

City of Willcox Newsletter
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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Sherry Van Allen, Human Resources

Halloween is always a fun time of year for children. It's a time for trick-or-treating door-to-door and scaring their friends and neighbors. However, at this time of year, there are precautions every parent should take to insure this is a safe and enjoyable holiday.

CHILDREN SHOULD

- NEVER go trick or treating without an adult
- Always carry a flashlight with fresh batteries
- Wear non-flammable costumes
- Wear some reflective clothing
- Never wear masks that hinder their vision
- Never eat any treats before they are inspected by an adult
- Cross the street at crosswalks
- NEVER go into a stranger's house
- Never wear costumes that drag the ground
- Carry a whistle on a cord to signal for attention or help
- **HAVE A FUN AND SAFE HALLOWEEN!!**

THE FRIENDLY BOOKSTORE IS MOVING!

Tom Miner, Library Director

As a result of the past five years of a struggling US economy, the Friends of the Library finally found it necessary to cut their operating expenses, and are moving the Friendly Bookstore from 165 N. Haskell Ave. where it has been since 2007, **to 125 E. Maley St.**, a cozy little place adjacent to the Chiricahua Regional Museum, owned by the Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society. The planned re-opening date will be the first week of November, coinciding with the 90th anniversary of the Library! We sincerely hope everyone took advantage of the great "50% off everything in the store" savings offered during the month of October. More sales means less to move, so "come on down and save big" at your Friendly Bookstore! All proceeds directly benefit your local Library.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ YOUR LIBRARY

Tom Miner, Library Director and Staff

Elsie S. Hogan Community Library awarded two grants for 2013! Thanks to a grant from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, Elsie S. Hogan Community Library was awarded \$17,829 for the Willcox Employment Support Training (WEST) program. Partners for this project include Arizona Workforce Connection (Vickie Simmons & Anna Luna), and Cochise County Library District (Lisé Gilliland), Friends of the Library and Project Director (Sylvia Stewart). The goal of this project is to assist and prepare individuals to enter the workforce by enhancing their knowledge and skills needed to obtain employment. Funds will be used to provide workshops and training programs. Two special project coordinators (Anita Gulick and Gabby Catarino) have been hired to help participants learn how to access and make use of the resources the library has to offer. If you are interested in workshops and upcoming events, please give us a call (520-766-4250) or come by the library located at 100 N. Curtis Ave., Willcox, AZ.

VOLUNTEER Retired Teachers WANTED! Increase your library's community impact by becoming a tutor in student success and the success of your community by working with local educators, volunteers and parents to help struggling students meet the requirements of ARS §15-701 "Move On When Reading – Tutoring Program Using Tablets". In partnership with the Willcox Elementary School, the Library was awarded 5 iPad2s to improve the academic skills for reading of intense "at-risk" third grade students by developing and strengthening their oral language and early literacy skills. To participate either as a parent, tutor or volunteer, please contact Sylvia Stewart, Project Director or Tanya Flanders, Project Coordinator at the Library @ 520-766-4250.

How to Build Your Own Incredible Telescope. Astrophysicist Kevin Manning is returning to Willcox to teach us more about astronomy. This time we will be learning how to build and operate a telescope. Our thanks go to the Friends of the Library and Linda & Fred Paulun for their monetary contribution to this exciting program. So, mark your calendar for December 12th, 2013 at 7 p.m. for a wonderful galactic experience @your Library! We are looking forward to this being one of the first of many exciting stargazing events.

Dr. Manning will give us an introduction of telescope types, function, performance, and accessories. This introduction should help participants choose a telescope wisely. Then, a detailed description of steps in constructing your own powerful telescope will be enhanced with clear illustrations and numerous photographs taken throughout the entire process A-Z. It's so easy a 3rd grader can do this! Following the presentation, a model telescope just like the one you can build will be set up outdoors for viewing the Moon, the rings of Saturn and other beautiful objects in the night sky, weather permitting.

Kevin Manning is a retired astrophysicist, having worked as a consultant with NASA, the Chandra X-Ray Observatory launched on the space shuttle with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, and other ground-based observatories. Kevin won national and international awards in his field, and did some work with Brookhaven National Laboratory. Besides the numerous workshops he's presented over the years at libraries, observatories, and science centers, some noteworthy ones include those made at Tufts University, State University of New York at Stony Brook, the NSTA National Convention, AAAS Breakfast with Scientists, and the National Parks Service.

For more information about this program, please contact Tanya Flanders, Library Programming Technician @ 520-766-4250.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

City Council Meetings

Monday

Nov 4, 2013

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Monday

Nov 18, 2013

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive

Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, all City Offices will be CLOSED Monday, Nov 11, for Veteran's Day and Thursday thru Sunday, Nov 28 – 30, 2013 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.