
MEMORANDUM

TO: RUSS MARTIN, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: KATHY HELLMAN, LIBRARY DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2022
DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2022
CC: DEPARTMENT HEADS, TOWN COUNCIL

Report from the Library Director: A big THANKS to Jeff Kobel, Town of Camp Verde Maintenance Division Manager, for facilitating the installment of LED Stack lighting in the adult fiction area of the library. The lights are unobtrusive and shine directly on the book spines making it easier for patrons who have problems seeing in low light to read the labels. They dim down to 25% when no one is in the aisle and brighten up to 100% via motion sensors when a patron is browsing in the area. The light installment and replacement project started mid-February and is continuing through March. Connolly Electrical is doing the work and they have done a fantastic job cleaning up after themselves and communicating with library staff. After the stack lights are installed, they will work on replacing some of the ceiling lights with LED and install new lights in an area that is too dark. This project is made possible by a State Grants in Aid Construction grant approved by Council in 2021.



Report from Volunteer Services: February kicked off our Computer and Technology classes; they will be held every other Saturday until May 21st focusing on a variety of topics for community members. The curriculum was determined by surveying various community members and by looking at the topics most asked for at our PC Help Desk. I hope to have another 8-block series of classes for the summer, although it will depend on our group of volunteer leaders and their schedules. Angi Grubbs and I continue to work with Volgistics, the volunteer management program that I introduced, to create a more streamlined volunteer experience and for a more efficient use of the volunteer managers' time.

Report from the PC Helpdesk: Because of the Information and Technology classes starting in February, we have had an uptick in computer/phone questions. When I am working at the desk, I am constantly taking patrons through steps on how to do something or repair their own devices. It is nice to see the excitement about computers and the involvement of these patrons in learning something new.

Report from the Children’s Library: In February we launched Storytime on a new day, at a new time, with library volunteers Ambie Charles and Randy Strickland. Ambie and Randy are popular and well-loved members of our community. Each has had the opportunity to read one of their favorite stories to the families in attendance in celebration of Library Lovers month. On the subject of favorite stories, we gathered favorite book titles on paper hearts from children and guests to decorate our bulletin board. One child wrote that Pete the Cat is their favorite book series and stated, "I like the cat." Another child's favorite book is Pig the Pug and they exclaimed, "It's so much fun to read !!!!!!"

Thanks to support from the State Library, the Children's Library is adding 50 [Wonderbooks](#), [read-along books from Playaway](#). These include some of the most popular titles in picture books for children ensuring that children do not have to miss out on being read to. Wonderbooks have an audio portion that reads the story aloud so children can enjoy reading stories without the assistance of an adult.



I had the opportunity to attend the Early Literacy Summit in Chandler, AZ with the theme "back to the basics." This gave me a chance to network with Children's Librarians from Cottonwood, Sedona, Prescott Valley, and Prescott. I believe it's important to attend these functions and network, to stay up to date on new information, and bring it back to our communities. I am grateful for the support from my supervisor for encouraging me in these opportunities for professional development.

I was also part of the Verde Valley Imagination Library fundraiser, which was held Sunday, February 6, 2022, at Blazin’ M Ranch and was a huge success. Local businesses had the opportunity to donate to this incredible organization that provides books to children birth – 5 years in our own communities.

Report from Circulation: Prompted by a great idea from a circulation volunteer we set out a basket of notecards and pens so patrons could write notes to Nancy’s family. We have received numerous notes to be included in a memory book in highlighting Nancy’s impact at the library. Thank you, community for responding!

Report from the Teen Library: The last Monday in February I launched Maker Monday. While it is slow going, there has been quite a lot of interest in the program, so I’m hopeful that it will pick up as time goes on. Looking forward, library volunteer Kevin Karvinen, who runs our Dungeons and Dragons (DnD) program every other Saturday, and I will be attending the Verde Valley Comic Expo on March 26. We will promote Camp Verde Community Library’s DnD program and game night, along with similar programs at Cottonwood Public Library and Sedona Public Library. For teens, children, and families playing games together requires reading skills and cognitive skills that they can practice in a fun and encouraging environment. Kevin and I will roll fresh

characters for people interested in the game but unsure where to start and will explain character classes, what different stats and abilities do, and the basics of the game to help people create the characters they want to play. This information will make the game as a whole seem less daunting to newcomers.

Report from CVARP: In the past month we have had 5 students under the age of 18 sign up to take classes with us. That gives us a total of 8 under 18. In the past 6 years, we have not had this many younger students. Last month Sergeant Douglas Sanders, from the Prescott Valley Military recruiting station, came into our office. The military is seeing a lot of potential recruits that are having trouble passing the ASVAB test which allows them entrance into the military. He asked us if we would be willing and able to tutor these candidates so they can pass this exam. Most of them are having trouble with the math and language sections. We told him we would, and our teacher Glenna is now working with these future recruits.

To really keep up with what is going on at the library, don't forget to follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/campverdelibrary>

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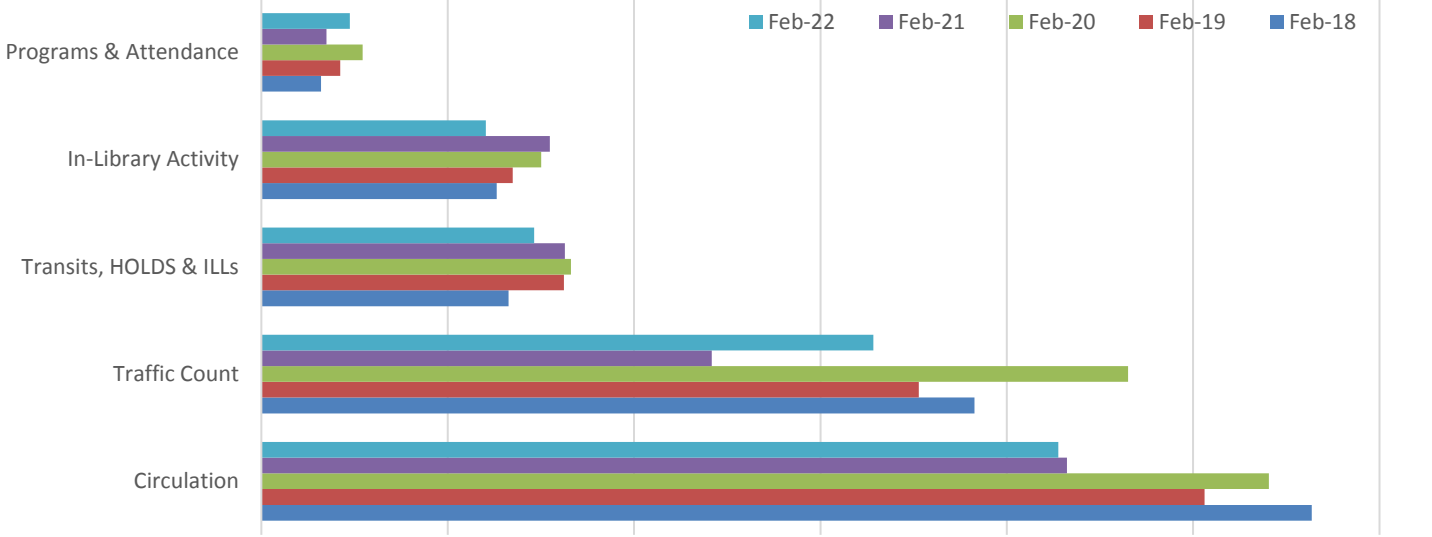
FEBRUARY 2022

	Feb-22	Feb-21	Feb-20	Feb-19	Feb-18
Traffic Count	6,567	4,832	9,302	7,054	7,652
Circulation					
Self-Checkout Use	2,291	2,732	1,752	720	n/a
Items Checked Out	3,495	3,612	4,876	4,667	5,134
Items Checked In	3,621	3,639	5,183	4,757	5,379
Renewed Items	1,437	1,394	753	698	761
Total Circulation	8,553	8,645	10,812	10,122	11,274
In-Library Activity					
New Cards Issued	68	40	57	80	59
Computer Use - All Ages	2,078	618	1,229	1,303	1,482
Laptops & iPads - All Ages	23	64	38	81	1
PC Helpdesk Answered Calls	170	139	n/a	n/a	n/a
Requests for PC/Mobile Device Help	83	102	73	109	102
Reference Questions	17	77	50	119	168
Total in-Library Activity	2,439	1,040	1,447	1,692	1,812
Library & Community Programs					
Community Programs Attendance	250	228	504	516	405
Adult Program Attendance	311	209	272	140	122
Children's Program Attendance	340	235	96	104	48
Teen Program Attendance	48	27	214	88	67
Study Room Use - People Served	111	118	73	56	56
Total Library Program Attendance	949	699	1086	848	642
Library Room Use					
Room Use by Community Groups	41	10	54	48	52
Room Use by Library - Adults	16	12	24	12	14
Room Use by Library - Children	32	15	19	19	14
Room Use by Library - Teens	7	4	15	13	8
Study Room Uses	93	62	111	42	43
Total Library Room Use	189	103	223	134	131
Circulation Tracking					
DVDs & Movies	1,449	1,419	1,954	1,929	2,123
eBooks	807	845	650	511	337
Children's Material	1,670	863	912	822	962
Teen's Material	332	239	401	605	851
Transits, HOLDS & InterLibrary Loans					
HOLDS Filled	937	1,204	1,148	1,045	875
Transit Items Sent & Received	1,472	1,880	1,831	1,609	1,624
CVCL ILL Items Going Out	10	8	20	40	24
ILL Items for CVCL Patrons	1	5	4	5	2
Total Transit, HOLDS & ILL Activity	2,420	3,097	3,003	2,699	2,525
Collection & Development					
New Kids & Teen Material Added	36	29	29	30	56
Books, Magazines, and A/V Items Added	144	204	292	149	168

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Library Volunteers						
Number of Volunteers		27	11	26	32	34
Number of Hours Given		340	169	425	472	578
Average Hours/Volunteer		12.6	15.4	16.3	14.8	17.0
Mending & Donations						
Items Mended or Repaired		523	369	25	99	38
Donations Processed		1,660	1,259	1,759	584	893
Donations Cataloged		64	6	45	15	17

CVCL 5-Year Activity Trends February 2022



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Feb-22	8,553	6,567	2,928	2,409	949
Feb-21	8,645	4,832	3,257	3,097	699
Feb-20	10,812	9,302	3,324	3,003	1,086
Feb-19	10,122	7,054	3,247	2,699	848
Feb-18	11,274	7,652	2,654	2,525	642



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CAMP VERDE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A Word from the Director

A lighting remediation project is scheduled to start on the 2nd floor of the library on Monday, February 14. The State Grants if Aide Construction Grant-funded project will add stack lights to the Adult Fiction area, permanent ceiling lights to the north wall of the Adult Fiction area, and replace the can lights throughout the building with LED fixtures. During the project, you may hear the sound of construction in the building, see workers from Connolly Electric on ladders, etc. This is a much-needed and appreciated project. Please be patient with us while we accommodate this improvement.

eNews Highlights

Camp Verde Community Library Observes National Library Lovers Month

This year we are honoring Nancy Raistrick, Library Lover Extraordinaire!

National Library Lover's Month each February is dedicated to people who love libraries because of the people and stories they encounter inside their walls. Camp Verde Community Library is especially grateful for the library lovers who volunteer their time, energy, and expertise to welcome and serve our community. Nancy Raistrick was one of those extraordinary volunteers. She started volunteering at the library over 12 years ago and would still be coming in 6 days a week if she hadn't been taken down by Covid-19.

Nancy showed up faithfully to the staff entrance Monday through Saturday around 8:30a. She didn't have a key so she would pound on the door and wait patiently until someone let her in. She brought the books in from the book drop, set up the computers at the front desk, and got ready to greet every library patron that walked through the front door. During her tenure as a Library Volunteer, Nancy could have easily checked in over 500,000 books with her own two hands. In addition to checking in the books, she helped clean, sort, and shelf them. She knew, that at the front desk, she was the face of the library, so she was unfailingly cheerful and friendly to everyone she encountered.

With an eye for detail and a curious mind always seeking to know the why behind any instruction, Nancy became adept at spotting items that were out of place, didn't belong, or had a mistake that needed correcting. Her affinity and love for crafting made her invaluable as well. Nancy used her technical and creative skills to mend library materials. During the 10 years that she mended broken or damaged library materials, she repaired over 11,500 items saving the library from discarding the items and incurring replacements costs.

As a Library Lover, Nancy was a natural advocate for library services and enjoyed teaching others how to use library resources. She knew the details about the children's programs, such as Storytime, STEAM Hour, and Movie Matinees; the teen programs, such as Game Night and Book Clubs; and the adult programs, such as Music in the Stacks, computer classes, and Health & Wellness programs. If someone had a question or needed help finding something, Nancy did not point the way. She walked with them to the computer or to the shelves and taught them how to find what they were looking for.

Nancy's family can tell you about the many other ways that Nancy influenced and delighted them, how she volunteered for the American Legion, and how much she meant to everyone who knew and loved her. We, at Camp Verde Community Library, can only say that Nancy is incredibly missed by all of us. Not just for what she did for us, but because her example inspired us and her presence blessed us. It is with profound respect that we dedicate National Library Lovers' Month, February 2022, to Nancy Raistrick, Volunteer Extraordinaire!

Note: If you have a memory, comment, or anecdote you would like to share about Nancy, stop by the front desk at the library and fill out a remembrance card.

Music in the Stacks at Camp Verde Community Library

Music in the Stacks returns on **Thursday, February 10th at 5:30 pm** in the Fireside Room. February's concert features the following talented local musicians: Eric Douglas, Mike Greenleaf, and Christy Fisher.

Eric Douglas is an Arizona singer/songwriter who combines contemporary folk, classic rock, and Texas country to tell stories of people finding their place in the world...for better or worse. Eric paints an American landscape, with songs from the Southwestern desert, the Great Plains, and the open road. He is a dynamic live performer, and a veteran of folk festivals across Arizona - either solo or with folk trio Hambone.

Mike Greenleaf is a Seattle-born singer-songwriter now living in the Arizona desert and has been writing and performing for over 40 years. His songwriting is influenced by a wide variety of musical styles – at times heartfelt, at times humorous, but always deeply personal and intelligent. Mike's songs capture the genuine experience of everyday reality. His performance style is warm, open, engaging, and unpretentious.

Christy Fisher is based in Jerome and has performed with a few area musical groups throughout her 30 years in the area, including Mountain Stranded Time, Cattywampus, Christy and Frenz, The Jerome Philharmonic Convergence, and the Jerome Ukulele Orchestra...and has released two albums in the past year that are now charting in over 40 countries. Nominated in four categories by the 2021 International Singer and Songwriters Association, Fisher's

performances are a combination of award-winning songwriting, unusual audio engineering techniques, and powerful vocals.

Gypsy Caravan to perform at Camp Verde Community Library Thursday, February 17th

Join us on **Thursday, February 17th from 5:30-7:00 pm** in the Library's Fireside Room for a special performance by Gypsy Caravan, the duet of Jim Marik and Wendy Lindahl focusing on harmonies and fun! Jim and Wendy both sing and play guitars while Wendy adds Native American flute to some songs and Jim has a gifted and beautiful fingerpicking style.

If there is any silver lining to the COVID times, it is that they met when they joined a weekly Zoom open mic since they couldn't meet in person. When COVID safety allowed, they decided to get together to play and found their styles and voices blended very naturally. Over the last year they have been warmly received at several local open mics and house parties/concerts. They are delighted now to be invited to do a full show of their best unique song stylings for your enjoyment at "The Stacks" concert series.

Both Wendy and Jim have been playing for years in the folk styles they developed individually, now they have combined those styles for their unique Gypsy Caravan sound. They chose that name to summon visions of the traveling minstrels of the past bringing song, dance and entertainment to the people they met along their way. Again, it's all about the harmonies and everyone having fun, but sorry, no magic potions or crystal balls.

Playing different arrangements of their music that features one, or both of them, you will hear covers of favorite songs, including Dylan, Moody Blues, Elton John, CSNY, John Prine, The Youngbloods and some sing-a-longs as well as originals. Wendy also has a talent for taking poetry from some of the greats, such as Rumi, and putting their work to music. They have both written many original songs over the years and are now combining ideas and finding inspiration for new music through their harmonious duo.

Story Time: New Day, New Time!

Join Ms. Ambie & Mr. Randy Thursdays at 11:00a in the Children's Library for an in-person story time for preschoolers. Start with music and movement, enjoy a story together, then participate in a craft. Masks are optional. Questions? Call Ms. Letty at 928-554-8397.

Verde Valley Virtual Science Café

Friday, February 18 from 5:00p - 6:30p join special guest, Dr. Nancy Steele, Director, Friends of the Verde River via Zoom. Explore how you can participate in important science research locally and worldwide. [Click here to Register for FREE!](#)

Ongoing @CVCL

- 1st Monday 10:00a-noon Camp Verde Stamp Club
- Mondays 5:00p-7:30p Music in the Stacks - Open Mic Night
- Mondays 5:30p-7:00p Beginning Conversational English
- 3rd Tuesday 9:00a-1:00p Medicare Information and Insights
- Tuesdays 3:00p-6:30p AARP Tax-Aide: Appointment Required
- Tuesdays 5:30p-7:00p Advanced ESL - Reading, Writing, and Conversation
- 2nd Tuesday 10:00a-12:00p Open Book Club - Readers Sharing with Readers
- Wednesdays 9:00a-noon Wednesdays w/Wendy 1-to-1 Tech Assistance
- Wednesdays 9:00a-11:00a Veteran's Advocacy with Lettie J. Irons Connell
- Wednesdays 4:00p-5:00p STEM+A Hour
- Thursdays 11:00a Children's Storytime w/Ms. Letty and Guests
- Thursdays 5:00p-7:45p Game Night w/Zack
- Thursdays 5:30p-6:30p CVARP Citizenship Class
- 1st Thursday 6:00p Lions Club Meeting
- 2nd Thursday 5:30p Music in the Stacks
- 3rd Thursday 3:00p-5:00p Verde Valley Photographic Society
- 1st and 3rd Fridays 9:00a-10:00a Grief Support Group
- Saturdays 1:00p-4:00p Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance
- 1st and 3rd Saturday 11:00a Dungeons & Dragons Gameplay
- 1st and 3rd Saturday 1:00p Family Movie Matinee
- 2nd and 4th Saturday 1:00p Family Craft Time

For details and updates about library programs see the [Library Events Calendar](#),
checkout our [Facebook Page](#), or call (928) 554-8380

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