Last fall, members of the Alta Vista Garden Club planted a tree on library grounds. Donated by the garden club, the tree is part of the Arizona Centennial Celebration. February 14, 2012 will mark 100 years of statehood.

This winter, the tree is a stark silhouette standing in the enclosed library patio, near the street wall. In the spring, buds will appear and we'll enjoy the green maple leaves in the summer. Then, in the fall there will be a wonderful blaze of color.

Mary Ann Mira, the chair of community beautification committee for the garden club, says the club made an offer to the Centennial Planning Committee of Prescott to plant a Centennial Tree. “Several locations were discussed, and the library was chosen as a location that is shared by many folks. And they have a water supply to help the plant survive.”

She says club members heard the library had lost a tree. “And so the decision was made to put it in the same spot.”

The tree chosen to plant is an autumn blaze maple. “This tree has a unique combination of good traits from the red maple and the silver maple,” Mary Ann says. “The qualities mixed by the autumn blaze maple tree are brilliant orange-red color in the fall, dense and healthy branching, and enhanced growth that protects from insects and disease. They are known for their unexcelled speed of growth. The autumn blaze maple tree can also live in a variety of climates.”

“The autumn blaze maple will grow to fifty to sixty feet tall and have a mature spread of thirty to forty feet,” she says. “They are not susceptible to storm damage as the silver maple, and they received stronger wood from their red maple parent.”

This popular tree was named Urban Tree of the Year in 2003.

The tree was purchased at Mortimer’s Nursery, who delivered it to the library courtyard. Garden club member, Cathy Michener, who is a master gardener and a member of the Friends of the Library board, dug the hole. Various people, including Mayor Marlin Kuykendall, wielded shovels to plant the tree in the hole.

As garden club members know, you don’t just dig a hole and plop the tree in.

Mary Ann explains the fine points: Select the right time of year—don’t plant in late spring or summer because the heat will stress the plant and may cause it to die. The best time is fall or early spring. The hole should be two to three times the width
MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

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On Statehood Day, I celebrated Arizona’s 100th birthday at the Elks Opera House, watching the Prescott Centennians open a 50-year-old time capsule. When the time capsule was placed in the cornerstone of the new City Hall, the Centennians were five, six, and seven-year-olds, and 2012 must have seemed awfully far away.

As the Centennians opened the capsule and unwrapped the aluminum foil from a transistor radio, a phonograph record and a Princess phone, I imagined the moment when the new Sesquicentennians, the children chosen to carry on the time capsule tradition, open the refilled time capsule in 2062.

The Centennians grew up visiting the old Carnegie Library at the corner of Gurley and Marina streets. Their grade school years were over when the “modern” Prescott Public Library was dedicated on May 18, 1975. Back in 1975, cards for the catalog were still individually typed, probably on an IBM Selectric, research was done using volumes of The Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature, and computers weren’t even a gleam in new library director Betty Thomas’s eye.

Today the card catalog and typed catalog cards are just a memory and the Sesquicentennians will never learn the mysteries of The Readers’ Guide. We are proud to offer dozens of public computers, wireless access to high-speed Internet throughout the library, and a growing collection of eBooks and other library services available 24/7.

The differences between the Carnegie Library of 1962 and today’s Downtown Library have me wondering about the Prescott Public Library of 2062. While our core services will likely to be much the same, the delivery methods of the future are unimaginable today. Perhaps some of you reading this column will remember it and laugh, when the Sesquicentennians pull a Kindle or Nook from the 2062 time capsule.

Meanwhile all of us can enjoy the 1962 time capsule contents, on display during March in the Betty Ritter Viewerie.

Toni Kaus

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**GIFTS, CONTINUED**

Janet Nellans
Open Space Alliance
Gene & Charlotte O’Sullivan
Steve Pace & Barbara Wood
Bill & Annabelle Pedersen
Dennis Peterson & Joan Maloney
Marilyn Petrich
Jean N. Phillips
Elaine Pohle
Prescott Orchid Society
Beryl Rae
Mark Renzi & Carole Jolly
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Leslie Roby
Barbara Royer
Joan Ryan
John & Leslie Sanderson
Mike & Joyce Scully
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Mary D. Smith
Scott & Janet Spaulding
Mary Gray Stephenson
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Mel & Benna Tiensvold
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**ELIZABETH RUFFNER PRESENTS A DONATION FROM THE OPEN SPACE ALLIANCE TO FRIENDS PRESIDENT MARJORY SENTE.**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEER!**

**SUSAN THOMS**

**Circulation**

**Current volunteer openings: Computer Mentor Volunteer**

Assists library patrons with computer use including library catalog, Internet, email, and basic Office applications.

If interested or for information about current volunteer openings at Prescott Public Library contact Teresa Vonk, 777-1504 or teresa.vonk@prescott-az.gov.

**SAVE THE DATE—**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012**

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT.**

**11:30 a.m. Prescott Resort**
Dear Ask a Librarian,

I need a new car. There are so many choices and I don’t have a lot of money. Where should I start to research the best car for me?

Car-less in Prescott

Dear Car-less,

There are many online resources for researching the car-buying experience. You will be able to go into any negotiation with a wealth of information at your fingertips.

First, get your credit score from one of the three major credit reporting agencies: Experian (www.freecreditscore.com), True Credit (www.truecredit.com) or Equifax (www.equifax.com). You are allowed one free report each year from each company. Start early to have time to fix any credit issues before you approach a dealer.

Second, go to the Prescott Public Library “Research” page. Click on “Consumer Reports,” then enter your library barcode and PIN. The April issue is the place for new and used car information. Click on “2011,” then on “Apr2011,” and the entire car issue is available.

EBSCOHost has a mobile app! That means you can use your Smartphone to check Consumer Reports while you’re looking at a car. Scroll to the bottom of the EBSCOHost search screen. You should see “New: EBSCOHost iPhone and Android applications.” Click on the link and EBSCOHost will send you instructions and an authentication key to unlock the app.

Other sites to check are:

- Kelley Blue Book at www.kbb.com for resale values, wholesale and retail prices.
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (www.nhtsa.gov) or the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (www.iihs.org) for safety ratings. If you take kids or grandkids in your car, check out the car-seat reviews and recalls.
- Motor Trend magazine for side-by-side comparisons (www.motortrend.com) and well-written reviews on repair costs, comfort, acceleration, cornering and the all-important trunk size.
- J.D. Power Agency (www.jdpower.com) for ratings and reviews.

You might find what you want in Yahoo! Autos (http://autos.yahoo.com) or Craigslist (http://prescott.craigslist.org/), where you’ll find new vehicles listed every day.

You’ll have this car for a while if you take time to do good research. While these steps are specific to buying a car, the same general rules apply for any big purchase. Do your research and use your good sense by starting at the library!

Normalene Zeeman
DEAR FRIENDS,

Last January when I became the president of the Friends board, the idea of being president quickly became the reality of leading the board. Within a few minutes after my election, we quickly became immersed in a discussion about the blue Books for Charity boxes that were popping up around the area. These blue boxes defined several of the activities taken on by the Friends and the Library in 2011.

The presence of these boxes raised an immediate concern by the book sale volunteers about donations. They felt that donations could be eroded. So a campaign was mounted to inform our donors and the public of how they could donate materials to the book sale. We made it easier to give materials to the library. One of my favorites is being able to drop a book or two into the library’s book return box when I’m returning my loaners. All the ways to donate your library materials to the Friends book sale are outlined on the Book Sale homepage. http://www.prescottlibrary.info/?page_id=198

By July a reporter with KNAU, a National Public Radio (NPR) station in Flagstaff, became interested in doing a report on the Books for Charity boxes. Her interviews of local members of the Friends were included in a report that aired on KNAU and was picked up by American Public Media’s Marketplace, an NPR program that airs nationwide.

On January 20, 2012 the saga of the Books for Charity boxes came full circle when The Daily Courier ran Cindy Bark’s story “Friends of Library groups question benefits of blue donation bins.” In the article readers were reminded that the lifeblood of our book sale is used books. So take a few minutes to go through your bookcase, cull out a few books that no longer interest you and donate them to the Friends.

Thank you and take care,
Marjory Sente
President

Volunteer Harry Vedik presents a cash grant from IBM to Friends President Marjory Sente.

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NEW FRIENDS BOARD MEMBER:
SHARON ARNOLD

Sharon Arnold has a library science minor but has never worked as a librarian. “So the opportunity to serve the Prescott Public Library as a member of the Friends board intrigues me,” she says.

She has done other intriguing endeavors for non-profits in Arizona. “After moving to the Valley of the Sun in 1973 from Illinois, I became a fundraiser and spent 29 years working for a variety of non-profits,” she says.

Some of those nonprofits include public television, hospitals, Arizona State University, and The Nature Conservancy.

She and husband, Bill, raised two children and have two grandchildren or as she puts it, they have two grand girls. Sharon loves to read and enjoys traveling, often combining the two by visiting local libraries in her travels.

“I’m a Midwesterner and an outdoor person at heart—hence my love of Prescott,” she says.

Claudette Simpson

NEW FRIENDS BOARD MEMBER:
KARLA MORRISTON

Karla Morriston had to step into some pretty big shoes when treasurer of the Friends’ board stepped down. The board is lucky because Karla has big shoes of her own. Karla served the Friends of the Library as Treasurer from 1999–2004. And now she is back.

She graduated with a degree in accounting from California State University, Northridge and worked for a certified public accountant firm in Santa Monica for many years.

“While I loved the firm I worked for, we didn’t like the earthquakes, smog, riots, traffic, crime, and etcetera. So we moved back to Prescott in 1993 and that’s when I started my own accounting business,” Karla says.

Her family moved to Prescott in 1963. She attended school here and married her high school sweetheart. The couple left for the Los Angeles area in 1977, and later returned.

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**New Board Member Karla Morriston, continued**

“I’m very busy during tax season and when work lightens up the rest of the year, my husband and I love to take our popup camper and dogs off to the Arizona back country,” she says.

She also loves quilting—especially hand appliqué.

*Claudette Simpson*

**New Friends Board Member: Joyce Scully**

Joyce Scully has a history of volunteering in Prescott, where she lived for 15 years until 2005. Then her volunteer life veered into the unusual when she and husband, Mike, moved to San Miguel de Allende in Mexico.

“We lived there for four wonderful years,” Joyce says. “It’s an artists and writers community where many expats live. As in Prescott, volunteerism is strong.”

Some of the volunteer activities in Mexico include: “Helping high school students with conversational English, assisting with the annual writer’s conference which attracted many well known authors from the States, helping to build houses in the campo for the indigenous people and volunteering at the Biblioteca, the largest bilingual library in Mexico,” she says. “Those four years were a fabulous adventure for us.”

Joyce served on the Friends of the Library Board from 2001–2005, and was a founding member of the Second Century Committee, the group that raised funds for the “new” Downtown Library.

Joyce is the former president of the Friends of Yavapai College Art, is now a board member of the Mountain Artists’ Guild, a Prescott Art Docent and a new member of the Friends of the Library Board.

“Back in Prescott since January, 2011, I feel welcomed with open arms and am flattered and honored to be asked to join the Friends of PPL,” she says.

Some might say she is the one who has welcomed Prescott back with open arms.

*Claudette Simpson*
of the root ball. This lets roots ease in more easily and begin to grow outwards into the soil.

Place the tree into the hole gently. Be sure the hole isn’t too deep or too shallow. The ground level of the plant in the pot should match up with the ground level after you fill the hole in. Do not bury over the crown. Water the newly planted tree and then mulch.

This is not the first project taken on by the Alta Vista Garden Club. Founded in 1951, the club has contributed much to the community in the last 60 years. Some of the projects include:

- Co-sponsoring of the Sharlot Hall Museum Rose Garden
- Initiation of “Operation Wildflower” in Arizona
- Landscape support of Habitat for Humanity homes
- Annual scholarships for horticultural students
- Planting Arbor Day trees each year at schools, parks, and public buildings
- Design and planting of a Healing Garden for employees at Yavapai Regional Medical Center
- Plant Identification signs for Highlands Center for Natural History
- Designation of Garden of the Month winners
- Biennial Prescott Garden Tour

Since its founding, the club has contributed over $500,000 to enhance and beautify the community.

“All of us joined the club because of our love of plants and gardening,” Mary Ann says. “Several members are Master Gardeners; some have expertise with roses; others know quite a bit about native plants. We came together to learn more about the highlands of Arizona as a gardening zone and to share knowledge with like-minded people. At our monthly club meetings, we have guest speakers who present information on many gardening topics, especially designed to help gardeners who may be new to the area.

“Many of us moved to Prescott from other areas of the country where you could pretty much put a plant in the ground and it would grow. Here in Prescott, we face the challenges of soil, lack of rain, intense sunshine, not to mention the animals who also appreciate our gardens. We, like the founders, are also interested in continuing to beautify the city. You may have seen us at the Veteran’s Memorial Island last fall, on our hands and knees, planting a thousand daffodil bulbs and five hundred hyacinth bulbs.

“Keep your eyes open when you pass that area in early spring,” she says.

And keep your eye on the autumn blaze maple tree at the library. When planted, it was 15 feet tall. These trees have been known to grow between three and five feet a year. If you let your eyes linger, you might see it grow.

Claudette Simpson
Downtown Library Events for Adults

Programs are in the Founders Suite unless otherwise noted. All outdoor events are subject to change due to weather conditions. Readers will find the most comprehensive and current listing of events in the Events Calendar Online. If you go to an event description and click on Remind Me, you will receive an email reminder three days before the program. Click on Notify Me to receive email about similar events.

Special Series Events:

**First Saturdays, April 7, May 5, June 2 @ 12:30 p.m.**

Garden Talks with Ken Lain. An informative series about current and regional gardening issues in the Prescott area with notable gardener Ken Lain. After the talk, you can ask questions about your gardening issues.

**April 21, May 19, June 16 @ 10:30 a.m.**

Tai Chi/Qigong.

Join Kyla Haber for an introduction to healthy movement. April 21 is in the Founders Suite, the rest are on the Library Lawn.

**Second Sundays @ 2 p.m.**

Canyon Country Community Lecture Series. The Grand Canyon Association, KNAU and the library partner to present these popular lectures.

**April 15 @ 2 p.m.**

**Glen Canyon Dam: Monumental Construction and 1983 Repairs, with Gary Ladd.** Learn about the Glen Canyon Dam, using photographs from its beginnings in the 1950’s and 1960’s and from the repairs of 1983.

**May 13 @ 2 p.m.**

**Last Great Chase: Harvey Butchart’s Summit List and Grand Canyon’s Indelible Climbers with Mathieu Brown.** In September 1958, two Arizona climbers gained the summit of Zoroaster Temple, Grand Canyon’s most classic climb. Join Mathieu Brown for tales of the Canyon’s summits and a glimpse into the lesser known artistry of climbing in the Canyon.

**Third Thursdays @ 6 p.m.**

**Third Thursday Star Talks**

Third Thursday Star Talks are presented in partnership with Prescott Astronomy Club.

**April 19 @ 6 p.m.**

**Exoplanets: Discovery and Characterization with Dr. Travis Barman of Lowell Observatory.** This is an overview of exoplanet detection techniques, with an emphasis on recent advancements in imaging exoplanets and understanding their atmospheres.

**May 17 @ 6 p.m.**

**The Search for Life in the Universe with Klaus Brasch of the Coconino Astronomy Club.** Are we alone in the universe? To answer that, we must understand how life arose on Earth and if other planets might harbor life. Is there other technologically advanced life in the cosmos? With the discovery of many exoplanets, we may finally get answers to that question.

**June 5, 3 p.m. to Sunset.**

**Special Presentation: View Venus Transit across the Sun.** Venus will pass between Earth and the Sun and will be visible through a solar telescope with the Sun in the background between about 3 p.m. and sunset (called a transit). Solar telescopes will be set up for the public to view the transit on the Library Lawn. This is the last time in our lifetime that Venus will transit the Sun, as the next transit is over 100 years away.
**Third Fridays @ 4 p.m.**
**Third Friday Chamber Music Series**
Hear music by local chamber players and special guests every month during the free Third Friday Chamber Music Series.

**April 20 @ 4 p.m.**
* Dolce Woodwind Quartet—oboe, flute, clarinet, French horn & bassoon—playing Debussy, Farkas, Nielson and more

**May 18 @ 4 p.m.**
* Duvernoy Trio for flute, piano and French horn; Faure Piano Quartet for violin, viola, cello and piano
* Milhaud Scaramouche duo for clarinet and piano

**JUNE 15 @ 4 P.M.**
* Sax Appeal Quartet playing a variety of compositions

**April 27, May 25, June 22, @ 2:30 p.m.**
**Learn to Download eBooks!** Library staff will assist you in learning the steps to download library eBooks to your eReader. Kindle users will meet at 2:30 p.m.; users of all other eReaders will meet at 3 p.m.

**Fourth Saturdays, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25 @ 10 a.m.**
**Find Your Family Tree.** Learn to research your family tree with genealogy research on the internet. Register online for all four sessions, at the Ask a Librarian Desk, or call 777-1526.

**Saturdays @ 2 p.m.**
**Open Chess.** Players of all ages and skills can drop in every Saturday and play chess. Chess sets are available for checkout at the Main Level Circulation Desk.

**Author & Guest Visits**

**April 2 @ 3:30 p.m.**
**Extreme Birdwatching in Brazil.** Eric Moore, owner of Jay's Bird Barn, will show slides and talk about the exotic birds of Brazil. Eric shares his birding adventures and expertise in a weekly birding column for The Daily Courier.

**April 5 @ 6:30 p.m.**
**Author Visit with Shivana Alexis.** Alexis grew up in East Germany during the Cold War. Her book, *Miracles and Cloudberrries* tells a story of courage, survival and escape.

**April 12 @ 6 p.m.**
**The Mad Women Poets perform for National Poetry Month.** Firmly rooted in the oral tradition, the group performs in round robin fashion. Open Mic after the performance.

**April 14 @ 12 noon.**
**Southwest Skye Pipes and Drums.** Return of the award-winning Pipers and Drummers. Celebrate Tartan Day 2012 with some history, music and demonstrations of various types of piping on the Library Lawn. Lawn chairs welcome.

**April 24 @ 4:30 p.m.**
**Prescott Antique Auto Club Talks Cars!** Club members will share photos of lovingly restored cars, and discuss the restoration process. Bring your questions! Several antique cars will be on display in the Lower Level parking lot. For all ages.

**May 3 @ 6:30 p.m.**
**Author visit with Tom Cantlon.** *Six Who Came to Serve* is the story of Prescott, a community that knew its service needs, and the six talented, hard-working people whose leadership resulted in exceptional solutions.

**May 30 @ 6 p.m.**
**OneBookAZ Book Discussion.** Celebrate Arizona’s Centennial by reading and discussing this year’s OneBookAZ selection—Lisa Schnebley Heidinger’s *Arizona: 100 Years Grand*.

**JUNE 2 @ 3 P.M.**
**Chaparral Music Fest.** Music on the Library Lawn. Lawn chairs welcome.

**JUNE 7 @ 6:30 P.M.**
**Author Visit with Lori Hines.** Local author Lori Hines will talk about her paranormal mystery, *The Ancient Ones*, set in Arizona, and about Native American history of the Southwest.
June 12 @ 5:30 P.M.  
**Author Visit with George E. Smith.** George E. Smith has written two books about territorial Arizona: *Gold, Silver & Guns* and *Red Treasure*. Check out his webpage at [www.george-e-smith.info](http://www.george-e-smith.info).

June 13 @ 7 P.M.  
**Completing the Prescott Circle Trail.** Representatives from the Yavapai Trails Association and the Open Space Alliance will lead a discussion about the past, present and future of the Prescott Circle Trail. This will be an opportunity to learn more and get involved.

June 17 @ 1 P.M.  
**Tsunami Tsunday.** Give the gift of fun to the whole family with the return of the Clan Tynker Circus. Seating on the Library lawn—so bring your lawn chairs, blankets, sunhats and sunglasses.

July 5 @ 6:30 P.M.  
**Patriotic Poetry.** Join various local poets as they read their patriotic poetry and explain some of their inspirations and what Independence Day means to them.

**Discussion Groups:**

**Mondays @ 11 A.M.**  
**Conversational Spanish.** Meets every Monday (except holidays) to practice conversation in Spanish.

**First Wednesdays @ 1 P.M.**  
**Wednesday Poetry Discussion with Dr. Janet Preston.**  
April 4, May 2, June 6

**First Fridays @ 2 P.M.**  
**It’s a Mystery Book Group**  
April 6: *Naked in Death* by J.D. Robb  
May 4: *The Fractal Murders* by Mark Cohen  
June 1: *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

**Second Tuesdays @ 10 A.M.**  
**Tuesday Morning Book Club**  
April 10: *The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester  
May 8: *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by Susan Vreeland  
June 12: *Homer and Langley* by E.L. Doctorow

**Second Thursdays @ 10 A.M.**  
**Café Socrates.** Philosophy discussion with Joel Thomas. April 12, May 10, June 14

**Second Thursdays @ 6:30 P.M.**  
**WORDS Book Club**  
April 12: *Education of a Wandering Man* by Louis L’Amour  
May 10: *Without Reservations: The Travels of an Independent Woman* by Alice Steinbach  
June 14: *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman.

**Third Wednesdays @ 6 P.M.**  
**Community Book Discussion with David Brandstein**  
April 18: *These Is My Words* by Nancy Turner  
May 16: *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros  
June 20: *High Tide in Tucson: Essays from Now or Never* by Barbara Kingsolver

"Library Lad and Ladys" Book Reviews

- **March:** *Regional Color*
- **April:** *Scandinavia*
- **May:** *Poetry*
- **June:** *Staff Favorites*
Events for Children

Call the Youth Desk at 777-1537 or email martha.baden@prescott-az.gov with any questions about Youth Services Programs.

Monthly Events for Children

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Toddler Time Storytime. Gentle stories and activities for children, ages 0-2.

Thursdays, 4 p.m. Page Turners Storytime. Stories, songs, activities and crafts for ages 5 and up.

Fridays, 10 a.m. Preschool Storytime. Stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities especially for ages 3-5. Siblings are always welcome.

First Fridays, 3:30 p.m. Paws to Read with Toby & Friends. Practice your reading with Toby the Border Collie and other cuddly Therapy Dogs. For children, ages 5 and up.

Special Events for Children

Tuesday, April 3, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and Storytime. Stories, songs, and a hunt for Easter eggs! For children, ages 0-5.

Wednesday, April 4, 2:30 p.m. Chalk It Up! Learn how to create chalk art and try one of your own chalk pictures on the sidewalk outside the library. For children and teens of all ages.

Tuesday, April 10, 4 p.m. April Fools—It's Back! Magician Eddie Siller will perform magic tricks and tell you a few tricky tales and jokes. For children, ages 5 and up.

Second Fridays in April and May, 1 p.m. Art Days at Prescott Public Library. For children ages 5 and up. The Prescott Art Docents is a volunteer organization affiliated with the Phoenix Art Museum. Art Days at PPL provides elementary school children with an introduction to artists and their mediums through presentations and a related activity.

April 13
Pablo Picasso. Some critics called him an unquenchable spark of utter genius, but he once called himself a clown, a trickster. Which was he? Perhaps you will have the answer.

May 11
What is Folk Art? We will explore and find themes of daily life through paintings, sculptures, and textiles created by American Folk Artists.

Mondays, June 4–June 25, 10:30 a.m.
Art in June. Prescott Art Docents are back to present their 17th Annual “Art in June” series. For children, ages 6-11.

Register online for Art Days at the Prescott Library, at the Youth Desk, or call 777-1537.

In the Viewerie:

April:
- Prescott Area Celtic Society
- Prescott College
- City of Prescott Water Conservation

May:
- Tsunami on the Square
- Wood Bee Carvers

June:
- Future of the Trails

The Viewerie is a museum quality space, displaying exhibits by local groups on a monthly basis.

If your group or organization would like to book the Viewerie, please call 777-1509.
Tuesday, May 1, 4 p.m. Happy May Day! Celebrate spring with stories, flowery crafts, and a dance around the maypole. For children of all ages.

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. Youth Short Story Awards Ceremony. Celebrate the young authors of Prescott as we announce the winners of the 2012 Professional Writers of Prescott Association and Prescott Public Library Short Story Contest. Refreshments served. For all ages.

Saturday, May 26, 2 p.m. Hootenanny! Summer Reading Kickoff. Summer is here...let the reading begin! The hootenanny fun includes local music, dancing, and down-home treats to celebrate reading in Arizona's Centennial summer! For all ages.

Tuesdays, May 29–July 17, 1 p.m. Corral a Craft. Drop in to the Founders Suite and get crafty. The arts and crafts stations are designed with varying age groups in mind, so children of all ages are welcome!

Thursdays, May 31–June 21, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Arizona Stars. Every Thursday, throughout the Summer Reading Program, performances at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. feature a different Arizona performer or star every week. For children of all ages.

May 31 Daring, dazzling, and funny, too: Juggler James Reid will keep you on the edge of your seat with his juggling show.

June 7 Arizona’s singing cowboy, Gary Sprague, will serenade you with cowboy tunes, tell you a few tall tales, and introduce you to his trusty horse, Dusty.

June 14 Toe-tapping, ear-catching, sing-along fun is waiting for you with Arizona singer and songwriter, Chuck Cheesman.

June 21 Meet Wildman Phil and the insects, reptiles, and spiders of Arizona’s deserts.

Thursday, June 27, 12:30 p.m. Family Movie Matinee. Thursday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night. Bring the family for popsicles on the lawn, pose for a picture with a life-size Cowboy Woody, and then bring your pillows and settle in to watch Toy Story. Popsicles and photographs will be on the lawn at 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m. in the Founders Suite. For children of all ages.

Kids’ Summer Reading Program 2012—Arizona’s Centennial Year! May 26–July 21

• REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 1
• KICKOFF CELEBRATION Saturday, May 26, 2 p.m., “Hootenanny!”
• DROP-IN CRAFT SESSIONS every Tuesday
• SPECIAL PERFORMANCES every Thursday
• WEEKLY SURPRISES when you show a Youth Services staff member your reading log
• FINAL CELEBRATION, Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., “Ice Cream Social and Carnival”
Working Sunday afternoons offers a huge bonus: I get to watch 10-month old Evelyn “work.” A regular in our children’s area on Sundays, Evelyn’s favorite activity seems to be pulling books out of the board book cart and ….er….. sorting them on the floor. She babbles and coos constantly while doing this, and to passersby, this may seem like a mess or a noisy distraction, but for her little brain, this is industry!

Brain and educational research conclusively points to the first five years of life as being essential in building reading readiness and ensuring school success. Prescott Public Library Youth Services staff knows how crucial these years are for nurturing future readers, and we are committed to working with the community to increase early literacy. While Evelyn’s parents are clearly cultivating a book lover, not every family is as well-equipped or able to make early literacy in their children a priority.

Here in Yavapai County, the need for early literacy suddenly has taken on a degree of urgency. Last year, the state of Arizona passed legislation that mandates retention in third grade for students who are not able to pass the reading part of their AIMS test. According to First Things First Community Outreach Coordinator, Claire Louge, recent AIMS testing results indicate that 22.6%, or as many as 377 third graders in Yavapai County failed the Reading AIMS test, and these children would be candidates for retention.

We know that the best way to guarantee success in third grade is to make sure children are ready to read when they enter kindergarten. Public libraries are essential players in this early literacy effort, with in-house programs, outreach efforts, and partnerships with other agencies. At Prescott Public Library our efforts are growing every year. In 2012, look for more information about these efforts in The Roundup.

In the fall of 2011, we began a collaboration with Raising A Reader, a national, non-profit organization that has demonstrated it can improve the reading readiness skills of children from birth to age five.

Funded by a grant from Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, our local Raising A Reader program works with area preschools to provide little red book bags with books to take home for a week at a time. The books that go home change every week for six weeks. PPL staff visits the participating preschools for storytimes, and the culminating event of the program is a visit to Prescott Public Library. At these celebratory events, staff provide a family storytime, library cards, a tour of the library, and children receive their own little blue book bag!

In January, PPL hosted children and their families from preschool classes at Discovery Gardens and Sacred Heart Preschools. Our interaction with these families will be strengthened and lengthened by their invitation to stop by the Youth Desk each time they are in the library and get a “punch” in their punchcard. After five visits, kids get a little literacy treat provided by the Raising A Reader grant.

Goals for the Raising A Reader program are: for every family to have books in the home, to make reading and pre-literacy activities a part of every day in these homes, and for families to feel just as comfortable as baby Evelyn and her parents do in the library. Our partnership with Raising A Reader is providing families with a bridge to help make all this happen.

Stay tuned to future editions of The Roundup for other ways PPL Youth Services is working to address early literacy in our community!

Martha Baden
WRITING YOUTH AT PPL

Look closely at the present you are constructing: it should look like the future you are dreaming.
Alice Walker

Prescott has a rich and active literary voice, and it’s not just an adult one. Young writers abound, and PPL aims to nurture and encourage them. This will be a banner year for doing just that with programs and forums for children and teens to share their writing.

In February, teens created six-word memoirs, working on a Wednesday afternoon from writing to publishing in the form of Wordle, a free website that formats writing in a very graphic way. The Valentine’s Day Tea Party provided another forum for teen writing. Teens wrote and performed a skit, Mind Your Manners, on etiquette for the families that attended.

PPL provides display space for young writers and materials to support and encourage their work. In December, Skyview Kindergarten teachers arranged their classes’ beautiful, illuminated author tree—a December tradition at the Library. In January, PPL offered a Skype session for school-age children with award-winning author/illustrator Mike Artell.

Teens and kids will have ample opportunity this summer to write and see their writing published. Youth are invited to submit book, magazine, and other media reviews as part of our summer reading program. Prescott Public Library enjoys the unique and important position of being able to offer materials, space, inspiration, recognition, and a publishing forum for young writers. Watch these kids—we may just be checking out their books one day!

Martha Baden

Prescott Public Library and the Professional Writers of Prescott are proud to announce

The 2012 Short Story Contest for Youth

Submissions will be accepted through April 14. The divisions are High School (9-12), Middle School (6-8), and Elementary (3-5).

First through third place in each division will receive gift certificates, certificates of merit, and published books of the winning stories. Awards will be presented at the Prescott Library at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Pick up an entry form and rules at the Youth Services Desk or online.
Events for Teens

Monthly Events for Teens

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. Teen Book Club. April 5 Skype Series Event with Author Jackson Pearce. Young adult author, Jackson Pearce, of Sisters Red and Sweetly fame, will visit with teens via Skype technology. Teens will have the opportunity to ask Pearce questions about her books and writing. For teens, grades 6-12. Register online, at the Youth Desk, or call 777-1537. The first ten teens to register will receive a copy of Sisters Red.

May 10 Skype Series Event with Author James Kennedy. Dynamic speaker and entertainer James Kennedy, author of the book The Order of Odd Fish, will speak with teens about his books and writing via Skype technology. Kennedy is also one of the creative minds behind the popular 90-Second Newbery Film Festival. For teens, grades 6-12. Register online, at the Youth Desk, or call 777-1537.

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m. TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Meeting. Call Jennifer at 777-1518 for more information or to apply for membership.

April 17 Love your Library! TAG members are going green, rolling up their sleeves and helping to clean up around the library grounds.

May 15 Celebrate the end of another successful TAG year with a “thank you” party! In honor of a year of service, we’ll be enjoying a year in review slide show and playing some of your favorite games. Treats included! Please RSVP to Jennifer by May 7.

Special Events for Teens

Wednesday, April 4, 2:30 p.m. Chalk It Up! Learn how to create chalk art and try one of your own chalk pictures on the sidewalk outside the library. For children and teens of all ages.

Wednesday, April 11, 1:30 p.m. Duct Tape Extravaganza for Teens. From prom dresses to belts and wallets, teens will be amazed at the items they can create with duct tape.

Wednesday, May 9, 1:30 p.m. Game On! Classic video games, snacks, and fun with friends.

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m. Youth Short Story Awards Ceremony. Celebrate the young authors of Prescott as we announce the winners of the 2012 Professional Writers of Prescott Association and Prescott Public Library Short Story Contest. Refreshments served. For all ages.

Wednesday, May 30, 1:30 p.m. Teen Summer Reading Kick-off and Movie. Celebrate the beginning of summer reading with a movie, popcorn, and door prizes. Bring a blanket and a friend for a great time.

Wednesdays, June 6–July 18, 1:30 p.m. Movies and gaming sessions on the big screen every Wednesday afternoon.

Registration begins May 1
Teen Summer Reading Kickoff and movie Wednesday, May 30, 1:30 p.m.
Movies and gaming sessions every Wednesday, May 30-July 18, 1:30 p.m.
Weekly chances to win movie tickets when you review a book, magazine, web site, video, or video game.
Final Celebration, Play Like a Rock Star, Wednesday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.
A rock concert with local teen musicians.

Downtown
215 East Goodwin St
Hours: Mon, Fri, Sat: 9AM-5PM
Tue, Thu: 9AM-9PM.
Wed: 1-9PM
Sun: 1-5PM
(928)777-1500

Rowle P. Simmons Community Center
1280 E Rosser St.
Book Pick Up and Book Drop

Prescott Public Library Locations and Hours

Book Drops
Emptied daily, except Sunday
Fire Station 71, 333 White Spar Rd • Fire Station 75, 315 Lee Blvd • Fry’s, 3198 Willow Creek Rd
Fry’s, 950 Fair St • Goodwill Store & Donation Center, 1375 Iron Springs Rd
Prescott Public Library Downtown, 215 East Goodwin St
Drive by book drops in alley and Lower Level parking lot

Library Closures
SUNDAY, APRIL 8 for Easter • SUNDAY, MAY 6 for Jazz in the Stacks
MONDAY, MAY 28 for Memorial Day • WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 for Independence Day
We encourage Friends to give us any address changes for Roundup delivery. Use the membership form, mark it “Address Change,” and turn it in at a Check Out desk. This will also notify the Library.