

## Agenda Item 6b



### Pima County Public Library Advisory Board

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**DATE:** April 13, 2009

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

**FROM:** Nancy Ledeboer, Library Director

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

The Library budget has been submitted and is under review by Finance & Budget & the County Administrator. If the current tax rate is carried over to the next fiscal year revenues will exceed projected expenditures by approximately \$4M. The proposed budget calls for the difference to be bridged with a combination of ending fund balance and reserves. Current projections indicate that the next two years will be a challenge due to declining property values and the slow down in growth. The total assessed valuation for Pima County is anticipated to drop over the next two years. Therefore, the Library has proposed a conservative budget to sustain current levels of service. The new Strategic Plan will provide a focus for allocating existing resources. Along with the Strategic Plan a Technology Plan was submitted listing the various activities that require technology in support of the Strategic Service Responses. The proposed budget takes these service priorities into consideration and shifts resources in support of service priorities.

The Pima County Bond Advisory Commission met on March 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss when to move forward on the bond issue that has been under discussion. The need for capital improvements for libraries, parks, and many other areas continues to grow. However, given current economic conditions the members did not feel it was a good time to ask voters to increase the bond debt. County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry indicated that if the County is able to retire more of the current debt then it will be easier to ask the voters to approve a new bond in 2010. The committee heard reports on the completion of projects approved by voters in the 2004 bond election. The committee voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors move ahead with a bond issue in 2010. The committee members agreed to review the list of projects and prioritize the list in order to reduce the total amount of the bond issue that will go before the voters.

The Town of Oro Valley (TOV) Library Committee continued to meet for the purpose of evaluating options for the future operation of the Town's Library. In March the committee looked at the statutes governing the creation of Library Districts and how they are funded. Committee members reported on how other counties in Arizona operate libraries. There was a presentation by staff on how technology may be different between the TOV Library and PCPL and a discussion of cost projections for the Town Library. A brief review of the meetings was presented to Supervisor Day.

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Library Director's Report

At the February Board meeting during public comment the Board heard from two speakers who would like to see more information available at the library on the topic of unwanted same sex attraction. In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the Board was not able to ask questions or respond to public comment. During the meeting the Library Board heard from Collection Development on how customer requests are addressed. With regard to this specific subject several titles were added to the collection in the last six months. In addition, a new cross reference in the subject headings was added to make it easier to find these titles in the catalog. Additional information is available on this topic in the databases that the library provides.

A presentation to the Board also looked at how staff selects sites to link to on the Library website. The website is not intended to provide a comprehensive list of subjects. Since it does not fall under the Collection Development Policy a staff committee has been assigned to develop web link criteria. The entire website will be reviewed once these criteria are established. The Board will be informed as this criteria is developed.

On March 14 & 15 the entire community was invited to celebrate books, authors and reading at the first annual Tucson Festival of Books. This event was a community wide effort to highlight the many literary presses, book stores and authors in Tucson as well as to raise awareness to the need to support literacy and the newly formed Literacy for Life Coalition. This was an exciting opportunity for the Library to showcase the book mobile, digital downloadable content, services to families and youth and Nuestras Raices. Many staff were involved in the planning and implementation of the Festival and the Library was recognized for its involvement in the insert in the Sunday paper featuring the schedule of author presentations.

The Main Library is preparing for some renovations. The carpet on the stairway will be replaced. The main floor will combine two service desks into one service point. The third floor will bring all computers together in an information commons to provide greater supervision and assistance. These changes will improve safety, provide greater customer service and will reduce the number of service points that have to be staffed on a day to day basis.

As we approach the new fiscal year all database renewals are under review. Along with the State Library and Maricopa County Library District we are asking database vendors to provide expanded access allowing schools direct access to content purchased by public libraries. These negotiations are still underway. I attended one of the many budget hearings for the Tucson Unified School District and suggested that cooperation between the public Library and the schools is essential to providing students with resources they need to succeed.

On March 1 & 2 Community Partnership Librarian Dawn Gardner and I attended the Library Convocation sponsored by the State Library. The key note speakers talked about economic sustainability of organizations and stressed the importance of developing partnerships that help the library (or museum) become deeply embedded in the community. In that spirit we met with staff from the Tucson Museum of Art to discuss the possibility of a future partnership to promote the use of their special collection of art materials and provide art programming in libraries. We are also in discussion with One Stop about offering training at the library to assist workers in developing resumes and conducting online job searches. Our partnership with the Literacy for Life Coalition continues as we look at community wide needs and assets to building a 100% literate community.

## Agenda Item 6C



**DATE:** April 3, 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 March 2009**

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

#### Children, Teens & Families:

Tutoring for February: 12 sessions and 89 student contacts.

### **AJO—*Linda Lam***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

March's calendar was filled with local residents presenting programs of value to all. James Cowlin shared his expertise and skills in landscape photography; Linelle Wagner wowed us with useful medicinal plants found right here in Ajo; and Hilda Villaverde encouraged us with wisdom from her book LIVING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF FEAR and entertained us with stories from BLOW DRY THIS!: tales gathered from her salon clientele.

#### Visibility & Image:

Friends of the Salazar-Ajo branch hosted their annual Community Social in the Plaza. This free event is a thank you to the residents for their continued support of the Salazar-Ajo library. Musical entertainment was provided by Peter Altschul & Friends and Roland Trenary while children enjoyed having their faces painted.

#### Community Partnerships:

Library staff continues to participate on a number of community panels – Youth Family Resource Network, a section of Arizona Youth Partnership, working on coordinating summer activities for all children; and the Ajo Community Partnership panel, hosted by Freeport McMoRan, discussing community planning.

### **CATALINA – *Karen Greaber***

No report this month

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

### Children, Teens & Families:

Nathalie Dresang, Arivaca Homework Help tutor and promoter of Early Childhood activities in Arivaca for First Things First, attended the State Library's Brain Box training on March 27 and proclaimed the training "awesome."

### Visibility & Image –

On March 22, folksinger Jeni Foster presented a program: "My immigrant grandfather's eyes: songs and history of Irish immigration to America" to an enthusiastic and sometimes tearful audience.

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 March 12.

On March 27, Librarian Mary Kasulaitis joined a student group from Minnesota that visited Juan Escudilla Elementary school in Sasabe, Sonora, as part of an annual student exchange program. The Minnesota students brought backpacks and school supplies and the Mexican students provided an entertaining program of music, dance and skits, as well as piñatas for everyone. This was part of a 3-day series of activities on both sides of the border. The Minnesota children were attended by their school principal and counselor who had organized the exchange. Also in attendance at the Sasabe school program was the Superintendent of the elementary school district and members of the Board of Education from Altar, Sonora.

### Community Partnerships

Green Valley Assistance Services provided information to low-income local residents on March 17.

Arivaca Library held its annual Star Party on March 28 in conjunction with the Sonora Astronomical Society of Green Valley, which provided nine telescopes and expertise. There was record attendance with over 70 people enjoying the night sky.

## **ECKSTROM-COLUMBUS— *Terry Rill***

### Children, Teens & Families:

Shannon Wilcox attended the last Read & Eat for the year at Corbett Elementary School and gave out bus passes to families for the Tucson Festival of Books.

Family Craft Night continues to be a success with the construction paper flowers being the clear winner this month. Kids and parents alike enjoyed making paper flower bouquets to take home or give to someone else.

Library staff put together an Amigurumi class for teens and adults. The four week class was designed for beginners who wanted to learn the basics, but encouraged veterans to come and try out some new techniques. Each person left with a completed stuffed animal.

In addition to the usual teen gaming days, members of the Columbus Advisory Council planned a special Super Smash Bros. Brawl Tournament. The top three winners went home with prizes. Another member planned a Magic the Gathering game and chess game for the final Wednesday of the month.

Visibility & Image:

The Arizona Daily Star paid a visit during Nyssa's Dance Dance Revolution Tournament early this month at which 20 people attended.

The Columbus Advisory Council teens continued with their mission to liven up the teen area. This month they painted a canvas rug which will be displayed in the teen area.

Shannon Wilcox visited the KidCo located at Robison Elementary and presented information about what kids can do with their library cards. She also had a first grade class from Myers-Ganoung Elementary come to the library for a storytime, a tour and hand out Learn, Read, Grow, Succeed bags and cards.

Barb enjoyed volunteering at the Tucson Festival of Books and looks forward to doing the same next year.

Community Partnerships:

Nyssa Densley visited a senior class at Rincon High School and presented information about job hunting and job preparation.

Barb Kuelbs attended the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Coalition meeting and is keeping us informed on the status on grant applications and upcoming projects.

Nyssa also attended this month's Pima Council on Aging meeting held here at Eckstrom-Columbus.

***DUSENBERRY-RIVER—***

No report this month

***EL PUEBLO— Aaron Valdivia***

Children, Teens & Families:

We continue to have good attendance at story times every Tuesday and John Munoz continues to assist at El Pueblo with the story times. We have groups from the day care and the YMCA attending every Tuesday for a total of over 40 children. We have a number of chess boards and kids and adults frequently ask for these while they wait for a computer or while taking a break from doing homework.

The homework help instructor, here on Tuesday and Thursday nights, has been getting very busy, with up to three or four kids per night. Aaron Valdivia has assisted some of her students with their English and history homework.

Visibility & Image:

We have just finished our first session of computer classes. They were a huge success with over 10 people in each class. One was given at the library and one in the senior center next door. We will now continue to offer the computer classes every Monday. The instructor will offer the same class in Spanish and English back to back on Monday afternoon. A SIRLS student assisted the instructor while doing her service learning for a class.

Aaron attended the annual SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Association Presidential Partnerships) Town Hall meeting at the senior center next door on March 19<sup>th</sup>. He was able to meet with numerous community representatives and discuss PCPL's role in the neighborhood center and the community at large. There were PCPL brochures, bookmarks and other items given away at the event.

Aaron also attended the “Cover the Uninsured Fair” sponsored by the El Rio Health Center and held at the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center courtyard on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Free health screenings and food were given to uninsured Pima County residents at this event. Aaron handed out PCPL materials and talk to people about the library’s role in their search for quality consumer health information resources. At the request of representatives from the El Rio clinic Aaron read stories to children attending the event in the El Rio clinic tent.

Community Partnerships:

The YMCA on Nogales Highway continues to bring kids to participate in story times. Three groups of 12 to 15 kids at a time come for each of the Tuesday morning story times given by John Munoz.

Aaron will be in contact with some of the community agency representatives he met at the SNAPP Town hall event.

***EL RIO—Wanda Poindexter***

No report this month

***FLOWING WELLS – Yolanda Sainz***

No report this month

***GEASA-MARANA— Nancy Lindeman***

Children, Teens & Families:

Geasa-Marana Branch hosted a class visit and storytime for Head Start Preschoolers. A specially themed Preschool Storytime was also presented for Dr Seuss’ birthday.

Librarian Nancy Lindeman took part in Roadrunner Elementary School’s annual Career Day, sharing the joys of Librarianship with over 230 students from Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The best questions came from the first graders: “What’s the best part of your job and what’s the *craziest?*!” Also, “What’s the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing at night?”

Visibility & Image

Again this year we joined with Abbett Branch to participate in Marana Founders’ Day, assisting with set-up and manning the booth. Over 900 Marana community members visited our booth. In addition, the branch hosted a “Games @ Your Library” afternoon session in the library for all age levels.

Our new meeting and study rooms continue to get regular use by our community partners and others: Senator Al Melvin held a non-partisan Town Hall at our branch during March; Head Start sponsored a CPR Training Class; ESL, LVT and MUSD tutors; VITA EITC Tax Assistance; Grandparents Raising Grandchildren; our monthly FRIENDS of PCPL Book Sale. Geasa-Marana’s capability to provide this service outside of regular Branch hours if needed is helping several of these meeting room users. We hope to continue to provide this service to more and more members of our community.

The Marana Mystery Book Club opened its March meeting to the community for a visit with local author Susan Cummins Miller who discussed her latest book *Hoodoo*. Attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet provided by the club members and a book sale and signing after the program. It was a memorable event!

**HIMMEL PARK BRANCH – Sarajejan Harwood**

March '09

**Children, Teens and Family**

Many, many schools visited Himmel this month.

On March 4, 14 people attended an Arizona Humanities Council program "Lure of the West; Arizona's Jewish Pioneer Families.

Preschool Story Time celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle.

Our wonderful interment Librarian, Larry Wawro, left us for a job with the King County Library System so we were left without a guitar player for our Saturday morning story time. Fortunately, one of our Pages, Aaron Stielstra, volunteered and is doing a wonderful job with bassist, Georgia Taylor. Live music continues on Saturdays at Himmel!

**Vision and Image and Community Partners**

On March 21, the first every Sustainability Living Library was presented at Himmel. This program was done in partnership with the City of Tucson's Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development. Experts in various aspects of sustainability were on hand to be 'checked out' by 'readers' for 20 minutes. This is an extremely effective format for providing information. The attendance was not as large as we had hoped, but all who participated enjoyed it very much. We hope to do another Living Library in the next few months at a different library.

Sarajea Harwood attended the Tucson Birthday Party planning meeting. There were many wonderful ideas for this year.

Solar 101 was presented at Golf Links Library this month. Sarajea again gave a brief presentation about library resources at the meeting.

On March 28, Ben Matiella and Sarajea Harwood represented PCPL with a display table at Solar Rock, right here in the park. We saw several hundred people and were even able to check books out to people because the library was so close.

***JOYNER-GREEN VALLEY— Amber Mathewson*****Children, Teens & Families:**

Michelle Creston continues to maintain Storytimes at both the Green Valley and Sahuarita Locations.

**Visibility & Image:**

The annual Focus on Art Series presented by the docents of the Tucson Museum of Art and supported by the Friends of the Green Valley Library was completed this month. This series is a very successful event that is anticipated by many in the area each year.

Karen Greene organized an intergenerational spring craft series focusing on Mosaic picture frames, beading and knitting. The knitting group created sweaters to be donated to UMC's mobile clinic. These programs allow seniors in the area to interact with each other, as well as with younger children and families and to keep their minds active and engaged.

The storytelling and musical styling of Jeni Foster were enjoyed by many in her unique program on Birdsongs.

**Community Partnerships:**

This month Michelle participated in the Green Valley Assistance Services Empty Bowls Event Co-hosted by the Community Food Bank. Michelle provided stories throughout the event along with Michele White of the Sahuarita Library.

Amber Mathewson & Maria Esparza met with the United Community Health Continental Clinic to propose a summer senior health series. This partnership came through an earlier partnership that has resulted in informational packets regarding area services given out to library patrons getting cards for the first time.

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

#### Children, Teens & Families:

LEGO Robotics were taught by the JDC manager, one-on-one, to many, many dozens of children, teens and families as part of the library's Teen Activity Booth at the Tucson Festival of Books, March 14, 10am-5pm, and March 15, 10am-1pm.

#### Visibility & Image:

Two author panels at the Tucson Festival of Books (*Arizona Stories* and *Imaginary Places*) were moderated by the JDC manager, March 15. And, the JDC manager emceed the Mercado events for the 6th annual Nuestras Raíces, March 21, 10am-4pm.

#### Community Partnerships:

The Inside/Out Poetry Program began its spring semester on March 6. "Poetry and Trust" is this semester's theme, an extension of last semester's "Poetry and Politics." The program brings together students at the Juvenile and Adult Detention Centers, Pima Vocational High School, and personnel from Tucson Parks and Recreation, the University of Arizona, and the Pima County Public Library; the program features a wide array of speakers, representing dozens of organizations.

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

#### Children, Teens & Families:

The **14<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Art Invitational** is on display in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor gallery from March 14 through April 27. We received 90 student entries from 12 Pima County high schools, submitted by 20 teachers. Five jurors, including 4 arts community representatives and 1 Friends member selected winners in 5 "Best of" and 1 "Special Recognition categories. All participating students, their teachers, and the jurors received invitations to a reception and awards ceremony to be held on April 25.

The **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Nuestras Raíces Literary Arts Festival Mercado** was held on the Jácome Plaza and in the Joel D. Valdez Main Library. This day-long celebration welcomed more than 1,200 guests to enjoy a live-action children's program, a ballet folklórico dance performance, food and shopping on the plaza. The **Youth Mariachi Festival** was a tremendous success, allowing youth to engage in a friendly competition while showcasing their talents for their community to enjoy. Parents and kids learned how to make **cascarones and maracas**. Over 250 of these art projects were completed and we estimated that at least 500 people visited the Children's room throughout the day. **Local author, Silviana Wood**, presented an interactive workshop for adults to wrap-up the program

On Saturday, March 7 and 14, Librarians from Golf Links and Main Library provided 6 credit hours of **Ready to Read training** on Early Brain Development and Early Literacy to 43 Childcare providers from all over Pima County. The training provided a variety of brain development & early literacy activities and fun demonstrations on ways to engage young children so they have the skills they need to enter school ready to learn to read. Approximately 30 parents and children from these childcare settings attended the second session for a fun storytime, as well as to receive information about library services and programs.

Childcare providers that attended both sessions received books to use in their homes or centers and each child attending also received a free book to take home. Because of severe cuts in State funding that support early education, we had a high response and interest in the workshop. There are currently 60 childcare providers on the waiting list and we plan to provide an additional training again in May. Librarians from Abbett and Mission branches also attended to observe, with the goal to conduct *Ready to Read & Listos para Leer* trainings in the future.

On Saturday, March 28, Main Library's Children's Department celebrated the **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Very Hungry Caterpillar** and the beginning of spring with fun stories, songs and activities, as well as a special visit from Flower the Clown. Flower is a professional clown that often brings her children to Family Storytime and really wanted to show her appreciation for all the library does for children. She entertained as well as made special balloon creations for each child. Over 30 parents and children attended in all.

#### Visibility & Image:

In the week following the **Tucson Book Festival**, **Infoline** received calls from some people with questions to be answered, but who also attended the Festival and were compelled to share their experiences. An elderly woman who is a life-long fan of Elmore Leonard said it was one of the highlights of her life to have an opportunity to meet the author up close and chat with him, and she treasures the photo she had taken with him. Another regular Infoline caller was extremely impressed with the top-notch panel of sportswriters and athletes at one session.

#### Community Partnerships:

Cathy Jacobus participated in *Southwest Books of the Year: Choosing the Best of the Southwest*, a panel discussion at the **Tucson Festival of Books** on March 14. Cathy reviews children's and YA titles for the Southwest Books of the Year publication.

Karen Koevary was a speaker/panelist at the **Alliance of Arizona Nonprofit's Tucson Grants Forum**. Karen described and demonstrated the resources available through PCPL's Grants & Nonprofit Information Center web. The 35 attendees asked questions and many indicated that they consider the library's services for nonprofits an invaluable resource. This is especially true now, when nonprofits and community organizations are experiencing funding cuts and diminishing resources.

Business Librarian Deborah Brown partnered with the **Microbusiness Advancement Center** to present a workshop session called "**Creating a Path to Successful Business Ownership**" at the fifth annual **Tucson YWCA Women & Money Conference**. Deborah spoke to over 60 local entrepreneurs, who learned about how to use free library business resources to make their businesses more competitive in this economy.

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

#### Children, Teens & Families:

A lively group of adults and teens enjoyed the "Craft a Month" program featuring counted cross-stitch.

A capacity crowd enjoyed the Mega science Volcano program. Presenter Meg Balaconis got the kids (and adults) excited about science by creating an erupting volcano cake. The audience not only learned some science but also got to eat cake!

The new and improved Bookmobile visited on March 31. It is a full-service "library on wheels" offering a 4,000 book collection and satellite technology. Wade Zelenak explained to his visitors that the bookmobile provides library services to areas without libraries and to people unable to easily access

libraries. The Tanque Verde Valley was a regular stop for the old bookmobile before the Kirk – Bear Canyon Library opened in 1991.

#### Visibility & Image:

An article in the March 5 Arizona Daily Star, “Sadie the Dog Is a Good Listener,” featured the library’s Reading Dog. Owner Mary Fahey has been faithfully bringing Sadie to the library for the past two years. Jacob Mockbee, 11, summed up the experience: "It's kinda weird to read to a dog, but a good weird," said Jacob, giggling as he read.

Bear Canyon staff members had a great time volunteering and attending the Tucson Festival of Books and Nuestras Raices.

#### Community Partnerships:

The Friends of the Kirk – Bear Canyon Library held a very successful book sale on March 7 and March 8. There was a large selection of books, audiovisual materials, games, and puzzles - something for everyone.

We hosted two of the “Planning at Midlife” programs presented by The Career Services Unlimited Team: Planning and Financial Literacy.

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

#### Children, Teens & Families:

This month was very busy with several programs and activities. The First Grade Library Campaign is wrapping-up so two first grade classes from Wright Elementary came to pick-up their library cards, a storytime was conducted and a library tour. Martha Cooper’s Teen Lounge had a small but enthusiastic audience of teens for the Mama Mia Pasta Cooking program. In addition, teens participated in a Summer Job Workshop that introduced them to basic job search techniques. The class covered performing a skills assessment, identifying potential employers, applying for a job, and interviewing tips. Marissa Alcorta participated in the Adelita play during the Nuestras Raíces Mercado event at the Main library. Furthermore, two fitness programs were presented this month – Capoeira, Brazilian Martial Arts, for teens and adults and Chair yoga for adults. Martha Cooper offered another Online Job Search Class. Thanks to the help of our library volunteer, Jennifer Caldwell, job seekers were happy to get one-on-one assistance during the last hour of the class. TUSD librarian Leva Daly and PCPL computer monitor Ellen Hammes observed the class and plan to offer similar classes to their populations.

#### Visibility & Image:

Marissa Alcorta and Kathy Konecny visited Ms. Byrd’s class at Howell Elementary to participate in their Read Across America Dr. Seuss event. Marissa also visited Ms. Schwinn’s class at Desert Christian Academy and Ms.Selby’s class at Howell Elementary. She gave these classes their new library cards and read to them. The children were extremely excited about receiving their first library cards. Mary Givins represented our branch at the Tucson Festival of books, helping with Marge Pellegrino’s teen poetry activity. Marissa Alcorta also helped at the Tucson Festival of Books in the Nuestras Raices portion the program with the guest speaker Luis Alberto Urrea.

#### Community Partnerships:

Mary Givins, Martín Rivera, and Margaret Guerrero, worked with Ken Briggs, Director of the International Rescue Committee of Tucson to write and submit an LSTA grant to provide multilingual job search instruction to community refugees. Margaret Guerrero attended the Refugee and Immigrant

Service Providers Network meeting and the Pima County Community Health Task Force meeting. She also attended and participated in the Wright Elementary Schools Site Council meeting where next years school budget was discussed.

### ***MILLER GOLF LINKS – Ruth Grant***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

- Chris Novak & Mary Sanchez taught over 50 child-care providers about Pre-Literacy Skills and Baby Brain Development over the course of two consecutive Saturdays in March.
- Cottonwood Preschool visited Miller-Golf Links, and Children's Librarian Chris Novak provided them with a lively storytime.
- Reynolds Elem. School's Best of the Best students were rewarded with a trip to our library and pizza.
- Chris Novak visited Lyons Elem. and after reading stories and talking about the library, the first graders received their cards and backpacks.
- Ahxel M. of Pima County Parks and Rec presented the program, "Skulls from the Sonoran Desert," to a very enthusiastic group of adults and children this month.
- Allan Dew visited Cottonwood Elementary to give an award to their first graders with their very first library cards. He also provided story telling and bookbags for each child.
- Youth Services Librarian Matt Landon continued to support weekly visits from teens from the Santa Rita High School Special Education Department with a library tour and new library cards for ten students.
- Matt Landon introduced teens to the Comic Book Project at the monthly art program, and teens discussed their artwork and plans for comics. The Comic Book Project is a program where teens draw comics that are displayed on the website for Dark Horse Comics.
- Throughout March, Matt Landon recruited youth judges and coordinated the judging for the 2009 Youth Poetry Contest.

#### Visibility & Image &

- Matt Landon represented PCPL at the Tucson Festival of Books. He helped in the teen audio booth, where teens recorded interviews with family members about books and life as teenagers, and at the entertainment stage, where youth musicians performed. Matt helped manage the Dance Dance Revolution Tournament in which eleven winners of branch contests competed for the grand prize.
- Adult Services Librarian Beth Petrucci assisted with the Living Library "Green Living" event at Himmel Park Library on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Beth created a Mexican-American History of Tucson display in support of the Nuestras Raices program.
- Matt Landon trained two teens as Library Advocates and one of the Advocates gave two presentations to 60 students at Gale Elementary.
- To support the That's My Take Film program, Matt Landon put information into the Summer Program insert for the Daily Star, the school newspaper for St. Augustine high school, and handed out fliers at the Tucson Festival of Books.

#### Community Partnerships:

- Librarian Beth Petrucci met with Anne Miller of the Cut Paper Society to arrange a display of ornate and intricate cut paper art. It looks magnificent – you don't want to miss seeing this!

- Miller-Golf Links Library hosted the Gabrielle Giffords' Solar 101 program to an enthusiastic crowd on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

### ***MISSION – Mary McKinney***

#### Children, Teens, & Families:

Anime and Manga were the focus of the Teen Readover on March 13. Ten teens attended this after-hours event where they discussed books, movies, and made some healthy Japanese cuisine consisting of sushi and rice balls.

Three Reading Partners have been volunteering at Mission on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. The kids, especially regular visitors, enjoy having a new listener to read to.

#### Visibility & Image:

The Friends of the PCPL are gaining more visibility these days with a brand new mini-bookstore at Mission. The cart of books for sale brought in \$95 in the first four days!

The bookmobile stopped at Mission on March 26<sup>th</sup>. About 50 people went on board to *check it out*. Several customers did not know that bookmobile service exists. They were impressed by the service and the new vehicle too.

#### Community Partnerships:

Computer classes offered at Mission evolved into an English series of classes and a Spanish series of classes. Offering the Spanish classes on Wednesdays coincides perfectly with the English classes provided by Literacy Volunteers of Tucson. Students are able to take advantage of both opportunities.

Wills, Trusts, and Power of Attorney was the topic of the first Oasis partnership program. 12 people attended.

### ***MURPHY WILMOT – Daphne Daly***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

Read to a Dog is an ongoing program that improves children's reading skills by giving them a friendly listener with whom to practice reading aloud. Given the large cumulative impact this has on our readers' skills, we wanted to celebrate our two year anniversary of the program in style. Toby Wehner organized a special session attended by over 100 kids and their families. Taking the time to recognize our readers' progress and our volunteers' contributions to their success made for a wonderful afternoon for all.

#### Visibility & Image:

The Overdrive Digital Bookmobile visited Wilmot for the day to highlight our digit download services. The 75 foot long semi-with the slick paint job attracted over 80 customers to climb aboard to learn about downloading audio books or videos.

#### Community Partnerships:

The Friends of Pima County Public Library bookstore within Murphy-Wilmot appears to be recession proof, netting over \$1,000 in March. The recent regular average has been \$800.

### ***NANINI – Kristi Bradford***

#### Community Partnerships

Khalsa Montessori School's 4<sup>th</sup> and fifth grade classes contributed bright watercolor and printmaking artwork for Nanini's library walls this month.

U of A Stories on Stage performed 3 of local author Susan Lowell's southwest stories at Tuesday night Family storytime.

### Children, Teens, & Families

Children's outreach visits this month included Sunshine Preschool, Desert Montessori Preschool, Immaculate Heart School and Literacy Night at Donaldson Elementary. Teen Librarian Pam Park visited 5 classes (150 students) at La Cima Middle School.

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

#### Children, Teens & Families:

Quincie Credit-wise Kids Club won first place in the high school competition at the University of Arizona "Duel in the Desert" financial literacy contest. One team member, James Popp also won an individual award for excellence in presentation. After the competition, proud families enjoyed lunch and workshops about financing college.

Children's Librarian Leanne Yoder extended the Book Bucks program to include opportunities for children to read for fine reduction while they are in the library. Two volunteer reading partners encourage children to spend time reading aloud or silently for fine reduction or incentives such as stickers and tattoos. This is practical at Quincie Douglas Branch because there are many children who spend hours hanging out after school each day.

Quincie Staff and volunteers supported the Nuestra and Book Festival programs.

#### Visibility & Image/ Community Partnerships:

Quincie Douglas Branch continues as a focal point for information and learning opportunities with regularly scheduled English language, computer literacy and art for senior classes as well as Chess club, Teen Advisory Board and Children's Advisory Team.

Tax help through VITA and Intuit is going well with record participation so far.

We completed sixteen DTV informational workshops sponsored by the Hispanic Information Television Network . We will continue as an information site for the transition with print information prominently displayed until the June transition.

### **Sahuarita Branch – Michele White**

#### Children, Teens & Families

Sahuarita and Joyner Green Valley branches were invited to participate in Sahuarita Primary School's "Read Across America Week" celebration. Michele White and Michelle Creston read Dr. Seuss books to three kindergarten classes.

LA Meggin Kitterman participated in Sahuarita Middle School's Career Day on March 11, 2009. Meggin was able to talk about librarianship to over 100 students.

#### Visibility & Image /Community Partnerships

We had the opportunity this month to collaborate with McDonald's and Sue Payne, Sahuarita Outreach Coordinator to promote the new Sahuarita Library. Ronald McDonald graciously offered to promote "Love of Reading" and our library to local Sahuarita students.

The Friends of the Joyner Green Valley Library are generously supporting the Sahuarita Library. We now have a used book cart in our branch that is already become popular with patrons.

We were invited to provide storytimes at the third annual "Empty Bowls" event coordinated by Green Valley Assistance Services and the Green Valley Community Food Bank. The event had a wonderful turnout.

***SANTA ROSA (SRO) —Emily Mazur***

No report this month

***SOUTH TUCSON — Sol Gómez***

Children, Teens & Families:

South Tucson and the community celebrated its Teen Area with a Grand Opening. About fifty people attended, most of them being teens. Teens presented skits, made pizzas with "Dave the Pizza Man", and hit the piñata that hung from the South Tucson Fire Department's Fire Truck. The firefighters were thanked with plenty of cake.

South Tucson visited Headstart to provide storytimes and provided a tour to PACE students and teachers. PACE will continue to visit the library on a monthly basis. The Sonoran Aquarium Program was a success with fifteen youth attending.

Visibility & Image:

South Tucson has been spreading the word even more throughout the community and it is evident from the new customers coming in to the library and asking about library programs.

Community Partnerships:

The UA Honors Computer Class was on a break for two Saturdays in March but the other two Saturdays were packed with twelve students attending regularly.

***SOUTHWEST— - Sara Dias***

Children, Teens & Families:

Family Creativity Night at Southwest has taken off! From 5 participants in February, we grew to 14 this month. Children and parents had fun designing wreaths for St. Paddy's Day, and sticky fingers were washed prior to checking out books. Teen Tech Week (March 8-14) at Southwest was filled with fun activities: a DDR tournament (which produced three qualifiers for the city-wide tournament at the Festival of Books!); and poster-polls which invited teens to write answers to tech-y questions on posters hanging on the walls.

With the majority of our Babytime participants reaching their second birthdays, it was the perfect opportunity to begin Southwest Branch's first Toddler Storytime this month. The group seems re-energized, and our toddlers now come bounding in ready to see what fun songs and stories await them each week. One mother commented that her daughter was asking for Dede all weekend, and Dede in turn is having a ball singing and dancing herself silly. We are also continuing to offer our Babytime for any wee ones wanting to come learn

and grow with us.

Special programs this month consisted of an author visit from Charline Profiri, who delighted preschoolers with her tale of ten mischievous geckos, and a Very Hungry Storytime, where toddlers helped celebrate the 40th anniversary of Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" with their own caterpillar creations and a sampling of some of the healthier snacks from this caterpillar's adventures.

Finally, the first ever Southwest Teen Coffeehouse was a big hit. The Teen Advisory Group "Tiger Eyes" coordinated to plan and execute this event, which was aimed at inspiring kids and teens to write and submit

poems for the Youth Poetry Contest; it also featured a hot chocolate bar, and an open mic where the brave ones played guitar, sang, recited poetry, and told jokes to the rest of us.

Visibility & Image:

Dede visited one of the next door HeadStart classes for a special presentation as part of their March theme of "community helpers." Even with the formidable competition of firefighters and sheriff's department representatives, she succeeded in engaging the students in a discussion about what librarians really do all day, as well as the proper way to take care of library materials. Five students returned that same day after school with their parents to sign up for library cards.

Community Partnerships:

Sara attended a Literacy Volunteers of Tucson orientation early this month. A customer let us know of his need for literacy tutoring with the explanation that there are no tutors available in this neighborhood. We are working with LVT to change that.

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

Visibility & Image:

The bookmobile made an appearance at the Tucson Festival of Books. Over 600 people came on board Saturday. Library cards were issued and staff checked out approx 140 items.

The bookmobile appeared in the St Patrick's Day Parade.

The Bookmobile-palooza toured Mission Library this month. Over fifty toured the vehicle after Mission's story time.

Community Partnerships:

RDR staff visited 15 facilities, served 951 customers and delivered 696 library items. Four new facilities were added this month, bringing the total number of Deposit Collection sites to 48.

A new catalog is available to Books-By-Mail customers.

***VALENCIA - Elaine Valenzuela***

Children, Teens & Families:

Schools in our area kept staff busy with the many "Learn, Read, Grow & Succeed" packets we received, processed and delivered.

Silviana Wood, local actress and playwright, presented two writing workshops for teens as a prelude to Valencia's upcoming Poetry Festival.

In addition to Valencia's five weekly story times, staff went out to nine sites to present stories to area pre-schoolers.

Visibility & Image:

Valencia staff members had a great time planning activities, volunteering at various events and attending the Tucson Festival of Books and Nuestras Raíces.

Community Partnerships:

Branch manager, Elaine Valenzuela, served on the Sunnyside School District's Dollars for Scholars scholarship committee. Over 120 Sunnyside and Desert View High School seniors submitted applications, and over half were selected to receive up to \$2000.00 in scholarships.

Elaine Valenzuela was invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Kino Rotary Club of South Tucson. LITERACY is an issue this club strongly focuses on and supports.

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

#### Children, Teens & Families:

We are doing more outreach visits to preschools, Headstart and elementary schools. This month we completed 4 outreach visits reaching 170 children. Over 100 Rattlesnake Ridge 3<sup>rd</sup> graders enjoyed a field trip to the library and learned all about our print and online resources for biographies. In addition, we completed a teen survey in collaboration with the Marana High School Librarian to gain feedback from teens on library book club ideas. We also identified a SIRLS library school student to work this summer as an Intern focusing on teen services and programs.

#### Visibility & Image:

Abbett and Geasa-Marana libraries worked together to coordinate and staff a table at the annual Marana Founder's Day Festival. Over 900 people visited the table to learn more about library programs and services. It was a huge event with great outreach opportunities with Marana citizens. Staff from the Colorado Garfield County Public Library stopped by Abbett to see the new facility. They had heard of the new design and wanted to see it so they could take ideas back to their library system which is building a new 22,000 sq ft library soon. State Senator Al Melvin hosted a non partisan town hall at Abbett Library during his last visit to the area.

#### Community Partnerships

Abbett Library and The Drawing Studio hosted their first art display reception celebrating and displaying works created by the students who attended the OATS (Outreach Art Tutoring for Seniors) program at Abbett. Currently the artwork is on display in the library using borrowed art panels from the Town of Marana.

Through our monthly attendance and collaborations we were able to identify and establish a children's book deposit collection in the existing Pima County Community Center in Picture Rocks servicing the citizens of Picture Rocks.

Friends of Pima County Public Library hosted a mini sale at the branch in March reaching its estimated goal to sell over \$135 worth of books (the original goal was \$125). The new book bags are a big hit and help draw people to the sale as it is the only time customers can buy the bags.

Sharla and April worked to provide information to other community partners and the library system on the free online services and tools available from the Regional College Access Center, Metropolitan Education Commission.

### ***WOODS—Martín Rivera***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

We are currently displaying art work from Sentinel Peak High School. Their teacher commented that the students were very happy to share their work in a public venue. As students from an alternative school they are not often praised and they enjoyed being asked to show their work here.

We started our chess club for teens this month. We are off to a great start with 16 kids and teens attending. Thanks to Gina Macaluso and the PCPL friends for purchasing the chess boards.

SIRLS intern Keri Williams spent March working with Jen Whitt in Children's services. She attended the monthly meeting, one of each of the weekday story times, most of the Saturday story times and helped present a Poison Prevention story time in honor of Poison Prevention week.

Jen Whitt gave out Learn, Read, Grow, Succeed 1st grade library cards to 3 classes at Presidio School and Nash Elementary. She read Chocolatina and then distributed cards and bags to many excited school children (and their teachers!)

Heather Ross taught four computer classes with an average of six people attending each class. The sign up list for the upcoming classes are already filled for the April classes.

The Wii Sports for teens/seniors has not been attracting many seniors.

The employee yoga class has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

#### Visibility & Image:

Jen Whitt, Trevan Paynter and Jackie Macias continue their community outreach in Children's services. We currently present story times to 8 classrooms at 5 locations.

#### Community Partnerships:

As a member of the LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Youth Leadership Conference planning committee Margie Farmer attended the 2 day workshop on March 23 and March 24 at Pima Community College West. The two day conference presented workshops and community information for over 2000 middle school and high school students

Jen Whitt worked the PCPL children's craft table at the Festival of Books on Sunday, March 15. She also served on the Children's Interactive Entertainment Committee for the Festival of Books

Margie Farmer spent time on Sat. March 14 at the teen audio booth at the Book Festival inviting teens and families to record interviews. On Sunday Margie spent the morning assisting with crafts at the teen tent. After the many months of working on the teen planning committee it was wonderful to see the events fall into place and see the teens and their families enjoy the festival.

The English classes continue to average about 18 students per class. The summer classes have been confirmed.

GED classes have been averaging about 8 students per class. Summer GED classes have been confirmed as well.

### ***VIRTUAL LIBRARY— Jen Maney***

#### Children, Teens & Families:

#### **Teen Zone gets a re-vamp!**

The library's Teen Zone, our website section just for teens, got a re-vamp recently in order to highlight what's going on for teens at the library. Visit <http://www.library.pima.gov/teenzone/>.

Visibility & Image:

**Prime Real Estate Reserved for Library Events and Programs**

Virtual Library continues to promote library events on our website with news, spotlight features and entries in the calendar of event. In March, special promotional space was given to the Tucson Festival of Books and Nuestras Raíces.

Community Partnerships:

**Interviews recorded at Tucson Festival of Books**

Kids and teens interviewed family and friends at the Tucson Festival of Books. The library, in partnership with UA's School of Media Arts, recorded the interviews and has now posted them to the library's website. Visit [http://www.library.pima.gov/teenzone/art/tucson\\_festival\\_of\\_books\\_interviews.cfm](http://www.library.pima.gov/teenzone/art/tucson_festival_of_books_interviews.cfm) to listen to the interviews and view photos of the participants.

***YOUTH SERVICE-Gina Macaluso***

No report this month

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

No report this month

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Bonny Bruce**

No report this month

***STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Jere Voigt***

On March 10 Sherrie Baltes, Jennifer Nichols, Sara Dias, Patricia O'Brien, Margie Trujillo Farmer, Karyn Prechtel, Martin Rivera and Lisa Bunker traveled to Phoenix for the workshop Hyperlinked Libraries to hear about how technology is becoming integral to providing library services.

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

Visibility & Image: On Wednesday, March 11th I participated in **Mountain View High School's "2009 Career Day."** I spoke with six sophomore, senior and junior classes about being employed as a librarian. I told them the choices I made to get where I am today, what classes I took and what a typical day is like. I spoke about my years of working the "desk" and how that differs from what I do as head of collection development. I also spoke about the concept and practice of intellectual freedom and gave examples of

ensorship that I have encountered. I described employment opportunities in the library for them as well and encouraged them to volunteer as that is a good way to get one's foot in the door, so to speak. Each session also had a Q and A component. It was a lot of fun and I was impressed by the number of students who had library cards and who had read (or were reading) a book in the past month.

I've been invited to "Career Day" at Mountain View for the past several years and always look forward to it. Being on a high school campus with 2,000 students is a big change from my day-to-day activities and I appreciate the opportunity to experience it, it gets me out of my comfort zone, brings back memories of youth and gives me a glimpse of what being a high school student in 2009 is about.

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

No report this month





**Pima County Public Library**

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**DATE:** April 3, 2009

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

**FROM:** Pat Corella  
Library Deputy Director

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

### **FACILITIES:**

**MURPHY-WILMOT LIBRARY:** The Design Development plans are currently under review by Library and Facilities Management staff and are near to close a lease agreement with a realty that will cover the temporary Wilmot quarters for the duration of construction at the permanent facility. It is anticipated that this project will be complete by early to mid 2010.

**ONE-DESK CONVERSION AND REMODELING:** Prior to the close of this fiscal year, Facilities and Library staff will be working and scheduling the one-desk conversions and minor remodeling projects at Nanini (one-desk and computer commons conversion), Green Valley (remove catalog millwork) and, Main Library (replace carpet at entry common area and grand stairwell, create computer commons on third floor and re-arrange the first floor furniture) 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 will 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

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**FROM:** Steffannie Koeneman  
Community Relations Manager

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

During March, Community Relations was heavily involved in several community and system wide projects, including:

**Tucson Festival of Books:** Community Relations created a variety of targeted printed publicity pieces as well as other display materials for the various public outreach stations staged by the Library. We created two ads for the Festival of Books supplement published by the Star, and we were featured specifically in three news stories. Community Relations also assisted reporters with a variety of phone inquires from the media surrounding non-Library Festival events.

**Nuestra Raices:** Both the two-day film screening and the Mercado this year were well attended. Community Relations assisted with advertising, news coverage, and with printing of flyers, posters and postcards. An online banner ad also was used to advertise. A press release was issued, followed by individual follow up calls with the media. As a result, Nuestra Raices or the related Film Festival was covered in Star and on a live a.m. broadcast by Channel 13,

The first night of the film festival resulted in a completely filled event at the Screening Room(141 people). Followed by a more than half-filled auditorium (approximately 70 people) on Saturday. The Mercado attracted hundreds of people of all ages. Overall, there was greater attendance at Nuestras this year than in past years.

**Summer Reading:** Community Relations has worked on some or all of the following - posters, bookmarks, game boards, flyers and incentives - for each level of the Summer Reading programming. This year's theme for children and adults is "Get Creative" and the teen theme is "Rock a Book."

**Adventures Passport:** Working with Beth Matthias-Loghry, the Library has created a coupon booklet for several local attractions as one of the incentives for Summer Reading. Featured in this first passport are: the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; the Pima Air and Space Museum; the Titan Missile Museum; the International Wildlife Museum; Colossal Cave; and the Friends of the Pima County Public Library.

The passport represents a great opportunity to partner with local agencies to provide low cost recreational resources for members of our community. We hope to expand the book next year.

**It's your Library Calendar/Magazine:** This is a new multipage publication to provide information concerning more of the Library's free programs and services featuring clear listings of our computer trainings, green events, author events, reader advisories, Caboodle, Adult Learning/Language Learning; Fit for Life 50+, early childhood literacy and other interesting one-time library events. The goal is to give people an easy way to 1. See the scope of services by the Library; and 2. A convenient way to identify and select events convenient to them.

Upcoming:

- Publicizing of strategic planning outcomes.
- GLBT annual author presentation.
- Read Baby Read
- Wilmot renovation

**Library in the news:**

**Channel 4: Nancy Ledeboer discussing the Festival of Books. Aired March 13.**

**Channel 6: Steff Koeneman discusses overall Library programs available to the public; Homework Help tutor interviewed. Air date TBA**

**Channel 6: Word Journeys students interviewed at Woods Memorial**

### [Bookmobile brings Pima library to you](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Mar 7, 2009

The **Pima County** Bookmobile offers up to 4000 books for checkout through the **Pima County Public Library**. The new bus, which is fashioned with a retractable...

### [C'mon, baby, let's pick up a book](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Mar 9, 2009

By Patty Machelor As a participant in the **Pima County Public Library's** new early literacy program, Annalie, who turned 1 Sunday, already is on her way to ...

### [Tucson Festival of Books](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Mar 11, 2009

Join in the fun at the **Pima County Public Library** venue and play giant chess and checkers. Ongoing. • Barbecue from BrushFire BBQ and anything from Zivaz.

### [Book fest to draw literary alumni](#)

Arizona Daily Wildcat - Mar 12, 2009

In addition, many of the authors coming to visit have a tie to the UA, said Nancy Ledebauer, director of the **Pima County Public Library**.

### [Dance revolution invasion expected at book festival](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Mar 12, 2009

Adduci, 18, will represent the Eckstrom-Columbus Branch **Library** at the **Pima County Public Library's** Dance Dance Revolution Tournament. She's also a **library ...**

### [Tucsonans 'celebrate books' in a big way on fest's first day](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Mar 15, 2009

At a booth for teens hosted by the **Pima County Public Library** system, 18-year-old Fiona Alabi-Isama planned to record an interview about books, ...

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Arizona Daily Star - Mar 15, 2009

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### [Tagging Trials](#)

Tucson Weekly - March 18

Community activist Robert Sheinhouse will conduct the next session, from 6 to 7 pm, Monday, March 23, at the Himmel Branch of the **Pima County Public Library ...**

### [Local scene: TV news photographer to debut his film at fest](#)

Arizona Daily Star – March 19

Sponsored by the **Pima County Public Library**, the free festival continues Saturday morning with food, crafts from local artisans, storytelling, ...

### [Library information](#)

Arizona Daily Star – March 19

It's part of the **Pima County Public Library's** "Fit for Life" program for people ages 50 and older. For more information, go online to ...

### [Our family-friendly Downtown](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Mar 22, 2009

The other three are the main branch of the **Pima County Public Library**, the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Tucson Children's Museum. ...