

Agenda Item 6B



Pima County Public Library Advisory Board

DATE: June 6, 2011
TO: Library Advisory Board, Pima County Public Library
FROM: Nancy Ledeboer, Library Director
SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT, April & May 2011

The Library participated in the Tucson Festival of Books, March 12 & 13. Over 100,000 people

On May 14th the Library Advisory Board joined with members of the Pima Library Foundation, the Pima Library Friends, the Green Valley/Sahuarita Library Friends, Arivaca Library Friends and the Bear Canyon Friends at a retreat held at the Murphy-Wilmot Library. The annual retreat provides an opportunity for the various groups that support the library to meet and share information about their achievements and strategic plans. The theme for this retreat was how to make the library "Fit for the Future". Ideas were discussed on how to prepare the library to take risks and adapt to the changing needs of the community. These ideas were also applied to the organizations that support the library.

At the retreat good news was shared. The Governor vetoed HB 2338 which would have frozen revenues for library districts at the 2011 year level. This would make it difficult to adjust the rate to generate revenue that may be needed in the future to operate new libraries in underserved areas. The Governor expects that this issue will be raised again and she urged special districts to work with taxpayer organizations to address concerns about rising taxes.

Foundation shared news about their Who's Who Whose Reading campaign. The Arizona Daily Star will be running photos of library champions along with their stories about what they are reading and why they value the public library. This campaign will raise awareness about the programs that the Foundation supports and about their goal to provide an endowment to support the library in the future.

During April and May we held five Regional Meetings at various locations around the system. This forum gives staff a chance to learn what is going on and to ask questions. This spring the agenda included updates from the Service Team, the Barriers Team and the Self Check out team as well as information on legislation that could impact the library and a brief update on our budget.

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Library Director's Report
April May 2011

I attended the County Librarians Meeting in Flagstaff on May 19th and the Arizona Library Association (AzLA) Spring Forum the following day. Several library staff also made the trip to Flagstaff to attend the Forum. I attended the AzLA Board meeting in April and participated in a couple of phone meetings to deal with association business. PCPL staff has been hosting monthly social meetings to bring together librarians in southern Arizona in order to promote the activities and benefits of belonging to AzLA. Several library school students have also been attending. One of the benefits of belonging to a professional organization is the networking opportunities that provide a way to connect and share with librarians working in different settings.

County IT has been working with a vendor, GOVNet to coordinate the installation of a statewide wireless network. AS part of a federally funded grant, GOVNet will provide broadband access to the Internet to rural communities that may not have adequate services. Pima County is also installing a wireless network to support law enforcement and safety needs. By coordinating this effort it should speed up the process and perhaps save the taxpayers money.

I am excited to report that five of the non-profit literacy groups that the library works with have voted to merge into one Literacy organization. The goal is to have one voice that represents the continuum of literacy services and provides a place for all businesses and organizations interested in Literacy a way to become part of a movement to create and sustain a culture of literacy in Tucson. As a board member for the Literacy for Life Coalition and for Literacy Volunteers of Tucson I am pleased to see this merger take place. In my role of future board member for the new organization I have made visits along with literacy colleagues to Dr. Pedicone, Superintendent for Tucson Unified School District and Lisa Lovallo, Vice President at Cox Communications. We have been meeting with a variety of individuals and stake holders to get their input on the future of literacy services in Tucson. I was part of a group that met with the STAR Editorial Board to announce the merger to the community.

In support of teachers and our partnership with the Metropolitan Education Commission, I attended the Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon. Teachers from across the valley were honored. I also attended a fund raising dinner on behalf of Opening Minds through the Arts. This is a program that teaches teachers how to integrate arts education across the curriculum. This is one more way that we are creating a literate community that celebrates creative expression.

The Author Committee of the Tucson Festival of Books is off to a great start planning for 2012. We will be looking for authors to highlight the Arizona centennial by strengthening the lineup of authors who write about the west and Arizona in particular. Helene Woodhams is my co-chair for this committee. Gina Macaluso and Amber Mathewson are serving as co-chairs for Entertainment so once again the library is providing critical support for the success of this event. We vie our commitment to the Festival of Books as a commitment to books, reading and those who love to read!

A small but significant success was made by IT. In May the Innovative Interfaces Inc. (III) module that allows customers to pay their fines and fees using a credit or debit card was turned on. Staff attended the III User's Conference and brought back news of several enhancements to a new discovery layer that replaces the older catalog. III announced it will be moving to a new platform and this makes it more critical that we investigate options for moving to a new vendor before we have to make a decision on whether to migrate to the new platform.



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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 – Mar. 16, 2011 – April 15, 2011

ADULT DETENTION CENTER-Thomas Garcia
No Report this month

AJO—Linda Lam

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Not one, but two travel programs were offered at the Salazar-Ajo branch. Bill Perry shared photos and stories of his adventures from a recent trip to Ecuador. Also, Ajoites shared the experience as Rene and Wendee Coultier traveled from Canada, down the eastern seaboard to Florida, and then across the United States to Ajo.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

The Ajo Southwest Series program concluded with two programs. Memories of Ajo History; featured Louie Walters, president of the Ajo Historical Society, and Jose Castillo, lifelong resident, who shared stories and information about Ajo. Desert Carnivores featured Jim Mitchell, longtime educator, who detailed the large carnivores of the Desert Southwest -- from cats to coyotes.

CATALINA – Karen Greaber

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Weekly Storytime returned to Catalina March 26. Library Associates Janis Clem and Emily Lane are sharing storytime duties.

Friend's Funded Activities:

The Drawing Studio's Introduction to Drawing class wrapped up this month. It was a great success with maximum attendance of 10 students at each class.

CAVIGLIA-ARIVACA—*Mary Kasulaitis*

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Jessica Feinberg's *Fantasy art: Drawing and Painting Fantasy Creatures* provided an enthusiastic group of teens and adults in Arivaca with an in-depth look at fantasy art, with a watercolor demonstration and class. (Honorarium paid by Friends of the Arivaca Library)

Librarian Mary Kasulaitis presented an *Arivaca Mining History* program for the Arivaca History Day luncheon and also a history of local Arivaca schools for Delta Kappa Gamma education honorary at Sopori School.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Homework Help has progressed well this year at the Arivaca Library on Tuesdays and the Arivaca Community Center on Thursdays during the Parks and Rec After-School Program for the school year. A consistent group of 7-8 children regularly attend the program at the Library

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Arivaca Library's courtyard show of penstemon flowers has provided some color for the local community since we have had so little rain and so few spring wildflowers

DUSENBERRY-RIVER—*Dianna Thor*

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

On March 24th Meg Beer co-hosted an evening for parents to become better informed about Internet security issues. The event was held at Khalsa River Montessori School. 20 people attended.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

On March 26th 41 children and parents attended our Nuestras Raices Cultural Party presented by Meg Balaconis. They danced the Mexican Hat and Butterfly dances and made maracas and mosaic pictures using dried beans.

On April 9th Dr. Laila Hishaw entertained and educated 33 children and parents about the importance of oral hygiene by sharing some disgusting pictures of what can happen if you don't brush and floss. Kids performed an experiment and left with a new toothbrush.

Friend's Funded Activities:

From March 15 to April 15, specific programming in our branch that was generously funded by the Friends included: the continuation of the eight-week series of OATS art classes for seniors presented by the Drawing Studio (2/28 – 4/25); the final three sessions of the Spanish language learning class that was received with overwhelming enthusiasm. (Everyone is clamoring for more classes) (3/15, 22, 29); a parenting workshop involving storytelling with Susan Kaplan (3/19); a Nuestras Raices event for children, "A Cultural Party with Meg Balaconis (3/26); a "Signing with Baby" workshop for parents with Libby Quinn (3/26); the monthly adult Craft Couture program in which handbags were made from recycled books (4/2); and a Science Saturday program with Leila Hishaw, DDS, who used engaging props to show kids just what goes on inside our mouths (4/9).

ECKSTROM-COLUMBUS— Terry Kennedy

Literacy For Success In Every Day Life: Adult, Teen And Family Literacy

Job Search Workshops were held on March 18, March 21 and April 15. Topics included networking, job search practice and interviewing. The workshops are part of the Employment Redirect project funded through the State Library. The March 21 workshop was presented in Spanish.

A refugee class from Pima County Adult Education toured the library on April 7 and learned about the library and its resources. Students used the computers and checked out materials. Nyssa Densley and our computer instructor Shikhar Upadhaya made a follow up visit to their classroom on April 14 and showed them resources available on the library website and familiarized them with library terminology.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Lego club is all the rage with the 7-11 set and was held on March 19 and April 9. In addition to creating wonderful things with our newly enhanced collection of Legos, kids also play board games.

A program to support Project Mittens was held on March 27. Participants dropped in to make a felt scarf, sew mittens, or begin a crochet/knit hat or scarf to finish at home. The items will be distributed by the Pima County Public Library's Bookmobile next winter. All supplies were provided.

Succeed In School: Homework Help

Nyssa Densley visited Howenstine High Magnet School on March 17 and Rincon High School on March 25 to talk about library services and materials for teens.

Friend's Funded Activities

Chessmates presented by Aaron Moreno continued with 2 more of the seven sessions. People of all ages have the chance to refine their skills or learn chess from scratch and to play chess with others.

Optical Illusions presented by TeenzArt were held on March 30. The program explored what's real and what's illusion and let teens use their imaginations to explore geometric shapes, color, line and movement.

EL PUEBLO—Aaron Valdivia

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- On April 12th we had a representative from the Drexel Heights Fire Department come to the library to assist Library Associate Irina Delone with her weekly story-time at the day care. Irina took it upon herself to contact the Drexel Heights FD. They sent a fire fighter to read to the kids and bring a puppet to show and interact with the children during story-time. This was a huge success with the kids who were very enthusiastic to have a puppet show along with their weekly story-time. The kids also got to ask questions of the fire fighter after the story-time.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- On Saturday April 2nd we had the last of our IT Nation computer courses in the ELP computer lab. These classes were a collaborative effort between PCPL and Girl Scouts of

America in Tucson to promote adult computer education. The classes were successful and we look forward to hosting more of these classes at ELP in the future.

- On March 26th ELP represented PCPL at the annual Be Safe Saturday event at TMC. The library was one of numerous vendors on hand to promote safety awareness and other educational resources to the public, especially youth and families. There were hundreds of people in attendance at this event. A representative from El Pueblo handed out information and other give-away materials from the library and discussed library resources and events with the public at an outreach table.
- The computer classes at El Pueblo every Wednesday continue to be a success and we have at least 7 people in each class. We have also started assisting with job searching, resume writing and help with filling out applications at the request of the customers. The new laptops we received have also been a huge help in maintaining these courses and activities. The laptops have been getting quite a bit of use and also alleviate the wait time for the standard desk-top PCs.

EL RIO— Tara Foxx-Lupo

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

El Rio Library introduced the **Read to a Dog** program this month with Josie the dog and her handler Darrell. Josie is an experienced, certified therapy dog who has been working with the elderly up until now. Josie fell right into the position and was read to by six children on her first day. This low pressure reading experience can help to build confidence in kids who might be intimidated by reading out loud.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

On April 6th El Rio Library observed **YMCA Healthy Kids Day** with a celebration in the recreation center next door. Using the **Retro Fit for Life Kit** various fun fitness activities were arranged around the room for kids of all ages to enjoy. Our **Teen Advisory Board** volunteered to run the stations and all were a big help. The room was full of jump roping, hula hooping, ball throwing, hopscotching kids who were having a blast. Approximately 90 people attended including kids, teens and parents. The staff and participants had a great time getting exercise while having a blast. Library and health related literature was provided to encourage kids to take passion for health and fitness home to their own families.

FLOWING WELLS – Martín Juan Rivera, Sr.

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Alan Dart from Old Pueblo Archeology gave a lecture entitled: Set in Stone, but not in Meaning Southwestern Rock Art.

The Flowing Wells Knitting Club will continue with a new volunteer. In addition, the day is changing to Monday afternoons. A 7-year old attendee completed his dishcloth and is ready to begin a scarf. He attends regularly on his own.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

B.B, Flowing Wells 'Read to a Dog, spent several hours listening to children read at the Tucson Festival of Books. Flowing Wells had many staff members who volunteered to help out at the Festival; one helped in the Read-To-A-Dog area.

The new Babytime continues to draw an audience; although, it is a small audience. Participants are enjoying nursery rhymes, board books, stuffed animals, and stories. Parents spend time after the storytime to socialize and network.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

The Dungeons & Dragons Online group made movies using fraps screen capture software and Microsoft Movie Maker to make short movies. In addition, the group made an Animoto video with screen shots from Dungeons & Dragons. Now they are looking into using QR codes to make flyers or posters.

Staff created a 'Mad about Reading' display in the teen area; staff displayed popular teen fiction. In addition, staff displayed books featuring basketball under the window "March Madness" art display.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Philatelists of all ages had fun finding special stamps to add to their stamp album during the 2nd Postage Stamp Program.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Staff continues to update the "Staff Picks" online and in the branch. A new sign for "Staff Picks" with a QR code links customers with smart phones to the Staff Picks page on the website.

Teen gaming is now being held in the teen area of the library. The turnout has been good we have kids who look forward to game day.

GEASA-MARANA— Nancy Lindeman

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

The popular and well attended free tax preparation workshops offered through United Way, Volunteers in Service to America, ended mid-April.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Our monthly TGIFF teen event took place on the first Friday in April.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

For their meeting in late March, The Marana Mystery Book Club welcomed author/journalist Jana Bommersbach who talked about her recent book *Bones in the desert: the true story of a mother's murder and a daughter's search*.

The Drawing Studio's 8 week art course for adults started in late March.

Friend's Funded Activities:

Marana Mystery Book Club Author Event; Drawing Studio art course; TGIFF teen event.

HIMMEL PARK BRANCH – Sharla Darby

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

BHUTTO, a biographical documentary about the life of **Benazir Bhutto**, the first female prime minister of a Muslim country, Pakistan, was featured in our April events as part of the PBS Independent Lens and Pima County Public Library's Now Showing at Your Library Film Series. We had a good size crowd of 36 people attend and discuss the film in an open discussion after viewing the film.

On Monday, March 28th, Cathi Starr, Southern Arizona Regional Manager of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services presented a Q&A on **Veterans' Burial Benefits and Widowed**

Spouses' Benefits. We continue to have a community interest in these informational programs regarding veterans benefits and customers find them very helpful.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Senior (Board) Games seems to be growing into “Mahjong Mondays”. It has attracted more than 11 regular attending community members who love to play Mahjong.

On Saturday, March 29th Ron Lancaster, author and storyteller, presented **Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare**. Ron Lancaster retold this timeless tale with joy and insight, making Shakespeare accessible and entertaining. One young girl about 10-years-old was enraptured.

On Tuesday, April 5th, the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation presented Camouflage – Hide and Seek in the Desert during **Teens Hangin' at Himmel**. Overall, 24 people attended. Overall, the feedback was positive with a suggestion with more interactive activities. Thanks to Friends for continuing to help fund supplies and activities for the Teens Hangin' at Himmel.

On Saturday, March 26th, customers had the opportunity to learn about the function and meaning of the **Tonalmachiotl** (Ancient Mexican Calendar System). The program presented the indigenous perspective when interpreting the calendar. All exclaimed that this program was very enlightening and educational. One patron said she didn't realize that many Mexicans in Tucson identify themselves as the indigenous tribe, Nahuatl and not necessarily Mexican. This spoke to some of the diversity in the Old Pueblo. Function, Relevance, & Meaning of the Tonalmachiotl (Ancient Mexican Calendar System) was a Nuestras Raíces program funded by Friends.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Each month Himmel has an average of 15 different **school groups** (300 plus students) who visit and check out materials. Many groups come for story times and tours. As we are nearing our 50th anniversary we have found records showing school visits to Himmel were the norm from the very beginning. Recently, a preschool group that visits once a week wanted to know how they could set up a “library center” in their classroom so they could play library.

On Friday, March 25th, the Young Adult Librarian, **Paulina Aguirre** received an email from an 8th grade teacher at Image Prep @ Surprise that she met at the **Tucson Festival of Books Nuestras Raíces craft area**. She wanted to let us know that she created a lesson plan based on the Alebrijes Workshop held at the Nuestras Raíces craft area. Alebrijes are brightly colored wooden creatures carved by Oaxacan artists. The alebrijes at the festival were created with recycled materials. The plan covered the following cross-curricular subjects: history, math, geography, science (environmental), art, foreign language, and language. The state standard it supported was art (all grades) strands 1, 2, 3, 4; all concepts. Imitation is certainly the highest form of flattery! **Nuestras Raíces programs are funded by Friends.**

Friends funded activities: (See full description above)

Function, Relevance, & Meaning of the Tonalmachiotl (Ancient Mexican Calendar System)

Teens Hangin' at Himmel weekly program

Preschool Storytime Earth Day Event

JOEL D. VALDEZ MAIN LIBRARY- Karyn Prechtel

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

On April 7th, Main Library staffed a library information/outreach table at the **Pima County and City of Tucson Employee Health Fair** in Presidio Park. The library connected with over 80 people providing them with library information and library cards.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Main Library partnered with the **Lohse Family YMCA** for both **El Día de los niños and Healthy Kids Day** on Saturday, April 16. Over 36 different activities and information tables were set up in Jácome Plaza, the YMCA, and Main Library. More than 200 parents and kids participated at the bubbles and molding sand areas, watched performances by **Mariachi Nueva Melodia** and the youth Folklorico dance group. Also, the **Tucson Village Farm** provided a fun gardening activity and the **UA Nutrition Extension Program** brought food props to demonstrate proper serving sizes. Other programs included crafts, face painting, **Gwen Ray** puppet show, Read to a Dog, jumping castle and dunk tank. Even Curious George was on hand greeting families to the great delight of all that attended.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

The Grants and Nonprofit Info Center hosted a workshop entitled **Nonprofit eMarketing: Do It Right!** on Friday, March 26 with 18 people attending. The Grants & Nonprofit Info Center also sent out two Nonprofit Grant Opportunities eNewsletters on March 21st and April 4th.

On April 4, Business Librarian Deborah Brown made an outreach presentation that connected local business owners taking a **Pima County Community College Entrepreneurship class** with free business resources available at the Pima County Public Library.

We observed that our attendance at the **UA Law Students Legal Referral Clinic** doubled during the last two weeks of March. Our high point for the month was 15 attendees in one morning.

The Joel D Valdez Main Library partnered with the **Community Food Bank** to offer two free programs in April to assist economically disadvantaged customers in filing for food stamps, AHCCCS and cash assistance.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Main Library is providing meeting room space on an ongoing basis for the **Student Expedition Program**. STEP works with high school students who are academically-promising, low-income, first-generation college-bound teens. STEP provides curriculum support and other training that helps students in applying for colleges across the country.

Friend's Funded Activities:

Each month the Main Library hosts a book club for adults, a Scrabble and Banagrams club for all ages, and presents the lunchtime lecture series **Food for Thought**. This month's Food for Thought programs included "*When the Income Decreases but the Bills Don't*" presented by **Don't Borrow Trouble Pima County**, and the "*Savvy Consumer*" presented by the **Better Business Bureau of Arizona**. All of these programs are supported by funds from the Friends of PCPL.

16th Annual High School Art Invitational! We received 99 entries of student artwork from 17 schools throughout Tucson for display at the Main Library gallery from March 15 through April 25, 2011. Over 90 guests participated in the awards ceremony and artist reception held on

Saturday, April 16, including participating students, their teachers, family members and friends. The light refreshments, ribbons, and gift cards were funded by the Friends of PCPL.

JOYNER-GREEN VALLEY— Amber Mathewson

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life

Both the Getting Started with Facebook and the Internet and World Wide Web classes continued to be the outstanding computer classes this month. Liz Holaday our computer instructor has created a dedicated following of computer users who ask for her by name!

Satisfy Curiosity

The Joyner-Green Valley Library has decided to have a Local Author Series – due to the fact that Green Valley has a tremendous number of authors who have contributed works to our Local Author Collection, the library has decided to host monthly Local Author talks. This has created tremendous excitement in the author community and the entire year has already been booked! This month marks the second in this new event series. Deborah Bosma is handling the logistics of this program series.

Borderlandia: The Message Behind the Glass was presented at the library this month and was well received by patrons.

Fascinating Florence Arizona: Not Just a Prison Town was the topic of the Southwest Cultural Tour sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.

Friends of Pima County Public Library supported

Smorgasboard Games program

Borderlandia; a Nuestras Raices program

Friends of the Green Valley Library supported

Symphony Preview Series

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

No report this month

KIRK – BEAR CANYON LIBRARY –Margaret Wilkie

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

The library partnered with FREecycle™ and presented a Free Spring Cleaning Swap on April 16th. Over 30 people swapped and traded a great variety of items from artwork to house wares.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Bear Canyon hosted an outreach program at Emeritus at Tanque Verde, an Alzheimer's and memory care facility near the library. Using a multisensory kit called "Remembering the 50s," residents and their families were invited to reminisce about the 50s and talk about shared experiences. Family members wrote postcards to their loved ones which were then mailed back to the care home. Residents looked at photographs, baseball cards, authentic 50s catalog pages and more, and were prompted with questions about the objects to evoke memories to share. Staff at Emeritus passed along rave reviews and asked that we return monthly. We hope to expand the program to other senior communities, including retirement and assisted living homes whose residents don't suffer from memory diseases.

In celebration of Día de Los Niños/Los Libros the library welcomed Mariachi Nueva Melodia. This group of sixteen local youth shared their love and knowledge of mariachi music with an enthusiastic audience.

MARTHA COOPER BRANCH– Margaret Guerrero

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- Library staff visited four classrooms at Howell Elementary to share information about the library and present library cards to 89 first graders.
- Stories That Soar performance. We culminated a 12-week long play building workshop in partnership between Stories that Soar and Martha Cooper Library. Kids ages 5-12 learned acting skills and principles of creative collaboration. They wrote and exchanged stories, then collaborated to direct and act out a short play from the stories as well as to make scripts, music, and costumes. The play was presented to an enthusiastic audience of 65 family, friends, and local community members on March
- Being Neighbors with Monsters, Vipers and Toads Program presented by Oasis on March 12th. This program was intended for adults 50+. When no adults arrived, the presenter effectively changed the program to fit the group of tweens who were interested in attending. It was an informative program explaining the dangerous and not so dangerous critters found in Southern Arizona. Live snakes and a gila monster were shown to attendees. 13 attended.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning/ Friend's Funded Activities

- Martha Cooper staff connected with community members and showcased their talents as part of the Asian-Pacific Heritage Celebration. Volunteers presented a Chinese-English bilingual storytime, an origami workshop, and a calligraphy demonstration. The University of Arizona Filipino-American Student Association presented an interactive dance performance.
- Bryan J. Wymore has been coordinating programs to serve the interests of younger adults, aged 30-50. Leona Davis from the Community Food Bank presented the first workshop of the "Urban Farming" series, which brought together a small group of community members with a shared interest in urban farming. The participants engaged in rich discussion and shared their contact information with each other before leaving the program. The upcoming Rainwater Harvesting and Micro Chicken Farming sessions are likely to grow this community.
- Graduate Associate, Rachel Castro, presented several great teen programs during Teen Lounge. These are some of the programs: Virtual DJ, Cubees, Madden Tourney, and Murder Mystery Card Games. Teens have enjoyed the variety of activities during these past few weeks.
- Refugee Parents' Forum. Martha Cooper library partnered with representatives from La Frontera Family Services, Tucson Police Department, and TUSD refugee liaisons to present an evening of questions and answers. Parents were invited to pose any questions they had to a panel of community experts. An audience of 44 refugees attended. Many participants requested that the library follow-up with more parents' forums at the library.

MILLER-GOLF LINKS – Mary McKinney

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Solar panels are coming to Golf Links! Installation is set to begin at the end of April for solar panels at the joint Tucson Police Department/Miller-Golf Links Branch Library facility. The panels will be located on the south end of the property. Construction is expected to end in August. An informational kiosk will be available in the library so that the public can monitor the progress and learn about the benefits of the panels.

Ward 4 Council Member Shirley Scott attended the annual volunteer appreciation event on Friday, April 8. A dozen volunteers attended and were treated to a delicious breakfast courtesy of the chefs of Miller-Golf Links.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

The Mature Worker Connection's 4-hour workshop was attended by 14 people on March 25th. Reviews for instructor John Shattuck were all very positive. Attendees appreciated this opportunity at the library to develop their job search skills and plan.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

"Wild Things" were on display thanks to the artistic talent of first and second grade students at Lyons Elementary. Henri Matisse inspired third and fourth grade classes to create "Out My Window" mixed media drawings which were also exhibited at Miller-Golf Links.

Friends' Funded Activities:

Book Links, the monthly book club for adults, took place on April 8.

MISSION – Sol Gomez

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

In our Gardening series, Oasis presented "Attract Hummingbirds to your back yard" to 7 people and the UA extension presented "Container Gardening" to 8 community members. A four-part Tucson History lecture series presented by Oasis began in April with two successful presentations, "Women of the Tucson Presidio" and "John Handy, Pioneer and Tucson Doctor" to audiences of 5-10 adults.

Our Fit for Life series of yoga taught by Zuzi has been hugely popular, with the class continuing to serve at least 20 seniors per week.

Friend's Funded Activities:

Tortilla Making Workshop-March 19

Hummingbird Presentation-March 31

MURPHY WILMOT – Daphne Daly

No report this month

NANINI – Kristi Bradford

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

4 school visits were made this month reaching 522 children!

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

12 adult and teen volunteers provided 75 hours of assistance to our community. It's great they want to be here at Nanini assisting!

Friend's Funded Activities:

Thirty-three attendees enjoyed a program on humor coordinated by Library Associate Micheline Johnoff and presented by a pair of professors from Arizona State University. This is part of Nanini's annual Arizona Humanities Council winter series.

QUINCIE DOUGLAS— Elva Smithwhite

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Quincie Douglas Branch continues providing tax help through VITA and Intuit.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

A celebration for the new Community Literacy Center on March 26 was attended by about 150 people. The Center is open 26 hours each week for job help; computer classes; basic literacy classes, and homework help. Testimonials from neighbors indicate that people appreciate this new service.

On Wednesdays, when many local high schools release students early, we have begun offering “Teen Multimedia Lab”. Using the laptop lab, a computer instructor guides students to creative and artistic uses for computers.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Magic Moments Poetry club continues multi-lingual poetic exploration, most recently listening, translating and discussing Arabic and Chechen poetry. Poetry readers read in their native languages and discuss the unique characteristics of poetry from their particular culture.

One Monday each month, teens participate in a program planned by Kino Teen Advisors. “Teen Designers” is an arts and crafts program that explores various visual art forms. Most recently, artists Mel Dominguez led the teens in discussion about positive focus for young artists.

Friend’s funds were used to supplement neighborhood funding of the Community Literacy Center opening celebration.

SAHUARITA – Michele White

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

A four part Drawing Techniques Workshop for youth age 8-18 was presented by art teacher Lisa Aguilera throughout the month of April. The classes started with basic techniques and gradually worked through to colorization of the final art piece.

Create Young Readers

Egg-cellent Reading Hunt: Sahuarita Library put a new twist on the annual Easter Egg Hunt. In celebration of National Library Week, Sahuarita staff hid paper eggs inside books located in the children’s room. Once participants found their egg, they read a paragraph or two with their parent or a staff member and then decorated their egg placing it on the library “Eggcellent Reading Wall”! They also received a small prize to take home.

Both of these programs were supported by the Friends of the Joyner Green Valley Library.

SANTA ROSA (SRO) —Emily Mazur

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Santa Rosa Library continues to host the Barrio Santa Rosa neighborhood meetings on a monthly basis. A library staff member attends each month.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Marge Pellegrino presented a program in April for children called “Fly Away,” which included art, music, writing and reading aloud.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Our citizenship class meets every Saturday and we have a small but dedicated group of students who attend regularly.

A group of students from Chapel Haven, a special education school for young adults, comes weekly to use our computer lab and improve their computer and job preparation skills.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Friday afternoons are a time for tween activities; twice monthly we present craft activities including weaving, painting, and knotted bracelets. On alternate Fridays we have puzzles and board games available for tweens to use.

Friend's Funded Activities:

Marge Pellegrino program

SOUTH TUCSON — *Leanne Yoder*

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

The Sam Lena-South Tucson Branch Library was recently invited to join a South Tucson based coalition of educators, social service agencies, parents, and government representatives called the "Zona de Promesa" (Promise Zone). The vision of the six month old Zona de Promesa is that "children will have access to effective schools and strong systems of family and community support that will prepare them to attain an excellent education and successfully transition to college and career." On March 31st Leanne Yoder, the branch manager, attended her first "Zona" meeting, and is beginning to talk with members about ways that library programs and services can further this vision. As a result of this new partnership, library staff will be looking for ways to integrate a

"culture of college consciousness" into our ongoing library activities. Since one of the needs in the community is for role models, we plan to create a display for our teen area that features profiles of South Tucson young adults who are currently pursuing higher education.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

It's spring cleaning time! We are in the midst of doing some deep weeding and aggressive merchandising of our non-fiction collection. Browsing customers of all ages now are discovering mini-displays throughout our stacks on subjects of high interest such as UFO/paranormal/dreams, Mythology, Civil Rights/Cesar Chavez, Festivals, Folktales, and Dinosaurs. Many of these books are going out the door like hotcakes! There will be more mini-displays still to come as we work our way through to the 900's.

Wednesday, April 6, eleven people came to our weekly teen time meeting to participate in video gaming. This was our best attendance yet to a teen video gaming event since starting them at this branch about four months ago. We had a good balance of gender and ages, and everyone said they are looking forward to the next gaming event in May.

SOUTHWEST— *Marissa Alcorta*

No report this month

VALENCIA - Elaine Valenzuela

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Staff and residents at Kenyon Care Adult Care Home were treated to a special “story time. Richard Hctor read and discussed *Grandfather’s Journey* by Allen Say, a story about a Japanese-American man that recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries. It was very well received as all were able to identify with the main character. This was the first time we’ve done this, but due to its success, we plan to implement more story times in adult care facilities.

Associate UA Professor Dr. Lydia Otero and local activists Pedro Gonzales and Alva Torres presented a Nuestra’s Raíces program called “**We All Used to Live Over There: Revisiting and Remembering Tucson’s History**”. This panel discussion focused on how our 1960’s urban renewal changed the character of downtown Tucson.

Literacy for Success in Every Day Life: Adult, Teen & Family Literacy

Over 70 students and their families celebrated **Valencia’s 11th Annual Teen Poetry Festival** on April 14th. This year we added a new winner’s category to honor the teen librarian who first implemented the festival. The winner of the Joanna Peled Memorial Award embodied Joanna’s excitement and love of poetry.

In anticipation of this event, Marge Pellegrino presented a “Found Poems” workshop to inspire teens to begin thinking about and writing poetry for the festival.

The Capoeira Mandinga Group presented a “Brazilian & Capoeira Music” class to a packed meeting room. Over 80 came to learn how to play Brazilian musical instruments. And adults and children alike sang to those rhythms and songs. It was a hands-on experience in celebration of Healthy Kids Day.

Friend’s Funded Activities

- Brazilian & Capoeira Music class
- 11th Annual Teen Poetry Festival

WHEELER TAFT ABBETT, SR – Ruth Grant

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- Abbett Library has developed a partnership with SCORE, to provide one-on-one counseling for small-business owners or people who want to be. The one-on-one counseling will be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 3-5 p.m. We have already generated interest in this endeavor. In addition, SCORE, will provide periodic workshops to a larger group on starting and maintaining a small business.
- AARP Tax Assistance once again was a huge success at Abbett Library, many times with lines of folks waiting to get tax help. In fact it was so popular; we added another day for people to get tax help.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

The SAACA bluegrass festival was rained out in the Marana Crossroads Park on Saturday April 9th, so Abbett staff, particularly Jenn Caldwell, worked with the event staff to move the entire festival into the library at the last minute. Bluegrass performances were moved to any available meeting rooms as musical venues throughout the day. Some of the performers even appeared as special guests during our Family Storytime. Children and caregivers loved the surprise visit, and everyone had a wonderful time.

The SAACA event staff was very grateful that we accommodated them and kept telling us over and over how glad they were that we could help salvage the day's event. We got a lot of interest from customers who were not aware there was a festival scheduled; the library got a big surge of interest in our services from customers who were either new to this branch, nonusers, or lapsed users; and the event staff was deeply grateful that we accommodated them and helped salvage this cultural event. They were so happy, in fact, that at the end of the day, the event staff brought the library staff in and presented us with a signed copy of a book written by one of the performers to show their appreciation.

Friend's Funded Activities:

Chess Club 1st Tuesday of the Month

Smorgasboard 2nd Thursday of the Month

Scrabble Club 1st and 4th Thursday of the Month

Baby, Toddler, Preschool and Family Storytimes – every week

Reading Partners – twice a week

WOODS—Coni Weatherford

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Staff connected with local community members at Neighborhood Association meetings for the **Hedrick Acres and Amphi neighborhoods**.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Poem Flow: A River of Words – Kimi Eisele, artist and poet lead a one hour poetry workshop for ages 5-12. A group poem was created with a river and water inspired theme. Dance movements were also incorporated to create “A River of Words”.

Educator Charlie Buck presented a **Poetry Workshop** during Teen Time for children and teens.

Word Journeys had a year end reception with refreshments on April 14. Marge Pellegrino, the teen mentors from Amphi High School and Holloway Elementary school students displayed the projects

they've worked throughout the school year. The kids read samples of their favorite activities to a packed audience in the large meeting room.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Pima County Department of Natural Resources presented a program about **desert wildflowers**.

A Now Showing at Your Library Encore Screening of ***Dirt! The Movie*** attracted 20 participants.

Woods Memorial Library hosted a **Qigong** class for community members.

Zuzi Dance taught a **Hip Hop dance class** to over 20 children, teens and adults.

Woods had a **Founder's Day Scrabble Tournament** in honor of the birthday of Scrabble founder Alfred Butts on April 13. Tucson Scrabble President Ed Saunders was very helpful in preparing for the tournament.

Poem In Your Pocket Day – Staff produced a decorative board announcing National Poem In Your Pocket Day on April 14th, 2011. Poems were also placed in pocket protectors on self check computers, so patrons could take a poem to go. Children decorated “poetry pockets”, and then

chose a poem from the “poetry lunchbox” to read and place in their “poetry pocket”.

Staff produced a **Design-a-Drum** program teaching kids 12 and under how to create drums using recycled materials. The program attracted 30 participants.

Poems were placed throughout the library to bring attention to National Poetry Month, and individual poems were placed at the desk, so patrons could take “a poem to go”.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

The teen area has a “**Poetry Corner**” Poem in Your Pockets display and refrigerator with word magnets to celebrate National Poetry Month.

Friend’s Funded Activities:

Qigong class

Screening of *Dirt! The Movie*

Zuzi Dance Hip Hop Class

STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Bonny Bruce

In response to Service and Environment team recommendations, we have created a new training series called REFUEL, RefU Everyone Learns. Reference University classes, previously available only to librarians and library associates, are now offered to all levels of staff. On March 25, seventy-five staff members from all over the system participated in this lively, interactive discussion of Intellectual Freedom. The next REFUEL class on Readers’ Advisory will take place on May 20.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – Richard DiRusso

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy:

CDO is working with Adult Services – Literacy, by providing the funds and ordering expertise to get the materials needed to continue with the successful programs the library has helped create to increase literacy in our community

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

With input from Branch Managers CDO has produced a more “responsive” branch profile for 2011. We hope that this selection tool will enable us to better provide the materials for all of our customers as they look to the library for items to help them: Succeed in School, Create Young Readers and Satisfy Curiosity

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces:

CDO continues to help libraries improve the look of their collections with monthly visits by the Deselection Strike Force. So far this year we’ve been to: Himmel, South Tucson, and Quincie Douglas with scheduled visits to Golf Links on April 22nd and Woods on May 13th.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Libby Jones

Technical Services has acquired a disc repair machine, which we will be learning how to use. The immediate plan will be to experiment with DVDs, talking books, and music CDs sent to us for replacement or repair. Once we have a better idea of all that is involved, then we will work with the Joel D. Valdez Main Library staff to set up procedures for them to send up to us dirty or scratched discs. After ironing out any difficulties, a more formal arrangement will be put in place for working with all of the branch libraries, as well. We anticipate savings for the library system, because we will not have to buy either single replacement copies, in the case of talking

books from particular vendors, or entire sets when only one or two discs in the set are dirty or damaged, in the case of other talking books, DVDs, and music CDs.

We are nearing the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Soon we will be implementing ordering guidelines to more closely watch what we order and what we spend, the goal being to make sure we spend as close to our budget as possible.

Our new serials services provider vendor has been awarded a contract now. We will be leaving EBSCO and moving to W. T. Cox. We will miss EBSCO and the staff there, who have helped us so much. We look forward to working with the staff at Cox. We are currently at work with them to make the migration of our accounts from EBSCO to COX as seamless as possible. Yvette Tang, the LTA most responsible for serials work, has worked hard on this project.

As always, Technical Services supports Administration and Public Services in reaching all of the goals they have been working on this year.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY— Jen Maney

No report this month:

Learn to Read - Gina Macaluso

No report this month

Read to Learn – Amber Mathewson

No report this month

Community engagement – Beth Matthias-Loghry

No report this month

Customer Experience – Bonny Bruce

No report this month

Welcoming Libraries – Jere Voigt

No report this month



DATE: June 6, 2011

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 – April 16, 2011 – May 15, 2011

ADULT DETENTION CENTER-*Thomas Garcia*

No report this month

AJO—*Linda Lam*

No report this month

CATALINA – *Karen Greaber*

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Catalina began offering computer classes this month. The first class, Introduction to the Internet, was well-attended. Participants said it was very helpful.

CAVIGLIA-ARIVACA— *Mary Kasulaitis*

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Archaeologist Allen Dart of Old Pueblo Archaeology presented a program on the Ancient Native American Pottery of Southern Arizona on May 14 to a very interested and enthusiastic group.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Arivaca Library celebrated Dia de los Niños on April 30 with a very well-attended party featuring PizzaMan Dave, a piñata, and free books provided by Friends of the Arivaca Library. In conjunction with this, First Things First and the United Way talked to local parents about how they could help with preschool and health information.

Both these programs were Friends Funded Activities.

DUSENBERRY-RIVER—Dianna Thor

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Teen volunteers at Dusenberry-River now have the opportunity to further their leadership skills and engage in their community by serving on the new branch Teen Advisory Board. Twelve volunteers signed up to serve on the board and have chosen the teams they want to work on. They will give input on teen activities and book displays, be responsible for marketing, planning and executing activities and for keeping the new TAB website up to date. TAB members have already suggested several great teen programs for the summer such as altered book art and serving the community through making mittens and scarves for Project Mittens.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

River's Craft Couture, a monthly crafting program aimed specifically for adults ages 18-35, has just completed it's fourth craft of the 6 month series. These crafting events have become popular and we average about 20 participants each class. We have received fantastic feedback from attendees and hope to extend the series throughout the summer.

ECKSTROM-COLUMBUS— Terry Kennedy

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Herpetology specialist Ed Moll brought Snakes, Lizards and Tortoises, Oh My! for Herp Night on May 11. More than 60 people learned more about our cold blooded desert friends.

Lego and Board Game Club was held on May 14. Families came to play some of their favorite games and construct Lego creations.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

We are saddened to report the loss of our special Read to a Dog dog, Amber. Her owner Robin will return when she has a new friend.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

We have long had the problem of not having enough places for customers to plug in their laptop computers. The problem has been solved by the addition of a "laptop bar". A power strip was installed along the counter top under the windows in the reading area and extra chairs came from the Wilmot Library which has made it possible for customers to have a comfortable place with a view to plug in their laptops.

Friends funded activities

Our Volunteer Appreciation brunch on April 30 was attended by about 15 volunteers. Our regular volunteers who faithfully help us in many ways every week and many of our great AARP tax aide volunteers were able to attend. Staff created a slide presentation set to the song "Thank you for being a friend" showing activities that are made so much better with their help.

The Dia de los Ninos celebration on April 26 was a roaring success thanks to the musical talents of the Cub Club drumming group from Lineweaver School. In addition to their performance, kids and their families were able to make a craft and enjoy refreshments. A drumming circle following the formal presentation gave everyone the chance to jam and try their hand at drumming.

EL PUEBLO—Aaron Valdivia

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

- On Saturday, April 23rd, El Pueblo staff was at the Pima County Attorney's Community Justice Unit resource fair for youth volunteers. This event was held at Reid Park from 9 to 12 and it was a chance for Tucson organizations with resources for youth to network and promote and discuss their services. PCPL had a table at this event and staff promoted SRP and the many volunteer opportunities PCPL has to offer kids and teens in support of our community.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

- In addition to the tremendous success we have had in our weekly computer classes we have started getting more people dropping in for job search help and assistance with resume writing and filling out application online. Our computer instructor, Maria Cuello, has been very accommodating with students and people who drop in for assistance. She and other staff members frequently offer assistance to people using the laptops for these services.

EL RIO— Tara Foxx-Lupo

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

El Rio Library partnered with the **City of Tucson Parks and Recreation** staff to celebrate **Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros** (Day of the Child/Day of the Book) with a fiesta in the **El Rio Neighborhood Center**. There were many activities including cascarones, papel picado, paper flowers, a bookwalk, a performer and the highlight, local author **Marge Pellegrino** showed families how to make their own pop up books. Approximately 300 people attended and the event was a great success.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Aaron from **A-Longs Kung Fu Academy** visited the **El Rio Senior Activity Center** to present a 30 minute **Qi Gong** program. The seniors enjoyed the low impact fitness activity and were impressed with Aaron's patience and instruction. This program was provided by El Rio Library as part of our **Fit for Life** offerings. El Rio Neighborhood center has an active senior program and many are frequent library users who value the programs and resources available to them.

FLOWING WELLS – Martín Juan Rivera, Sr.

No report this month

GEASA-MARANA— Nancy Lindeman

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Geasa-Marana hosted Tucson Children's Museum for a Dia de los Ninos celebration on April 28, 2011 with a good crowd in attendance. Attendees commented on how much fun they had doing the craft.

During the week of May 16th, Geasa-Marana staff traveled to Marana Head Start and Estes Elementary School to provide Summer Reading Club information to 865 enthusiastic youth ranging in age from pre-school through teens and their equally enthusiastic teachers.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Area Teens enjoyed a celebratory End-of-the-School-Year Pizza Party at our May 6th TGIFF Teen Event.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

The final installment of our popular Origami Series, "*DressUp*" Cards with Origami, took place on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Attendees raved about the fun they had doing the projects as well as the helpfulness of the instructor, local artist Mary Ellen Palmeri.

Friend's Funded Activities:

HIMMEL PARK BRANCH – Sharla Darby

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Monday, April 18, 2011. **Dr. Albrecht Classen**, Distinguished Professor of German Studies at the University of Arizona, presented his relatively new program, “**From the Deadly German Border into National Parks: Life Returns and Defies All Borders,**” which was very quickly nicknamed, “**The Green Band**” or “**Das Grune Band,**” by our audience members. Twenty-two people enjoyed and were educated by Dr. Classen’s knowledge, including his personal experiences growing up surrounded by the wall, which meandered throughout the German countryside. He told how, for instance, during a Springtime emergency, his family bought Winter coats and shoes in the event they had to flee.

On Friday, May 6, Dutch immigration attorney Kirsten Boele (who is also a yoga teacher and earned her Master’s in Journalism from the University of Arizona) presented her award-winning documentary film **Fatuma** about a Sudanese refugee’s first 90 days in Tucson, to an audience of 26. Ken Briggs from the International Rescue Committee Tucson attended.

On Monday, May 9, I screened **Welcome to Shelbyville** another documentary film about refugees in Tennessee. Its **filmmaker Kim A. Snyder** was present and led the post-film discussion. Again, 26 people attended. Among the attendees were Ken Briggs from the IRC, a refugee each from Ghana and Somali, as well as Carol Bradson from the Restoration Project, a representative from TIARC (Tucson International Alliance of Refugee Communities), and other faith-based groups.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Boomerang was the first therapy dog in the Pima County Library **Read to the Dog** program. For five years he has faithfully listened to countless children read books at Himmel. His last day was Wednesday, April 27th. The library offered a surprise going away party for him in the children’s area for children to come and say goodbye.

Diá de los Niños Diá de los Libros was celebrated by 71 Himmel customers. This event featured a puppet show loosely based on the Susan Lowell book, *The Three Little Javelinas*, followed by a related activity and javelina cookies with horchata.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Over one hundred participates celebrated **Healthy Kid’s Day** at Himmel by singing songs, playing follow the leader, fishing, sidewalk chalk art , and varied parachute games in the park. We then returned to the meeting room for healthy snacks of fruit and lemonade.

On Saturday, April 16, 2011, Jamie O’Brien presented his **Chasing Ghosts** program, integrating decades of music from England, Ireland, Germany, Hawaii, and the United States.

Seventeen people attended. A customer pointed out to staff that each audience member was tapping his or her foot in time to one of Jamie’s songs. Jamie avidly supports public libraries.

Friends funded activities:

- Dr. Albrecht Classen’s Arizona Humanities Presentation – See above for details
- Jamie O’Brien’s music performance.- See above for details

- Healthy Kid's Day.- See above for details
- Spring Egg Hunt activity during our Saturday Preschool Storytime on April 22nd.
- Día de los Niños Día de los Libros event puppet show –See above for details
- Nunchaku Skills program scheduled during our weekly Hangin at Himmel Teen program on April 26th.
- Tamales 101 Nuestras Raies program on May 7th

JOEL D. VALDEZ MAIN LIBRARY- Karyn Prechtel

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

On April 30, in honor of **El Dia de los Niños, El Dia de los Libros, Professor Alba Nora Martinez from the University of Arizona** along with students from her Spanish children's literature class performed a bilingual mix of plays and songs for Main Library's Family Storytime including; "El Secuestro de la Bibliotecaria - The kidnapping of the librarian," "Estrellita - Little Star" and "Cenicienta - Cinderella." One of the performers is a storytime mom that comes to Main on a regular basis. The program was very well received by the 60 parents and kids that attended. At the end, children made colorful maracas to take home.

On April 23, Main and the **Lohse YMCA** partnered on a fun springtime program called, "Get Your Hunt On." Families had the opportunity to participate in an egg hunt in the courtyard near the YMCA and Jácome Plaza. Afterwards, they came to the library for back-to-back storytimes and an egg dyeing activity. Approx 120 parents and kids participated in all.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

On May 14, an expert from the **Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association** presented an exciting program called, Comet Chef, to teach children how comets are formed. Participants got a chance to observe the formation of a comet as the presenter used dry ice, rocks and dirt to simulate the process.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

We hosted three **Food for Thought** presentations this past month. 26 people attended an informative workshop on **Estate Planning** which covered the topics of Wills and Powers of Attorney (Advance Directives). Nine people participated in a lively discussion of this month's Book Club selection "The curious incident of the dog in the night-time". And ten people attended an interesting talk about **Tucson's Centennial Project and the Mansions on Main St.**

Friend's Funded Activities:

The Grants & Nonprofit Information Center hosted a brand new event on May 6th entitled "**Find Help for Your Nonprofit**" which featured a meet and greet for nonprofit representatives with organizations from around the city and state that support Pima County nonprofits. **The ASU Lodestar Center, the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits, Volunteer Southern Arizona, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona**, as well as PCPL spoke about their support services to 56 attendees. A Grants Databases Open Lab was also held on April 15th, with 10 people receiving help using the grants databases. A Proposal Writing Basics workshop was held

on April 20th with 20 people in attendance. Finally, two Nonprofit Grant Opportunities eNewsletters were sent out on April 18th and May 2nd. The eNewsletter currently has 228 subscribers.

On May 11, the Joel D. Valdez Main Library hosted a very special filming of "Welcome to Shelbyville" as part of our **Community Cinema partnership with Arizona Public Media**. The film's director, Kim Snyder, as well as the Executive Director of an organization called Welcoming America flew across the country to moderate the discussion following the film. A Somali refugee

spoke of his experience as a refugee in Tucson. The film and the moderated discussion was enlightening and thought provoking.

Staff from Main Library and Wheeler-Taft Abbett presented the **Ready to Read workshop** on Saturday, May 14 to 55 preschool teachers and in-home childcare providers. Topics covered included early brain development, the importance of early literacy and skill-enhanced story time planning. Participants received certificates for early childhood education credits and free books for attending.

JOYNER-GREEN VALLEY— Amber Mathewson

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy –Green Valley Library celebrated **Dia de Los Ninos; Dia de Los Libros** with a “Book Walk”; piñata and crafts – 70 children and adults celebrated this wonderful day of children and books!

Science Everywhere was held on April 15th – children were free to move about the room between four science experiments. This program was so successful that it will be repeated throughout the summer months.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning – Green Valley pioneered it’s first ever **Adult Storytime** featuring short stories read by Janice Meitl. 12 adults attended this program and look forward to this new way to enjoy books!

Green Valley Friend’s Funded Activities:

Dia de Los Ninos Celebration

Science Everywhere

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

No report this month

KIRK –BEAR CANYON LIBRARY –Margaret Wilkie

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Experts from the Speedway Scrabble Club provided more than 20 SCRABBLE® players with tips and strategies to help increase their scores. The Club provided each participant with a packet of study materials to take home.

At our first Summer Reading program teens and adults learned about Qigong. Teachers from A-Long’s Kung Fu Academy led the group through these breathing, stretching and meditation exercises designed to increase overall health and reduce stress.

Friend’s Funded Activities:

Qigong

MARTHA COOPER BRANCH– Margaret Guerrero

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- To celebrate El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros, staff presented a live-action storytime, and a neighborhood artist came to do face painting with our children. We shared literacy bags and books with all of the participating families. Unfortunately, our school group was not able to make it after all. We still had a successful event and the participants enjoyed the day.
- Staff visited John B. Wright Elementary School to distribute library cards, share a story and promote the Summer Reading Program. Many of the children are learning English as a second

language and come from diverse communities. The teachers and the students were delighted by the theme of the Summer Reading Program, “One World, Many Stories”.

- On April 30th, we celebrated Healthy Kids Day with a storytime about eating vegetables, followed by active games. About 40 children and teenagers played beanbag and ball tossing games, hopscotch, jump rope, hula hoop, bubble blowing, and Wii sports games. We shared healthy snacks and distributed materials on nutrition and healthy eating.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- Staff attended the University of Arizona Poetry Center Corrido Award Ceremony and the Tucson High School Unity Festival to share information about the library and nurture partner relationships developed as a part of the Nuestras Raíces annual series of programs.
- Staff worked with the Tucson Community School to arrange a month-long student art exhibit and host a parent and artist reception for students and families.
- Staff provided a Job Preparedness Workshop for Teens that showed them how to search for jobs on the internet, what to wear for interviews and what to expect in their first job. Each teen created a resume.
- On May 3rd, Teresa attended the AZ State Library Workshop with Saroj Ghoting at Main Library. At the workshop, she learned about creating multi-age storytimes that are developmentally appropriate and fun for all. Part of the workshop included participants sharing favorite storytime rhymes, songs, games, and feltboard stories.

MILLER-GOLF LINKS – Mary McKinney

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Cottonwood Elementary School and the Junior Optimists Club donated more than 50 new books to the library on April 17. Their goal is for “every toddler, child and teenager in Tucson have a special book to call their own.”

Chiquita and Mr. T, our four-legged library regulars, were featured in an article, “Dogs Help Kids Overcome Fear,” in the East Side section of the *Arizona Daily Star* on April 14.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Do you know how long you need to jump rope or hula hoop to burn off a Tootsie Roll? 29 kids at Healthy Kids Day on April 14 found out! They also determined the healthiest food choices based on the popular *Eat This Not That* series.

“You should hear the long story of how I learned to love to read,” said Victor, a sixth grader. Victor used to hate reading, but then his mother came home with just the right book. Now he can’t read enough! Victor and 624 more middle school students at Gridley, Secrist, and Carson are officially ready for the teen summer reading program!

60 people soaked up science on May 7 by making boats sink, lightning strike, and volcanoes erupt. They also sponge-painted the solar system, made compasses, and tested sound waves on homemade telephones.

Friends’ Funded Activities:

Healthy Kids Day on April 14

Science Saturday on May 7

MISSION – Sol Gomez

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Reading Partners started off slow but has gained serious momentum. Miss Pam is reading to children every Monday and Tuesday. Mission is prepared for its Summer Reading kick-off, having many exciting and education events/programs for the summer.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Leila Duncan completed eight weeks of People and Stories where she engaged students at Nosotros Academy in literature and poetry. Students read literature and poetry and discussed the relevance it had in their lives.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

At Mission, people don't only come to use computers or read, they come to stay fit, learn how to raise chickens, learn how to water melons in Arizona's hot season, and learn about Ancient Native American Pottery of Southern Arizona. Liz Danforth's Wii Fit sessions on Wednesdays are gaining popularity during the lunch hour. Vicki Duraine is planning and organizing programs that teach people how care for gardens/crops and livestock, while saving the Earth!

MURPHY-WILMOT – Daphne Daly

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Kate DeMeester visited Lyons Elementary School on Wednesday May 11th to present at their annual Career Day. Kate answered lots of questions about how to become a librarian and the types of things a librarian does during the day. The kids were amazed that there is so much going on at the library!

We also hosted a parent-student open house in conjunction with our neighbors to the north, St. Michael's School, on Thursday May 12th. Kids were able to get library cards and complete a special library scavenger hunt with their parents.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Our Job Help program continues to attract many job seekers each week. Our instructor has told us that a couple of her regulars have gotten work in the past few weeks as a result of their efforts in the sessions. This month we also are hosting Career Services Unlimited as part of Employment Redirect. A job counselor works one-on-one with people who need more direction in their job-search goals. Workshops also will be held to teach interviewing skills.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

A large component of our remodeling/expansion project was the "refreshing" of our collection. A total of 16,408 items were purchased and ready for check out during our Grand Reopening in February. We offered hundreds of new picture books, children's chapter books, DVDs for all ages, biographies, large type and paperback fiction, popular nonfiction and books for teenagers. There were newly published books as well as old favorites and classics. The opening day crowd

was impressed and continues to come back for more. Our monthly checkouts have been impressive: February 34,810, March 47,900 and April 43,559.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Branch Manager, Daphne Daly was interviewed by two SIRLS students as part of their coursework for Planning and Evaluation of Libraries. The students were interested in the new service models implemented as part of the building project. Wilmot will also host a SIRLS intern for the summer session.

April/May 2011

Friend's Funded Activities:

The Murphy Wilmot Library continued our Science Saturday series on Saturday May 7th with a visit from the Children's Museum, Tucson. Almost 40 kids and their parents enjoyed learning about different dinosaurs, including exactly how tall a T-Rex would have been!

NANINI – Kristi Bradford

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

AARP volunteers provided 20 days of tax service (twice weekly February through April 18) and in the process prepared 780 returns.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Yong Adult Librarian Pam Park, Children's Librarian Julie Hagood and Library Associates Natalie Georgalas and Ed Dembowski visited 8 schools (preschools through high school) sharing information about the summer reading programs with 735 students and their teachers.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Young Adult Librarian Pam Park had 10 teens complete the Library Youth Advocate training program. Those 10 teens shared the library message with 1150 fellow students in the northwest side of town.

QUINCIE DOUGLAS— Elva Smithwhite

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Participation in Job Days and Drop-in Help sessions at the Community Literacy Center has increased since the opening celebration in March. Job seekers, students and people conducting online business have extended computer access with assistance. We are specifically promoting the library's GED and other test practice products during these sessions.

Each Monday, 4:00-5:30, Kino Teen Advisory Board sponsors varying programs for teens including crafting, video games and community service projects.

Wednesdays, many local high schools have early dismissals. On these days, teens have the opportunity to use the laptop lab, 2:00-4:00pm for Teen Multimedia Lab. A computer instructor leads teens to explore productive ways to use the computer.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Homework Help continues to be well attended at both the Quincie Douglas Branch and the Literacy Center.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

The poetry club continues meeting alternate Sunday afternoons. A small dedicated group has been joined by new members for poetry reading, discussion, and writing exercises.

SAHUARITA – Michele White

No report his month

SANTA ROSA (SRO) —Emily Mazur

No report this month

SOUTH TUCSON — Leanne Yoder

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros, on Tuesday April 19, was a wonderful community event, with ninety performers and 300 audience members in attendance. Four performing groups from Mission

View Elementary and the John Valenzuela Youth Center provided dance, song and theater to the delight of their family and friends. Art students from Borton Magnet Primary School provided art for our art gallery wall. Library staff and volunteers ran a craft table and an outreach table, and Readrunners brought their Bookmobile which ninety six people toured. Gospel Rescue Mission served food out of their hot dog trailer and the South Tucson Police helped with traffic control.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Interest in “Laptops for Job Seekers” grew from 25 total sessions in January when we started the program, to 72 total sessions for the month of April. People needing to do employment related work on the Internet such as looking for or applying for jobs can have an extended uninterrupted session on one of our laptops. Staff offer them a handout with helpful tips and web sites, and guide them through the occasional computer use questions that arise. Laptops are available Mon-Fri 12-5.

As of April 18 we are providing Oasis computer classes every Monday morning 10:00-12:00. These classes are taught in English, unlike our long-standing Tec de Monterey classes on Monday evenings, which are taught in Spanish. So far attendance is low, but it will grow as more people find out about the classes.

SOUTHWEST— Marissa Alcorta

No report this month

VALENCIA - Elaine Valenzuela

Literacy for Success in Every Day Life: Adult, Teen & Family Literacy

- Our first two Prime Time reading program sessions were a hit! Over 30 parents and children, aged 6 to 10, enjoyed reading, storytelling and discussing children’s stories about topics such as identity, community and journeys. A healthy dinner was provided by Boston Market. This is a grant program funded by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and is hosted once a week for six weeks.
- Our Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros event was spectacular. Our children’s staff did a phenomenal job planning a ½ day program that included stories, crafts, story telling, puppet shows, and best of all, the attendance of Pat Mora, author and creator of Día. Well over 200 people attended throughout the day.
- We are the summer site for LVT’s basic skills tutoring program, which is held at Mission Manor School during the fall. This one-on-one program for adults concentrates on increasing basic reading, writing, and math skills.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- We presented two successful financial literacy programs this month:
“Credit Reports/Credit Repair”: Cheri Horbacz from PC presented a one-hour workshop that included how to view and understand credit reports and covered tips on ways to protect your identity.
“Don’t Borrow Trouble: Foreclosure Workshop”: this workshop was designed to help homeowners understand home foreclosures and the home modification process.
- Artist Jessica Feinberg presented a fantasy art class to a packed room of teens and adults. They learned to draw and paint faeries and goblins.
- Our customers were treated to two special concerts: Salvador Duran, local troubadour and Melissa Porta, Valencia’s very own violin virtuoso.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

- Our parking lot will be repaved later this month and preparation for this work began the first week in May. We look forward to a fresh new look to our parking lot soon.
- We hosted Sunnyside NA's 3rd annual South Side Artists show. Over 15 artists from this area displayed their artwork for the public to enjoy.

FOL sponsored programs:

- Jessica Feinberg Fantasy Art
- Two financial literacy programs: Credit Reports/Credit Repair & Don't Borrow Trouble
- Two concerts: Salvador Duran & Melissa Porta
- Co-sponsored Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros

WHEELER TAFT ABBETT, SR – Ruth Grant

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- We celebrated El día de los niños/ El día de los libros with a Cultural Party with MegaScience Meg in the morning and a puppet show presented by 5th grade students from Rattlesnake Ridge Elementary in the afternoon. Over 60 children and family members attended.
- April Gering presented at the Roadrunner Elementary School Career Day, speaking with about 225 student about careers in libraries.
- April Gering from Abbett and Eddie Dembowski from Nanini participated in the annual Twin Peaks Elementary Literacy Night reaching over 100 children and their family members. Two YMCA camperships were raffled off at the event.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

- As part of our ongoing Science Saturdays, the University of Arizona Entomology department did a presentation through their [Insect Discovery](#) outreach program. 36 people attended this event, where we learned about insects, got to touch a live millipede, and examined real bugs through magnifying glasses. To wrap up the fun-filled hour, each person examined a live ladybug in an individual observation cube and made a scientific drawing of his or her ladybug. Afterwards, we all went outside to the Crossroads at Silverbell park and released the ladybugs back into the "wild."
- As part of the Employment Redirect initiative, Abbett Library provides very successful Individual Job Counseling sessions. Kathleen McCormack of Career Services Unlimited helps job seekers on resume writing, choosing a career, updating interviewing skills, networking and more. Kathleen's 2-hours sessions are always full, sometimes with a waiting list!

Friend's Funded Activities:

The 1st Annual William Shakespeare Memorial Chess Tournament was held at the Abbett Library. Library staff, chess club members and 9 Queens gathered to play a chess tournament in celebration of the bard's birthday.

Chess Club 1st Tuesday of the Month

Smorgasboard 2nd Thursday of the Month

Scrabble Club 1st and 4th Thursday of the Month

Baby, Toddler, Preschool and Family Storytimes – every week

Reading Partners – twice a week

WOODS—Coni Weatherford

Be an Informed Community Member: Local, National and World Affairs

When Coni Weatherford announced at the Ward III Neighborhood Alliance meeting that librarians would be visiting their neighborhood meetings on a regular basis there was applause and cheers. The group thanked the library for their support of the neighborhoods and their support of the alliance for the past 10 years.

People from the Community Food bank started coming every Monday to assist people with filling out applications for food stamps. The program has been very popular and at least 40 people have been helped so far.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Maureen Kearney visited several schools for the first-grade card campaign and also in preparation for the upcoming Summer Reading Program. The kids were very excited to hear about the program and to get library cards!

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

A group of 12 adult refugees and their teachers came to the library to receive a tour of the library, get cards, and check out dictionaries and other materials. They were so excited and appreciative that afterwards they sent a thank you note.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Approximately 25 children, teens and adults worked together to make a beautiful mock stained glass craft during Teen Time.

Photographer Steve Renzi presented a fascinating program with photos and tips on how to take better photos. At the end of the program he took time to work with people who had brought their personal cameras.

Children's librarian Maureen Kearney and YA librarian Ingrid Trebisky presented a **Nuestras Raices "Make a Piñata!"** workshop for approximately 50 people on May 4th and 5th in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Children, teens and adults were able to make and decorate a basic piñata. One mother who brought her children both days remarked, "This was so much fun. Thank you!".

Woods Library had 6 Teen Advocates who spoke to over 500 students about library services in local schools.

A Now Showing at Your Library Encore Screening of *Copyright Criminals* attracted ten participants.

Computer classes continue to be wildly popular. This month, **Computer Basics**, **Internet Basics**, and **Email** were all full with waiting lists.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Students and teachers attended the Amphi Middle School artist reception and gathered to admire the student's art display in the Woods Library teen area. Amphi MS has an art display up the entire month every April and November.

Children's Library Associates Elizabeth Salper and Shawn Finn spearheaded our Poetry Month celebrations throughout April, which included providing poems at checkout to take home, posting poems throughout the library, and inviting local poet and artist to present **Poem Flow**, a poetry workshop for kids.

Many people liked the take-home poems especially, and kids who are regular after-school patrons could be seen checking all the different “pockets” for new poems to read.

Friend’s Funded Activities:

Mock Stained Glass Craft for Teen Time
Amphi Middle School Artist Reception
Steve Renzi Photography
Screening of *Copyright Criminals*
Amphi Middle School artist reception
Poem Flow

YOUTH SERVICE-Gina Macaluso

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

Prime Time Family Reading Time is coming to a close. Prime Time was held at 4 branch libraries: Quincie Douglas, Mission, Southwest (at San Xavier Mission) and Valencia. Forty plus families participated in this unique six week humanities-based program of reading, discussion, and storytelling emphasizes the importance of families reading together to discuss significant cultural and ethical themes.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

The **FIRST CARD** campaign for 2010-2011 was a phenomenal success. Over 7,567 students participated and 342 classrooms were visited. This a **49%** increase in participation over the 2009-2010 school year. The **NINTH GRADE** card campaign involved 1,824 students and visits were made to 14 high schools. During the 2010-2011 fiscal year thus far (as of April 2011) 22,336 students have received tutoring services through PCPL’s **HOMEWORK HELP** program. This is a 34/7% increase over the same time last year.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Bonny Bruce

Webinars

Twenty-two staff members attended **Easy Roving**, a webinar featuring best approaches for successfully roaming the floor at libraries. It covered practical tips and techniques and how to avoid the most common roaming challenges and pitfalls. We learned how to build a comfort level with roaming and positive phrases to engage customers. Staff shared strategies they are using at PCPL branches to move from behind the desk to out on the floor to proactively assist customers at their point of puzzlement.

An Urban Libraries Council webinar, **Performance Measurements that Matter**, focused on the benefits and challenges of performance management. Performance management measures outcomes to determine how a community has changed because of services and programs offered by the library. Performance measurement helps an organization keep a results perspective to prioritize services most likely to achieve results the public wants.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – Richard DiRusso

No report this month

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Libby Jones

Technical Services has made some significant changes recently. At the request of the Director, we have eliminated some of the tasks we were doing in order to help with evaluating older material in our database for possible reordering or deselecting. We have also been working to tighten up what materials will bring in for correcting, and to correct cataloging

errors here and at our vendor, which result in the need for corrections in the first place.

This should reduce time and effort on the part of Public Services staff, as well as reduce the amount of material the Delivery staff must handle.

We are currently preparing for the end of the fiscal year. We have met to go over our strategy. We will soon stop sending orders to our main vendor, Baker & Taylor, although we will still prepare the orders. We will be coding those orders, so we can round them up into a review file and then send them in organized batches once we receive permission to do so from Pat Corella, Assistant Deputy Director. The orders will be visible in the public catalog, so patrons can continue to place reserves.

One of our staff is learning patron requests/Interlibrary Loan procedures in order to help the Collection Development department. In the fall, she will help to take the place of a retiring member of the staff.

As always, the Technical Services Department works hard to back up all of the other departments in meeting their goals and ultimately to enable our patrons to find the materials and resources they need.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY— *Jen Maney*

No report this month:

Learn to Read - *Gina Macaluso*

No report this month

Read to Learn – *Amber Mathewson*

No report this month

Community Engagement – *Beth Matthias-Loghry*

No report this month

Customer Experience – *Bonny Bruce*

No report this month

Welcoming Libraries – *Jere Voigt*

No report this month



Pima County Public Library

DATE: June 6, 2011

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 – April/May 2011

Potential Library Projects: Now that our current Capital projects have come to end, some time will be set aside to reconsider “where do we go from here?” There are a few projects that seem to be ready for resurgence and should be considered and put forth from the Library’s perspective before left-over Capital funds drift away. Those projects could become a possible part of a Library Board agenda for discussion before moving them forward. Potentially, there are a few expansions that should be evaluated and considered such as the expansion of Eckstrom–Columbus, Quincie Douglas or Flowing Wells libraries. If land were to be donated in the Sahuarito area, the left-over funds could be used to develop a library building plan or design for the not too distant bond election in 2012 or, 2013.

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.