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CAMP VERDE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Russ Martin, Town Manager
FROM: Kathy Hellman, Library Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Report – August 2015
DATE: 9/10/2015
CC: Department Heads

Library Construction Update: By the end of August the site was ready for the slab pour. The plumbers placed all their pipes in the ground, the electrician laid the conduit and the final layer of gravel and dirt was packed down and leveled off. Crews worked sun-up to sun-down making sure everything was ready for the cement to be delivered in early September.



Camp Verde Community Library has the distinction of being one of six libraries nation-wide selected to host the inaugural national tour of the interactive traveling exhibition *Discover NASA: From Our Town to Outer Space*. *Discover NASA* will tour from January 2016 through October 2017 and CVCL will host the exhibit in the new library in Spring 2017. The *Discover NASA* exhibition focuses on what NASA does and its plans for the future. *Discover NASA* is made possible through the support of a grant from NASA. The exhibition and its educational support materials and outreach opportunities are part of the STAR (Science-Technology Activities and Resources) Library Education Network (*STAR_Net*), a hands-on learning program for libraries and their communities. *STAR_Net* seeks to engage underserved youth and their families in fostering an appreciation and deeper understanding of science and technology topics through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs in public libraries, and library collaborations with scientists, engineers, and STEM organizations. The *Discover NASA* traveling exhibition includes an evaluation of informal STEM education in a library setting. The knowledge gained through the evaluation of the *Discover NASA* project about the nature of informal STEM learning in libraries will benefit both libraries and the informal science education (ISE) community. The initial reception of the *STAR_Net* program has been overwhelmingly positive and provides a solid foundation for this program. For more information about *STAR_Net*, visit www.STARnetLibraries.org.

Youth Services Librarian, Dianna Manasse participated in National Night Out. Her interaction at this community event helped spread the word to more Camp Verde teens that the Library maintains Saturday hours for teens only and has an active Teen Advisory Board. New teens have begun attending Teens LIVE! and TAB meetings as a result.

Camp Verde Public Library was awarded technical assistance from Wholonomy Consulting, funded by the Arizona State Library, for Community Engagement. The focus of the technical assistance is, in partnership with other Verde Valley libraries, to create a series of facilitated community discussions that rotate locations in the Verde Valley and encourage our citizens to participate in conversations that are relevant to our communities and to listen to and learn from viewpoints that may be in opposition to one another. This month, Wholonomy Consultant, Cassandra O’Neill met local librarians at Sedona Public Library and led us through exercises designed to help teach us how to begin facilitating our collective communities in these discussions.

Thanks to another grant (LSATA) from the AZ State Library, Archives and Public Records a division of the Secretary of State, the Library now has a new website. The website is built on the Joomla platform, open source software using HTML5 to make the site compatible on a variety of devices. Instead of looking at a miniature version of webpage on your phone or tablet, you will see realigned menus and images that you can read because they fit the device. In addition the new site will allow us to add interactivity with our patrons like fillable/submittable forms, online registration, an Ask a Librarian feature for web-based Reference and other services. We are still working on some of the features and adding content, but you can see what we have done so far at www.cvlibrary.org. Our goal is to use the images showing in the rotating slideshow on flat screen TV screens in lieu of bulletin boards covered with printed posters in the new library. This will save printing costs as well as being environmentally sensitive as we reduce the amount of paper waste we generate.

If you would like to receive the library’s monthly eNews, please email me and let me know which email address you would like me to send it to.

Be sure to follow our blogs: <https://cvcltalk.wordpress.com/> and <https://cvcltab.wordpress.com/>

To really keep us with what is going on at the library, don’t forget to like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/campverdelibrary> and to follow construction progress like our [CVCL Construction Progress](#) page.