Director’s Cut by Casey Van Haren

This past week, I attended the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Breakfast. Our speakers were Mayor Kell Palgutta, Ben Hooper—Town of Prescott Valley Economic Development Coordinator, Mike Paredes—Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation, and Sandford Cohen—Owner of Arizona’s Hometown Radio Group and economist. All talked about the future of prosperity of our town, and focusing on retail and commercial businesses and sustaining our growth by bringing in base jobs. All of this is great news for our growing community. One thing that resonated with me was when Cohen said he is all about making businesses famous in the area. He focuses on what makes businesses stand out, and what service are provided that will make people’s lives better. That’s when it hit me. What is it that the library does to make people’s lives better?

As we continue to work our way through our community assessment process, we have recently met with teens, police officers, and teachers. We asked the questions: What are families struggling with? And, what one thing could make your life better? Many of the answers we received, the library already has programs to address the issues or there are programs we can create. Our community faces many challenges on a daily basis as we have learned from our police officers and teachers. Our teens are just as important and we have received amazing input from them and how we can make their lives, if just a little, better. We want everyone to know that libraries are here to make people’s lives better. We offer tutoring, citizenship classes, preschool and kindergarten readiness, computer classes, and even a food pantry. I received some feedback from a citizen who said the library is not the place for a food pantry and that there are other agencies for this. I think differently. The Yavapai Food Bank is not open in the evenings and on weekends. We can address an immediate need. I am proud of staff for pushing this service through. It has been extremely popular and a need in our community.

We will continue to drive forward with needed services and push into new territory that improves people’s lives. Our library has amazing staff who care about our community and who want to make a difference.

VA Workshop Series – Veterans Town Hall Meeting

Prescott Valley Public Library will be hosting the next workshop in the VA Workshops Series. The topic is a ‘Veterans Town Hall Meeting’. The workshop/Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 12, 2019 @ 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm in the Glassford Hill Room. There will be an additional ½ hour after the presentation for questions. Informational tables, subject matter expects and VA Leadership will be in attendance to answer questions about services available at the VA.

Veterans ‘Town Hall Meetings’ are designed to allow feedback from Veterans, family members and other stakeholders. Caring for Veterans is a calling, and the VA’s first commitment is to provide Veterans, and their families, the timely quality care and benefits they have earned and deserve. We seek continual improvement and it is critical that we continue to listen and learn directly from those who use our services.

No registration is required. If you have any questions please call 928-759-3040
Behind the Scenes: Meet the member of the PVPL staff—Tricia Schwartz

What do you do at the Library?
I am a Children’s library assistant. I shelve books, assist patrons, and organize.

What do you love about your job?
I love the people I work with! I also love forming relationships with our “regulars.” It’s nice to be on a first name basis with many of them and ask about how their kids are doing, what they are reading, etc.

What do you like to do when not working at the library?
I have four children who play sports, so going to their games is my entertainment.

What do you want to tell everyone that they might not know about the library?
I’m not sure everyone knows they aren’t limited to just what we have here at this library. They are able to request items sent over from other libraries. Also, libraries are super cool!

What’s your favorite book, movie, or recording?
Love you Forever by Robert Munsch. Awesome book that always brings tears to my eyes. A book I read to all my children!

What have you read lately?
Lately, been reading lots of cookbooks. We used to eat out a lot and I’m trying to change a bit and cook at home more often. It’s healthier and saving money.

A Word From PVPL Children’s Department

Early literacy (what a child knows about reading and writing before they actually read or write) is so important for school success later on. Our preschool classes incorporate preschool skills and socialization for young children and their families. It’s good if parents read to their child at home but they can supplement that with our classes for all ages: Baby Time (birth-24 months), Toddler Time (2-3 years old), and Story Time (4-5 years old). See our schedule at pvlib.net. Note: There will be no classes the week of Feb. 3-9.

First Things First is a great organization to help your preschooler learn. They have great resources at their website, www.firstthingsfirst.org. Here is a sample:

Gaps in children’s vocabulary start to appear as early as 18 months.
By the time children are 3 & 4 years old, their vocabulary attention, and general knowledge are predictors of third and fourth grade reading comprehension.
Third grade reading ability is one of the best predictors of high school graduation.
So begin early and "check out" the Prescott Valley Public Library for resources to help. Children’s picture books have rich vocabulary that isn’t heard in everyday conversation and can contribute to your child’s background knowledge for school.
### Alzheimer’s Support Group
- **Mondays**
- **10:00 am—12:00 pm**
- Genealogy Room

### Book a Librarian
- **By Appointment**
- **928-759-3040**

### Beginners Conversational French
- **2nd & 4th Wednesday**
- **4:00 pm-5:00 pm**
- Glassford Hill Room

### Beginners Conversational Spanish
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday**
- **3:00 pm-4:00 pm**
- Glassford Hill Room

### Beginning Meditation and Mindfulness
- **2nd Thursday**
- **11:00 am—12:00 pm**
- Genealogy Room

### PVPL Book Club
- **(We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves)**
- **3rd Thursday**
- **10:30 pm—12:00 pm**
- Genealogy Room

### Crochet One, Knit Too
- **2nd & 4th Monday**
- **2:00 pm-3:30 pm**
- Crystal Room

### Drop in Tech Help
- **Every Friday**
- **1:00 pm-3:00 pm**
- PC Lab

### ESL
- **Tuesdays**
- **6:00 pm-6:45 pm**
- Children’s Program Room

### Knits & Knots! - NEW
- **3rd Wednesday**
- **5:30 pm—6:45 pm**
- Glassford Hill Room

### Prescott Photography Group
- **1st Saturday**
- **9:00 am-12:00 pm**
- Crystal Room

### Prescott Valley Art Guild
- **3rd Wednesday**
- **9:00 am-12:00 pm**
- Crystal Room

### Prescott Valley Quilter’s
- **1st & 3rd Friday**
- **9:00 am-12:00 pm**
- Glassford Hill Room

### Coloring Class for Adults NEW
- **1st & 3rd Friday**
- **1:00 pm-3:00 pm**
- Glassford Hill Room

### Qigong Class
- **2nd Friday**
- **9:30 am—10:30 am**
- Crystal Room

### Yavapai Flute Circle
- **2nd Saturday**
- **12:00 pm-3:00 pm**
- Children’s Program Room

### Yoga Nidra
- **1st Thursday**
- **12:00 pm—1:00 pm**
- Children’s Program Room

### Girls Who Code Club
- **Mondays**
- **3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**
- PC Lab

### Dungeons & Dragons
- **Wednesdays**
- **3:30 pm—5:00 pm**
- Glassford Hill

### Choose Your Own Book Club
- **Ongoing – Drop in the Teen Office**

### Prescott Valley Public Library (7401 East Skoog Blvd, Prescott Valley, AZ) is offering two sessions on “Elements of a Myth”. This class will be held on Tuesdays –February 5th & 12th, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am.

**What is a myth?** It is a traditional story, usually concerning the early history of a people or explaining some natural or social phenomenon, and typically involving supernatural beings or events. Let’s creatively write a short myth.

**Registration required. Please sign up at pvlib.net>Attend>Classes. Classes are held in the PC Lab.**

**For more information call 928-759-3040.
Volunteer Information
Recently, the Prescott Valley Public Library added almost 40 volunteers to its already impressive roster. Welcome to our new volunteers, and as always, endless appreciation to our long-term volunteers!
We are still looking for some volunteers for specific openings. If you like working with kids, the Children’s Department is hoping to find some tutors for children in grades K-5. In addition, if you have a special hobby or interest that you would like to share with children, we want to hear from you! Stamp collecting? Knitting? Hula hooping? The Children’s Department would like to help you teach these skills to kids.
And the Children’s Department isn’t the only department looking for help. Adult Services is looking for volunteers to lead evening coloring, embroidery and knitting programs. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Shannon Schinagl, at 928-759-6186.

Show us your art!
The Teen Art Showcase has been highlighting teen artists at the library for over a year with great success having over 50 teen artists participate so far! Coming up Friday March 22, 2019 from 6-8pm we have another exciting opportunity for young artists. The Teen Art Showcase is having a Special Event: a formal art open and reception for young artists. This event is open to the public and will be free of charge. Young artists are encouraged to invite their friends and family to be there. It will be an evening of light snacks, art, and an opportunity to talk with the artists themselves. Who are the artists? Teens (12-18 years old) who are interested in being one of our Showcase Artists for this event must register, and are encouraged to contact Coleen in the Teen Department or come by the office to pick up a form. Space is limited. Contact Coleen: 928-759-6189/ebornschlegel@pvaz.net.

FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS & JANUARY CLASSES

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