

City of Willcox Quarterly Newsletter OCT – DEC 2016

What Libraries Do...

Tom Miner, Library Director

Libraries are places of information. When most people think “library” they think of books. And while that is certainly true, these days, books take different shapes, such as e-books and audio books, and digital-audio books that are no bigger than your old Zippo cigarette lighter. More than just books, libraries are places of information, offering people free access to a wealth of information that they often cannot find elsewhere, whether online, in print or in person. Whether they’re looking for DVDs or the latest best-seller, health or business information found on Internet databases not accessible at home, or going for story times and community programming, the library is a center of community for millions of people.

There are at present, 123,000 libraries in America, broken down in four types: Public, Private, Academic/School, and Special. At the center of all these types of libraries is the *librarian*. Librarians are information experts, selecting books that are relevant to their communities, creating helpful programming, and connecting people to information. A famous author, Neil Gaiman, once said: “*Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.*” Here at Elsie S. Hogan Community Library, we try hard to do just that.

Build Community

Libraries are community hubs. In addition to connecting people to information, libraries connect people to people. They are safe havens for kids when school is not in session, offering after school homework help, games, programs, and book clubs. Libraries offer computer classes, enabling older adults to stay engaged in a digital world. Bookmobiles and community outreach programs keep those living in remote areas or those who are housebound connected to the larger community.

Provide Access

Libraries level the playing field. As great democratic institutions, they serve people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, or physical ability, and provide them with the full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern, and work, throughout their lives.

Promote Literacy

Libraries are committed to helping children and adults develop the skills they need to survive and thrive in a global information society ~ the ability to read, and use computers.

Protect Your Rights

Libraries are strong advocates for your right to read, and your right to reader privacy. Those are not just words; we clearly state it in Section 8 of our Library General Policy, for everyone to see.

Innovate

Libraries are places for community engagement, a platform for great minds to come together. The way people are using our libraries is changing as fast as technology is changing society. Increasingly, libraries are becoming a place for creation and collaboration. (I know we are!)

Stop on by your local library here in Willcox, and see for yourself. Have a wonderful day!

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford, CMC, City Clerk

City Council Meetings This Quarter

Regular Meetings

First Thursday

Nov 3, Dec 1, 2016 & Jan 5, 2017

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Third Thursday

Nov 17, Dec 15, 2016 & Jan 19, 2017

6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive

REMINDER: Tuesday, November 8 is the General Election. Don't forget to Vote!

Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, all City Offices will be CLOSED Friday, Nov 11, for Veteran's Day and Thursday thru Sunday, Nov 24 – 27, 2016 for the Thanksgiving Holiday; Close at Noon on Friday, Dec 23 thru Monday, Dec 26, for the Christmas Holiday; and again at Noon, Friday, Dec 30, 2016, thru Monday, Jan 2, 2017 for the New Year's Holiday. HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!!