

Paseo Verde Reference Quarterly Report
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The Reference Departments at all our libraries wrapped up our Adult Summer Reading Program on August 11.

Adult Summer Reading Program 2007 Statistics:

1. 1957 books reviewed (includes program attendance, database completion, and OneBook completion)
2. Total - 205 registrants
3. 1st prize - 24 patrons
2nd prize - 12 patrons
3rd prize - 15 patrons
4th prize - 18 patrons

Arlene Caruso she expanded on her monthly foreign film series during the summer by offering three Film Noir Nights, which coincided nicely with our mystery-themed Summer Reading Program last summer.

Two special programs we offered this summer were Bodies the Exhibition and a program given by Bruce Caplan on Mysteries of the Titanic. These were arranged by Florica Hagendorn in PVL Youth Services, and were also offered at the Malcolm and Gibson Libraries. Each program at Paseo had about 15 attendees. It was wonderful to have programs that coincided with two such popular and well-known exhibits.

The Paseo Verde Reference Department continues to increase our program offerings. In September, Bryan Fearn at the Gibson Library and Stephen Platt here at Paseo held an eBay class at the Gibson Library. They had a great time collaborating, and said the class was well-received. They will be offering the same class here in November.

We were able to offer a special series of classes due to the efforts of a member of our community, Ken Bubb. Ken taught a series of 4 Latin classes in August, and we were all amazed at the interest and the turnout. We had 30 people attend the first 3 classes. The students found Ken to be knowledgeable, entertaining, and clearly passionate about teaching.

We also hosted a series of programs in August, September and October entitled "Freedom from Menopause", which was presented by Patricia Blackstead. Finally, Stephen Platt arranged for a representative from the Liberace Museum to give a program on the Liberace Legacy. Both sets of programs were well-attended and appreciated.

Amidst all these special programs, we continue to offer monthly Mystery Bookclubs, coordinated by Patricia Wiesner and Joy St. John, as well as the Fantastic Classics bookclub, run by Stephen Platt and Madhu Kadiyala.