April is Food for Fines Month

April is the best time to reduce the fine on your library account! And by doing so, you can help an individual or a family in need.

During April, every non-perishable food item donated will equal $1 removed from your library fine. Items must be undamaged and unexpired. Everything that is donated will be given to Open Hands Outreach, which assists those in the community.

If you don't have a fine but would still like to donate, your contribution will be appreciated. Please note that we are limited on what we can waive on another library's fines. If you have questions, please call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com

Save a Life and Donate Blood

Did you know that one pint of blood can help save up to three lives? You can help make a difference by donating at our community blood drive on Friday, April 6 between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

You can pre-register by visiting the American Red Cross's web site at redcrossblood.org. Find the blood drive by entering the zip code or the sponsor code: Coolidge.

Questions? Call (520) 723-6030 or email us at library@coolidgeaz.com.

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- Knights of the Square Table—April 4
- Coolidge Mayor Story Time—April 4
- Mini Book Sale—April 5
- Librarian Story Time—April 11
- Family Trivia Night—April 12
- Bikers Against Child Abuse—April 13
- DIY “Piggy Banks”—April 25
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover—April 27 & 28
- Vote Smart—April 30
Discuss Our Latest Picks in Our Adult Book Club

The Pinal Page Turners will meet Tuesday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. Their April book club title is *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver.

The Remix will meet Thursday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. Their April book club title is *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls.

To sign out a book club selection, simply visit the library before the scheduled meeting date. You need to have a valid contact number prior to signing out a book and should have a library card.

Snacks and drinks are provided.

Cooks + Books Cook Book Club

Do you like to browse cookbooks and try out new recipes? Or are you just learning how to cook? Then you will want to join our newest book club, Cooks + Books. The next meeting is Monday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. This month’s challenge is desserts. And of course, there will be food!

To sign up, visit the library prior to the scheduled meeting date. Cooks + Books meets regularly the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Join the Stitch-U-Ation Needlework Club

Enjoy friendly conversation and learn to knit, crochet, and embroider in our new needlework club—The Stitch-U-Ation.

Basic supplies provided, but you are welcome to bring your own projects.

No experience necessary. The club will meet the 4th Friday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Friday, April 27.

For adults only.

Color Those Worries Away!

Coloring is not just for kids. It’s fun and also helps you relieve stress and anxiety.

Adults are invited to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. We supply coloring sheets and colored pencils. Feel free to bring your own, as well.

No need to register. Simply drop by, mingle, color, and enjoy a snack. Call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com with questions.
**Become a Better Writer**

Aspiring writers of short stories and longer works, join us for our new writing workshop with local writer Gene Carter, which meets regularly on the first and third Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Carter became interested in preserving his own history when he took a local writing course at Central Arizona College, after working a number of years as a veterinarian. This is a great event for patrons from all backgrounds who would like to learn how to record their own stories and history and share with others. Registration encouraged—please call (520) 723-6030. The next meeting is April 2.

**Learn About Bikers Against Child Abuse**

Visit the library on Friday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about what Bikers Against Child Abuse does from a current B.A.C.A. member, John “Wild Web” Weber. B.A.C.A. takes a firm stand against all forms of child abuse to include, but not limited to, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. Children who have close contact with B.A.C.A. members demonstrate: improved self-confidence; diminished regressive behavior; increased feeling of safety; empowerment to testify; and a sense of belonging, acceptance, independence, and much more. Registration is not required.

**Family Trivia Night**

All ages are invited to our new Trivia Night! The next meeting is Thursday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. You’ll form teams of up to five people. We will have five 10-question rounds & each round will be a different category. Snacks will be served. Don’t worry if you don’t have enough team members—we can help match you up! Family Trivia Night meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

**Vote Smart**

Are you registered to vote? Do you know when the next election is? Is the entire process overwhelming? Get answers to these questions and more at our interactive Vote Smart information session on Monday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. with Janell Alewyn. Ms. Alewyn will give a presentation about the ins and outs of obtaining reliable voting information and she will also help you register to vote. Please bring your photo ID and/or your voter registration. To get a head start on the registration process or just to make sure you are registered visit [https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/Home.do](https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/Home.do) and click on Registration Information.
What's New @ the Library?

**An American Marriage** — Adult Fiction  
By Tayari Jones

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. Though fiercely independent, Celestial finds herself bereft and unmoored, taking comfort in Andre, her childhood friend, and best man at their wedding. As Roy’s time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the love that has been her center. After five years, Roy’s conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta to resume their life together. — Provided by publisher

**The Strange Bird: A Borne Story** — Adult Fiction  
By Jeff VanderMeer

The Strange Bird is a new kind of creature, built in a laboratory—she is part bird, part human, part many other things. But now the lab in which she was created is under siege and the scientists have turned on their animal creations. Flying through tunnels, dodging bullets, and changing her colors and patterning to avoid capture, the Strange Bird manages to escape. But she cannot just soar in peace above the earth. The sky itself is full of wildlife that rejects her as one of their own, and also full of technology—satellites and drones and other detritus of the human civilization below that has all but destroyed itself. But of the many creatures she encounters with whom she bears some kind of kinship, it is the humans—all of them now simply scrambling to survive—who are the most insidious, who still see her as simply something to possess, to capture, to trade, to exploit. Never to understand, never to welcome home. — Provided by publisher

**Panorama** — Adult Fiction  
By Steve Kistulentz

Richard MacMurray, a cable news talking head, is paid handsomely to pontificate on the issues of the moment. On New Year’s Day he is scheduled to be a guest on a prominent morning talk show. As he awaits the broadcast, the network interrupts with news that a jet airliner has crashed in Dallas and that everyone aboard has perished. Within an hour, amateur videotape surfaces of the plane’s last moments, transforming the crash into a living image: familiar, constant, and horrifying. Richard learns that his sister, Mary Beth, was aboard the doomed flight, leaving behind her six-year-old son, Gabriel. Richard is the boy’s only living relative. When he is given an opportunity to bring Gabriel home, it may be that the loss of his sister will provide him with the second chapter he never knew he wanted. — Provided by publisher
The Art of Reading — Adult Non Fiction
By Damon Young

We are not born readers, we learn to turn words into worlds. But why is fine writing lauded while excellent reading is ignored?

In The Art of Reading, philosopher Damon Young reveals the pleasures of this intimate pursuit through a rich sample of literature: from Virginia Woolf’s diaries to Batman comics. He writes with honesty and humour about the blunders and revelations of his own bookish life.

Devoting each chapter to a literary virtue—curiosity, patience, courage, pride, temperance, justice—The Art of Reading celebrates the reader’s power: to turn shapes on a page into a lifelong adventure. — Provided by publisher

Look Alive Out There — Adult Non Fiction
By Sloane Crosley

Fans of I Was Told There’d Be Cake and How Did You Get This Number know Sloane Crosley’s life as a series of relatable but madcap misadventures. In Look Alive Out There, whether it’s scaling active volcanoes, crashing shivas, playing herself on Gossip Girl, befriending swingers, or staring down the barrel of the fertility gun, Crosley continues to rise to the occasion with unmatchable nerve and electric one-liners. And as her subjects become more serious, her essays deliver not just laughs but lasting emotional heft and insight. Look Alive Out There arrives on the tenth anniversary of I Was Told There’d be Cake, and Crosley’s essays have managed to grow simultaneously more sophisticated and even funnier. And yet she’s still very much herself, and it’s great to have her back—and not a moment too soon (or late, for that matter). — Provided by publisher

The Deceivers — Adult Large Print Fiction
By Alex Berenson

It was supposed to be a terrorist sting. The guns were supposed to be disabled. Then why was there so much blood?

The target was the American Airlines Center, the home of the Dallas Mavericks. The FBI had told Ahmed Shakir that his drug bust would go away if he helped them, and they’d supply all the weaponry, carefully removing the firing pins before the main event. It never occurred to Ahmed to doubt them, until it was too late. When John Wells is called to Washington, he’s sure it’s to investigate the carnage in Dallas, but it isn’t.

The former CIA director, now president, Vinnie Duto has plenty of people working in Texas. He wants Wells to go to Colombia. An old asset there has information to share—and it will lead Wells to the deadliest mission of his life, an extraordinary confluence of sleeper cells, sniper teams, false flag operations, double agents—and a Russian plot to take over the government itself. If it succeeds, what happened in Texas will be only a prelude. — Provided by publisher
**Shattered Mirror** — Adult Audio Fiction
By Iris Johansen

Forensic sculptor Eve Duncan is once again thrown into a deadly game of intrigue when she receives a cryptic package containing a skull and a two sided mirror. Eve is determined to reconstruct the skull and uncover the mystery of the person’s identity, and when she does, the face of a beautiful woman begins to emerge. But who is she? As Eve gets closer and closer to finding the answer, she becomes swept up in a lethal chase that spans continents and threatens to destroy the family that she has worked so hard to bring together. Eve and her team must work quickly to discover who is behind the murder. But how do you fight a killer who is willing to destroy anyone as a means to an end? — Provided by publisher

**The Handmaid's Tale: Season One** — DVD
Featuring: Elisabeth Moss, Yvonne Strahovski, Joseph Fiennes, and Alexis Bledel

A religion-based autocracy has taken over most of the United States, renaming the country Gilead. In this country women are second-class citizens. Anyone trying to escape is punished. One such person is June, who is captured while trying to escape with her husband and child and is sentenced to be a handmaid, bearing children for childless government officials. — Provided by Amazon

**Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle** — DVD
Featuring: Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Karen Gillan, Kevin Hart, and Jack Black

Four teenagers in detention discover an old video game console with a game they’ve never heard of. When they decide to play, they are immediately sucked into the jungle world of Jumanji in the bodies of their avatars (Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, and Karen Gillan). They’ll have to complete the adventure of their lives filled with fun, thrills, and danger, or be stuck in the game forever! — Provided by Amazon

**The Poet X** — Young Adult Fiction
By Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook. With Mami’s determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school’s slam poetry club, she doesn’t know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out. But she still can’t stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent. — Provided by publisher
Learn to Play Chess

Want to learn how to play chess? Interested in stepping up your game by challenging new players? Then look no further: Knights of the Square Table is the place to be!

The club is open to all skill levels, and all ages are welcome. Our next meeting is April 4 at 4:00 p.m. Call (520) 723-6030 with questions.

Sugar Code It!

Help your children nurture creativity and problem-solving skills by learning to code. The library has a computer coding program called Sugar Code It!

Sugar Code It! meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting is April 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

No experience is required and all materials are provided. Kids may bring their own laptops as well. Please call (520) 723-6030 with questions.

Fun Activities Planned for Tweens

Are you between the ages of 9 and 14? We have just the thing for you! Tween Titans is both a fun and educational program that focuses on science, technology, art, math, and more.

Tween Titans meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is April 6.

And we have a special event during Money Smart Week, a time for consumers to learn to manage their finances better. On Wednesday, April 25, ages 9 and up are invited to make DIY “Piggy Banks” (while supplies last) because setting a financial goal is a great step towards learning how to manage finances. We’ll also have financial literacy information available throughout the library.

Registration not required for these events.

LEGO Club Fuels Creativity

This is an exciting program for children ages 5-12 years old. We supply the LEGOS and the children supply the imagination! Lego Club meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Lego Club will NOT meet April 27.

Lego Club is great for kids because it helps enhance their fine motor skills, as well as their STEM, social, and problem-solving skills.

This program is not intended for children under the age of 5. Please call (520) 723-6030 with questions.
Budding Bookworms!

Raise a Reader with Fun Van

Fun Van meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Families with children ages 5 and younger are invited to learn new pre-literacy skills.

Raising a Reader teaches parents how to develop the habit of sharing books with their children most effectively. The Fun Van is funded through First Things First.

Registration is required: see http://www.ajpl.org/van/ for instructions, or ask us for a Fun Van flyer.

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Special Story Times Abound

Story Time is held on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Children can listen to a story and complete a fun craft. We have several special story times planned this month.

On April 4, the Mayor of Coolidge, Jon Thompson, will lead story time. On April 11, we’ll celebrate Library Week with Ms. Lanita, who will lead our librarian story time that day. And on April 25, the City of Coolidge Finance Department will help teach little ones about basic financial concepts during their story time.

Children must be with a parent or legal guardian at all times. Registration is not required. Call (520) 723-6030 with questions.

Send Your Stuffed Animal to Our Library Sleep Over

Our Stuffed Animal Sleep Over is back to answer the question “what would our stuffed animals do if we let them have a sleepover in the library?”

Find out on Friday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m., as children bring one of their favorite stuffed animals to a special story time. Children will listen to a story and then tuck their animal in to sleep for the night.

The next morning, Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m., children are invited back to the library. Enjoy a snack, wake your stuffed animal up, and discover what all the animals did while the library was closed!

Pajamas are encouraged. This program is geared toward children ages 3-7. Please bring a stuffed animal that your child can be without for the night.

Children must be with a parent or legal guardian at all times. Registration is not required. Call (520) 723-6030 with questions.
All the Animals Where I Live — Children’s Picture Book
By Philip C. Stead

The author used to live in the busy city where there were buses and trains, and people waiting for buses and trains. Now he lives in the country and jubilantly takes us on a tour of his home, pointing out all the animals that share his space. There are stuffed bears and quilted chickens. His dog Wednesday watches cranes, frogs, and dragonflies live their lives. Coyotes and chipmunks come and go, and the world around where he lives is full of life, until winter comes, and there is nothing but snow.

Uniquely structured, this picture book from one of our most innovative author-illustrators is a meditation on life and moments big and small that shape our individual worlds. — Provided by publisher

Honey — Children’s Picture Book
By David Ezra Stein

This sweet companion to David Ezra Stein’s award-winning Leaves celebrates the joy of savoring something you love. Bear is ravenous when he wakes up from his winter sleep and has one thing on his mind: honey! Alas, it is too soon for honey, so Bear tries hard to be patient. The world around him is waking up, too, and he soon remembers all the other things he loves, like warm grass, berries, and rain. He’s almost content, until, one day, he hears a welcome buzzing sound . . . and finally it is time for Bear to delight in the thing he relishes above all others—and it is as warm, golden, sweet, and good as he remembered. — Provided by publisher

They Lost Their Heads! — Juvenile Non Fiction
By Carlyn Beccia

From the kidnapping of Einstein’s brain to the horrifying end of Louis XIV’s heart, the mysteries surrounding some of history’s most famous body parts range from medical to macabre. Carlyn Beccia explores the misadventures of noteworthy body parts through history and springboards to exploring STEM topics such as forensics, DNA testing, brain science, organ donation, and cloning. The engaging tone, wonderfully creepy subject matter, and delightfully detailed art are sure to capture even the most reluctant readers. — Provided by publisher
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Children’s Classics Back on the Shelf

We have recently replaced a number of classic children’s picture books in our collection.

Titles include:
- “Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,” Said the Sloth by Eric Carle
- Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds
- Giraffes Can’t Dance by Giles Andreae
- Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney
- And many more!

Shop at the Mini Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will host a Mini Book Sale on Thursday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The book sale will take place right outside the library and items will be available at low, bargain prices!

We will have adult fiction, adult non fiction, and DVDs. Funds benefit the Coolidge Public Library, including the Summer Reading Program. For more information call (520) 723-6030.