

The Word About Town

Coolidge Public Library

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A Wealth of Information Awaits You

Winter Reading Program Begins December 2



It's important to keep your children reading, especially during school breaks. Kids ages 0-12 are invited to participate in the library's Winter Reading Program.

Children can come in with a family member to register and pick up an activity board at the library starting December 2.

Kids complete 15 activities total. These activi-

ties include a combination of 25 reading and some especially fun activities that include the whole family. Parents or legal guardians sign off on each completed activity.

Turn in the activity board by Friday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. to receive your prize.

Please call the library at (520) 723-6030 with questions.

Be a Sponsor with the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project



Beginning the first week of December, the library will partner with the Salvation Army for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project. This program assists families in need in our area during the holidays.

Participating is simple. At the library, pick up an ornament (tag) on our "Angel Tree" lo-

cated at our front counter. Each tag has a child in need's ID number, first name, age, gender, clothing sizes, and wish items. The tag has all the necessary information a sponsor needs to purchase the gifts for his/her assigned child.

Return the gifts by December 11. Please call (520) 723-6030 with questions.

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- Winter Reading Program
- Salvation Army Angel Tree Project
- Cookie Decorating Story Time—December 7
- The Lost Art of Gift Wrapping—December 9
- Polar Express Story Time—December 14
- Library Closure—December 26
- Holiday Family Movie—December 30
- Library Closure—January 2

Wrap Gifts that Make a Statement!



Are you lost when it comes to wrapping gifts? Do your presents look like they were trampled by reindeer? Or maybe you want to learn how to wrap gifts with pizzazz.

If so, please join us on December 9 at 10:30 a.m. for *The Lost Art of Gift Wrapping!*

Please bring up to 2 small gifts to get started. We will provide the wrapping supplies. This program is led by Sharon Gilbertson, Outreach Coordinator, from J. Warren Funeral Services.

Registration is encouraged. Please call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com with questions.

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 – 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.



Library Observes Holiday Closures



The Coolidge Public Library will be closed on Monday, December 26 for Christmas. We will reopen Tuesday, December 27 at 8:00 a.m.

We will be closed Monday, January 2 for the New Year's holiday and will reopen Tuesday,

January 3 at 8:00 a.m. Items can be returned during holiday closures in the book drops.

You can still access many library resources when we are closed! Check out cloudLibrary eBooks or Zinio digital magazines. Go to www.coolidgeaz.com/library and click on Digital Resources.

Adult Book Discussion Explores the Amazon



The December Book Club title is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett.

The Book Club will meet Tuesday, December 13 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 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.

Try Our Featured Online Tool: Tutor.com

I ♥ Tutoring

Finals are just around the corner! Get ready by visiting Tutor.com, which offers live online tutoring from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tutors can help with homework questions, essays, and resumes.

The site also provides a SkillsCenter Resource Library with thousands of lessons, worksheets, study guides, and videos where students can build skills for a variety of subjects.

Another feature of this online tool are the practice quizzes on everything from Algebra to

English to Physics.

This tool is not only for students. It also hosts information for adults regarding career resources like studying for the GED and Citizenship tests. Accounts at Tutor.com are free and easy to create.

Visit pinalcountyyaz.gov/library and click on the Research tab. You will find this tool under General Reference, Homework Help, or Test Preparation & Online Learning. Ask a library staff member for assistance.

LEGO Club Fuels Creativity



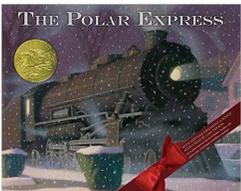
This is an exciting program for children ages 5-12 years old. We supply the LEGOS and the children supply the imagination! Lego Club will meet at 4:00 p.m. on December 16.

Lego Club is great for kids because it helps enhance their fine motor skills, as well as

their social, and problem solving skills. With the fun challenges we provide, Lego Club can be a way to help strengthen those STEM skills, too!

This program is not intended for children under the age of 5. Call (520) 723-6030 with questions.

Polar Express Story Time is Here!



There will be two Story Times this month, December 7 & 14 at 10:15 a.m. Children ages 1-4 can listen to a story and complete a fun craft.

We invite families with children ages 1-4 to join us for a very special and festive story time on Wednesday, December 14 at 10:15 a.m., at San Carlos Park (300 W Central).

Together, with the Coolidge Youth Coalition and the Desert Express Train, this will be a story time

you will never forget!

Listen to *The Polar Express* story and then ride a train around the park! We will provide you with a Polar Express ticket that will grant you access to the train.

Children must be with a parent or legal guardian at all times.

Registration is not required. Please call (520) 723-6030 with any questions. Snacks will be provided for all who attend the event.

Fun Van Meets First Two Weeks in December



The Fun Van will continue to meet Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Fun Van will not meet the

last two weeks in December. 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.

Tween Titans Tackle Winter Activities



Are you between the ages of 9 and 12? We have just the thing for you! Tween Titans is both a fun and educational program that focuses on art, science, and more.

On December 2 at 4:00 p.m. we will take on a

variety of winter activities. From holiday crafts to a candy cane hunt, tweens will be sure to have an enjoyable December meet.

Registration is not required.



Decorate Cookies at the Library



All ages are invited to a special Story Time on Wednesday, December 7 at 10:15 a.m. Listen to a story and

then decorate cookies!

Older sibling or parents can help younger chil-

dren with this activity.

Registration for this event is not required. We ask that parents remain with young children.

Please call (520) 723-6030 with questions or concerns.

Family Movie Great for All Ages



Join us Friday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m. as we present a classic holiday movie the whole family will enjoy!

We will provide a light snack and water.

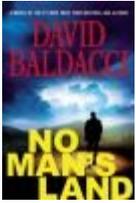
Young children must remain with a parent at all times.

Registration is not required, however to find out the movie selection, please call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com.

What's New @ the Library?

No Man's Land — Adult Fiction

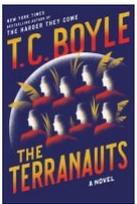
By David Baldacci



John Puller may be the US Army's most tenacious investigator, but he is not equipped to face the truth about his mother's disappearance thirty years ago. New evidence has come to light suggesting that Puller's father -- a highly decorated army veteran -- may have murdered his wife. When Puller's friend, intelligence operative Veronica Knox, arrived on the scene, he realized that there is far more to this case than he first thought. He knows that nothing will prevent him from discovering what really happened to his mother -- even proving that his father is a killer. Meanwhile, Paul Rogers has just been paroled after spending ten years in a high-security prison for murder. And with his freedom comes a desire to pay back old debts. As both men uncover a trail of deception that stretches back decades, they realize that the truth will bind them together in ways they could never have imagined. — Provided by publisher

The Terranauts — Adult Fiction

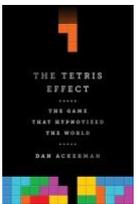
By T. C. Boyle



1994. In the desert near Tillman, Arizona, forty miles from Tucson, a grand experiment involving the future of humanity is underway. As climate change threatens the earth, eight scientists, four men and four women dubbed the "Terranauts," have been selected to live under glass in E2, a prototype of a possible off-earth colony. Closely monitored by an all-seeing Mission Control, this New Eden is both an adventure in scientific discovery and a momentous publicity stunt. The Terranauts face increased scrutiny and a host of disasters, both natural and of their own making. — Provided by publisher

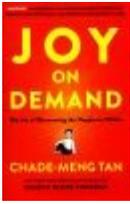
The Tetris Effect — Adult Non Fiction

By Dan Ackerman



Based on an obscure board game, Tetris was designed for early computers, became a hit on TV consoles, and soared in popularity with handheld devices like the Game Boy. Today it lives on in smartphones, tablets, and laptops. All this despite the fact that it has no superhero to merchandise and no story to dramatize. Ackerman explains how a Soviet programmer named Alexey Pajitnov was struck with inspiration as a teenager, then meticulously worked for years to bring the game he had envisioned to life. — Provided by publisher

Joy on Demand — Adult Non Fiction
By Chade-Meng Tan



A long-awaited follow-up to the New York Times bestselling *Search Inside Yourself* shows us how to cultivate joy within the context of our fast-paced lives and explains why it is critical to creativity, innovation, confidence, and ultimately success in every arena. In *Joy on Demand*, Chade-Meng Tan shows that you don't need to meditate for hours, days, months or years to achieve lasting joy--you can actually get consistent access to it in as little as fifteen seconds. Explaining joy and meditation as complementary things that naturally reinforce each other, Meng explains how these two skills form a virtuous cycle, and once put into motion, become a solid practice that can be sustained in daily life. — Provided by publisher

Couture sewing techniques — Adult Non Fiction
By Lynda Maynard



Lynda Maynard makes professional sewing and finishing techniques accessible to every sewist with clear instructions in simple step-by-step stages. She also explains several seemingly difficult "secrets," from making bindings and finishing for hems, armholes, and necklines, to underpinnings and structuring techniques. Lynda also teaches how to master finishing touches from textured stitches to couching and applique. — Provided by publisher

Fates and Traitors — Adult Large Print Fiction
By Jennifer Chiaverini



John Wilkes Booth's misguided quest to avenge the vanquished Confederacy led him to commit one of the most notorious acts in the annals of America. Four women were integral in his life: Mary Ann, the mother he revered above all but country; his sister and confidante, Asia; Lucy Lambert Hale, the senator's daughter who loved him; and the Confederate widow Mary Surratt, to whom he entrusted the secrets of his vengeful wrath. As their stories intertwine we witness a soul in turmoil-- and a country at the precipice of immense change. — Provided by publisher

The Killer Next Door — Adult Audio Fiction
By Alex Marwood



Everyone who lives at 23 Beulah Grove has a secret. If they didn't, they wouldn't be renting rooms in a dodgy old building for cash. It's the kind of place you end up when you've run out of other options. The six residents mostly keep to themselves, but one unbearably hot summer night, a terrible accident pushes them into an uneasy alliance. What they don't know is that one of them is a killer. He's already chosen his next victim, and he'll do anything to protect his secret. — Provided by publisher

How to Dance in Ohio — DVD

Directed by Alexandra Shiva



A first kiss, a first dance. These are rites of passage of American youth that hold the promise of magic, romance and initiation into adulthood. For some teenagers and young adults on the autism spectrum, the transition can be nothing less than paralyzing. In Columbus, Ohio, a group of young people with an array of developmental challenges prepares for an iconic event - a spring formal dance. *How to Dance in Ohio* is a story of the universal human need to grow, connect and belong. — Product description

Girl in Pieces —Young Adult Fiction

By Kathleen Glasgow



Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At seventeen she's already lost more than most people do in a lifetime. But she's learned how to forget. The broken glass washes away the sorrow until there is nothing but calm. You don't have to think about your father and the river. Your best friend, who is gone forever. Or your mother, who has nothing left to give you.

Every new scar hardens Charlie's heart just a little more, yet it still hurts so much. It hurts enough to not care anymore, which is sometimes what has to happen before you can find your way back from the edge.

Kathleen Glasgow's debut is heartbreakingly real and unflinchingly honest. It's a story you won't be able to look away from. — Provided by publisher

If I Fix You — Young Adult Fiction

When sixteen-year-old Jill Whitaker's mom walks out—with a sticky note as a goodbye—only Jill knows the real reason she's gone. But how can she tell her father? Jill can hardly believe the truth herself.

Suddenly, the girl who likes to fix things—cars, relationships, romances, people—is all broken up. It used to be, her best friend, tall, blond and hot flirt Sean Addison, could make her smile in seconds. But not anymore. They don't even talk.

With nothing making sense, Jill tries to pick up the pieces of her life. But when a new guy moves in next door, intense, seriously cute, but with scars—on the inside and out—that he thinks don't show, Jill finds herself trying to make things better for Daniel. But over one long, hot Arizona summer, she realizes she can't fix anyone's life until she fixes her own. And she knows just where to start... — Provided by publisher

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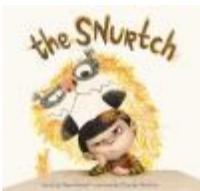
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The Snurtch — Children's Picture Book

By Sean Ferrell



Ruthie has a problem at school. It is the Snurtch. The Snurtch is a scribbly, grabby, rude monster who follows Ruthie around and gets her into all sorts of trouble. It seems Ruthie will never be rid of the Snurtch. But eventually, she realizes she's not the only one ... George has one too. — Provided by publisher

My Encyclopedia of Very Important Things — Juvenile Non Fiction

By James Mitchem, editor



Full of fun facts, colourful illustrations, and games that will feed a child's imagination and quench their thirst for knowledge *My Encyclopedia of Very Important Things* is the perfect book for children from 4 - 7 years of age.

Supporting the national curriculum and providing all the information young minds need and much more, *My Encyclopedia of Very Important Things* is split into four sections, All About Me, Animals, People, and My Planet, covering everything from the continents to the blue whale in fun and engaging ways. — Provided by publisher