National Library Week and Library Workers day. During the week of April 8th through April 14th, the library will celebrate the community by offering Amnesty Week for all overdue or lost books from Prescott Valley Public Library. If you return your overdue or lost books to staff at the front desk, we will waive all late fees. We want the community to know we understand that life happens and we want you to be able to use your library card again.

Our staff and volunteers also play a significant role in everything we do here. From ordering materials, putting labels on books, checking in items, shelving, assisting patrons with computer issues, downloading ebooks, planning programs, job applications and research, we pride ourselves in offering the very best service to our community. I know at a young age, libraries played a significant role for me while I was growing up. I volunteered in my school library and ended up working in a public library when I was a teen. The library lead me to find a love of reading and learning. I love what I do and am very proud of our staff and volunteers for their dedication to service and helping those discover their passion and achieve their goals. Libraries transform. Tell us your story. Where did the library lead you?

Did You Know?

Did you know the library currently has 15 regular ongoing programs every month for adults, in addition to our special programs? These programs range from Beginning Conversational Spanish to Drop In Tech Help to Coloring Classes. To see all of our ongoing programs, please refer to the Ongoing Monthly Programs calendar section in this newsletter.

Do you have any ideas for new ongoing programs? Is there a program you would like to participate in? We would love to hear your suggestions! Please email Michele at mhjorting@pvaz.net. Thanks!

Citizenship Classes

Are you looking to become an United States citizen?

Beginning April 19th, the Library will be hosting a free civics class for those applying for a U.S. citizenship. The class will meet every Thursday for 10 weeks from 6-7:30pm in the PC Lab. Registration is required, so sign up on our

website, pvlib.net. For more information please call Jim at 928-759-6190.



Celebrate Earth Day by Coleen Bornschlegel



Sunday April 22 is Earth Day. This is a day to come together and celebrate the Earth, the system that supplies sustenance and life. As Earthlings, it is a time to recognize our interdependence and notice how our lives impact the delicate ecosystems that exist together on this big blue planet. Many people do something special on Earth Day to recognize the Earth, our home. This year the Teen Department will be celebrating Earth Day on Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19, 2018. On Wednesday, from 2:30-4:00pm, we will be planting seeds in little planters for you to take home and care for

and watch grow. On Thursday at 2:30pm we will have a Clean Out Your Back Pack event- a great opportunity to clean out what's been hanging out in there. Recycle your old papers and trash for a

Getting Published by Alan Bond .

Well, that's every wannabe writers' goal, right? Like winning the lottery, it's difficult but very rewarding. Writing the Great American Novel only works once or twice a generation, so unless your last name is "Hemingway", the place to start is the small, niche magazine. By niche I mean small circulation magazines covering things like motorcycles, travel or pets. This is what they mean by writing what you know.

Small enthusiast magazines will often accept unsolicited material which goes into the "slush pile" and I don't think they mean slush. An editor will read slush when they have time and



they don't have much. Much better to send a query email to the editor with your idea, unless you're chicken like I was. It worked for me a couple of times but be prepared to get it back with a rejection letter.

Rejection is a writers' closest companion. If you want people to like you, join the fire department. Editors: not so much. Editors want clean, mercifully concise copy with scads of hi-def photographs. Throw in some humor and you've given it your best shot.

If they buy your article you will get a contract that may even include some actual pay, which will make you technically a professional writer. It also gets you a "clip" or clippings you can send future editors unfamiliar with your new professional resume. Or you may just get the satisfaction of seeing your name in print, and that's still pretty darn good.

ONGOING MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Prescott Valley Art Guild All Ages Board Gamers Crochet One, Knit Too Pride Club 3rd Wednesday 1st Monday 2nd & 4th Mondays Thursdays 9am-12pm 5:30pm-7:30pm 2pm-3:30pm 3pm-4pm Crystal Room Glassford Hill Room Crystal Room Teen Room Prescott Valley Quilter's Book a Librarian Drop in Tech Help Teen Advisory Board By Appointment Wednesdays 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1st & 3rd Friday 928-759-3040 6-7:30 3:30pm-4:30pm PC Lab 9am-12pm Teen Room Coloring Class for Adults Glassford Hill Room 1st & 3rd Friday Drop in Tech Help **CHILDREN** 1pm-3pm Fridays PVPL's Everyone Improv Toddler Time (Ages 2-3) Glassford Hill Room 11am-1pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday PC Lab 6:00pm-7:30pm 10am-10:30am Conversational French Children's Program Room 2nd Thursday **ESL** Yavapai Flute Circle Every Other Tuesday 5-6pm 2nd Saturday Story Time (Ages 4-5) Glassford Hill Room 6pm-7:30pm 12pm-3pm Wednesday and Thursday Children's Program Rm Children's Program Rm 11am-11:30am Beginners Conversational Children's Program Room Spanish Meditation Circle 1st and 3rd Wednesday 2nd Friday **TEEN** Baby Time Starting 4/18 1pm-2pm Minecraft Club Every Tuesday for six weeks Glassford Hill Room 3pm-4pm Wednesdays Starting April 3 Glassford Hill Room 2pm-4pm 10am-10:30am Prescott Photography Group PC Lab 1st Saturday 9am-12pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Computer Classes *Registration Required*

April 2, 9, 16 iPhone & iPad 3pm-5pm PC Lab

April 3, 10 Mircosoft Word 11am-1pm PC Lab

Registration Required

April 5, 12, 19, 26 Creative Aging: Poetry 2pm-4pm Glassford Hill Rom

To register for classes visit <u>pvlib.net</u>. For questions or additional information call 928-759-3040

April 3

Crystal Room

Project Lit Book Club 6pm-7:30pm Crystal Room

April 9-14

National Library Week Amnesty Week

April 10

Money Fitness: I'm Planning For

6pm-7pm

Glassford Hill Rooom

April 16

Monday Night Movie Wonder (PG) 5:30pm-7:30pm Auditorium

April 18

Earth Day Celebration

3pm-4pm Teen Room April 19

PVPL Book Club 10:30am-12:30pm Glassford Hill Room

April 19

Meditation for Beginners 1pm-2:30pm Glassford Hill Room *Registration Required*

April 19, (1st Class)

Civics Class—Registration required 6pm-7:30pm PC Lab

April 24

PVPL Afterthoughts Book Club 6pm-7:30pm Genealogy Room

April 27 Chair Yoga 11am-12pm Crystal Room