

928-348-3202

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday-Thursday:

10 am - 7 pm

Friday: 10am - 4pm

Saturday: 10am - 2pm

Horas de la Biblioteca

Lunes-Jueves:

10am - 7pm

Viernes: 10am - 4 pm

Sabado: 10am - 2 pm

# Library News Flash

Safford City-Graham County Library



ISSUE 4

MARCH-APRIL 2008

## Welcome to the Library!

### Coming Events @ the Library

#### Our Open House is Coming April 25th!

Historically our Open House is a great showcase of fun demonstrations, talent, drawings, fun , food and more fun! Be sure and plan for this one!

#### April is ONEBOOKAZ month .

The titles have been chosen, the books are waiting for you to check them out. "These is my Words" by Nancy E. Turner is the title of the adult choice; a remarkable look into what life on the AZ frontier was like. The children's choice is "Danger in the Desert" by T.S. Fields and shares the adventure of young people thrown into a hostile desert world, and how they survived. Join us for book discussions, and watch for activities related to the books.

**Frederick Remington Traveling Exhibit Coming!** The second week in April, watch for another amazing display of art as we showcase Frederick Remington and his art. The travelling exhibits feature three of his works of art; one 7 x17 feet, one 8 x 4 feet, and one 4 x 4 feet. Try not to miss the works of the painter who gave America iconic images of cowboys as we remember them today.

#### Every Child Ready to Read @Your Library

What you do helps your child get ready to read.

According to recent research, there are six pre-reading skills that children must have in order to learn to read. Come learn some word games to increase phonological awareness and find out how you can help the children in your care learn these six important skills.

Pre-Readers: 4 and 5 year-olds March 8, 2008

Pre-Talkers: 0 -2 year olds April 5, 2008

Talkers: 2 and 3-year-olds May 3, 2008

Pre-Readers: 4 and 5 year-olds June 7, 2008

#### EARLY LITERACY BEGINS WITH YOU!!

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Library Learning Center

Safford City – Graham County Library

Call: Vicki Foote for more information

348-3202 ext. 4156

2 hr's. S\*CCEEDS continuing education credit will be given to participants. **Child care provided on site!**

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### BABY/TODDLER TIME

Tuesday: 10:30-11:15

#### PRESCHOOL STORY-TIME

Wednesday & Saturday

#### Kindergarten - 6 Grade

#### FAMILY NIGHT

##### March

After School Games

K-6th Grade

Tues. March 18

Tues. April 29th

4-5:30 PM

Family Game Night

March 20th

6:00—7:30 PM

#### April

Family Night April 3rd

One Book AZ —

Danger In the Desert

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Family Game Night

April 17th

6-7 PM

### When Spring Appears

Meadowlarks  
give lusty cheers  
when spring appears  
when spring appears.

Buds and seeds  
prick up their ears  
and blades of grass  
show eager spears.

And only icicles  
weep tears  
when spring appears  
when spring appears.

Aileen Fisher

## Clases de Computación Para Adultos Gratis y en Español

Aprenda computadora basica, cómo utilizar el ratón y el teclado, correo electrónico, procesamiento de texto, y búsqueda de Internet.

Para más información, llamen por telefono (928) 348-3202 ext. 4154

**MARTES 8:30 – 10:00 A.M. Y 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

**JUEVES 8:30 – 10:00 A.M.**

### Free Spanish Basic Computer Classes for Adults

Spanish Speakers have the opportunity to Learn Basic Computer skills – How to use the Mouse and Keyboard, Email, Basics of Microsoft Word and Internet searching.

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, contact: Safford City-Graham Co. Library – 808 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Safford, AZ 85546 (928) 348-3202 ext. 4154

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them"  
- Mark Twain

"Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie" until you can find a rock."

Will Rogers

## Teens

The Teen Program will meet every Wednesday  
In March and April 3 pm – 5 pm

- Each month there will be a Game Day and a Movie Day.
- Programs have not been set but will include :
  - 1. Celebrating St. Patrick's Day and it's history.
  - 2. Internet Smart
  - 3. Henna Tattoos
  - 4. One Book Arizona book discussions and activities. Youth will have a choice of reading either "Danger in the Desert" or "These is My Words".

You may have noticed that the Gila Valley Cowboy Poets have become a very large and happy part of our library's Open House, and wondered why. I thought sharing a little information from this organization with you might allow you to see how well the goals of the library and the community we try to serve fit together. The Home page of the Gila Valley Cowboy Poets states in their mission statement that their purpose is: "To preserve the custom, culture, and heritage of the peoples of the Gila Valley by celebrating our way of life, in our own words through poetry and song." Traditional family friendly cowboy entertainment has always been the mainstay of the Cowboy Poets. They have also brought songs and stories to area schools as part of their community service. For some years now Bunny Dryden of Thatcher has cultivated the student poetry program for area schools at the 5th and 6th grade levels. The Safford Library is now partnered with them to bring students in for poetry and music at this facility. Such efforts augment the literary aspects of our culture. We love the partnering of the Library with the Cowboy Poets!

## Spring 2008 Schedule for Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Dino Discoveries (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 am

What did a dinosaur eat for dinner? Your preschooler can learn the answer to this and other dino questions when they get to be a paleontologist for a day. We will excavate fossils, experiment with teeth, examine dino eggs and even make a prehistoric skin print.

### Constructioneering (Grades K-2)

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 pm

Dream of building skyscrapers? Want to design a football stadium or a new bridge across the Gila River? Then come and practice being an architect or an engineer for a day. Presented by the Arizona Science Center.

### Chemysteries (Grades 3-6)

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 pm

Pliff! Whap! Blop! Splat! Discover what mysterious changes can occur when solids, liquids and gases are combined. Become a real MAD SCIENTIST by performing hands-on chemistry experiments. Presented by the Arizona Science Center.

### Our Local Wildlife...Up Close and Personal (Grades K-2)

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 pm

Is a Gila Monster really a monster? Bring your creature questions and join us for an adventure that is covered in fur, scales and feathers! Jerry Williams of the Eastern Arizona Wildlife Center will introduce you to some of the amazing animals that live in our own Gila Valley.

### Physics Phun (Grades 3-6)

Wed. April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 pm

This is it...your big chance to try a little bit of everything science! From balloon car races to space exploration, come and check out our science sampler of experiments, exhibits and ideas. Try them all and pick your favorite.

Presented by the Gila Valley Science All-Stars.

### Teens

### Zoology Workshop with the Phoenix Zoo (Teens) Date and Time TBD

### Star Party (Teen)

Date and Time TBD

Forget Hollywood. You don't have to leave Safford to see a real star up close and personal... just take a look through one of our telescopes. Come and discover the night sky above the Gila Valley and learn some astronomy in the process. Presented by Desert Stargazers Astronomy Club and

## Celebrate! / Celebremos!

**El día de los niños/El día de los libros** (Children's Day/Book Day), known as Día, is a celebration EVERY DAY of children, families, and reading that culminates every year on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

### The Safford City

Graham-County Library will celebrate

**El día de los niños/El día de los libros**

Sat., April 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 - 2:00 pm

(In the P.D. Room)

Bring your family and join the library in celebrating this Special Children's Day.

Families will enjoy multicultural crafts, bilingual storytime and the presentation of Ted Warmbrand who will sing songs from different places for and with the children.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.



## Things to Watch For!

Frederic Remington

Traveling Exhibit

Coming April 16

Visit the glory of the old West with the art of the painter who gave America the image of cowboys as we remember them today!



Don't miss this season's wildflowers!

OneBookAZ titles for 2008

(Adult)

*These Is My Words*  
by Nancy E. Turner

(Children)

*Danger in the Desert*  
By Terri Fields



Library Open House!

Coming Friday  
April 25<sup>th</sup>

Cowboy Poets!  
Lots of Fun!

Library information demonstrations!

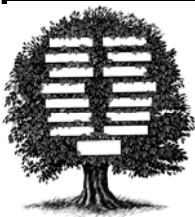
# **We're having a party at the Library!**

The Safford City-Graham County Library is having it's  
3rd Annual Open House &  
the Gila Valley Cowboy Poets are coming to help!

**Food!**  
**Live Music!**  
**Fun!**  
**Door Prizes!**

**Library Demonstrations!**  
**So much more!**

**Friday April 25th, 11am - 4 pm**



## **FREE GENEALOGY COURSES**

**PRESENTED BY JOHN RAINS**



*Genealogy*

This two-day course will cover the basics of gathering and recording information about your German family history.

WEDNESDAY  
April 9 and April 16, 2008

**In the Learning Center at the Safford City-Graham County Library**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

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