

## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!



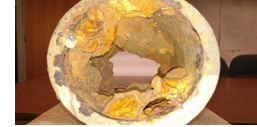
Join Joe Cool and Sally Brown, who know that a library card is the coolest card to have.

Getting a library card is fast and easy. Bring your driver's license or government-issued photo ID to the library. If your ID does not show your current Prescott address, you must bring a piece of mail addressed to you at your Prescott residence. A parent or legal guardian must be present when a child, ages 5-17, applies for a card.

The Prescott Public Library presents **Haunted Wisconsin** with Chad Lewis of Unexplained Research on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. Chad will introduce you to a part of Wisconsin you've never seen before with stories of ghosts and spooky places.

**Teens' Top Ten** lets teens vote online for their favorite teen books of 2014 from August 15 – October 24. Books are nominated by librarians and teen readers nationwide. Find out which books are nominated and how to vote at the library, or go to [www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten) to learn more. Teens' Top Ten winners will be announced on October 26.

As your kids head back to school, the **Prescott Public Library** has resources to help them be successful in school, including books for all age levels that engage their imaginations and provide information for school projects and reports. For kids who are learning to read, our Early Reader books feature limited vocabulary and large print. Our series section contains books especially written for kids transitioning from early readers to chapter books. The children's non-fiction section offers books on a wide variety of topics and at multiple reading levels. Our teen book area includes an extensive graphic novel/manga collection, and all the latest, popular teen fiction.



## INSIDE OF A WATER MAIN BEFORE FLUSHING

### WHY FIRE HYDRANTS ARE FLUSHED.

In the spring and fall all residents have probably seen city crew members opening fire hydrants and flowing water onto the streets. One of the reasons for doing this is to exercise the hydrant. By fully opening and closing the hydrant, the working parts of the hydrant are immersed in oil that is contained in a built in reservoir within the hydrant. This keeps the parts lubricated and working freely so that there are no problems if the hydrant is needed for fire protection.

Another reason for flowing the water is to clean the water mains. The large nozzle on fire hydrants is opened to allow the maximum gallons per minute of water to rush through the main, cleaning the accumulation of sediment build up from the pipe wall. This sediment is not harmful but can be a nuisance if allowed to reach the customers water heater, washing machines and faucets. Also, water mains are installed by size in order to make sure all areas in the city get close to the same gallons per minute and pressure. One of the problems with sediment build up is that instead of having a 4" main as originally installed, you end up with an opening of 3" or 2" which drastically reduces the amount of water the pipe will transport. This size reduction can increase pumping costs from the wells and may reduce the amount of water available for fire protection.

All of these are very good reasons for keeping a water system safe and available and we would perform the maintenance regardless, but another reason the work is done is because the DNR and Public service Commission require the work be done. The city keeps detailed records of which hydrants and valves are exercised as well as maintenance records for each.

The next time you see a notice that the city will be flushing hydrants please keep this information in mind. Also, please pay attention to the notices you receive that the hydrants and mains in your area have been flushed so you can follow the correct procedures for flowing your cold water at an outside spigot to clean your service pipe of sediment that may have migrated to your service.