

JANUARY 2025

# LIBRARY REPORT

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## RBBB INFO SESSION

We had a full day recently of Read Better Be Better program updates. Jordan, the Program Manager came up from Phoenix to bring all our supplies, and train us on the new curriculum. Over the years, Read Better Be Better has gained more recognition statewide. Their mission connects young readers and youth leaders to inspire a love of literacy and leadership. It has been exciting over the years we have been involved to see students who have started as readers and now return as leaders. We are the first public library in Arizona to run the program and are inspiring other libraries to start their own programs. Jordan visited Cottonwood, Sedona, Holbrook , and Snowflake Public Libraries . Our presentation in October at the Arizona State Library Association conference drew new interest from libraries around the state.

Jordan also met families and teens who came by the library for the Information Session late Thursday. This was well attended, and our enrollment is nearly full. We are aiming for a class of 30 participants and will keep enrollment going until our spring program starts on Feb 13.

Another new development with our RBBB partnership is we are giving IN KIND Donations to help fund the program. We are purchasing all the curriculum books, and graduation books. Our Friends of the Library generously provides the snacks, which are critical to the program. We designated our State Grant in Aid yearly allotment to RBBB along with a generous FOL donation to make a significant contribution to the organization. All these demonstrate our level of commitment to ensuring the program continues to make a difference to the youth in our community. I also spent time this month sharing about RBBB to student council groups at the High School and Junior High, and the Elementary School Literacy Night.

### Summer Planning-Color Our World

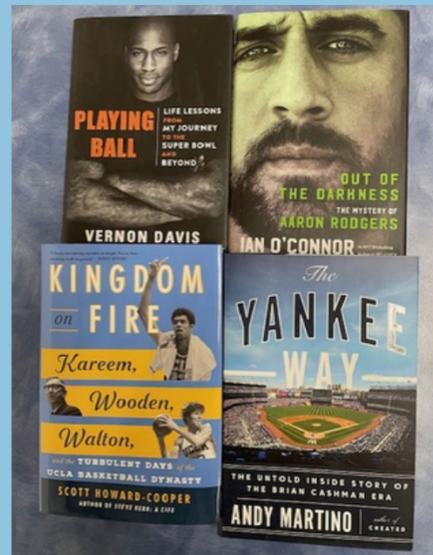
We are gathering ideas for art activities , and experiences for programs. Tammie oversees Youth Art , while Annie is in charge of Adult Art. We will have a full house of reading programs in June , so adult programs will be offered July - September. The focus for Children's programming will be May and June summer sessions of RBBB with games and art activities after the reading part of the program.



## Collection Focus-

Since Fall , I have focused on several areas of the collection to weed and purchase. The most recent have been Non-Fiction books about sports and adventure. This collection is ready to put out in early February. This includes books on mountain climbing , kayaking , hiking , basketball , football, pickleball, running and fly fishing to name a few. Biographies and memoirs of a few famous athletes are included as well.

We have gotten many comments on the large print books recently displayed , so I am planning to add more next month. This will be an ongoing focus. Bestsellers, New Books coming out for 2025 are also in my plan to keep up with what is relevant and timely. I have also replaced several popular books that were well worn and shabby with new copies.





Recently we have created a great display of the GoodReads winners Readers' Choice for 2023 and 2024.



# DATA AND NUMBERS

## JANUARY DATA

Baby Time	
Adults	30
Children	32
Total	62

## Story Time

Adults	29
Children	21
Total	50

PL3	7
Info session	20
Digital Literacy	6
Family Math	6
Poetry O.L.	3

## DONATIONS

Paperback	193
Hard cover	67
Misc	3

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Posts Reached	3,771
Post Engagement	125
New Likes	8
Posts Views	5,987

## CATALOGING STATISTICS

Juvenile/YA	23
DVD'S Juvenile	3
Adult Books	118
Adult DVD's	17
Kits	
Inter-library Loans	19
Discards	11
Repair/Replace	14

## VOLUNTEERS

People	13
Hours	44
Door Count	1800
New Cards	35