

# Agenda Item 6b



## Pima County Public Library Advisory Board

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**DATE:** March 16, 2009

**TO:** Library Advisory Board, Pima County Public Library

**FROM:** Nancy Ledeboer, Library Director

**SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT, February 2009**

The Town of Oro Valley has scheduled bi-weekly meetings through June to look at the options for the future operations of the Town Library. Branch Manager Sharla Darby and I have been appointed to this committee to provide information about how the Library District is funded and operates. At the second meeting an overview of the history of the Town Library as well as the history of Pima County Public Library were discussed. The third meeting focused on the history of the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) that led up to the current IGA as well as the governance of PCPL and the legal authority of library districts. The purpose of these meetings is to explore the pros and cons of the various options available to the Town of Oro Valley which include joining the Library District, operating their own independent library or negotiating an agreement to continue as an affiliate.

As we enter into the last half of the fiscal year we are working closely with the Facilities Department to complete three projects. The Nanini Library will consolidate the two service desks into one and create a larger area for children to browse the collection prior to story time. The children's area will receive an interactive furniture installment funded by a State Grant In Aid. The Main Library will be consolidating the two service desks on the first floor. Reserves will be self service as they are in the branches. We hope to increase self check out by giving customers greater access to self service options. The third floor will be modified slightly to make periodicals and reference books ADA accessible and the computers will be arranged in an Information Commons to provide greater assistance and oversight. This project is also partially funded by State Grants in Aid. The third project is locating a temporary site for the Wilmot Library to serve the community during the renovation of the Wilmot Library. Staff visited the old "World Care" building and felt it would be suitable for a temporary location. Facilities will negotiate the lease and develop a timeline for moving into this site. Based upon direction from the County Administrator, the timeline for the Wilmot Library renovation is being tightened up to take advantage of a positive bidding climate for construction.

Deputy Director Melody Ballard and I continue our visits with staff. We visited the Martha Cooper Library and heard about their programs which include computer classes for job seekers. This program is being evaluated to see how we can expand it to other library locations. We also visited with the Mission Library staff. They have been very busy with after school programs, GED classes and language classes. They have a unique partnership with Raytheon volunteers

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who lead a “toast master’s” program for teens at the Mission Library. The Mission Library staff was very interested in adding job hunting classes to their menu of programs.

Community Partners Librarian Dawn Gardner and I attended the Convocation that was held in Cave Creek. The keynote speakers discussed economic sustainability. Two significant messages on how to embed services into the fabric of the community were emphasized throughout the program. It is essential to balance the economic, social and intellectual development of the organization and to focus on programs and services that nurture all three of these organizational elements. We also heard about the importance of matching the institutional message with the needs of the community or in some cases the marketing message of potential funding organizations. We were also able to attend Jane Kolbe’s retirement party from the State Library which was held at the Cave Creek Library, (the only privately funded public library in Arizona.)

I attended the Leadership Program luncheon in Phoenix to participate in a panel discussion of Library Directors. PCPL has six employees participating in this project based leadership experience which is funded by the State Library. Participants will work on a project at their library and attend monthly sessions focusing on aspects of leadership. This is an excellent opportunity for PCPL staff to develop their leadership capacity.

February has been a very busy month leading up to the Tucson Festival of Books. With over 350 authors attending we have been busy working with the volunteer and hospitality committees to ensure that authors have transportation and lodging and that they have a good experience at the Festival. I also attended the Literary Society luncheon and heard Greg Mortenson speak about his efforts to build schools in Afghanistan. His work is inspiring as we think about the importance of global literacy and education for all. I continue to volunteer with Altrusa to promote literacy as well as serving on the Board of Literacy Volunteers of Tucson (LVT). This will be a challenging year for LVT as they explore possibilities of a capital campaign to fund a new building. They have been given notice that their current building has been sold.

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**DATE:** March 5, 2009

**TO:** Library Board, Pima County Public Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima County Public Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Arivaca Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Oro Valley Library  
Pima County Public Library Foundation Board

**FROM:** Melody Ballard  
Deputy Library Director

**SUBJECT: Public Service Report for February 2009**

### **ADULT DETENTION CENTER-*Thomás García***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

February tutoring statistics were unavailable as of 2/28/09.

### **AJO—*Linda Lam***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

At the workshop, **Memoirs: Writing Your Life** presented by **Wendy Council**, students overwhelmingly appreciated the program and learned a great deal. In February 2010, participants at the workshop will return to the library to share their individual life stories. The **Friends of the Library** presented **Jeni Foster: Magic Carpet Made of Steel** and the program rocked the house with a mixture of history, literature, and songs; our voices filled the air in Ajo.

### **CATALINA – *Karen Greaber***

No report this month

### **CAVIGLIA-ARIVACA— *Mary Kasulaitis***

#### Children, Youth and Families

Librarian Mary Kasulaitis read stories to the students at San Fernando School in Sasabe and to the first graders at Sopori Elementary School for Love of Reading Week.

Little Sprouts playgroup is starting up in Arivaca, as part of the Early Childhood activities for First Things First, and the Wednesday Storytime at the Library is part of their weekly activities.

Community Collaborations & Visibility & Image –

On February 22, **Greg Scott** presented a program on Badger Clark, Cowboy Poet, made possible by the Arizona Humanities Council, to an enthusiastic group at the Old School house, where Caviglia-Arivaca Library programs are held because attendance is larger than the meeting room can hold.

Pima Council on Aging's Outreach Coordinator **Carolyn Cortesi** came to provide property tax information to seniors on February 3 and complimented Library Associate (and PCOA Ambassador) **Jeanne Ferris** on going out of her way, saying "*Although flyers were sent to both Arivaca Human Resources and the Library beforehand, no one showed up. While PCOA staff waited, Jeanne opened up the phone book. Enlisting the help of others who were in the library at the time, she called seniors living in the community and people began arriving at the library. The residents who came thought of other neighbors and spread the word. Thanks to Jeanne's efforts, the two PCOA staff members spent a full afternoon helping residents with property tax refunds as well as food stamps, Medicare counseling and telephone discounts. Thank you Jeanne!*"

The Ruby Tour group from Pima Community College, led by **Tallia Cahoon**, visited the Arivaca Branch Library for a program by **Mary Kasulaitis** on the history of Arivaca, on February 5 & 20.

Green Valley Assistance Services, in conjunction with Arivaca Human Resources, provided information at Arivaca Library to low-income local residents on February 24.

**ECKSTROM-COLUMBUS— Terry Rill.**

Children, Teens & Families:

Reading Partners started this month 2 mornings per week. **Shannon Wilcox** trained 2 volunteers who either read to children or provide a listening ear for children to read out loud in the library. Our beautiful new donated couch is the perfect setting for this activity.

Library staff and volunteers put together a card making workshop just in time for Valentine's Day. Several stations were set up with stamps and card making materials so that participants were able to try a variety of techniques.

**Nyssa Densley** trained 8 new Teen Advocates. They will each make 5 presentations to their peers about library services.

Visibility & Image:

Teens in the Columbus Advisory Council have been busy decorating the teen area to make it more appealing. They did a special art project with mirrors and have a space to put their art.

A tax help information display is prominently placed where people can learn where to find the information they need to do their taxes. This is a very popular spot just now.

Community Partnerships:

We now share a computer instructor with Wilmot and Golf Links and are once again offering bi-weekly computer classes. In addition to using the OASIS basic skills curriculum, our instructor will provide instruction in special topics including job search resources and resume writing.

**Terry Rill** is working with the School of Library and Information Resources in placing students in PCPL branches as graduate assistants. The students are working in locations that have a high concentration of youth coming to the library during after school hours. **Lorenia Montañó** recently started at the Eckstrom-Columbus Library as our GA.

Nyssa Densley attended a day long training session with the Pima Council on Aging to learn about services to seniors.

AARP Tax Help started this month. We added a day and now have AARP volunteers providing help 2 mornings per week. The service brings from 30-50 people to the library for assistance each session. The very dedicated volunteers sometimes stay several hours after the scheduled time to make sure everyone is helped.

### ***DUSENBERRY-RIVER—Kathleen Dannreuther***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

**Kendra Davey** made presentations to 240 teens at St. Cyril's school covering library databases and digital downloads. She also offered book talks featuring several authors appearing at the Tucson Festival of Books.

**Meg Timour** made presentations to every class in grades 1-5 at Whitmore Elementary promoting the importance of having a library card. She also attended Love of Reading night at Whitmore and spoke to 65 students and their parents and read parts of two nonfiction books aloud. A class at Canyon View Elementary earned prizes and new library cards as part of the first-grade library card campaign.

#### Community Partnerships:

The annual collaboration with the Tucson Museum of Art got off to a great start this year with a total of 128 people attending the first two "Art in the Afternoon" lectures organized by **Dianna Thor**.

Mystery writer Betty Webb was the featured speaker at River's annual author talk. Her presentation was recorded at the request of several River customers who were unable to attend. It will be podcast on the library's website.

#### Visibility & Image:

Once again, River's location on the bottom floor of a shopping center had disastrous results when a water line broke in an occupied space above the library and flooded the library's work area. Thanks to a quick-reacting staff, the technology was protected with plastic tablecloths, although ceiling tiles caved in and the carpet was soaked in a number of places. The shopping center's landlord, Larsen/Baker LLC, is responsible for the damage.

### ***EL PUEBLO— Aaron Valdivia***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

**John Munoz** is assisting at El Pueblo with story times. There continues to be good attendance every Tuesday. Playing chess has become very popular with kids and teens at El Pueblo Library.

#### Visibility & Image:

On 2/10 **Aaron Valdivia** visited Holladay Elementary school for Love of Reading Week. He spoke to and read to three groups of over 25 third graders for 30 minutes. They discussed why reading is so much fun and so important, and also talked about some of their favorite books.

On 2/18 two classes visited from the adult learning center next door, 30 people in one group and 25 in the other. Aaron gave a brief tour of the library, explained library services and role in the community, and made sure they all left with library cards if they did not already have them.

On 2/24 we had 2 ESL class visits from the adult learning center. One had 10 people and the other 17. Aaron gave a brief tour in English and Spanish and explained library services with special emphasis on the language database tools Tell Me More and Learning Express Library.

We continue to have computer classes every Monday at El Pueblo. A SIRLS student is assisting the instructor while doing her service learning for a class. Also, the instructor has started to offer the computer class in both English and Spanish for senior citizens at the El Pueblo Senior Center next door. The class at the senior center is every Thursday and there are 10 people in the English language class and 14 in the Spanish class.

Community Partnerships:

The YMCA on Nogales Highway has started bringing kids to participate in story times. 3 groups of 12 to 15 kids at a time come for each of the Tuesday morning story times.

***EL RIO— Wanda Poindexter***

No report this month

***FLOWING WELLS – Yolanda Sainz***

Children, Teens & Families:

Love Stinks, a young adult program, celebrated Valentine's Day for teens. Children celebrated Valentine's Day at storytime. Together, they joined a Valentine's Party, with crafts and decorated Valentine cookies. For Love of Reading Week, the children's librarian visited and read to first grade children at **Walter Douglas Elementary School**.

**Nancie Roahrig** of **Step Up Into T.L.C.** brought two horses (a Clydesdale and a pony) to the library. Participants sat on hay bales, provided by **Carter Feeds**, who generously offered to deliver and pick up the hay bales for the program. Nancie talked about the horses, children asked lots of questions and then were allowed to pet both horses.

Visibility & Image:

The young adult librarian was invited to attend a **Literacy Fair** at the **Flowing Wells Jr. High** and provide information about the library. She also helped represent the library at the **Pima County Career & Tech Ed. Symposium** held at Hilton East Hotel and at the Peace Corp Fair. The children's librarian attended the **Spring Celebration** hosted by the **Vietnamese Alliance** which was held at Amphi High School. She was able to speak to families that attended and give out library handouts. At the **Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition**, I was given the opportunity to speak about the EITC/VITA Tax Program being held at the computer lab, the library's computer classes and the library's Adult Book Club.

Community Partnerships:

The children's librarian continued to participate in the **Read and Eat Program** being held in the evening at Walter Douglas Elementary School, taking books for the families to read together. The library hosted a **Family Read Aloud Night** at the **ETFWCC**. The program, sponsored by **Make Way for Books** and PCPL, encourages family reading. **Liz Nedrow**, a library page, appeared as Curious George. As part of the library's continued collaboration with **PCOA**, I received training in their **Ambassador Program**.

***GEASA-MARANA— Nancy Lindeman***

Children, Teens & Families:

Geasa-Marana Branch presented two special theme storytimes during March. On March 19, local resident **Nancie Roahrig** brought her horses to the library to tell their stories and give the children an opportunity to pet them in celebration of Rodeo Week. On March 26, Library Associate **Lorie Griffis** presented a dental

health storytime with packets of tooth care products provided by Marana Health Center. Both storytimes were well attended.

Many local residents are taking advantage of the free Earned Income Tax Credit workshops presented by Volunteers in Service to America. The workshops will continue through the end of the tax season.

Community Partnerships:

This month's Friend's Book Sale & Kaffeeklatch provided buyers with the opportunity to support the Marana Community Food Bank with a donation of a non-perishable food item for a dollar off the total of their book purchase.

***HIMMEL PARK BRANCH – Sarajeon Harwood***

Children, Teens and Family

On February 21, the Gunfight at the OK Corral was partially reenacted and explained by writer and Tombstone expert, **Jack Siegler**. 21 people enjoyed his performance.

All our regular storytimes, book groups, and teen activities continue to be well attended.

Vision and Image and Community Partners

The US Census Bureau is using our meeting room for testing and training recruits for census workers. They have already used the room several times.

**Sarajeon Harwood** again worked with Congresswoman Giffords' office to present a Solar Power 101 at the Bear Canyon Library. The meeting room was standing room only. Four more programs are planned for the spring and summer.

Sarajeon has also been working with the City of Tucson Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development to present a 'Living Library' on March 21. We have been contacting experts on sustainability from all over Tucson to act as 'living books' and be checked out by our patrons for about 15 minutes to ask questions and learn about the particular subject the 'living book' represents.

***JOYNER-GREEN VALLEY— Amber Mathewson***

Children, Youth and Families –

Storytimes changed in February. **Miss Michelle** continues to have Toddler and Preschool Storytimes on Wednesdays in Green Valley. On Thursdays Michelle presents Babytime at Green Valley and then continues on to the Sahuarita Library for Toddler and Preschool Storytimes in that location. Area children are adjusting to the changes and enjoying Storytimes in both locations!

Community Collaborations & Visibility & Image –

The Green Valley Library has expanded cooperation with the United Community Health Care Clinics. In addition to providing information to new library card recipients, with the help of the library Outreach Department, the Green Valley Library is delivering deposit collections of children's books to the clinics in Sasabe, Arivaca and Continental.

Art and Symphony series programs continue to be crowd pleases and the Humanities programs have been a great success.

## ***JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER – John Muñoz***

No report this month

## ***JOEL D. VALDEZ MAIN LIBRARY- Karyn Prechtel***

### Children, Teens & Families:

**Mike Cooper and his dog Toby** returned to the library for the **Read to a Dog** program. The team took time off for Toby's cataract surgery. Ten children came to read to Toby on his first day back.

Guest presenters joined us at **Family Place** programs. **Kim Ohl, Public Health Nurse**, gave an informative talk about childhood immunizations, while **Teri Mendez and teachers from the Tucson Parks & Recreation - Movers & Shakers** program brought mats, balance beam, slide and springboard for a fun toddler exercise program. Approximately 20 parents and young children attended each of the five sessions.

**Reading Partners** began with the help of volunteer **Judy Craft**. Judy is a retired preschool teacher. She loves reading; libraries and sharing stories with young children.

**Laura Zimmerman from the Glassman Foundation** attended Main children's Family Storytime for our Valentine's Day celebration. Laura talked to the parents about the Family Friendly Weekends initiative, as well as gave out canvas bags and FFW magnets.

Students from nearby **Tucson High** received tours of Main Library and database/catalog workshops given by Adult Services and Young Adult Services. **John Howley** met with a representative from **CODAC Behavioral Health Services**. John will train case managers in using our website to run workshops for their clients.

### Visibility & Image:

**Infoline** received over 6000 calls, an increase of more than 50% over last year. We received heart-warming feedback from a patron who uses Infoline. She told us that because her eyesight is gone, she is no longer able to "look stuff up." She said, "**My eyes are bad, but my mind is still curious. You at Infoline are my link to the world.**"

Librarian **Karen Koevary** participated in the **Community Foundation for Southern Arizona's** kick-off meeting for their **Community Investment Grants Round**. Karen highlighted resources at the library available for the nonprofit community through the Grants and Nonprofit Information Center. **Steve Alley, President and CEO**, started the meeting, attended by 130 members, by thanking Karen for attending.

Over 1,000 local entrepreneurs and chambers of commerce members learned about the library's free business resources that can help them succeed in a changing economy when they visited the Pima County Public Library outreach table staffed by Librarians **Tom Farmer, Deborah Brown, Beth Petrucci, Rich DiRusso** at the **Multi-Chamber Business Expo**, held in conjunction with the **State of the City Luncheon** at the Tucson Convention Center on January 30.

### Community Partnerships:

**The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) Bus** visited Jacomé Plaza. PPA helps individuals who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need at no or a reduced cost. **Cathy Jacobus** and **Jenn Berry** supported the visit with calendar and intranet postings, bilingual fliers and a table of relevant library and other material. PPA representative **Paul Layeux** commented that the greatest turn out each year is at Jacomé Plaza, a fact he attributes to Main's promotional activities.

Food for Thought continued its partnership with **Arizona Humanities Council (AHC)** to offer one AHC Speaker's Bureau program each month. This month's program, *Beyond the Cotton Fields: Black Migrant Women Building Communities*, drew an audience with interests in the history of Casa Grande Valley towns. A group of eight stayed to talk with the presenter for 45 minutes after the program and exchanged contact information before leaving, a great community building event for our downtown neighbors.

### ***KIRK – BEAR CANYON LIBRARY – Margaret Wilkie***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

February is a great month for children's activities. Our children's librarian, **Mr. Bill**, visited 6 schools during Love of Reading week. There were special Valentine stories and crafts at storytime. During Rodeo Week Buckaroo Bill entertained storytime attendees with tales of cowboys, cowgirls, and the Wild West.

A capacity crowd of all ages attended a special puppet show, Wizard's Birthday, presented by **Cart Lynn Productions**. Our Reading Partner, Grandma Ruth, welcomes more children each week. Even the shyest children respond to her warmth and love having her read to them.

#### Community Partnerships:

**Tamarack Little** of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' Office put together an excellent program, Solar Power 101. Over 75 people attended this informative community education program. A special thanks to **Sarajea Harwood** and **Patrick McGinnis** for their help with this presentation.

Twenty Cub Scouts toured the library and worked on research for special merit badges.

### ***MARTHA COOPER BRANCH– Margaret Guerrero***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

The Martha Cooper Branch continues to be busy with activities and programs. Youth and adults were treated to weekly Flamenco dance lessons taught by volunteer **Teresa Aguirre**, a professional flamenco dancer. **Anne Pollack**, of Mandinga Capoeira of Tucson, presented the exciting and active martial arts dance Capoeira classes to filled-up capacities on Saturdays. **Mrs. Kaufman's** first grade class from **Desert Springs Academy** came for a class visit and storytime; the children enjoyed the Love of Reading/Valentine's Day theme and proudly checked out library books with their new cards.

**Kathy Konecny** and staff are working hard to connect job seekers with employment information. We offered two Online Job Searching classes in February. Participants indicated how grateful and encouraged they felt after receiving help and support at the library. The library now has a bulletin board filled with job-related articles and flyers. Additionally, Martha Cooper has resume, interview skills, and other job-related material prominently displayed in the high-traffic area of the library

#### Visibility & Image:

**Mary Givins** represented the Library along with **Molly Osborn** of Adult Services at the quarterly *Refugee Well-Being Fair* on February 18<sup>th</sup> that focused on education. **Marissa Alcorta** was invited to read at **Blenman Elementary School** for Love of Reading Week. It was a great opportunity to be able to read to three 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. She also visited **Ms. Diaz's** first grade class at **Howell Elementary** as part of the Learn, Read, Grow, Succeed First Grade Library Card Campaign. She presented the class their new library cards and bags, which they were very excited about. She read them a story and was able to tell the children about upcoming library events, such as the Tucson Festival of Books and Nuestras Raices.

Community Partnerships:

Outreach Arts for Seniors (OATS), from the Drawing Studio has continued to offer a drawing class for seniors that has proven very popular. The RISP-Net Employment Task Force, which includes a library representative, met for the first time at Martha Cooper on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The task force is exploring ways to increase employment opportunities for refugees. **Margaret Guerrero** is an active participant at the **Wright Elementary Schools' Site Council Meetings**. She also made a brief presentation about library programs, activities, and Friends contributions and book sales at the Garden District Neighborhood Association meetings.

***MILLER GOLF LINKS – Ruth Grant***

Children, Teens & Families:

On February 19, Children's Librarian **Chris Novak** and Managing Librarian **Ruth Grant** trained 11 senior volunteers and staff on the Reading Partners program. Reading Partners is now extended to 20 county libraries, now including Himmel, River, and Southwest libraries.

The best students for the month of February at Reynolds Elementary got to visit Miller-Golf Links as a reward on February 24. Ruth Grant welcomed them and provided a discussion about libraries and a tour of the facilities. *They were so cute!*

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, **Chris Novak** and **Matt Landon** held a Dance Dance Revolution contest for kids age 10 and up.

On Saturday February 21st, **Beth Petrucci** attended **Vail Pride Days** at the Pima County Fair Grounds. Estimated attendance was 9,000 people at this family event. There were many questions/comments regarding the need for a library branch in Vail and I was surprised at how many people already had library cards.

Over 100 people attended a wonderful Valentine's Day Puppet Show presented by **Gwen Ray** on Sat., Feb. 7th

Two Gale Elementary classrooms visited us, with about 60 in attendance, for a tour, storytime, and library cards.

Visibility & Image &

On February 2, Managing Librarian **Ruth Grant** provided a brief overview of Miller-Golf Links programming to the Friends of PCPL, highlighting the Reading Partners project.

Miller-Golf Links received \$50 from a library supporter up in Massachusetts. Here is the brief text of her letter:

Today is my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and I decided that rather than spend a lot of money on a party, I would mark this milestone by acknowledging some of my favorite things: the 50 states that make up our country, children, nature, and books (and of course, libraries!). To accomplish this goal I am sending a **check for \$50 to a library in each state** (my emphasis) and I am asking that the money be spent on nature books for children. If you can't decide what to get, may I suggest one of my favorite subjects in nature: birds or space related topics?! Thank you for helping make this day extra special for me. Sincerely, **Mary Alice Howard**

Community Partnerships:

On February 27, a representative from Open Inn shared with Miller-Golf Links staff the Safe Place Project with whom PCPL is a community partner. Along with other locations throughout the metro area, libraries provide a "safe place" for endangered or troubled teens until an Open Inn counselor can arrive to work with him or her.

February 11<sup>th</sup>, **Matt Landon** met with the group Activate Tucson to discuss PCPL's plans with the YMCA for this year's Healthy Kids Day.

Matt Landon met with **Ben Park** of Echo Park Productions and **Mary Charlotte** of Pan Left Productions to negotiate services for this year's That's My Take project.

The Pima County Assessor's Office held their last Eastside Property Tax Exemption Program for 2009 on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Eighty-nine widows, widowers, and disabled persons came to the library to meet with counselors from the Assessor's Office to file for their property tax exemptions.

***MISSION – Mary McKinney***

Children, Teens, & Families:

It is the year of the ox, and a Chinese New Year celebration occurred at Mission on February 4. It included a reading (by special guest **Sharon Yang-McNeil** from Nanini), music, crafts, and refreshments. 80 people attended the celebration.

Kings, queens, bishops, and horses are in the library on Tuesdays from 4-6 during Chess Club. This month **Marco Abrigo** noticed an increased interest in the club among parents and girls. Players are welcome to challenge each other or to play computer chess. Normally, attendance is between 8 and 10, there is a core group of regulars, and there are always some members who participate when tournaments are held at other branches or locations.

The love of reading was promoted on Wednesday, February 18 with the Wizard's Birthday, a Cartlynn Puppet Production. This humorous puppet play that promotes the love of reading, co-operation, self-esteem, and desert awareness was attended by 45. Attendees made a Love of Reading cinnamon ornament after the show.

Community Partnerships:

AARP began tax filing on Fridays from 9-12. The volunteers have been inundated with customers! The waiting lists often spill over to the following week.

The Office of the Pima County Assessor held two February sessions at Mission to allow filing for the Widows, Widowers, and Disabled persons Property Tax Exemption Program. The sessions were less busy than in January, but steady with attendance numbers of 46 and 45.

In association with Pima Community College, Citizenship classes began on February 12. So far, about 10 attendees are taking part in the series of classes.

Love was in the air at Mission on February 14 as one of the sites for the Amore & More series of romance programs presented by the Saguaro Romance Writers (the Tucson Chapter of Romance Writers of America). 35 people attended the presentation, *Inside the Romance Novel: What's It All About?* with authors **Georgina Devon, Mary Tate Engels, Roz Denny Fox and Judy Duarte**.

## ***MURPHY WILMOT – Daphne Daly***

### Children, Teens & Families:

Cornerstones of Science continued in February with a visit from a millipede, a scorpion, a tarantula... and of course **Carrie Dean** from the Tucson Audubon Society! Almost 80 children and their family members attended the event.

### Visibility & Image:

Armchair Adventures is back! One of Murphy-Wilmot's most cherished programs returned to great success. Longtime and new presenters took their audiences to the Dalmatian coast, Yemen, Belize, Baja California, Romania, the eastern Adriatic, and on African safaris.

Two medical librarians from TMC scheduled an hour class for a couple of women from their senior center to learn about the library's consumer health resources. They learned about searching our catalog and using our Health and Wellness Info Center and Medline Plus. Thank you to **Sylvia Simon** for leading the class.

Community Partnerships: The Tucson Handweavers and Spinners Guild spent Valentine's Day at Murphy-Wilmot, displaying their hand-crafted ranch (complete with pigs and sheep!) and demonstrating weaving and spinning. Many children were able to give spinning a try, too!

We started up a Teen Advisory board, recruiting local teens to help us plan programs and services for their peers. The kids are full of enthusiasm and ideas. We also partnered with the Eckstrom-Columbus library to recruit and train a new group of Teen Advocates.

## ***NANINI – Kristi Bradford***

### Children, Teens & Families:

February proved to be a very busy (Love of Reading) month full of outreach to the schools. Librarian II **Julie Hagood** and LA **Eddie Dembowski** made visits to Hendricks Elementary (2), Thornydale Elementary (2), Butterfield Elementary, Desert Montessori Preschool, Centennial Elementary, Sonoran Science Academy plus Richardson Elementary visited the library. Even though February is a short month, over 750 kids and families were seen by staff with these visits.

Adult services staff, Librarians **Lisa Laskaris** and **Sharon Yang-McNeil** along with LA **Micheline Johnoff**, have been busy overseeing PC classes for adults (which have been full), the Northwest Readers book group, (standing room only!) and 56 adults turned out to hear the AHC speaker on Medieval Mysticism.

### Community Partnerships:

The preschoolers of Sunshine Preschool provided the artwork gracing the walls in the Nanini children's area this month.

AARP tax assistance volunteers have been inundated this year with overflow crowds who begin lining up at Nanini's door at 8am just to get on a waiting list at 10am. This great tax assistance is held Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 4pm at Nanini.

## ***QUINCIE DOUGLAS— Elva Smithwhite***

### Children, Teens & Families:

Quincie Credit-wise Kids Club completed a nine week course in personal finance and began preparations for the “Duel on the Desert” competition on March 21 at the University of Arizona. They will compete with other clubs throughout the county. Toastmasters training and an advanced Power point workshop preclude the flurry of research, writing, analysis and practice for the “Duel.” Our club is determined to win cash awards and a trophy again this year. Sponsorship is through Take Charge America; University of Arizona and Hughes Federal Credit Union. LTA Supervisor, **Margie Dalton** facilitates our club.

### Visibility & Image/ Community Partnerships:

Quincie Douglas Branch hosted an African American Heritage Celebration featuring a Buffalo Soldier presentation, car, motorcycle and bicycle shows, gospel and hip hop music. **Councilman Steve Leal, Judge Ronald Wilson, Clarence Boykins** and Buffalo Soldiers, **Sammie Parker** and **Al Brunson** led discussion and promoted a proposal to locate a Buffalo Soldier monument on the lot just north of the library. About two hundred people attended the celebration.

We were invited to provide a venue for DTV informational workshops sponsored by the Hispanic Information Television Network. We completed six workshops with an attendance of eighty-five. Participants can request converter coupons online at the workshops. We have four additional workshops planned during March. Library Associate, **Fabiana Gutierrez** is coordinating the workshops.

## **Sahuarita Library – Michele White**

### Children, Teens & Families

Storytimes began here in Sahuarita on Thursday, February 5, 2009 with Toddler Time having 23 in attendance and Preschool Storytime with 25. The numbers have gradually increased over the last few weeks.

Approximately 85 children and their families attended our first program on February 12<sup>th</sup> for Valentines Day, which included a card craft and decorating cookie treats!

Our study rooms have become popular with a few local tutors and their students.

### Visibility & Image/Community Partnerships

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes of Sahuarita Christian Academy visited the library on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to tour, obtain library cards and receive hands on training of library databases for their upcoming research projects.

Friends of the Joyner Green Valley Library held their February 2009 meeting at the Sahuarita Branch to acquaint board member's with the new facility they are now supporting in addition to the Green Valley branch.

We collaborated with Sahuarita Primary School for “Love of Reading Week. During the month of February, students visited the library to either obtain a library card or check out a book. They were rewarded with an incentive from the library & obtained extra credit at school.

## **SANTA ROSA (SRO) —Emily Mazur**

No report this month

## ***SOUTH TUCSON*** — *Sol Gómez*

### Children, Teens & Families:

South Tucson participated in **Love of Reading Week** by visiting several classes at each of the following schools: Hollinger, Miller, and Wakefield. Presentations, readings, and library cards were provided to a total of 150 students. Eighteen children attended the **Recycling Program** provided by **Pima County**.

The Teen Area is almost complete and will be ready for its grand opening on March 4, 2009 at 5:30pm. The Pizza Man will be here to teach many kids how to make pizza; the eating part I'm sure they know already. Snow cones and popcorn will be provided as well, thanks to the **John Valenzuela Youth Center**.

### Visibility & Image:

South Tucson Library and its manager were mentioned in a University of Arizona online news article describing the impact the library had on the student's decision to attend library school.

### Community Partnerships:

The **UA Honors Students' Computer Class** is full each and every Saturday from 10am to 12pm. After two years of trial and error, this current curriculum and style is working. Patrons keep coming back and the word is spreading quickly. **Tec de Monterrey** computer classes are just as popular on Friday mornings.

## ***SOUTHWEST*** — *Sara Dias*

### Children, Teens & Families:

Local **Filmmaker, Melvin Ortega**, presented a two-part workshop at Southwest. A total of 15 future screenplay writers gathered to learn the basics of Screenwriting and Film Production.

Our first Family Craft Night drew two families who enjoyed making valentine scrapbooks using construction paper, glue, stickers, yarn and stamp markers. We expect this program to grow in popularity. As one mom pointed out, "now that the schools are so focused on AIMS, there is a lot less opportunity for arts and crafts at school, so it's nice to be able to come to something like this at the library."

Southwest's 2nd Annual Un-Valentine's Day party was a lot of fun this year! Planned and thrown by the new Southwest Teen Advisory Group, "Tiger Eyes," this event was totally teen-centric and it showed: heart-shaped pizza, homemade cupcakes and shreddable poetry were enjoyed by 14 teens and "honorary teens," as we celebrated singlehood in the hallway and showed off our legendary karaoke talent.

Our first Saturday morning gaming session drew 10 kids to learn and play Rock Band. Customers walking in were pleasantly surprised that such things are now allowed in libraries, and by the end of the month, we're enjoying seeing 12+ people lining up to take turns at bowling and boxing wii-style.

### Visibility & Image:

This month's featured display was all about gems and minerals. Patrons scavenged to find all the "Mineral Oddities" postcards hidden throughout the library to win coloring books, posters, t-shirts and rock samples. Children found that they did better in teams, whereby one would count, and the other would record onto an official clipboard.

Coloring, drawing and poetry contests continued to be popular this month, and our special Tuesday night crowd (children of parents attending the MAPPS program next door) continued to enjoy such activities as checkers tournaments and a spelling bee.

Library Associate **Dede Demers** had her first experience doing outreach at the **Southwest branch of the El Rio Clinic**, a duty we will be sharing with Valencia library. Clinic patrons were attracted to the table full of library information and goodies, though one woman remarked that our outreach tablecloth needs to be updated with the library's new logo! Many people were surprised to find that there was a branch of the library closer to them than the Valencia branch, and they were pleased to learn about all of the classes and services the library offers.

Dede continued to conduct visits to nearby first grade classrooms as the library card campaign approaches its final days. Children were excited to receive their stickers and coloring pages, and they cannot believe that the library offers such "awesome" programs as gaming and family movie night. One student remarked that he couldn't wait to ask his mom to take him to the library that night.

#### Community Partnerships

Sara visited with next-door **Southwest Alternative Middle School** students and let them know about the opportunity to get involved in "Tiger Eyes;" meanwhile, Library Associate **Barbara Bohall** was asked to facilitate a typing class for the Suspended Middle School students each Thursday.

Sara attended the Grand Opening celebration of the **Dr. Fernando Escalante Community Library and Resource Center, the Pascua Yaqui** tribe's new library, and looks forward to collaborating with librarian **Oscar Hernandez** on some future programming.

#### ***READRUNNERS - Outreach Service- Elaine Valenzuela***

##### Visibility & Image:

The bookmobile visited Wilmot as part of the "Bookmobile-palooza" tour. With three branch visits completed, over three hundred non-bookmobile customers have visited the new vehicle.

The bookmobile made its last visit to the Rancho Sahuarita Clubhouse this month. There are currently twenty two stops on the bookmobile schedule.

##### Community Partnerships:

RDR staff added four new deposit collection stops this month, bringing the total number to forty four. Staff visited fourteen facilities, served over six hundred residents, and distributed 644 items. Additionally, three new customers were added to the Books-by-Mail service.

#### ***VALENCIA - Elaine Valenzuela***

##### Children, Teens & Families:

Scrapbook making was Create Club's theme this month. The kids used cardstock and felt covers to decorate them and used the laptop to write their autobiographies to include in the book. They even included a photo of themselves, dressed in costume standing in front of one of our Story Town backdrops.

Our new weekly "Paper & Pen" program was well received. The program is designed for teens to develop their writing and/or drawing skills.

Valencia celebrated Rodeo Daze; our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual south side grand slam chess tournament. Chess players (kids and teens) faced each other through "luck of the draw" single-round elimination. Over 40 played in this speed chess tournament.

Visibility & Image:

**Elaine Valenzuela** and **Donie Gignac** staffed a resource table at the 2009 Sunnyside District/Tucson Citizen annual Town Hall. More than 350 people attended this event which focused on today's economic crisis and its impact on schools. The purpose of the Town Hall was to hear the voices of the Sunnyside District community and to present information and share ideas on issues that are important to students, families and schools.

Two examples from Sharon Hill, CSC, which exemplify the importance of our libraries:

- "Dick's English classes are fascinating- his students' attention is riveted despite the fact that they meet in our public space. I often linger over paging slips in their corner, hearing repeated exclamations: "I didn't know that!" I am so proud to be part of a place that doesn't just try to encourage lifelong learning but actually makes it happen by marrying excellent volunteers, real resources and the people hungry for growth."
- "Libraries as meeting places are not just for organizations to gather for meetings or special groups to use for community building or tutors to meet with their students but as just humble meeting places- places where strangers can strike up a conversation (in low tones of course). I witnessed two gentlemen perusing DVDs near the top of my desk hour. Just before I went off desk they introduced themselves. Imagine my surprise when I went on desk an hour later and they were still chatting, quietly seated at a table."

In addition to visiting several schools during Love of Reading Month, staff delivered two bilingual presentations at parent/family literacy school nights. Donie Gignac participated in one "Learn Read Grow Succeed" presentation and in the Family Read Aloud Night at Flowing Wells. These events offered staff the opportunity to get more one on one time with teachers and their students.

Community Partnerships:

Children from Valencia's Wednesday story time were treated to a presentation from the crew of Fire Station 13. They learned what to do in emergency situations, and about the responsibilities and equipment of a fire crew. The firefighters also gave the children a tour of the fire truck, which was the highlight of the presentation.

Branch manager, Elaine Valenzuela, will serve on the scholarship review committee for Sunnyside District's Dollars for Scholars. This is her third year serving on this committee.

***WHEELER TAFT ABBETT, SR - Sharla Darby***

Children, Teens & Families:

We presented a Moon Mission multigenerational program in cooperation with staff from the Pima County Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Department. 33 participants learned together as families about the phases of the moon and then went outside to gaze at it through telescopes.

April Gering visited the Roadrunner Elementary School preschool program in Avra Valley. The children were learning all about community helpers like librarians and firemen.

Local children's author Judy O'Toole Freel presented a special program during a Family Storytime. She read from her book, "Aardvark, Aardvark, How Do You Do?" and also brought some original artwork. 31 people attended.

Visibility & Image:

Meg Macleish coordinated a successful Volunteer Fair at the library, the third one in PCPL's series. The Community Meeting Room was packed with representatives and displays from over 19 local groups (including one loveable service-dog representing Pima Animal Care Center) and approximately 35-40 who came to the event.

Meg presented a program to 60 members of the Sunflower Computer Club about the library databases, digital downloads, children's activities, and managing accounts online.

A visitor that hails from California made a special point of complimenting the library on our logo. He said it was really beautiful.

Community Partnerships:

Sherryl Volpone is working with the director of the Picture Rocks Community Center to help them obtain a deposit collection of books.

Meg has started to attend the monthly meetings of the Marana Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. The focus of the group is to bring schools, students, and businesses together in a beneficial partnership for the community.

***WOODS—Martín Rivera***

Children's, Teens, & Families:

Margie Farmer had two Teen Advocate training sessions of 11 high school students attending. One session had 7 students and the other had 4. Two students have completed their 5 presentations so far. This is a great opportunity for teens to learn about library services and programs. Jackie Macias assisted with the presentations.

On Teen Thursday we had a Valentine Card Decorating project that the teens loved. We had over 20 preteens and teens attend. They were very artistic and they enjoyed decorating every space of the card, front, inside and back. Thanks to Laurie McGrath for her help.

We are happy to have the Amphi High School sharing their art on our Bulletin Board this month in the Teen area.

An intergenerational Wii sports program for teens and seniors began on February 11. The first week there were about 12 players; since then, attendance has dwindled, though a couple of teens have come consistently each week.

Nancy Traviola, our computer instructor, taught an Introduction to the Internet six-session series to six students, as well as a resume class to one student.

In celebration of Love of Reading week the puppet show "The Wizard's Birthday" was held at Woods. Over 118 people attend!

Preschool Story times highlighted African-American History Month, Rodeo Week, and also a Dental Hygiene Story time with the assistance of a pre-dental student from the U of A. Children in Preschool

Story time made Kente Cloth (traditional African fabric) designs in construction paper for the children's room wall display of Africa and African-American History

### **Community Partnership**

On Jan 29 Margie Farmer attended the Key to Employment event at the Airport. This youth program focused on careers for the future and invited over 600 high school students to interact with local employers and organizations in the community. This was Margie's third year as a member of the planning committee. Thanks to Susan Husband and Lisa Bunker for staffing a library table and talking to over 600 high school students about library services.

Attendance at the Literacy Volunteers English classes has been high, with an average of about 24 students per class.

GED classes have been averaging about 15 students.

Citizenship classes attracted two people the first week but no one after that. One new person has indicated that he plans to start coming next week and Jim Lipson will come speak to the English classes next week to recruit more people.

### **Visibility and Image**

Jennifer Whitt worked a library table for Family Reading Night at Hollaway Elementary School where over 80 people attended.

The Vietnamese Alliance of Tucson hosted a spring celebration children's carnival at Amphi High School. Jennifer put a group together to staff a library table for the day from 11:00-5:00 per the Alliance's request using staff from Woods, Flowing Wells and Martha Cooper Libraries.

### ***VIRTUAL LIBRARY— Jen Maney***

Children, Teens & Families:

#### **Read Baby Read**

The Virtual Library has created a section on our website for parents and caregivers to find out about our new baby reading program, Read Baby Read. Visit <http://www.library.pima.gov/kidsweb/babyread.cfm>.

Visibility & Image:

#### **Tucson Festival of Books**

In conjunction with the Tucson Festival of Books, Virtual Library's web designer, Natalie Fruciano, designed a special page highlighting authors and events that will be held at the festival. The section highlights authors, including this year's Nuestras Raíces presenter, Luis Urrea, past Lawrence Clark Powell lecturers, and authors who participated in our recent romance writing workshops. Visit <http://www.library.pima.gov/tucsonfestivalofbooks> to see what's happening at the festival.

#### **Nuestras Raíces**

Virtual Library created a page featuring events and programs for this year's Nuestras Raíces Festival including an author visit by Luis Urrea, a film festival, a Mercado and an art exhibit. Visit <http://www.library.pima.gov/spotlight/nuestras/> to see what's going on at this year's festival.

Community Partnerships:

**Pima County Departments Discover Library's Online Resources**

On February 19, Shawn Flecken, Electronic Resources Librarian, gave a 40-minute presentation to 11 members of the Pima County Employees Council who represent various Pima County Departments. His presentation highlighted the library's website and online services. One council member has contacted Shawn to arrange a second presentation for staff of the Pima County Attorney's office in March.

***YOUTH SERVICE-Gina Macaluso***

No report this month

***ADULT SERVICES – Beth Matthias-Loghry***

*No report this month*

***STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Bonny Bruce***

On February 6, **Sergeant Danny Denogean** and **Officer Mark Doe** from the **Tucson Police Department's Gang Outreach Unit** spoke to library staff and security personnel from the Downtown Tucson Alliance about street gangs. The audio recording and notes of this presentation are now available for staff training on the new Intranet (<http://libstaff.library.pima.gov/staff/training/>). In addition, on February 20, **Officer Matt Faulk** from the downtown walking beat met with Main Library staff as a follow up to the Gang Unit's presentation. Officer Faulk focused on crime in the downtown area and was able to answer many staff's questions and concerns. The first presentation was attended by many of the managers from small branches as well as Main Library staff.

**Leading Edge- AzLA Edition** was a fabulous learning experience for 40 staff members. A quarterly professional development workshop for staff coordinated by **Ruth Grant** and **Tom Farmer**, the March 13<sup>th</sup> workshop's focus was lively presentations on timely library topics by staff that attended the annual Arizona State Library conference.

***STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Jere Voigt***

**Jenn Witt**, Woods; **Natalie Curtis**, Nanini; **Margaret Timour**, River Center; **Michele Creston**, Green Valley; **Lupe Guerrero**, Mission attended "What's new in Children's Books", a workshop led by **Dr. Peggy Sharp**, teacher and library media specialist. Participants learned about the best in children's books and how to create new programs for children based upon recently published children's literature.

***COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – Richard DiRusso***

Community Partnerships: On Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (Presidents Day) I spent the majority of the day conducting outreach at the GSA (Gay, Straight Alliance) Leadership Retreat held at the Airport Holiday Inn. There were 80 high school students, along with their teachers, from various districts and schools from around Pima County. Since I am on the board of the Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce I presented as a member of a panel of six individuals in three sessions that focused on Employment. The other session focused on Community Action and GLBT Issues. I spoke about my educational background, what it is like to work in a library and how Teens can volunteer and/or seek employment at PCPL.

It was a good learning experience for me and the kids were engaging and several came up later to ask me about what did they teach in library school, and how to volunteer at their local library.

I respected the courage that these young adults had by identifying as GLBT or friends of GLBT students, when often they face an enormous amount of flack from their peers and in some instances from the adults in their lives as well (teachers, school security guards, etc...) on a daily basis at school. By interacting with them in the workshop we hope that they can see that there are professional, successful GLBT adults who are open about their lives in their workplaces providing positive role models, especially when there are often too few in their lives.

***TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Libby Jones***

No report this month

## Agenda Item 6D



**DATE:** March 6, 2009

**TO:** Library Board, Pima County Public Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima County Public Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Arivaca Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Oro Valley Library  
Pima County Public Library Foundation Board

**FROM:** Pat Corella  
Library Deputy Director

**SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT – February 2009**

### **FACILITIES:**

**MURPHY-WILMOT LIBRARY:** The Architect along with the design team continues to move forward. The Design Development plans are currently under review by Library and Facilities Management staff. Facilities staff will start negotiating an eighteen month lease agreement with the landlord that will cover the temporary Wilmot quarters for the duration of construction. It is anticipated that this project will be complete by early to mid 2010.

**One-Desk Conversion:** Prior to the close of this fiscal year, Facilities and Library staff will be working and scheduling the one-desk conversions and minor re-modeling projects in an effort to complete these numerous projects at Nanini, Green Valley and Main Library hopefully by the end of this fiscal year.

**Miscellaneous Projects:** And of course, there are a slew of incidental and related smaller projects that crop up as soon as major projects are finished. Those types of projects will be addressed as they happen.

**RIO NUEVO E-LIBRARY:** The Arizona Historical Society, City of Tucson and the Library came together to have a status meeting with Fentress Architects who is the architectural firm that will develop the plans to build the Arizona Historical Society and the E-Library building in Río Nuevo. Pima County Public Library was allowed to build an E-Library in partnership with the Arizona

Historical Society who will sell their current building and move to the Río Nuevo site. Still too early to say when this project will be complete.

**POTENTIAL LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND EXPANSIONS:** Several library buildings that were being considered for development or expansion did not go forward to the voters for bond approval in 2008. Now, it appears the development of library buildings will be delayed until 2009 or 2010.



## Agenda Item 6E

**DATE:** March 5, 2009

**TO:** Library Board, Pima County Public Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima County Public Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Arivaca Library  
Board of Directors, Friends of the Oro Valley Library  
Pima County Public Library Foundation Board

**FROM:** Steffannie Koeneman  
Community Relations Manager

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT-February 2009**

A busy month for Community Relations. During February we:

-Began working in earnest on the Summer Reading programs. This included the usual print needs of all age level programs, plus designing and working to procure summer reading incentives.

-Finalized and printed "As Told in Tucson" a brief reader's advisory on book with Tucson connections.

-Reworked the system wide brochures on Library card policies and the overview of Library services for public use.

-Created and launched our "Go Green" campaign to encourage library customers to use electronic notices instead of mailed paper notices.

-Created flyer shells for our new Get Fit 50+ programming.

-Created a new banner of Library services for the Book Festival.

-Began work on a summer reading Passport incentive featuring coupons to local attractions as a reward for reading. Also may include a coupon for the Friends booksales.

-Completed publicity efforts for Nuestras Raices, which included printed materials, press releases, an email blast, print advertising and direct media contacts to promote the Festival on March 21, as well as the presentation by Luis Urrea at the Tucson Festival of Books and the two-day **Nuestras Raices Film Festival**.

-Supplied branch libraries with Festival of Books bookmarks and printable flyers to encourage public participation in the Book Festival.

- Created print advertising for the Library in connection with the Book Festival.
- Began implementation to target market the bookmobile in the areas of Tucson Estates and Picture Rocks.
- Promoted Read Baby Read, which launched Feb. 14.
- Working on the new Calendar of Events magazine.
- Working to reinforce news coverage about the Library's work in helping residents with job searches and highlighting our free services.

## Library in the news:

### [Town group to weigh library's future](#)

Explorer News, AZ - Feb 4, 2009

The Oro Valley **Public Library** is an affiliate branch of the **Pima County** system. The two governments split the operating expenses with exceptions for certain ...

### [Community calendar](#)

Arizona Daily Star, AZ - Feb 16, 2009

Gabrielle Giffords and the Tucson **Pima County Public Library**. Reservations recommended. 6-8 pm Feb. 17. Free. 881-3588. Panning for garnets — Sabino Canyon, ...

### [Arizona Daily Star](#)

Arizona Daily Star, AZ - Feb 14, 2009

Gabrielle Giffords and the Tucson **Pima County Public Library**. Reservations recommended. 6-8 pm Feb. 17. Free. 881-3588. Traditional Rug Hooking: Old Pueblo ...

### [Book events](#)

Arizona Daily Star, AZ - Feb 12, 2009

Friends of the **Library** Book Sale — Book Barn, 2230 N. Country Club Road. Proceeds benefit the **Pima County Public Library**. 10 am-7 pm Feb. 13-16. Free. ...

### [Library information](#)

Arizona Daily Star, AZ - Feb 4, 2009

For more information, go online to [www.library.pima.gov/locations/abbett](http://www.library.pima.gov/locations/abbett) or call 594-5200.

- All **county library** branches and the Oro Valley **Public Library** ...

[Community notes](#) Trading Markets (press release)

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### [Book events](#)

Arizona Daily Star, AZ - Feb 5, 2009

Friends of the **Library** Book Sale — Book Barn, 2230 N. Country Club Road. Proceeds benefit the **Pima County Public Library**. 10 am- 7 pm Feb. 13-16. Free. ...

### [County libraries offer tax help](#)

Explorer News, AZ - Jan 28, 2009

Residents can check the **library's** Web site, [www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov), for a listing of tax information and other resources to assist them with tax preparation. ...

### [Fair helps agencies connect with volunteers](#)

Green Valley News, AZ - Jan 30, 2009

His group, along with **Pima County Public Library** and Green Valley Recreation, sponsored their second volunteer fair at Canoa Hills Recreation Center. ...

### [Friendlier downtown plaza proposed](#)

Tucson Citizen, AZ - Feb 2, 2009

Create a contained outdoor reading area under the **library** overhang, which **Pima County Public Library** services manager Karen Thayer believes could be ready ...

### [Volunteer Showcase 10 am to noon Thursday](#)

Green Valley News, AZ - Jan 29, 2009

The event is hosted by the Joyner-Green Valley **Library**, part of the **Pima County Public Library** system, Green Valley Recreation, the Green Valley Community ...



[University of Arizona News \(press release\)](#) ...

### [UA Leads the Nation in Bringing Diversity to the US Library System](#)

University of Arizona News (press release), AZ - Feb 2, 2009

3, at noon at the UA Main **Library** Room A314 and Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 am at the Joel D. Valdez **Pima County Public Library**, 101 N. Stone Avenue in Downtown

### [Books a recurring theme in](#)

#### [Martin's life](#)

Newnan Times-Herald, GA - Jan 29, 2009

Just over a year ago, she received the Lawrence Clark Powell Award from the Tucson-**Pima Public Library**. The award was given in recognition of her longtime ...

### [Ben's Bells : Agnes and The Knitters spread warmth](#)

Arizona Daily Star, AZ - Jan 30, 2009

She was nominated by one of the people who help her and The Knitters distribute the warm and colorful clothes, Ella Gomez, a **Pima County Public Libraries** ...

## Television:

### Channel 4

#### [Poor economy leads to increase in library use](#)

PHOENIX (AP) - **Libraries** around the Phoenix area have become a great place to escape to during the rough economic times. **Libraries** are filled with people using computers to update resumes and look for jobs online while others increase their knowledge reading a book or use it to rent a movie....

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### Channel 12

Downloadable audio. Filmed at Santa Rosa. In Spanish. Airtime TBA

### Channel 4

Read Baby Read. Reporter Sandy Rathbun interviews Children's Librarian Beth Rubio (Himmel) about the new techniques taught to parents to help them give children a developmental headstart for early literacy. Aired twice Feb. 13 and again the week of Feb. 16.