

**City of Willcox Newsletter**  
**NOVEMBER 2014**

**From the Office of the City Clerk...**

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

**City Council Meetings**

Thursday  
Dec 4, 2014

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Thursday  
Dec 18, 2014

6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers  
300 W. Rex Allen Drive

**Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, All City Offices will be CLOSED Thursday thru Sunday, Nov 27– 30, 2014 for the Thanksgiving Holidays; and at NOON, Wednesday, Dec 24, and Thursday, Dec 25 for the Christmas Holiday; and also at NOON, Wednesday, Dec 31, and Thursday, Jan 1, 2015 for the New Year's Holiday.**

**LIBRARY CELEBRATES IT'S 91st BIRTHDAY!**

Tom Miner, Library Director

That's right folks! On November 1, 1923, Willcox Women's Club volunteers opened the doors on the first formally recognized Public Library facility in our community. It was located on the second floor of the old Willcox High School building, and was only open two evenings a week. Over the years, the Library has changed locations five times. In 1930, it moved from the High School to the Masonic building on the corner of Haskell Ave. and Maley St. In 1936, it moved again to the West Wing of the brand new Women's Club building, known today as the Willcox Community Center. In 1969, it moved over to a new facility at 450 West Maley St., where it remained for the next 27 years. On March 1, 1970, it was renamed the Elsie S. Hogan Community Library, in honor of Willcox's *first paid librarian*, and for her many years of service. Elsie was a founding member of the Women's Club in 1911. 50 years later, in 1961, she became the head librarian – still a volunteer position. In 1967, the City of Willcox took over the operation of the Library, making it a paid position, and thus ending 44 years of continuous **volunteer** operation, a remarkable record and so indicative of Willcox's native spirit! Elsie retired in 1975, at the age of 85. We honor her memory today. On Feb 10, 1996, the Library opened its doors in our current location - then 207 West Maley St., now 100 North Curtis Ave., where we recently

completed our lengthy but much needed renovation project this past spring. We will continue to carry on a tradition of providing a vital, quality service to all of the citizens of this community, and the surrounding area. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!