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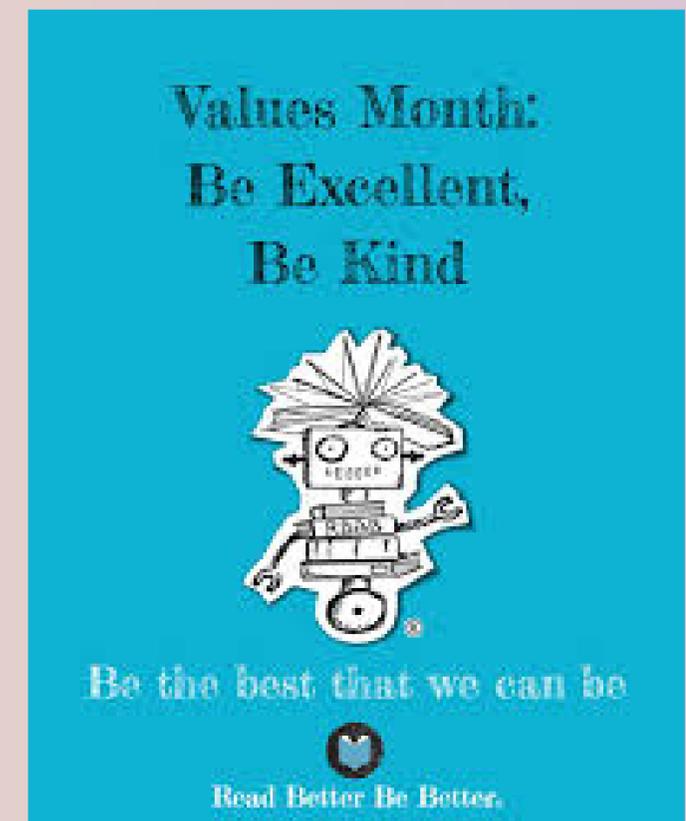
LIBRARY REPORT

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COLLECTION FOCUS

Looking over my budget, I am grateful for the larger book budget this year. I am happy using our new vendor Baker Taylor and the large discount we receive has really helped me stretch the budget. The second vendor I use for books and materials is still Amazon. Their prices and convenience are unmatched. Two large orders from last month for Youth and Young Adult Fiction are nearly completed for circulation. Prize books for Summer Reading have been purchased and Read Better Be Better books are ready for graduation prizes.



DIGITAL SIGN OR BETTER OUTSIDE SPACE ?

After much thought, price checking, research into digital signs local vendors and outside vendors, I have decided that another use of the \$20,000. DIF money is in order. Director Patterson offered an alternative idea.....installing a concrete pad , and 4 concrete tables in a cluster on the property of the YJYC near the Library parking lot. He has suggested he could eventually build a ramada for shade. There is a large, flat area under tall pines that would give the Library a perfect space for additional tables. Being away from the noise and traffic of White Mountain Blvd, and close enough together for a group activity, will be a great benefit to the library. I look forward to seeing this space developed for expanded library use.



NATURE CENTER UPDATE

The board has recently welcomed a new board member - Denise Van Zjil who will spearhead fundraising from large donors.

Our secretary, and longtime Raptor volunteer Barb Ross has moved to be closer to family out of state. We will miss her. The inside space has added several more taxidermy animals, new large displays and huge murals have been added to cover areas that were once garage doors. After many weeks and lots of writing, communicating and coordinating, we have paved the way now for school field trips. The first three schools are scheduled for late April, and early May. Concho School, Whiteriver and Blue Ridge classes will soon experience enriching field trips to the Nature Center. Another board member and I will be greeting each group and serving as volunteer docents, guiding visitors through the experience. Later this spring we plan to host a Volunteer Fair, and recruit others who we can train to be docents for future field trips.



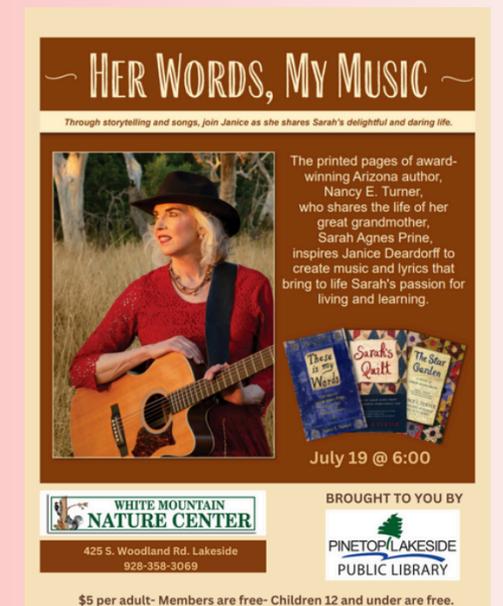
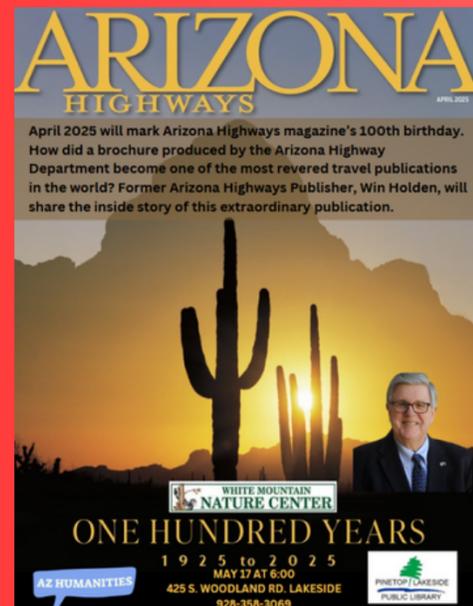
Celebrating 20 Years
Connecting people to Nature
2004 ~ 2024



NATURE CENTER CONT.

Registration will open April 1. for summer camp 2025. Some tweaks were made from things we learned after last summer's experience. There will be a shorter day , a 4-day week, different age groups and a higher cost to yield a profit for the Nature Center. Three local staff have been hired to lead. We anticipate the camp enrollment to fill up quickly.

Lastly , I have been helping with the programming for the Saturday evening presenters. We have expanded to include a partnership with the library. Using the Arizona Humanities AZ Speaks grant we are bringing in a speaker about the history of the Arizona Highways magazine, and later in July a musical performance based on the books by local author Nancy Turner. Both presenters will be sponsored by the Library, held at the Nature Center.



WOODLAND LAKE PARK STORY WALK

Tammie has been hard at work preparing a special Story Walk at Woodland Lake Park, and it's finally here! Featuring vibrant poems from Hailstones and Halibut Bones by Mary O'Neill, this interactive experience celebrates both National Poetry Month in April and our upcoming summer reading program, Color Our World. As you stroll around the lake, you'll be immersed in beautiful, colorful poetry while also catching a glimpse of community happenings along the way. It's the perfect way to enjoy nature, engage with the arts, and connect with the community. Don't miss out on this inspiring and scenic adventure!



21 TIP: Dramatic play helps develop narrative skills as children make up a story about what they are doing.

Color Our World

JOIN US FOR
Ageless Grace
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Ageless Grace is a revolutionary brain fitness program. These exercises, based on everyday movements that are natural and organic, focus on the healthy longevity of the body and brain. The library is so grateful to have Linda Hamilton, a certified Ageless Grace instructor to lead the class.

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STORYWALK®**

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**41st Annual
Blue Ridge Scholarship
Fund Golf Tournament**
May 3rd, 2025 Check in at 11:30

White Mountain Country Club
3644 Country Club Cir. Pinetop

**Taste
of the White Mountains**
May 17th 11:30 CAMP GRACE

19 TIP: As children play store or pretend to be an animal, they talk about what they are doing. This helps them understand that stories happen in order: first, next, last.

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CRICKETT HAMPTON AND THE BLUE RIDGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

One of my staff has been participating in a very worthwhile organization. I asked her to share a few words with you here.

"As an active member of the Blue Ridge Scholarship Fund, I am deeply committed to helping raise money to support students in furthering their education. One of the ways I contribute is by creating flyers and marketing our fundraising events through social media platforms. These events, such as the Taste of the White Mountains and the Blue Ridge Scholarship Fund Annual Golf Tournament, are vital to our mission of providing scholarships to local students. It has been incredibly rewarding to assist in this capacity, and I look forward to continuing to help in the future. I welcome everyone who wants to support their community and encourage others to get involved in this important cause. Last year, the Blue Ridge Scholarship Fund awarded an impressive \$74,900 in scholarships to our deserving Blue Ridge graduates. It's an honor to be part of this amazing effort, and I am excited to contribute to its continued success."



DATA AND NUMBERS

MARCH DATA

Baby Time	
Adults	45
Children	53
Total	98

Story Time	
Adults	29
Children	42
Total	71

PL3	17
Family Math	9
Digital Literacy	2
RBBB	167
Book Club	12

DONATIONS

Paperback	209
Hard cover	68
Misc	67

SOCIAL MEDIA

Posts Reached	2,240
Post Engagement	245
New Followers	7
Posts Views	11,000

CATALOGING STATISTICS

Juvenile/YA	108
DVD'S Juvenile	0
Adult Books	59
Adult DVD's	10
Kits	12
Inter-library Loans	29
Discards	15
Repair/Replace	25

VOLUNTEERS

People	18
Hours	72.16
Door Count	2091
New Cards	29