



# News Release

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## Public Invited to Nov. 9 Library Plaza Reception

Artists, public officials and community gather to dedicate new amenities



### Goodyear Branch Library Plaza Dedication

Thursday, Nov. 9

5:30 – 7 p.m.

14455 W. Van Buren Street, Suite C-101

**Goodyear, Ariz. (Oct. 30, 2017)** – The public is invited to join artists and public officials in dedicating the newly upgraded plaza at the Goodyear Branch Library, 14455 W. Van Buren Street, Suite C-101. A ceremony will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. featuring live jazz music and light refreshments. Formal remarks begin at 6 p.m.

During the presentation, youth artists from the West Valley Arts Council program Gallery 37 will be honored for their contribution to the project, an art piece titled, “Storyteller” - an interactive book drop-off kiosk that stands outside of the main entrance. Another enhancement includes a literary quote chosen by patrons that is engraved in the concrete: “A book is a dream that you hold in your hand,” by Neil Gaiman. The Library’s plaza upgrades also improve accessibility and add an artistic, shaded seating area that lights up in the evenings.

Further expanding the level of service offered to the community, the Goodyear Branch Library began offering Sunday hours from 1 to 5 p.m. on July 30. The public can continue to enjoy access from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In addition to books, the Goodyear Branch Library offers a variety of programs, services and events for people of all ages. There are weekly story times for young children; monthly kids’ crafts; teens digital art and filmmaking kits; business classes; entrepreneurial networking resources in the city’s [InnovationHub](#), as well as a monthly book discussion group. A library card also provides a free pass to the [Maricopa County Library District’s](#) wide range of digital resources that customers can download and access on mobile devices.

For more information, call the [Goodyear Branch Library](#) at 602-652-3000 or visit [www.goodyearaz.gov/library](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/library) and <http://mclldaz.org/custom/branches/goodyear/>.





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## **About the Goodyear Branch Library**

The Goodyear Branch Library at 14455 W. Van Buren Street opened in January 2014 as a partnership between the city of Goodyear and the Maricopa County Library District. Featuring a dedicated children's area with activities and computers just for kids, the 10,000 square-foot multi-generational facility also has a space just for teens to hang out with friends and enjoy the selection of teen materials. There are more than 136,000 active library cardholders, of which 75% reside in Goodyear. In any given month, the Goodyear Branch Library sees more than 10,000 visitors who check out an average of 30,000 to 35,000 items. In Fiscal Year 2016, there were 667 community interest programs attended by 15,428 people and the library circulated 405,301 physical materials. A recent survey indicated that 93% of respondents were satisfied with programs and activities and 88% felt that the service received at the Library was above average or excellent. For more information about other imaginative, transforming library programs, visit [www.goodyearaz.gov/library](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/library).

