

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

2020 / 2021



CONNECTING
OUR COMMUNITY



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"Humans are social beings, and we are happier, and better, when connected to others." Paul Bloom, Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Science, Yale University

The past year was challenging for everyone. At the library, all of our daily processes, from circulating materials to conducting programs, were analyzed through a COVID-19 lens. Masks, social distancing, cleaning, and plexiglass dividers became our new normal and made it difficult to provide personable customer service. But in the end, we found innovative ways to serve our community and stay connected.

While other libraries were offering "pop-in pickup" and curbside services (and many still are), our doors have been open since June 2020. We haven't taken the pandemic lightly, however. Patrons were encouraged to keep their visits short, seating was limited, computer sessions were reduced to one hour per day, and programs for all ages were offered virtually. In October 2020 we began offering small, in-person programs, and through a gradual, phased approach, while still adhering to CDC guidelines, we have safely transitioned to "near normal" library business. We take great pride in having kept our community digitally and physically connected during this difficult time.

Now a year later, we are focused on strengthening our community connections by increasing our in-person outreach activities and services. One of these activities will be the StoryWalk at Prospector Park. In partnership with Parks and Recreation and with grant funds from the Arizona State Library, this interactive reading experience will encourage families to enjoy a story while walking in a popular city park.

We are excited to welcome our patrons back to the library and to venture outside the building to build new relationships. We are so grateful for a new year and the many ways we will be connecting our community.

Pam Harrison
Library Director



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CARES GRANTS

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

Virtual Engagement Kit

A new 4k camera, microphone, filmmaking kit and accessories provide virtual programming to all ages via pre-recorded and “live” events on social media.

Hotspots

Mobile hotspots offer free Wi-Fi access on the go. They circulate to the public and are used on the Mobile Library.



Mobile Library

The Mobile Library offers free Wi-Fi throughout the community in addition to providing basic library services.

Access Points

Access points provide Wi-Fi throughout the library including the drive-up window and library parking lots.

Growth & Improvement



FINE FREE

The library became fine free in August 2020 for all library materials.



RESERVABLE STUDY ROOM

We opened a private study room for patron reservations in April 2021.



BEAUTIFICATION

New plants were added to the garden beds outside of the west entrance of the library.



1,088 IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

10,742 ATTENDEES



AJ Writers
Art in the Library
AZ History
Book Clubs
Cowgirl Jan
Fun Van in the Library
Harry Potter

Job Readiness
Kids Kreate
K'Nex
Leap into Science
LEGO Building
Manga Book Tasting
Mobile Library

Paws 2 Read
Preschool Art
Read & Rec
Steam Challenges
Storytimes
Stuff A Plush
Tax preparation

Teen Advisory Board
Teen Event Nights
Time Capsule Journals
Toddlerobics
Tween Spa Event
Wild West Crochet Club

153 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS 9,222 ATTENDEES

Youth

Checkers TV Reading Road Trip

Chicka, Chicka, Zoom, Zoom storytimes

Countdown to Noon

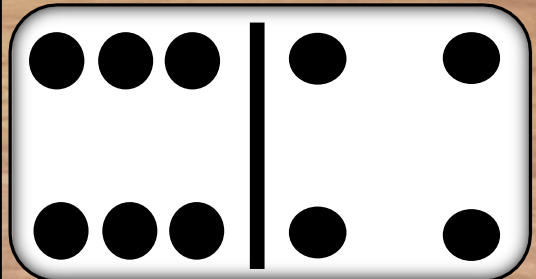
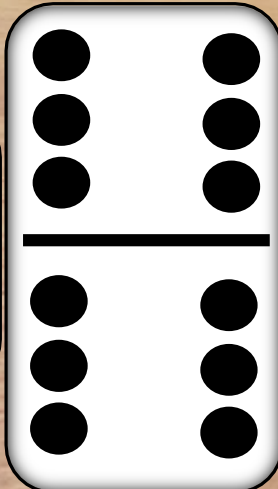
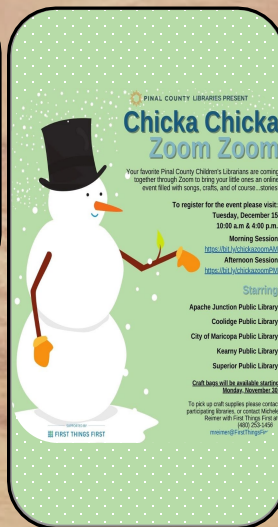
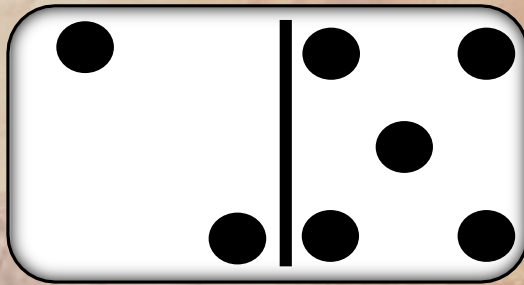
Friday, Chapter 1 book readings

Radical Reptiles

Storytime LIVE

Storytime with DVES Kindergarten Class

Teen Author Chat



Adult

Fun Van LIVE via Zoom

Interlibrary Kitchen

Life at the Keyboard with Leo Banks

Poems from a Desert Quarantine with Logan Phillips

Social Media for Writers and Readers

Toil and Trouble: a history of witchcraft

Writers in Residence

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SPOTLIGHT

145,045



Visitors

108,180



Physical Collection

8,461



Items added to collection

145,957



eContent circulation

307,362



Physical Circulation

SPOTLIGHT

4,167



Volunteer hours

7,423



Wi-Fi use

12,628



Computer Sessions

58,218



Cardholders

2,974



New Registrations

CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

STATEMENT OF PROPERTY

Location:	1177 North Idaho Road Apache Junction, AZ 85119 The building resides on the Apache Junction Municipal Government 20-acre complex.
Legal Description:	W 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 16 Township 1 North Range 8 East Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona.
Money:	Received, where derived, how used and expended. See the attached financial statement.

CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

RECEIPTS (As of June 10, 2021)

GENERAL FUND

Library Fines	\$	681
Charge for Services		10,893
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	11,574

DEVELOPMENT FEE FUND 179,153

LIBRARY FUND 28,955

GRANTS - IN- TRUST 302,730

TOTAL RECEIPTS 522,412.04

EXPENDITURES (As of June 10, 2021)

GENERAL FUND

Personnel Costs	\$	1,229,061
Commodities		226,798
Capital Equipment Outlay		-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	1,455,860

DEVELOPMENT FEE FUND -

LIBRARY FUND 29,841

GRANTS - IN - TRUST 356,345

DEBT SERVICE 1,500

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 1,843,545

I, Pam Krause, Secretary of the Library Board of Trustees, do hereby verify that the above financial statement for the Apache Junction Public Library represents a true and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year 2020-2021 as of June 10, 2021.

Pam Krause

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of June, 2021.

Jillian Bright

Notary Public

Pinal

County

My Commission Expires:

1/27/25



JILLIAN BRIGHT
Notary Public - Pinal County
Commission No. 597324
My Commission Expires
January 27, 2025