



Clarkdale's  
"SMALL TALK"  
of the Town

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**Town Offices Closed :**  
**Monday, February 18, 2013**  
**President's Day.**

**Clark Memorial Library Closed :**  
**Monday, February 25, 2013**  
**Special Project RFID**

### Clark Memorial Library News

For information, please call Margie Hardie at 928-639 -2441 or  
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**Volunteers Needed!** If you have a talent or passion to share, we have a place for you! Helping out at the library is one of the best ways to benefit our town and community. There are many services provided at the library and thanks to our team of special library volunteers, we can give prompt and efficient service to our patrons. Right now the library needs help with these essential tasks:



**Circulation Desk - Check in and check out items.**

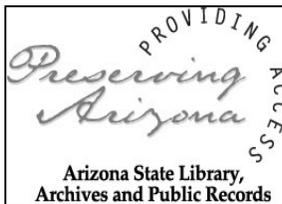
**Transit Items Currier - Pick up and deliver items to the Cottonwood Library.**

#### CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

**UNABLE TO READ THE PRINTED WORD?**

**CANNOT HOLD A BOOK?**

The Talking Book Library will be discussing their free audio listening service to the community. This library provides audio book and Braille services throughout the state for those who find it difficult to read standard print because of visual impairment or physical disability. All materials, including the audio player, are provided at no cost to users.



**When: Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am**

**Where: Clarkdale Clubhouse Ladies Lounge  
19 N. Ninth Street**

**If you are unable to attend this presentation but would like more information on this valuable program please contact the Clarkdale Library at 928-639-2480.**

#### LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY

The Town of Clarkdale is seeking applicants to fill one vacant seat on the Library Advisory Board.

The Library Advisory Board advises the Town Council and staff regarding the general priorities of the Clark Memorial Library and suggests/promotes fund-raising ideas to finance projects in relation to the library operations.

The Board consists of five representatives who meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every other month beginning in January.

Applications are available at the Clarkdale Library, 39 N. Ninth Street, or may be printed from the Town's website [www.clarkdale.az.gov](http://www.clarkdale.az.gov) under 'Forms'. Residents interested in serving should submit their completed application to the Clark Memorial Library.

**BE A PART OF THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE!**

#### RADIO-FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

In February, 2013, the Clarkdale library will move to a radio-frequency identification (RFID) system, the cost of which is being provided through the Yavapai County Library District. This system will expedite check-outs and check-ins in addition to ensuring inventory control. RFID is the use of a wireless non-contact system that uses radio- frequency electromagnetic fields to transfer data from a tag attached to an object for the purposes of automatic identification and tracking. In order to achieve this,

all of the library's items will need to be tagged with an RFID tag and documented, associating the item's record with the tag. This is a very large project to undertake, and we will need to schedule closure of library operations for one day in order to maximize our abilities to carry this out effectively, and minimize any inconvenience to patrons. However, we are focusing on the ultimate (huge!) benefits to overall operations once completed. **The library will be closed on Monday, February 25 in order to complete this project.**

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### **CLARKDALE TOWN COUNCIL PLACES \$23,683 IN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT FOR POOL**

Facing a likely price tag of \$400,000+ to repair or replace the Clarkdale Pool, the Clarkdale Town Council voted on 11/27/12 to set aside the remaining balance of the donations that were raised to open the pool for the 2011 season in a restricted, interest-bearing account. The intent being to use those funds toward a future pool repair or replacement project. The Clarkdale Pool Committee spearheaded an effort in 2010-11 and raised just over \$65,000 to pay the operation costs of the pool for the 2011 Swim Season. There remains \$23,683 in that donation account today.

Unfortunately, at the close of the 2011 swim season, much of the infrastructure of the pool was deemed unusable without costly repair or replacement. Additionally, new federal requirements for handicap accessibility for the pool itself, and the need to make the showers and

restrooms handicap accessible put the price tag for continued use of the pool at more than \$400,000.

Recognizing a current lack of resources to undertake such a significant capital improvement project for the pool at this time, the Town Council also asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to revisit the idea of repair or replacement of the pool on an annual basis, acknowledging that, as time passes, either new funding sources or ideas for new approaches may come forward.

While the current direction is to dedicate the \$23,683 for a future pool project, the Council also gave the Parks and Recreation Commission the flexibility to consider its use for non-pool projects. Funds may be used for another P&R capital project in the future if found suitable by the community and the Parks and Recreation Commission.



### **CLARKDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM**

In spite of gloomy and rainy weather, the Fourth Annual Historic Building and Home Tour on December 15, was well attended. This year's ticket sales surpassed all others and we want to thank the many participants who kindly opened up their homes and buildings for the benefit of the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum! This major fundraiser will allow the CHSM to continue its work of preserving our past for the future. The 2012 Quilt raffle was also a great success raising approximately \$250 over a period of five months. The quilt was won by Jan Klann of the Camp Verde Historical Society.

We also want to thank the many sponsors who donated items for the silent auction. This entire event would not have been possible without our many dedicated volunteers who guided visitors on the tour, drove the vans and school bus, greeted and served coffee and cookies in the men's lounge, sold tickets and swapped tickets for wristbands at the museum.

The Main Street reenactment of the infamous bank robbery was fantastic due to the help of the Clarkdale Police Department's Chief Randy Taylor, Officer Ron Ekholm and volunteer, John Wintersteen. They directed traffic, moved equipment, and otherwise kept everyone safe from the robbers! Thank you all for your commitment to this community event.

And we are happy to also announce that with the dedication and commitment of volunteer, Paul Peck, we are now open every day of the week from 10 am to 1pm. Please stop by!

### **CLARKDALE RECEIVES SUSTAINABILITY AWARD**

The Town was notified this week that Keep Sedona Beautiful, a non-profit organization based in Sedona, has selected the Town of Clarkdale as an award recipient for the Town's Centennial Plaza Permaculture Project.

The award will be presented to Mayor Von Gausig during their 41st Annual Award of Excellence Luncheon on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. This year's Award Luncheon Theme is "Sustainability for the Future".

