

**City of Willcox Quarterly Newsletter
Apr - Jun 2017**

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Crystal Hadfield, City Clerk

City Council Meetings This Quarter

Regular Meetings

First Thursday

May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, 2017

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Third Thursday

May 18, Jun 15, Jul 20, 2017

6:30 p.m.

**City Council Chambers
300 W. Rex Allen Drive**

**Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, all City Offices will be CLOSED
Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day Holiday and Tuesday, July 4, 2017 for the
Independence Day Holiday**

What Does the Library Mean to You?

Tom Miner, Library Director

It has been awhile since I have addressed this question. I would like for all of you to stop for a moment and think about that. In reality, a Library means a lot of different things to different people. Indeed, you would probably find it difficult to get any two people to agree on what it means to them. If you could use only **one word** to describe a Library, which one would it be? Books? Knowledge? A Place? Learning? Computers? Technology? It's pretty difficult to put it in one simple word, isn't it? That's because Libraries have been around ever since mankind learned how to write sentences. Sure, those single words above are true and somewhat descriptive, but we are SO much more today! You can't use just one word to describe it today, can you? We are constantly changing and evolving, and have over the millennia. We are a mirror of society, and all of us reflect our own communities, and our fundamental democratic principles.

Here is another question to ponder: Why do we call ourselves a "Community Library"? Is it because it belongs to the *entire* community? Sure! Of course it does. And we are here to serve all of you, without exception. But, there is a lot more to it than that. Let's just focus

for a moment on the word **Community**, and then see how it ties in to the word **Library**. Moving through the alphabet, I am going to give you one *community-related* word at a time, and ask you to *really think about it*, and then apply those thoughts to the Library. I think the results will delight you and give you a whole new perspective of what a Library is today, that perhaps you had never thought of, or had forgotten. Here goes:

Activities; Adults; Atmosphere; Borrow; Children; City; Commons; Community; Computers; Concerts; Crafts; Culture; Dances; Displays; Donations; Education; E-Mail; Entertainment; Events; Exhibits; FAX; Games; Gather; Healthier Lifestyle; History; Information; Jobs (search); Learn; Lectures; Loan; Meetings; Members; Movies; Music; Neighborhood; News; Plays; Pride; Programs; Read; Recreation; Relaxation; Research; Resources; Seniors; Share; Socialize; Sports (discussion); Technology; Teens; Town; Training; Volunteers; Wi-Fi; and Workshops. And best of all, 99% of it is FREE.

Now I ask you again, “What does the Library mean to you - now?”, and perhaps now you can see why it is **important** to keep it, fund it, renovate it, modernize it, and expand it from time to time – for the benefit of **all**.

We hope you will put all of these words together and come visit us soon “@ Your Library®”!