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Word About Town

December 2019

A Blizzard of Books

Winter Reading 2019

DECEMBER 2 - JANUARY 6, 2020

Sign up now for adult, teen, and children's reading games and prizes! Game boards are available in the library. Online registration is also available at <https://coolibrary.azsummerreading.org/Login.aspx>

It's important to keep your children reading, especially during school breaks. Why not keep the whole family reading with A Blizzard of Books: Winter Reading Program 2019? Kids from birth to sixth grade, teens in 7th through 12th grades, and adults are invited to participate in A Blizzard of Books. Come in to the Library and pick up an activity board starting December 2nd. The board includes a combination of reading and fun activities for the whole family. Prizes are also separated by age groups this year. Parents or legal guardians sign off on each activity readers younger than sixth grade complete. Turn in the completed board by Monday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. to receive your prize. There is no limit to the number of boards and bingos that can be completed, but prize supplies are limited, so the earlier you turn in your reading logs, the better. Any reader who completes a board blackout will be entered into a special raffle. Please call the library at (520) 723-6030 with questions, and stop by to sign up!

Holiday Closures

December 25th all day, January 1st all day

The Coolidge Public Library will be closed Wednesday, December 25th and will reopen Thursday, December 26th at 8:00 a.m. The library will also be closed Wednesday, January 1st and will reopen Thursday, January 2nd at 8:00 a.m. Items can be returned during closures in the book drops. You can still access many library resources during closures. Check out cloudLibrary eBooks or RBdigital magazines and audiobooks. Go to www.coolidgeaz.com/library and click on Digital Resources.

*Give the Gift of
Life at the*

**Red Cross Blood Drive
December 20th, 12 - 5 PM**

Blood donations always dip low over the holiday season, while needs often increase. Red Cross will be at the library collecting blood donations. These donations are critical just one pint can save up to three lives! You may register early at redcrossblood.org Sponsor code "Coolidge."

Something for Everyone

Sharpen Chess Skills with Knights of the Square Table Chess Club

December 4th @ 4:00 - 5:30

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! Attend the 1st Wednesday of every month for the library's very own chess club. The club is open to all skill levels and all ages are welcome.

TECH THE HALLS AFTER YOU'VE
DECKED THE HALLS
DECEMBER 20TH @ 4:00



In the spirit of S.T.E.A.M., science, technology, engineering, art, and math we are taking over the Imagination Station. Enjoy a fun filled hour of S.T.E.A.M, and winter-related activities. Remember to submit your decorated Mini Trees by December 17th and vote for your favorite by the 20th. We will announce the winner of the Mini Tree Contest during Tech the Halls.

Display your Christmas Creation at the Mini Christmas Tree Contest

Tuesday, December 20th starting @ 4:00

Enter a three foot, fully decorated Christmas tree into the first annual Mini Christmas Tree Contest. Trees will be displayed at the library from December 3-20. Patrons have until 4:00 p.m. on December 20 to vote. There will be an open house at that time, so the community can celebrate all of the creations and finish up their voting. Trees must be dropped off at the library by December 17th to be included in the contest.

Chill-In with a Movie at the Library

Tuesday, December 24th starting @ 11:00

The Imagination Station is ready for some family fun. Join us Christmas Eve for a family movie that everyone will enjoy! There will be cocoa, cookies, and crafts galore all day long. Bring your pillows and your creativity and enjoy some library time before the holidays.

Explore and Create STEAM for All Ages

December 6th @ 4:00

Did you know the Library has a wide variety of STEM kits from 3D printers, to robots, to snap circuits and more? All ages are invited to visit the library the first Friday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Explore the wonderful world of STEM through fun, and interactive kits, during this program. To schedule a reservation for the 3D printer please email coolidgepubliclibrary@pinal.gov. You will receive a confirmation email upon approval. Space for the 3D Printer is limited. Visit www.tinkercad.com to select a printer design that works with the printer.

Head Into the Winter Break with Positive Discipline Tools

Thursdays, December 5th & 12th @ 10:30

Learn the tools of positive discipline through Positive Parenting and the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. The Positive Parenting uses Dr. Jane Nelson's positive approach to discipline and guidance. The Positive Discipline five week program focuses on using kindness, firmness, dignity, and respect. After this workshop you will be empowered with skills to reduce problematic behaviors while strengthening your child's life skills. Seating and child care is limited, registration is highly encouraged. To register for this or any event, call 520-723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com.

Bring in Your Needle Art to Stitch-u-Ation

December 27th @ 2:00

Members enjoy helping one another with needlework projects including knitting, crochet, needlepoint, and classic sewing, along with great conversation and encouragement at Stitch-U-Ation. Thanks to the wonder of YouTube, members of Stitch-U-Ation can work on a new skill together. This club is always open to all ages. Folks with on-going projects can still come in and work on those as well. Stitch-U-Ation happens the fourth Friday of each month.

DINE WHILE YOU DESIGN AT THE LIBRARY

Only December 6th @ 11:00 - 2:00

Design and Dine is a mixed media fiber arts program. Mixed media fiber arts turns everything into an art project. Fiber art is the use of fibrous materials and the appearance of the woven, knitted, printed, or in other ways treated materials to create masterpieces as unique as the artists themselves. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch into the library during Design and Dine. Work on a new project each month. This new club is open to any skill level and anyone aged 12 and older. Registration for this class is strongly encouraged as seating will be limited.

Escape from the Land of Misfit Toys

December 27th all day starting @ 9:00

Oh no! A massive snow storm has hit and our friend Rudolph has been separated from the rest of the reindeer. Unable to see what is in front of him, Rudolph has gotten lost and landed in a mysterious island, the Land of Misfit Toys. Something doesn't feel right. There are signs of missing toys hanging everywhere. Toys disappear in the middle of the night, and sometimes toys are taken in plain sight. No one seems to know why or how. If they do know, they are too scared to talk. Rudolph decides to leave the safety of the village behind so he can find out where all his new friends have gone. Days go by and no one knows where Rudolph has gone! Could he have been taken? Find out when you gather a team of up to 5 to help find Rudolph, and discover who is behind the kidnapping in the Land of Misfit Toys. Registration is required. To register please call (520) 723-6030. Space is limited.

Fun Van is Mixing It Up

Moving to Thursdays @ 9:00 & 11:00

Fun Van's back-to-back classes are moving to Thursdays beginning December 19th. However, there will not be Fun Van on the 26th. Fun Van offers parents a free lesson in early literacy skills as their infants and toddlers play and learn. Each 90 minute class can include: craft, storytime, a book kit to take home, and a snack. To learn more or to register for either time call 480-271-8242, or visit <https://www.ajpl.org/funvan/contact/>.

Prepare for Adventure During Chaos & Coffee: Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, December 14th @ 9:00

Ages 10+

Shhhh...do you feel that? There's a change in the air, shifting energies, you felt it. We all have. Now come join us at the Fortress of Knowledge, books, and imagination. We are seeking Adventurers, those who are tired of the sick and mundane routine of the everyday world. Enter a whimsical world where you make the stories come true, enter Dungeons & Dragons! Join Chaos and Coffee on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to play Dungeons and Dragons. Dungeons & Dragons, or D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game (RPG). D&D is different from traditional wargaming by allowing each player to create their own character to play.

Join the Writer's Workshop

Returns in January

Coolidge Local, and published author, Saskia Tepe helps budding authors sharpen their story skills at this monthly workshop on the second Wednesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. Writers are taking a break from meeting in December and will return January 8th. Please call 520-723-6030 for more information.

LET'S MEET AT THE PARK FOR POLAR EXPRESS STORYTIME December 18th @ 10:15

Join us for a very special and festive storytime at San Carlos Park (300 W Central). This will be a story time you will never forget! Listen to The Polar Express story, enjoy a snack, do some crafts and this year play in the bounce house.



Finish Coolidge Public Library's 50th Year in Pictures

Starting December 31st

We are taking a look at the past through pictures to celebrate the library's Diamond Jubilee. The library's story will be re-created and put out for display in the program room starting on New Year's Eve. The display will cover the library's history from construction through 2019. Then join the staff and the city to celebrate the start of the Coolidge Public Library's 51st year in January of 2020.

BRING SOME HOLIDAY CHEER WITH COLORING IN DECEMBER

December 10th from 1:30 - 3:00
Family Coloring December 24th from 1:30 to 3:00

The Library offers adults over 18 a chance to embrace childhood and Color Your Worries Away twice each month. Coloring is for adults only. Don't worry, snacks will be provided. Color Your Worries Away happens the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Families can visit the library on December 24th for special coloring, crafts and holiday cheer.

Build Your English Skills for Free at Speak Easy ESL

Mondays & Thursdays @ 4:30

The Library is excited to offer conversational ESL, or English as a Second Language classes to the community thanks to Malgorzata "Gosia" Gawron. Gosia has a Master of Arts in TESOL, or Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Northeastern Illinois University. Gosia is eager to share her passion with Coolidge twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. Feel free to join Mondays, Thursdays, or both. Contact the library to register for this free class or call 520-723-6030 for more information.

LEARN TO TECH LIKE A PRO DURING TEA & TECH

First and Third Monday of the month
December 2nd & 16th @ 2:00

Learn tech tricks and tips with the library's own Victoria and Victoria. Join them for talks on tech issues that relate to you most, and for one-on-one lessons you need. You are always welcome to bring other tech problems to the session as well. You can also bring tech issues to the library any day of the month. Tea and Tech is never limited to the topic at hand but offers a focused lesson in a group setting. Tea & Tech has changed times from 2:30 to 2:00 p.m.



Through My Eyes: The Impact of Implicit Bias

December 11th @ 5:00

"We come from different places and backgrounds. Our life experiences and backgrounds can affect the way we see the world and each other, for better or worse. What is implicit bias, and how does it shape our attitudes and actions towards others? How do stereotypes affect our understanding, actions, and decisions? 'Implicit bias' can cause us to have feelings and attitudes about other people based on characteristics such as race, ethnicity, age, and appearance. How can we learn to navigate the world we see 'through our eyes' and the world as seen through the eyes of people different from us?" Visit azhumanities.org for more information about FRANK Talks.

Get the Library STEAM'd Up

Why Not Sugar Code It!

December 3rd @ 4:00 Ages 7 - 18

Learn the fundamentals of computer coding both on and off screen, in a fun and engaging environment, thanks to code.org and Miss Dani. Code.org is a non-profit organization and website led by Hadi Partovi, that encourages people, particularly school-aged children in the United States, to learn computer science.

Tween Titans will "Tech" a Break in December

December 20th @ 4:00 Ages 9 - 14

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 is held on the 3rd Friday of each month at 4 p.m. Bring your families to this special December event as we take over the Imagination Station and Tech the Halls. Cast a final vote for your favorite Mini Christmas Tree and celebrate together.

Get Your Robotics On!

December 27th @ 4:00

The robotics program, Block Heads is open to kids 7 to 18. It is an empowering, engaging, hands-on STEM lesson for children. Students establish STEM identity (seeing one's self as capable of learning science, technology, engineering, and math) and experience technology fluency (confidence to creatively work with technology to solve problems).

Build Your Imagination with Lego Club

December 13th @ 4:00 Ages 5-14

This is an exciting program for children ages 5-14 years old. LEGO Club supplies the LEGOS and the children supply the imagination. The classic Lego Club meets at 4 p.m. the second Friday of each month, for pure Lego fun.

Bring STEAM to the Littlest of Readers

Monday, December 23rd @ 9:30

Ages 0 - 5

Once a month Preschool Learn 'n' Play brings the fun of science to Bitty Budding Bookworms. Preschool Learn 'n' Play is a free-form play time that puts the wonder of science and the joy of learning into the hands of preschoolers. Preschool Learn 'n' Play happens on the 4th Monday of every month.



December 17th @ 4:00
Grades 3 - 12

Girls Who Code is a nationwide program with over 150,000 members across the country. Girls Who Code meets at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Sign up anytime and learn a life-long skill and exciting career field.

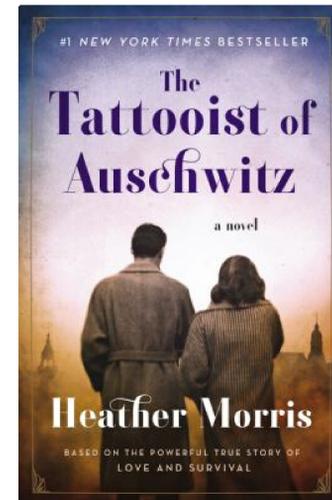
Check Out a CPL Book Clubs

Pinal County Page Turners

Second Tuesday of each month, December 10th @ 5:30

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris.

In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a Tätowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Imprisoned for more than two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism--but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive.



Read It and Whisk It!

December 16th @ 5:30

Read It and Whisk is a less-than-traditional book club where the group chooses a theme for the following month, then chooses a recipe from a cookbook to share with the group. The recipes can be down home traditional fair like your grandmother's meatloaf recipe during Comfort Foods month, or a new recipe such as Chilaquiles for South American Foods month, it all depends on the theme. Participants often share a potluck with samples of recipe successes.

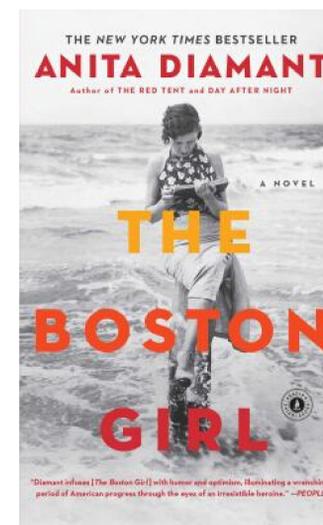
The important thing is recipes and stories get shared with one another. Read It and Whisk It is open to teens and up. Registration for this club is not required, but is helpful. The food theme for this month is: **Appetizers**. Every cookbook has appetizer recommendations, but if you need help selecting a book, visit the reference desk for options. Then just select a recipe or two that caught your eye. Bring those recipes in to be shared with the group. Food samples are always optional but appreciated.

The Remix

December 19th @ 2:00

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant

A story "about family ties and values, friendship and feminism told through the eyes of a young Jewish woman growing up in Boston in the early twentieth century. Addie Baum is The Boston Girl, born in 1900 to immigrant parents who were unprepared for and suspicious of America and its effect on their three daughters. Growing up in the North End, then a teeming multicultural neighborhood, Addie's intelligence and curiosity take her to a world her parents can't imagine--a world of short skirts, movies, celebrity culture, and new opportunities for women.



To sign up for any book club, simply visit the library before the scheduled meeting date. You will need a valid contact number and a library card with Pinal County to sign out any book club kit book. Call the library at (520) 723-6030 or email us at library@coolidgeaz.com, for more information.