

The Word About Town

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A Wealth of Information Awaits You

Learn About the Viet Nam Conflict

The new book, *Vietnam Vets: Still Coming Home* by Dr. Steve Feimer and Kristine Elin Cable features local historian and Viet Nam veteran Ralph Swain. Mr. Swain will give a presentation about the Viet Nam conflict on Thursday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m.

March 8 also marks the 53rd anniversary of the first combat troops arriving in Viet Nam.

Mr. Swain will focus on the anniversary and what veterans encounter when they return to Viet Nam today. To learn more about the Viet Nam Vets project visit <http://www.thevietnavets.com/index.html>. Registration encouraged. Call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com.

Preserve Your Memories at Our Writing Workshops



Aspiring writers of short stories and longer works, join us for our new writing workshop with local writer Gene Carter that will meet 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 March 5.

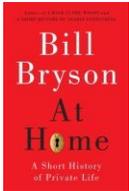
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Special Points of Interest...

- Writing Workshop—March 5 & 19
- Knights of the Square Table—March 7
- Dr. Seuss Story Time—March 7
- Anime YOUR Way—March 12
- CryptoParty—March 14
- Family Trivia Night—March 15
- Cooks + Books Cook Book Club—March 19
- Author Book Signing w/ Saskia Tepe—March 21
- The Mash Up—March 30

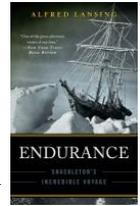
Discuss Our Latest Picks in Our Adult Book Club



The Pinal Page Turners will meet Tuesday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. Their March book club title is *At Home* by Bill Bryson.

The Remix will meet Thursday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. Their March book club title is *Endurance* by Alfred Lansing.

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, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. During this meeting, we will continue to discuss the format of the book club with new members and what to expect. And of course, there will be food! This month's theme is appetizers.

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, March 23.

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.

Learn About Digital Security

The library will host a series of digital security lessons, called CryptoParties, designed to educate those without prior knowledge of cyber awareness.

The next CryptoParty will be Wednesday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m. This second session will cover "Device Encryption." Bring your digital devices to learn how to protect them from unauthorized users. We will also have a review of our "Understanding Internet Browsing" session for those interested. Registration encouraged—please call (520) 723-6030. The last CryptoParty will cover encrypted communication.

Meet the Author: Saskia Tepe



Come meet author Saskia Tepe as she recounts her mother's life as a Holocaust survivor and her own life documented in her memoir, *Surviving Brigitte's Secrets*, which will be available for purchase.

From her Amazon.com biography page: Saskia Tepe was born in 1954 in Germany. She and her mother emigrated to the UK in 1961 under the auspices of World Refugee Year 1959. Saskia speaks regularly in

schools and to the general public about her and her mother's remarkable experiences, as well as sharing her story alongside other testimony from those who escaped the terror of Nazi dominated Europe and found sanctuary in Scotland on www.gatheringthevoices.com.

The book signing and presentation is March 21 at 4:00 p.m. Registration encouraged but not required. Please call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com.

Family Trivia Night

All ages are invited to our new Trivia Night! The first meeting is Thursday, March 15 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 will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. starting April 12.

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

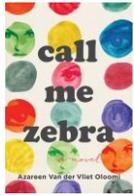
given to Open Hands Outreach, which assists those in the community.

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

What's New @ the Library?

Call Me Zebra — Adult Fiction

By Azareen Van der Vliet Oloomi

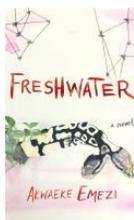


Zebra is the last in a line of anarchists, atheists, and autodidacts. When war came, her family didn't fight; they took refuge in books. Now alone and in exile, Zebra leaves New York for Barcelona, retracing the journey she and her father made from Iran to the United States years ago. Books are Zebra's only companions--until she meets Ludo. Their connection is magnetic; their time together fraught. Zebra overwhelms him with her complex literary theories, her concern with death, and her obsession with history.

He thinks she's unhinged; she thinks he's pedantic. Neither are wrong; neither can let the other go. They push and pull their way across the Mediterranean, wondering with each turn if their love, or lust, can free Zebra from her past. — Provided by publisher

Freshwater — Adult Fiction

By Akwaeke Emezi



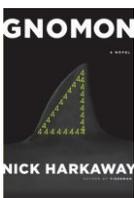
Ada has always been unusual. As an infant in southern Nigeria, she is a source of deep concern to her family. Her parents successfully prayed her into existence, but something must have gone awry, as the young Ada becomes a troubled child, prone to violent fits of anger and grief.

But Ada turns out to be more than just volatile. Born “with one foot on the other side,” she begins to develop separate selves. When Ada travels to America for college, a traumatic event crystallizes the selves into something more powerful. As Ada fades into the background of her own mind and these alters—now protective, now hedonistic—move into control, Ada’s life spirals in a dangerous direction.

Unsettling, heart-wrenching, dark, and powerful, *Freshwater* dazzles with ferocious energy and serpentine grace, heralding the arrival of a fierce new literary voice. — Provided by publisher

Gnomon — Adult Fiction

By Nick Harkaway

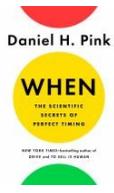


In the world of Gnomon, citizens are ceaselessly observed and democracy has reached a pinnacle of "transparency." When suspected dissident Diana Hunter dies in government custody during a routine interrogation, Mielikki Neith, a trusted state inspector, is assigned to the case. Immersing herself in neural recordings of the interrogation, she finds a panorama of characters and events that Hunter gave life to in order to forestall the investigation. In the static between these mysterious visions, Neith begins to catch

glimpses of the real Diana Hunter—and, alarmingly, of herself, the staggering consequences of which will reverberate throughout the world. *Gnomon* is a dazzling, panoramic achievement from one of the most original voices in contemporary fiction. — Provided by publisher

When: The Scientific Secrets to Perfect Timing — Adult Non Fiction

By Daniel H. Pink



Everyone knows that timing is everything. But we don't know much about timing itself. Our lives are a never-ending stream of "when" decisions. Yet we make those decisions based on intuition and guesswork.

Drawing on a rich trove of research from psychology, biology, and economics, Daniel Pink reveals how best to live, work, and succeed. How can we use the hidden patterns of the day to build the ideal schedule? Why do certain breaks dramatically improve student test scores? Why should we avoid going to the hospital in the afternoon? And what is the ideal time to quit a job, switch careers, or get married?

In *When*, Pink distills cutting-edge research and data on timing and synthesizes them into a fascinating, readable narrative packed with irresistible stories and practical takeaways that give readers compelling insights into how we can live richer, more engaged lives. — Provided by publisher

The Last Black Unicorn — Adult Non Fiction

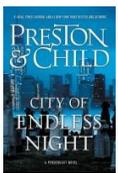
By Tiffany Haddish



From stand-up comedian and actress Tiffany Haddish comes *The Last Black Unicorn*, a hilarious, edgy, and heart-wrenching collection of autobiographical essays that will leave you laughing through tears. Tiffany Haddish grew up in one of the poorest parts of South Central Los Angeles. Her mother wound up with a debilitating brain injury after surviving a car accident. Tiffany never fit in anywhere: not in the households she rotated through in the foster care system, and certainly not in the nearly all white high school she had to ride the bus an hour to attend. As an illiterate ninth grader, Tiffany did everything she could to survive. After a multitude of jobs, she finally realized that she had talent in an area she never would have suspected: comedy. Tiffany faced the 'routine' hindrances of climbing the entertainment business ladder—but had the added obstacles of sex, race, and class in her way. But she got there. She's humble, grateful, down to earth, and funny as hell. — Provided by publisher

City of Endless Night — Adult Large Print Fiction

By Preston Douglas and Lincoln Child

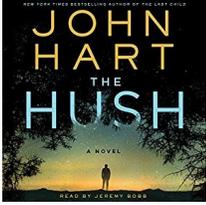


When Grace Ozmian, the beautiful and reckless daughter of a wealthy tech billionaire, first goes missing, the NYPD assumes she has simply sped off on another wild adventure. Until the young woman's body is discovered in an abandoned warehouse in Queens, the head nowhere to be found. Lieutenant CDS Vincent D'Agosta quickly takes the lead. He knows his investigation will attract fierce scrutiny, so D'Agosta is delighted when FBI Special Agent A.X.L. Pendergast shows up at the crime scene assigned to the case. But neither Pendergast nor D'Agosta are prepared for what lies ahead. A diabolical presence is haunting the greater metropolitan area, and Grace Ozmian was only the first of many victims to be murdered . . . and decapitated. It'll take all of Pendergast's skill to unmask this most dangerous foe — let alone survive to tell the tale.

— Provided by publisher

The Hush — Adult Audio Fiction

By John Hart



It's been ten years since the events that changed Johnny Merrimon's life and rocked his hometown to the core. Since then, Johnny has fought to maintain his privacy, but books have been written of his exploits; the fascination remains. Living alone on six thousand acres of once-sacred land, Johnny's only connection to normal life is his old friend, Jack. They're not boys anymore, but the bonds remain. What they shared. What they lost.

But Jack sees danger in the wild places Johnny calls home; he senses darkness and hunger, an intractable intent. Johnny will discuss none of it, but there are the things he knows, the things he can do. A lesser friend might accept such abilities as a gift, but Jack has felt what moves in the swamp: the cold of it, the unspeakable fear. More than an exploration of friendship, persistence, and forgotten power, *The Hush* leaves all categories behind, and cements Hart's status as a writer of unique power. — Provided by publisher

Elena and the Secret of Avalor — DVD

Featuring: Aimee Carrero, Jenna Ortega, and Lou Diamond Phillips



See how it all began, and discover the secret behind the legend of Disney's most inspiring new Crown Princess! Frozen in time and trapped inside the Amulet of Avalor for over forty years, Elena has finally found the one brave princess who can set her free: Sofia! Together with magical flying jaquins, spirit animal Zuzo, and young wizard-in-training Mateo, Princess Elena must unite her people, battle the evil Queen Shuriki, and reclaim her throne. — Product description

Thor: Ragnarok — DVD

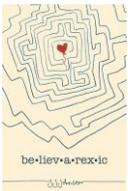
Featuring: Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, and Cate Blanchett



Thor is imprisoned on the other side of the universe and finds himself in a race against time to get back to Asgard to stop Ragnarok, the destruction of his home-world and the end of Asgardian civilization, at the hands of an all-powerful new threat, the ruthless Hela. — Product description

Believarexic — Young Adult Fiction

By J. J. Johnson



An autobiographical novel in which fifteen-year-old Jennifer Johnson convinces her parents to commit her to the Eating Disorders Unit of an upstate New York psychiatric hospital in 1988, where the treatment for her bulimia and anorexia is not what she expects. — Product description

Do You Want to Learn to Play Chess?



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

Join us the 1st Wednesday of every month for

the Coolidge Library's very own chess club.

The club is open to all skill levels, and all ages are welcome. Our next meeting is March 7 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!

During Sugar Code It! kids ages 7-18 learn how to create games and websites while exploring computer programming and coding.

Sugar Code It! meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting is March 6 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 and Teens

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 March 2.

And we have a very special event, Anime Your Way on Monday, March 12 at 3:00 p.m. For-

mer *Simpsons* animator Carlos Nieto III will teach ages 10 and up how to draw anime style.

Then on Friday, March 30 at 2:30 p.m. ages 9-18 are invited to The Mash Up, where tweens and teens can mingle, watch a classic 90s movie, and enjoy snacks.

Registration not required for these events. Please call (520) 723-6030 with questions.

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 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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Join Us for Our Dr. Seuss Story Time



Story Time is held on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Children can listen to a story and complete a fun craft.

We have two fun story times planned this month. March 2 is Dr. Seuss's 114th birthday and we will celebrate during our Dr. Seuss Story Time on Wednesday, March 7. Join us as we listen to his classic children's stories, complete a Dr. Seuss craft, and have a snack.

And the Pinal County Animal Care and Control will join us for story time on Wednesday, March 28. They will read animal themed stories and let us know more about what they do for our county.

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



Screenings Held



Families are welcome to visit the library on Wednesday, May 23 between 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Vision, hearing, and dental screenings will be given to children from birth to 5 1/2. The key to your child's good vision, hearing, and dental health is early detection!

Registration takes place on site, the day of the screening.

Screenings are provided by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in Pinal County, First Things First, and First Smile.



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Budding Bookworms: New Books

Be Brave Little Penguin — Children's Picture Book

By Giles Andreae

Illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees

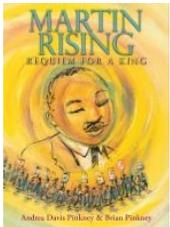


Be Brave Little Penguin is the eagerly awaited new picture book from the creators of the bestselling *Giraffe's Can't Dance*. Written in true Giles Andreae style, this feel-good rhyming story portrays a positive message about confidence and self-esteem.

Little Penguin Pip-Pip would love to join in with all his friends swimming in the sea, but there's just one problem . . . he's scared of water. Can Pip-Pip overcome his fears and finally take the plunge? This irresistible story shows that sometimes all it takes is a little bit of encouragement — and a whole lot of heart — to finally make that leap!
— Provided by publisher

Martin Rising: Requiem for a King — Juvenile Non Fiction

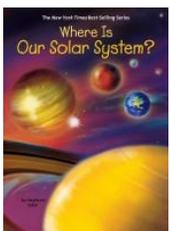
By Andrea Davis Pinkney



In a rich embroidery of visions, musical cadence, and deep emotion, Andrea and Brian Pinkney convey the final months of Martin Luther King's life, and of his assassination, through metaphor, spirituality, and multi-layers of meaning. Andrea's stunning poetic requiem, illustrated with Brian's lyrical and colorful artwork, brings a fresh perspective to Martin Luther King, the Gandhi-like, peace-loving activist whose dream of equality, and whose courage to make it happen, changed the course of American history. And even in his death, he continues to transform and inspire all of us who share his dream. — Provided by publisher

Where is Our Solar System? — Juvenile Non Fiction

By Stephanie Sabol



Readers will want to grab a telescope and explore the night skies after finishing this overview of our solar system. Our solar system consists of eight planets, as well as numerous moons, comets, asteroids, and meteoroids. For thousands of years, humans believed that Earth was at the center of the Universe, but all of that changed in the 17th century. Astronomers like Nicolaus Copernicus, Galileo Galilei, Johannes Kepler, and Isaac Newton proposed the unthinkable theory that Earth and the other planets actually revolved around the Sun. This engaging book chronicles the beginning of the modern age of astronomy, then follows later discoveries, including NASA's current missions in space. — Provided by publisher

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Library and Road Closures

The Coolidge Public Library will be closed Saturday, March 3 for Cotton Day and will reopen Monday, March 5 at 8:00 a.m. Items can be returned during closures in the book drops.

You can still access many library resources when we are closed! Check out cloudLibrary eBooks or RBdigital magazines and

audiobooks. Go to www.coolidgeaz.com/library and click on Digital Resources.

And beginning March 12, the portion of Central Ave in front of the library will be inaccessible. You are welcome to use the parking lot behind the library as the City of Coolidge works to improve our roads!

Red Cross Blood Drive



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

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.