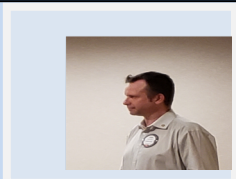


March 10, 2021

March is Water & Sanitation Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter—Jim Dunn

This week's speaker was Jeannie Kays, Director at the Palm Springs Library.

A native of Southwest Missouri, Jeannie graduated in 2002 from the University of Washington with a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. She has lived in the Coachella Valley and worked in area libraries since 2002. Jeannie is the Library Director of the Palm Springs Public Library, where she has served since August of 2012.

March 13th will be a full year since the library was closed due to the pandemic. The staff immediately launched virtual library cards. The library is open to people outside of Palm Springs and is available free of charge.

Pre-pandemic the library offered 300 programs per year. They have moved many of these to a virtual format and the library also has a youtube channel.

The library is still available to check out books. The books are "checked out" in advance and available for pick-up on a table outside the door of the library. Magazines can also be "checked out" virtually and can be checked out for access on your electronic device.

E-books are also available through the library and can be downloaded to your device for replay at a later time, which is particularly handy if you are traveling.

There are also a number of job finding resources available through the library. People can also complete their high school diploma online. The Friends of the Library offer one scholarship (cost is \$1,500 each) and the State will match the same amount to assist students with the cost of the degree. The PS Library has 10 graduates so far.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324635354>
 Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354
- Drop off LIVE auction items to JJ's Barbershop (located just down the block from Sherman's Deli on Tahquitz) **as soon as possible** so that the items may be viewed in advance, but no later than March 30th and the LIVE auction will take place on April 1st.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

Member Birthdays	Birthday	
Keller, Daniel R. (DANIEL)	3/28/21	
Raffer, Paul Kenneth MD (PAUL)	3/13/21	
Wachs, Jacqueline Campagne (JACQUE)	3/16/21	
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Alderman, David (DAVID)	3/19/97	24
Allan, Robert C. (BOB)	3/4/64	57
Saunders, Ryan (RYAN)	3/5/14	7

This Weeks Program (Continued)

The library offers a streaming service, Kanopy. It is available as a benefit of your library card. The library pays for the cost of each streaming and is always looking for sponsors to help underwrite the cost. ACORN is also available and features British television.

Friends of the PS Library will hold a fundraising auction March 15-21. Visit www.friendsofthelibrary.org to support the auction.

PSLibrary.org is the library's website. You can visit the website to sign up for a virtual library card and a permanent card will be available to pick up once the library reopens.

The library boosted the wi-fi signal to help people access free wi-fi. The wi-fi can be accessed from parking spots surrounding the library.

Other benefits offered through the library include:

- Language learning
- Music downloads
- WiFi Printing
- Audio Books
- Free access to the New York Times newspaper in partnership with the California State Library
- ...AND Much, Much More

Friends of the library membership is only \$20, join to support the library!