



# CASA CHRONICLE



January|2026

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



### 2026 CASA of Gila County Resolution

Our volunteers amaze us every year through your hard work and dedication to the children we serve. CASA of Gila County makes the resolution to our volunteers, new and future, to support you at the level you need to be successful as you advocate for your appointed child(ren).

### National Bath Safety Month

#BathSafetyMonth

Check out Page 4 for more information on how to ensure a safe bath and help prevent accidents.



### Fun “National Day of” to Celebrate in January

3rd - National Play Outside Day

4th - National Spaghetti Day

13th - National Rubber Ducky Day





# CASA

## *in action*

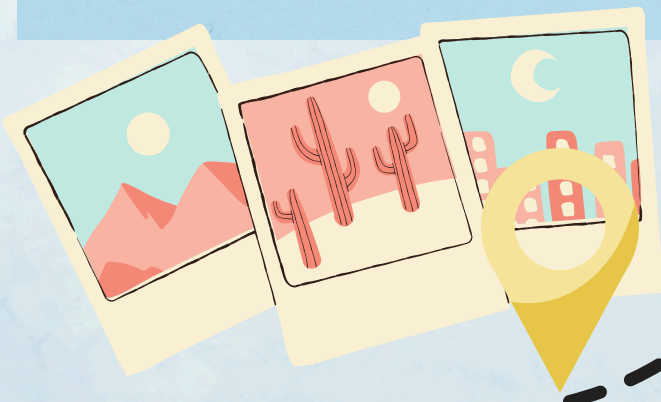
### Allison

Allison has shown how a CASA volunteer can make a difference for a child in small ways, even if you are not able to be there physically for them. Allison coordinated with the Foster Parent to get a certain ice cream tub for the child and her to have matching ice cream during their virtual facetime. The child enjoyed it so much and asked the CASA when they can do it again because she liked her as her CASA and wanted to see her. Allison was able to work out a time to see the child in person and agreed to take her for ice cream. Thank you, Allison, for thinking outside the box and consistently being a trusted adult for this child!



### Gail

Gail recently took on a crucial support role for her CASA children. When faced with a challenging and unforeseen circumstance, she promptly made sure that the appropriate parties were informed of the essential details. Gail collaborated with the caregiver and children's team to ensure that the appropriate supports were established. Going the extra mile, she traveled to visit the children in placement, providing them with a compassionate presence to talk to and support them. Thank you, Gail, for going above the expectation to meet the needs of the children.



# Happy Birthday!



Barbara



Joanne



We extend a very special thank you to CASA Karrol and CASA Tammie for joining us at the ReadOn Express.

Additionally, we are grateful to everyone at AZYP for hosting this annual event, which places hundreds of books into the hands of our local children and families.



Photo Credit: Carissa Knauss



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This year's event had over 640 children and 830 adults .



Photo Credit: CASA Karrol

## Read-On Express December 13, 2025

NOON - 4 P.M.

Globe Train Depot  
230 S. Broad St.



Photo Credit: Sandy Wills

# JANUARY ARTICLES FOR LEARNING

## Bath Time Tips by Age

by: Jennifer Poteat

<https://drowningispreventable.org>



Children need supervision around water, even the bathtub. Toddlers and Infants need constant supervision, never walk away!

The article linked above is a great resource on what you can do to help ensure your bathtub is safe for the children you care about.

Bathtime is about more than just personal hygiene, it can be a great time for caregivers and their child to connect and have some fun playing in the water.



## Act One Culture Pass Provided by Gila County Libraries



<https://gclidaz.org>

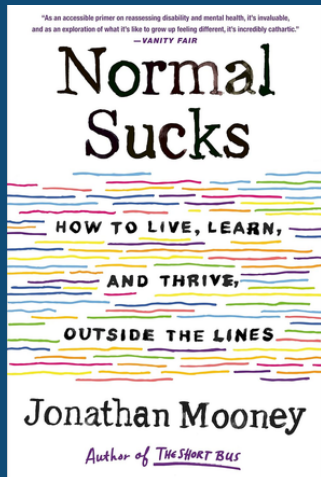
Culture Passes offer complimentary admission for two individuals at various participating organizations. Click the link above to explore the fantastic locations and attractions you can visit throughout Arizona.

Simply check out the pass from the library as you would with a book.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CASA Training Resource



### ***Normal Sucks*** by Jonathan Mooney

Jonathan Mooney delves into the impact that our limited understanding of normalcy has on both children and adults. He contends that by shifting our perspective on diversity and disability, we can ignite a revolution.

### ***CASA Recommended***

“This book gave me insight into the everyday and relentless difficulties that face children we put in boxes labeled “learning disabilities”.

**I have removed the word  
Normal from my vocabulary.”**

~CASA Cris

CASA of Gila County Volunteers can borrow this book from the Payson CASA Office. Contact Mariah for more information.

## Support Groups

Globe:  
CASA Potluck

Sat. Jan. 10 11AM–1:00PM

Globe CASA Office

All Gila County CASAs are welcome  
to join us! RSVP with Emily

### **Payson:**

League of Extraordinary CASAs

Tues. Jan. 13 12:00 pm

CASA Meeting Room in Payson

CASA Difference Makers

Weds. Jan. 28 3 pm

CASA Meeting Room in Payson

A Zoom link is available upon request  
for CASA Support Groups.  
You can choose the meeting that  
best fits your schedule!



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**Sorry We're  
CLOSED**

## Offices Closed

CASA of Gila County Offices  
will be closed on  
Thursday  
January 1, 2026  
&  
Monday  
January 19, 2026

