

Agenda Item 6B



Pima County Public Library Advisory Board

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: Library Advisory Board, Pima County Public Library

FROM: Nancy Ledeboer, Library Director

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT, April 2009

In April several important milestones were achieved by County Information Technology (IT). All libraries have been moved to the County Internet connection and the Library now has separate Internet service. This has been a major goal since leaving the City of Tucson and the Library is now fully supported by County IT for all Internet and wifi access. **Margot MacDonald** has been assigned as the IT customer service liaison to the Library. It is a pleasure to have Margot back serving the Library as she is very familiar with our goals and objectives and how technology can support customer service. Margot will be assisting with our Technology Plan and is currently working with staff to deploy replacement PCs.

The Main Library was closed for the first weekend in May to re-carpet the entry and the stairs. The frayed carpet was a safety hazard. Work will continue on weekends until the entire stairs is completed. The weekend closure allowed the main areas to be completed and limited the time required to complete the job.

The Nanini Library will be closed for a week to take down the old circulation desk and re-carpet the entrance. This is the final library to move to a One Desk service model. The project will also include grant funded furniture for the children's area. Nanini has a large population of young children and the furniture is designed to stimulate pre-literacy skills.

Legislative Day sponsored by the Arizona Library Association (AzLA) was held on April 30th. PCPL sent a delegation of six librarians, **Bonny Bruce, Jennifer Nichols, Mary McKinney, Steff Koeneman, Martin Rivera** and I. We had the pleasure of hearing from several legislators about their perspective on the State budget as well as from Secretary of State **Ken Bennet**. We then split up to visit with southern Arizona legislators and delivered information about PCPL as well as about AzLA. As a follow up to Legislative Day staff is working on plans to invite legislators to visit community libraries.

Regional Meetings were held at five libraries. **Gina Macaluso** and **Amber Mathewson** shared the roles identified in the Strategic Plan with staff by engaging them in a dialog about what the Library will look like three years from now if we achieve the strategic goals and objectives. The conversation and ideas flowed freely as staff expressed their ideas for creating a vital library

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that is serving the educational needs of residents of all ages. The Regional Meetings also present an opportunity for staff to ask questions about any aspect of library operations. I did not have information about the budget prior to the meetings. I followed up with a message to all staff regarding the budget on the Library Director's blog on the staff Intranet.

Deputy Director **Melody Ballard** and I continued our staff visits to the Valencia and Southwest Libraries. Staff is enthusiastic about developing their branch service plans in line with the Strategic Plan.

April 16 and 17 I attended the Arizona Library Association (AzLA) Board Meeting & Regional Forum in Globe/Miami. I am now serving as the representative for Southern Arizona on the AzLA Board. One of my goals is to encourage the Board to bring the annual conference back to Tucson. The last time AzLA held a conference in Tucson was in 2004. I believe it would be a benefit to southern Arizona libraries to have the annual conference more accessible. This was the first Regional Forum I have attended. These forums bring continuing education opportunities into the more rural areas of our state. I spoke on a panel about building community partnerships and increasing library programming through collaborative efforts. It was a pleasure to visit the Miami Library and to meet colleagues from across the state. I am always impressed to see how vital libraries are to their communities regardless of the size of the library or the community.

The Library Advisory Board Retreat was held on May 2nd at the Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library. We had 27 people in attendance representing the Friends, Foundation, Bear Canyon Friends and the Green Valley Friends. Arivaca Friends were unable to attend and they sent a written report. After sharing reports on their accomplishments the participants were engaged in an exercise to learn about the Library's Strategic Plan. Participants reported that they learned more about the library and were energized to share information with the members of their organizations about the Library's plans for the future.

Two vendors submitted proposals for a statewide database purchase that would make the entire package available to all public and K-12 schools in the state. Since Maricopa County Library District (MCLD) has taken the lead in the procurement we are waiting for them to determine if they will indeed go along with the statewide purchase. If MCLD opts out the State Library will take the lead and will negotiate a statewide contract excluding Maricopa County libraries.

I attended the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters. A report was presented on the successful partnership between the League and the Library to encourage voter turnout at the November general election. The League is interested in continuing this partnership.

I was the guest of the Pima Library Foundation for the Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon recognizing **Larry Hecker** as Man of the Year, **Sara Smallhouse** as Woman of the Year and **Don Diamond** for his sustained contributions to Pima County and southern Arizona. I also attended the Women's Foundation luncheon honoring **Helene Levy**. I attended this luncheon along with members of the Literacy for Life Coalition.

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DATE: May 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 April 2009

ADULT DETENTION CENTER-*Thomas Garcia*

Children, Teens & Families:

Tutoring for March: 13 sessions and 115 student contacts.

AJO—*Linda Lam*

No report this month

CATALINA – *Karen Greaber*

No report this month

CAVIGLIA-ARIVACA— *Mary Kasulaitis*

Children, Youth and Families

Librarian Mary Kasulaitis delivered library cards to the Sopori First Graders who are participating in Learn Read Grow Succeed!

Librarian Mary Kasulaitis provided a program on Arivaca history for the Arivaca Boys Ranch on April 30.

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On April 18, Dr. Albrecht Classen, Professor of German Studies at the University of Arizona provided an Arizona Humanities Council Speakers' Bureau Program: "Early History of Arizona: German Jesuits as Founders of Arizona." In the audience, besides Arivaca folks were members of the German-American Women's Club of Green Valley and members of the La Frontera Corral of the Westerners, Intl. of Green Valley.

Community Collaborations

Green Valley Assistance Services provided information to low-income local residents on April 27.

Mary Kasulaitis hosted a party for the Friends of the Arivaca Library at her house on April 19 to celebrate Volunteer month.

Library Associate Jeanne Ferris and Librarian Mary Kasulaitis provided a “Starry Night” basket for the Community Food Bank Auction on April 17. The Sonora Astronomical Society of Green Valley provided many worthwhile items for this basket.

ECKSTROM-COLUMBUS— Terry Rill.

Children, Teens & Families:

Nyssa Densley coordinated a craft program on making book purses from old books. Talk about a unique recycling idea. Those in attendance ended the evening with a one of a kind, usable item that they made themselves. Just by coincidence, NPR featured a segment on that very thing the same day.

Dia de los Ninos was celebrated with a story time presented by master storyteller Jordan Hill, who told tales from around the world. Our library school student, Lorenia Montano, helped kids paint and decorate their own maracas.

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We showed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers at a special breakfast that was attended by close to 20. Lorenia Montano and Marisa Abramo planned the event where we said thank you in the languages of the world. Each volunteer was given one of the new library logo mugs.

Our Staff Picks book display has been a hit. Staff members picked favorite titles and wrote short reviews which were put in the books. We also had a poetry display in honor of poetry month.

Community Partnerships:

Shannon Wilcox visited Lineweaver and Corbett schools this month to hand out Learn, Read, Grow, Succeed bags and cards and talk to kids about library services.

Marisa Abramo gave a tour of the library to LVOT Advanced English class participants.

Terry Rill attended the 29th St Coalition meeting and Nyssa Densley attended the Pima Council on Aging monthly meeting.

DUSENBERRY-RIVER – Dianna Thor

Kathleen Dannreuther retired in April from her position as branch manager at River. Dianna Thor is the new branch manager at the River Library. Congratulations, Dianna.

Children, Teens & Families:

A multi-generation Graphic Novel Weekend program was presented Saturday April 18th and Sunday April 19th at Dusenberry-River branch library. This two part program was based on the award winning graphic novel *Maus: My Father Bleeds History* by Art Spiegelman. On Saturday, TeenzArt teachers taught kids how to draw their own cat and mouse cartoons. On Sunday, Laurence Cohen facilitated a discussion of the graphic novel with help from Will Ure of R-Galaxy comics.

On April 17th we celebrated “Healthy Kids’ Day” by having ZUZI Dance Troupe lead a creative movement to music class; On April 21st, Libby Quinn conducted a signing Storytime for babies, toddlers, and their parents, filling the room to near capacity with 81 in attendance! On April 26th we celebrated “Dia de los Ninos” with a 2-part program: A hands-on musical experience with percussion instruments followed by a puppet show. Cake and ice water were served.

EL PUEBLO— Aaron *Valdivia*

Children, Teens & Families:

Story times continue to be full, with at least 15 kids from the Mulcahy YMCA being brought every Tuesday morning. There are also 8 to 10 kids in each of the story times presented at the day-care next door to the library.

On 4/18/09 Aaron Valdivia assisted Donie Gignac and Elizabeth Soltero with a puppet show at the YMCA. Aaron read a children’s book to the audience while Elizabeth and Donie acted it out with puppets.

Homework help and chess also continue to be popular with kids, teens, and some adults.

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On 4/15/09 Aaron Valdivia attended the Unified Community Advisory Board meeting regarding the TCE collection at the library. He introduced himself to the board and explained the state of the collection to the members. They are interested in making the collection more user-friendly and possibly digitizing much of it to make more space. Aaron will work with them as a representative from PCPL.

On 4/17/09 Aaron Valdivia was at the PCPL booth at the Mulcahy YMCA for the Healthy Kids Day celebration and events. He passed out information about PCPL and new library cards to children and their families. On 4/18/09 Aaron was at the Jacobs YMCA for Healthy Kids Day. He gave 3 presentations about finding reliable consumer health information online for parents and assisted with a puppet show for kids.

On 4/21/09 Aaron Valdivia gave an informational presentation to teachers at the El Pueblo Adult Learning Center about PCPL SRP events going on throughout the system. They asked that he present about the library to assemblies at the school.

On 4/22/09 Aaron gave a 30 minute presentation 3 times to assembly groups at the adult learning center. The morning group had approximately 60 students and the evening groups were 25 and 40 people. He talked about upcoming SRP events for families and, at the request of the teachers, spent a great deal of time going over Tell Me More and Learning Express Library to supplement their educations. He also discussed other offerings at PCPL like homework help and free computer classes.

On 4/29/09 a teacher from The Child Parent Centers Inc (a part of Head Start and Early Head Start programs in southern Arizona) brought 4 students to the library for a tour. Aaron invited them to come in 30 minutes before the library was open for an uninterrupted tour. The tour members were all adults with children in the Head Start program who are also trying to learn English. Aaron set up the projector to show them Tell Me More and explain how it can supplement their language classes while school is out for the summer.

The computer classes continue to be a success. Every Monday there is a beginner class taught in Spanish immediately followed by one taught in English. There are 6 to 8 people in each class.

Community Partnerships:

Teachers from the adult learning center have been utilizing the library as a supplement to the course work they give their students. Aaron provides them with information and how to use the databases for help with citizenship, GED and language classes.

The Unified Community Advisory Board is working with the library to clean up the TCE collection and get it in to working order.

Aaron Valdivia attends the monthly agency manager meeting at the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center. He discusses events going on at El Pueblo Library and other PCPL locations.

The senior center next to the library continues to promote the computer classes we offer at the library.

EL RIO— Wanda Poindexter

Children, Teens & Families:

Our Dia de los Ninos celebration is in conjunction with the KidCo after school program and the Day Care Program in El Rio Neighborhood Center. In addition to the Library providing Story Teller Jordan Hill, there are games, books, and refreshments.

Based on customer interest, El Rio is hosting a series of signing workshops and story times. At the first one in April, 12 families attended and presenter Libby Quinn told how signing can provide young children with effective ways to express their needs and emotions. The families requested more signing workshops.

El Rio is training library volunteers from Luz Academy and Tucson High School. The teen volunteers receive service points for working at the library. In April the teen volunteers planned and designed 3 new bulletin boards, shifted our teen section into the computer room and created a file of new coloring pages.

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El Rio staff is attending an American Sign Language class at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind. The ASDB community is happy that the Library staff is interested in learning to sign.

El Rio staff represents PCPL at several Neighborhood center events and meetings. Library staff and a Friends volunteer interacted with over 300 people at a Westside Health Fair. All PCPL programs and events were featured and the event resulted in 60 applications for new library cards.

El Rio Library hosted Kathy Perez, Prevention Specialist with the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center. It was an opportunity for the library to build our image of being a resource provider and bringing new programs into the neighborhoods.

El Rio Staff represented PCPL in a Westside Spelling Bee in April. There were 4 age categories and the top 3 spellers received ribbons. The library also provided practice sheets for the participants before the Spelling Bee.

Wanda Poindexter attended the faculty in-service at Pima College Adult Education to inform the teachers how they could integrate PCPL into their curriculum, and to highlight library resources.

Community Partnerships:

April marked the fruition of some El Rio Branch community partnership activities.

WIC: El Rio placed a deposit collection in the Women, Infants and Children Westside office. Also the WIC program participated in the Signing workshop for families.

Pima Community College Adult Education: In April, El Rio Library offered PCPL Virtual Training in 4 adult education classes. Our branch closes at 6p.m. during the week and there are PCC Adult Ed classes at 6p.m. and at 7p.m. On April 23 we kept the library open until 8p.m. so that PCC Adult Ed students could get library cards, receive a library orientation and check out materials. The teachers report more student interest in reading and writing based on the Library-College partnership.

FLOWING WELLS – Yolanda Sainz

Children, Teens & Families:

Twenty six children and parents from the Homer Davis Head Start program visited the library. After storytime, they were given an opportunity to tour the library and their favorite area – the mysterious staff area in the back. For Healthy Kid's day, children and their parents listened to books and stories about exercise and healthy eating. After storytime, parents along with their children had fun with simple yoga moves and parachute play. A Healthy Snack program was held for teens. They learned and enjoyed making healthy snacks such as healthy pizzas and their own variation of trail mix. Movie night on Friday evenings continues to be a big draw for families.

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Flowing Wells Library was invited to participate in Laguna Elementary's 2nd annual Health and Safety fair held on a Friday night. We were provided a table and given the opportunity to talk to many parents and their children about Flowing Wells and PCPL. The last Read and Eat program was held this month. It was another well attended program, 150 participants attended. The young adult librarian also represented the Flowing Wells library along with other PCPL staff at the Jacobs YMCA Health Day Program.

GEASA-MARANA— Nancy Lindeman

Children, Teens & Families:

Storytime attendance during April was more than double last month's attendance. Our special Dia de los Ninos Storytime was well attended and the children had lots of fun hearing stories, playing games and breaking a piñata for special gifts.

A class from Head Start paid us a visit on April 7th.

Our monthly Teen gathering, TGIFF, had the opportunity to play Giant Chess and Checkers. While the kids loved the experience, the logistics involved in transporting the equipment here and back means this will probably be at best a once-a-year offering for the teens!

Staff has been busy doing outreach storytimes and delivering Learn, Read, Grow Succeed incentives to 10 area first grade classes and teachers (combined at school sites). This has also been an opportunity to promote the upcoming Summer Reading Program ahead of the formal outreaches next month.

We celebrated Healthy Kids Day by offering a free apple to each of our youngest library visitors throughout the day.

The *Fit for Life* 50+ Beginning Drawing Class, presented by The Drawing Studio, began this month and will run through May. Our community of artists is thrilled with this opportunity and the class is over capacity.

Geasa-Marana hosted Marge Pellegrino's *Trash To Treasure* writing and papermaking workshop on Earth Day, April 22nd. Attendees gave very positive feedback regarding the experience.

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As their neighborhood library, Geasa-Marana Branch hosted an information table at the Gladden Farms "Spring CelebEGGtion" on April 4th, also passing out freebies and holiday treats to over 120 children and parents who stopped by the table.

Community Partnerships:

Our ESL class, set up in partnership with Child Parent Centers, has expanded to 3 evenings a week with enrollment now at 15 students. While it was touch and go for a while, the efforts of Dee Durazo of Child Parent Centers in finding volunteer teachers, in combination with our ability to make our meeting space available after regular library hours has really paid off and the English language learners in our community are truly excited to be participating in this vital educational experience.

HIMMEL PARK BRANCH – Sarajeon Harwood

Children, Teens and Family

Many, many schools visited Himmel this month.

On April 11, the U of A Stories on Stage presented 3 stories by Susan Lowell to a capacity and very appreciate crowd.

On April 18, Beth Rubio and Saturday Storytime Gang celebrated 'Healthy Kids Day' with activities in the park and healthy snacks. A good time was had by all.

Dia de los Ninos was celebrated on April 29 with a puppet show "Punch and Judy" presented and performed by Gwen Ray. The show was fabulous and the room was full.

Vision and Image and Community Partner

April is the last month that Elizabeth Ashley will be interning at Himmel. She is enrolled in the SIRLS program. Mostly, she shadowed Sarajeon Harwood to a wide variety of events and meetings. It has been a real pleasure having her with us.

Solar 101 was presented at the Murphy Wilmot Library this month. Sarajeon again gave a brief presentation about library resources at the meeting.

On Earth Day, April 22, Sarajeon Harwood represented PCPL at the National Conversation on Climate Change here in Tucson.

On April 18, Sustainable Tucson's Core Team had an all day retreat in Tubac to work on strategic directions and included Sarajeon Harwood in the discussion.

JOYNER-GREEN VALLEY— Amber Mathewson

No report this month

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER – John Munoz

No report this month

JOEL D. VALDEZ MAIN LIBRARY- Karyn Prechtel

Children, Teens & Families:

The **Fourth Annual Plaza Poetry Program** was held on Saturday, April 25. Teens wrote poems on the Jacome Plaza in chalk, and then shared them with an audience at the Pennington Street Block Party sponsored by City High School. This was the first year we combined the chalk art and poetry festival and we are already making plans for a bigger and better event next April.

Over 75 people enjoyed the **14th Annual High School Art Invitational reception and awards ceremony** on Saturday April 25. Participating teachers and students as well their families and friends were invited. The light refreshments, participation ribbons, and award ribbons and gifts were funded by the Friends of PCPL.

We celebrated Easter On April 11 by highlighting fun stories and songs about chickens and eggs, including an egg coloring activity and egg hunt in the children's room during Family Storytime. Laura Zimmerman from the **Family Friendly Weekends** committee was on hand in support of the event. Over 40 parents and children participated in all.

The Children's department hosted a **Día de los Niños** event featuring Storyteller Jordan Hill on April 18. Jordan delighted children with four energetic retellings of multicultural stories from different parts of the world. One boy who was reluctant to attend the program with his two brothers actually refused to leave when the family was ready to go, which was a great testimonial to Jordan's storytelling skills.

On April 21, we invited classes from CE Rose and Davis Bilingual Elementary Schools to attend the **OneBookAZ for Kids** presentation by award winning author, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford. This program was funded by the Arizona State Library. Roni did a great job of reading and interacting with the students and brought lots of hands-on activities to share. Most of the students attending also spoke Spanish so they really enjoyed the bilingual nature of the program. 54 students and teachers attended in all.

Throughout April, the Children's Department provided Storytimes and gave out library cards and backpacks to 1st graders visiting from Miles, Safford and Carrillo Elementary schools. We also conducted outreach visits to Davis Bilingual and Oury Recreation Center. Stories, library cards and summer reading information were provided to 243 students and teachers in all. Approximately 25 parents have returned to Main children's department to pick up parent bags in conjunction with the **1st grade library card campaign**.

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We began our first and third floor remodeling projects in April. The center stairwell is being re-carpeted to address safety concerns, and the service points on the first floor are being consolidated for efficient and effective customer service. More space on the first floor is being dedicated to the public including a café-style seating area near the large picture windows. When complete, the third floor will host a large, 32 computer commons area and all shelving on the 3rd floor will be reduced from 72 to 48 inches to increase visibility.

Community Partnerships:

Urban Yarns @ the Library, Main Library's knit and crochet group, is going strong. A core group of downtown employees and residents meet at lunchtime each Friday to socialize, share ideas, and peruse a selection of fiber-related library books. Urban Yarns has an e-newsletter and a presence on FaceBook!

On April 8, we hosted the first of our quarterly **PBS Point of View (POV) Film Series**. The one hour film screening of *Al Otro Lado* by Natalia Almada was followed by a moderated discussion. Both were very well received based on participation and audience feedback. The candid discussion revealed rich personal and professional experiences, encouraged respectful debate and empowered guests to continue discourse after the conclusion of the program.

KIRK – BEAR CANYON LIBRARY –Margaret Wilkie

Children, Teens & Families:

Bill Reuter visited a number of 1st grade classes at Schumacher, Collier, Desert Willow, and Tag Charter schools this month. He delivered library cards and did special storytimes.

On April 4th a group of enthusiastic children, teens, and parents learned the fine art of creating Wall Hanging Dream Catchers from Vivien Enos, a talented PCPL staff member.

Dental professionals helped Mr. Bill celebrate 'Healthy Kids Day' with a special activities and stories about the importance of taking good care of your teeth at the April 14th and 15th storytimes.

Everyone was dancing and moving to the beat of the Brazilian and Capoeira music created by PoGo Arts on April 8th.

Puppeteer Gwen Ray once again kept the capacity crowd mesmerized and laughing with a wonderful puppet show on April 18th.

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Rona Rosenberg provided the connection that made it possible for Washington Post reporter Barton Gellman to speak at the April 13th Circle of Books Literary Salon. Mr. Gellman won a Pulitzer for his book Angler: The Cheney Vice Presidency.

Community Partnerships:

As a part of the Fit for Life 50+ program the 8-week Art Workshops for Seniors began on April 17th. Professional artists from The Drawing Studio are providing the instruction to this enthusiastic group.

MARTHA COOPER BRANCH– Margaret Guerrero

Children, Teens & Families:

Martha Cooper Branch continues to offer outstanding programs to the community. Shawn Finn worked with librarian Mary Givins to teach teens to make shrinky dinks for jewelry. Fourteen people attended and made a variety of pieces for necklaces and earrings. Kids Gaming continues to be popular. It has been growing in popularity each week. Several children and youth got a workout in a Dance, Dance Revolution tournament for Healthy Kids Day on April 18.

We celebrated *Día de los Niños* and we had a total of 76 people in attendance throughout the day. Mary Givins and Marissa Alcorta had a special bilingual storytime accompanied by paper flower making. The tissue paper flowers were especially a big hit with the children! And finally, Gwen Ray brought her puppets and put on her show, *La Mariposa*. Everyone had a lively and fun day!

William Bevill from the Juvenile Detention Library and Kathy Konecny from Martha Cooper teamed up on April 13 to offer a poetry workshop to detained youth. In conjunction with that workshop, Martha Cooper teens participated in a poetry program on April 15 and added to the poetry of the detained youth. William plans to offer more poetry workshops with teens in May. He is compiling a booklet of these and other works.

Martha Cooper offered two online job searching classes in April. Participants were surprised by how many jobs are listed on the Internet. Several applied for jobs during the workshops.

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Marissa visited Ms. Watson's first grade class at Wright Elementary School to deliver the last of our branch's First Grade Reading campaign cards. She read to the class and promoted the upcoming Family Literacy Night as well as the Summer Reading Program. April 4. On April 16 Librarian Mary Givins, with help from Library Associate Kathy Konecny, gave a database workshop to the Journey home schooled group.

Community Partnerships:

Margaret Guerrero is a Grants Review Panelist with TPAC – Tucson Pima Arts Council. In this capacity, the panelist will determine which applicants will be awarded Literature Grants. She also participated in the Wright Elementary School's final budget cuts decisions for School Year 2009-2010. Mary Givins participated in the Refugee and Immigrant Service Providers Network meeting. A poetry class for adults, taught by a poet from library partner OASIS, was started on April 24.

MILLER GOLF LINKS – Ruth Grant

Children, Teens & Families:

- UA's **Stories on Stage** wowed over 100 patrons with 3 Susan Lowell's stories told via puppets and actors on the evening of April 7th.
- On Saturday, April 18th, Miller-Golf Links Library celebrated its 10-year anniversary with a special puppet show by CartLynn Productions and a huge birthday cake!
- To distribute library cards to 1st grade classrooms, Chris visited 3 classrooms at Ford Elementary School and 4 classes at Dietz Elementary School. Allan Dew visited 4 classrooms at Desert Willow Elementary and 2 classrooms at Mesquite Elementary.
- Three classes from Dunham Elementary School walked over to the library from the school to pick up their library cards, have a storytime and a tour of the library on April 22nd.
- The best of the best students from Reynolds Elementary got a special tour of the library on April 28th.
- Children and their parents learned to make some beautiful beaded jewelry at our Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros program with Vivian Enos on the evening of April 28th.
- Chris Novak was treated to a picnic on April 30 by some of her Preschool Storytimers who are ready to start school at Vail soon.
- Matt Landon coordinated the judging and awards presentation for the Pima County Poetry Contest, now in its third year. Teens from the Every Voice in Action Youth Crew served as judges, and the award plaques were presented to the winners at the Main Library Poetry Plaza and Pennington St Block Party on April 25th. Three of the winners read their poems on the stage, and were filmed by a youth Page, who will help edit the film clips so they can appear on our website.
- Matt Landon presented Online Job Search info to parents at Magee Middle School on the evening of April 29.
- Miller-Golf Links hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, April 24th. Among the 11 volunteers who were able to attend, were several Reading Partners volunteers (some who have a year's service reading to children!), Adult volunteers (one originally from Armenia and one originally from Estonia), including one Read-to-a-Dog handler, and one teen volunteer. Each volunteer received a Certificate of Appreciation and a Pima County Public Library cup, along with some smaller items. A great time was had by all, and the volunteers felt appreciated and cared for.

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- Matt Landon attended a number of community events and programs in April, to network and talk about PCPL, That's My Take, and the Poetry Contest: the Lego Conference at Flowing Wells HS; the International Film Festival; Tucson Poetry Festival events at Tucson High School; and the Valencia Poetry Festival.

Community Partnerships:

- Chris Novak. worked at the Community Food Bank Auction on April 17th. Allan Dew was in charge of coordinating the Miller-Golf Links basket, which was raffled off at the Food Bank Auction
- Ruth Grant participated in welcoming the new TPD captain, Captain Nunez, to the Eastside TPD Substation, at the quarterly TPD Advisory meeting on the evening of April 22nd. Several Neighborhood and Homeowners Associations attended as well.
- Ruth Grant also attended the Refugee and Immigrant Service Provider Network of Tucson (RISP-NET) meeting on April 28th. Of special interest was gearing up to make sure Refugee and Immigrants are properly counted in the 2010 Census.
- Beth Petrucci coordinated with Tucson Oasis to host two "Fit for Life 50+" programs in April (Digital Cameras & Grow It In Tucson) plus a third "Tai Chi for Arthritis" that will continue through May.
- Matt Landon requested a youth intern from Pima One Stop and a youth worker from the Tucson Urban League to work Page duties here at Golf Links this summer.
- Matt Landon worked with Donny Tran and Stephanie Balzer from *Voices: community stories past and present* to get them to partner with us on this year's That's My Take Project.
- As part of outreach for the Summer Reading Program, Matt Landon contacted teachers and librarians at Gridley Middle School, St Augustine's High School, Secrist Middle School, and Santa Rita High School.
- Matt Landon continued his monthly Youth Development class, presented by the University of Arizona, where he learned about creating successful youth/adult partnerships; and his monthly meeting with Activate Tucson, which is currently working on a Healthy Communities grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

MISSION – Mary McKinney

Children, Teens, & Families:

Mariachis and Folklórico dancers from Valencia Middle School helped library staff and customers celebrated Día de los Niños on April 30. The Folklórico group from Cholla High School heard about the event, and asked if they could come and perform on the same day too. The more the merrier, of course! 175 attended the celebration.

Chess club and a special teen program shared the meeting room on April 28th. While the chess club welcomed a couple of new members, Vivian Enos showed teens how to make double-strand bracelets with hair pipe bone beads, fire polish beads and glass beads.

Visibility & Image:

In honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Week we held a volunteer breakfast on April 24. We told our volunteers how lucky we are to have them, and presented them with the PCPL mugs filled with good luck charms. Among a wide variety of items, breakfast included Lucky Charms and fortune cookies!

Liz Danforth is the writer of the Library Journal "Games, Gamers, & Gaming" blog. Follow this link (<http://www.libraryjournal.com/blog/1130000713/post/850043685.html>) to see her April 22 blog entry regarding the ALA/Verizon \$5000 grant and the libraries that won.

Community Partnerships:

Two Oasis programs took place at Mission in April including A Soldier's Wife (Rita Espinosa y Sosa and Hannah Davis Van Horn) in 1780 and Women Pioneers in Arizona (Larcena Pennington Scott). Both living history presentations gave insight into the lives of women and the ways of the times. About 20 were in attendance. One more living history program occurs in May.

MURPHY WILMOT – Daphne Daly

Children, Teens & Families:

Murphy-Wilmot hosted several very successful events this month! We started with a visit from the Tucson Wildlife Center for our Cornerstones of Science series. Almost 100 kids and family members got to meet a live vulture. For Dia de los Ninos, Murphy-Wilmot planned a week of celebrations for the last week of April: local author Charline Profiri came to our Tuesday Toddlertime, the annual Teddy Bear Picnic was held on Wednesday and for Friday, Gwen Ray performed her "La Mariposa" puppet show.

Visibility & Image:

Librarians and regular folk from the TMC Senior Center came to Murphy-Wilmot to learn more about our consumer health resources. This was the second time the TMC Senior Center brought over people to our library, and we were told it wouldn't be the last!

Community Partnerships:

Thanks to Sarajeon at Himmel and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords's office, Murphy-Wilmot hosted another wildly successful Solar 101 lecture/presentation, this one on large-scale solar.

We hosted the first of our five tai chi classes this month, which is part of PCPL's partnership with OASIS and part of our Fit for Life 50+ programming.

Managing Librarian, Daphne Daly, attended the monthly meeting of the Thunderbird Heights Neighborhood Association to thank them for participation in the Wilmot Planning Charrette. As a partner in this project they shared in the Common Ground Award given by the Metropolitan Pima Alliance. The Charrette was recognized in the Public Projects category.

NANINI – Kristi Bradford

No report this month

QUINCIE DOUGLAS— Elva Smithwhite

Children, Teens & Families:

Día de Los Niños / Día de los Libros event on Tuesday, April 28 was attended by about 200 people. The evening featured crafting centers; traditional Mexican pan dulce from La Estrellita bakery; a tour of the PCPL bookmobile; dancing and music presentations by students from neighborhood schools. A readers' theater presentation from Van Buskirk Elementary School was especially gratifying because Quincie Douglas Branch initiated this program two years ago through an LSTA grant. Afterschool supervisors continue to offer this valuable experience to their students. The Dia program benefited from many community volunteers including the Quincie CATS, TAB and Reading Partners.

Leanne Yoder began a new Monday morning story time called "story crafters". Attendance is growing for all storytimes, with babytime being the busiest, averaging between 40 and 50 in attendance.

We continue a full schedule of regular activities including twice weekly computer literacy classes and reading tutorials for 2nd and 3rd graders; weekly ESL classes, "Wii Wednesdays", Reading Partners, Teen Advisory meetings, and chess club meetings. Four times a week, we have very busy Homework Help sessions. The Quincie Children's Advisory Team (CATs) meets twice monthly.

Visibility & Image/ Community Partnerships:

Award-winning slam poet, "Chillin" (Cherie Kabba) met with 9 neighborhood teens to discuss forming a slam poetry club (Slam poetry is a form of performance poetry that occurs within a competitive poetry event, called a "slam" in which the quality of performance is equally important as quality and content of the original poems recited.)

SAHUARITA BRANCH LIBRARY – Michele White

Children, Teens & Families:

Story times continue to be very popular at the Sahuarita Branch.
A special story time was presented for Healthy Kids Day on 4/16/09.

Although we planned our Healthy Kids Day Event it was not well attended. Family challenges of hoola hooping, jumping jacks, and ball bouncing were offered. An array of healthy snacks was provided.

Michele White & Meggin Kitterman collaborated with Sahuarita High School Librarian Nancie Kondrat to process library cards for every high school student (423 to date). Special training sessions were held by Mrs. Kondrat to teach students how to use PCPL databases for upcoming research projects. We will continue this project with freshman in the fall 2009.

Visibility & Image:

Sahuarita and Joyner Green Valley Libraries attended the Sahuarita Primary School Carnival on 4/4/2009 to promote library services.

Community Partnerships:

Sahuarita and Joyner Green Valley Libraries partnered with the Town of Sahuarita, United Way, and Sahuarita McDonald's for the "Celebrate the Kids" event held at the Town Plaza on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The library table was visited by many kids and their families allowing us to promote our newer branch and services!

SANTA ROSA (SRO) — Emily Mazur

No report this month

SOUTH TUCSON — Sol Gómez

Children, Teens & Families:

Deanna Sanchez, Library Associate participated in the Missionview Elementary Science Fair creating her own science project and demonstrating it to the students. The students' science projects are on display here at STU. She also invited P.A.C.E. students and their parents for a special storytime at STU.

STU had a Bilingual Family Read Aloud Night with over forty children and parents in attendance. The children met Curious George and enjoyed stories read aloud. Several stories were transformed into very entertaining miniature plays with costumes and great theatrics.

Visibility & Image:

STU is becoming known as a place where one can learn how to use the computer in order to search for jobs and improve his/her professional life. The UA Honors Computer Classes will be over on May 2, 2009 but will resume in the fall when the UA classes begin again. Summer classes will continue with Tec de Monterrey and basic computer classes.

Community Partnerships:

STU collaborated with the Knowledge River Program from the School of Information Resources and Library Science of the University of Arizona, their Library Student Organization, and the John Valenzuela Youth Center to create *Teen Iron Chef*. It was a success with over fifty people in attendance, fifteen students from different schools as the Iron Chefs. There were five celebrity judges' total, three of which represented south side Tucson, and two who were actual chefs. Both the Tucson Citizen and the Arizona Daily Star covered the event, however neither mentioned the library.

SOUTHWEST— - Sara Dias

Children, Teens & Families:

Healthy Kids' Day proved to be a hugely successful and fun program at Southwest this year. 3 stations were set up to provide a variety of healthy activities: jump rope and limbo contests outside; Twister inside; and a juicing station out front which lured families in and allowed them to hand crank their own fruit and veggie juices! What the kids who helped out during this event want to know is, "Can we do this again?"

Storyteller Jordan Hill visited us this month, and delighted his audience with his dynamic, interactive style. The kids even sat still for the most part and begged for "lots more" stories each time he finished the "last" one.

Southwest's Kids' Book Club, "Kids Adventure Through Books," continues its popularity, with 14 participants this month. We discussed the book *Escaping the Giant Wave* and enjoyed drawing our favorite scene, thinking about rules we would create if we were babysitters, and making our own waves in plastic bottles!

This year, Southwest had a very special "Día de los niños/Día de los libros" celebration, including a special dreamcatcher workshop with Vivian Enos, a folklórico demonstration, and a puppet show which was written, directed and performed by kids and teens.

Dede finished up her first grade class visits this month as the library card campaign came to a close. Children were excited to hear about all of the programs and activities available to them over the summer, with students from one class begging to join the kids' book club, and another class went the extra mile and visited Southwest to learn about the inner workings of the library.

Visibility & Image:

This month, every day was Earth Day at Southwest! We had a great display featuring a blow-up globe and an Earth Day banner; and customers took the "Earth Day Quiz" to win prizes, which included "grow-your-own sensitive plants." Then, on Saturday, April 25, we had an Earth Day Party where we learned all about solar cooking and dehydrating.

Dede represented Southwest in the county-wide Youth Poetry Contest as a judge, coordinating with other library staff members to determine the top 4 entries from the grade 3 to 5 range.

READRUNNERS - Outreach Service- Elaine Valenzuela

Children, Teens & Families

The bookmobile continued the bookmobile-palooza tour visiting Valencia and Quincie Douglas. The bookmobile was part of the Día de Los Niños festival at Quincie Douglas.

Community Partnerships & Visibility and Image

Terra Vista Mobile Home Estates is the newest bookmobile stop. The Picture Rocks stop was changed from the third Saturday to the third Friday to increase visibility and attendance.

RDR staff visited 20 facilities, delivered 786 items that served 1005 residents.

Staff attended the El Pueblo Senior Health Fair and met with staff at Handmakers Nursing home to talk about the Books-by-mail service. Eighty eight customers are currently using the Books by Mail service

VALENCIA - Elaine Valenzuela

Children, Teens & Families

We presented several programs that attracted customers of all ages:

- “Financial Literacy”: Customers learned ways to help save money, learned how to calculate costs of large expenses and discovered great websites that help with a variety of financial information.
- “Armed With Our Language, We Went to War”: Laura Tohe, Arizona Humanities Council scholar, presented a program on the Diné/Navajo Code Talkers.
- “Healthy Family Day”: Children & their parents jumped rope, competed in 3-legged races and relays. They ended the day with healthy snacks.
- “Way Out West: a story on stage”: Actors & puppeteers from the UA presented this performance based on books by local Tucson author, Susan Lowell.
- “Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros Celebration”: Master puppeteer Gwen Ray of the Hanuman Puppet Theatre presented *A Troll’s Tale* for a crowd of over 75.
- “Space Chimps”: Teens enjoyed an evening of movie time fun.

Visibility and Image

- Volume 1, Issue 1 of “VALENCIA TEENS: NEWS YOU CAN USE!” was published this month. This is monthly newsletter featuring special events for our teen community.
- The ninth annual Valencia Teen Poetry Festival drew a crowd of over hundred teens, teachers and parents. Over the years, this event has consistently gotten larger and larger. This year we moved the event out into the library since our meeting was unable to comfortably fit the crowd. Forty students submitted their poetry and five were selected to receive awards. Our panel of judges was Sol Gomez, South Tucson Library manager, Beki Quintero, Sunnyside NA president and Nicole Schaller, Liberty Partnership coordinator.

Community Partnerships

- Valencia librarians closely worked with five library school students this month; two were interns and the other three worked to complete their service learning hours.
- We partnered with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association to present the 1st Annual Showcase of Southside Artists. Thirty artists from the Sunnyside area displayed their artwork throughout the month of April,

WHEELER TAFT ABBETT, SR – Sharla Darby

Children, Teens & Families:

A customer recently noted to staff, “You have the best children’s section, EVER.” Indicating they drive from another area of Tucson just to experience our lovely children’s area and collection.

We are lucky to say that one of our “Read to a Dog” dogs , Mr. T, is now published, or at least his handler Mike Bloker is. The book, *Four Paws Down* is a beautifully illustrated book with watercolors by a local artist. We are happy to have such a local celebrity to host two of our “Read to a Dog” programs each month.

Picture Rocks Intermediate 4th graders had an art reception in the children’s area to celebrate the current art exhibit in the area by the students in honor of National Poetry Month. In addition, we also exhibited Eric Carle style flowers by Quail Run 3rd graders and the Egyptian Art by Twin Peaks 6th graders.

We hosted puppeteer Gwen Ray who presented a special puppet show for Día de los Niños. 64 children and their family members made lots of noise as they enjoyed watching the antics of Punch and Judy.

We presented a series of 3 storytimes for Healthy Kids’ Day. We featured stories and songs that celebrated healthy eating and exercising. All 3 programs included a fun parachute activity that helped with gross motor skills and listening. There were 107 participants in the toddler program and they did quite well with the parachute!

Visibility & Image:



The Wondrous Word Wall artwork in front of our library has received the 2009 Hot-Dip Galvanizing Excellence Award and was highlighted among bridges and other large galvanizing projects around the county by the American Galvanizers Association

We were highlighted in the April 2009 Citizens for Picture Rocks Community Newsletter thanking the library for our recent assistance in securing a deposit collection in their community center library as showing our support for this important community.

Community Partnerships

Sharla Darby, Manager, joined the well attended Marana State of Town address meeting with Marana leaders and state legislators and networking with other community and town leaders.

AARP: As tax season winds down, our AARP tax assistance program ended with great results. Representative Gary Pound was very pleased with the Abbett location and hopes to continue offering tax help again next year.

Chamber of Commerce: Abbett was also the site of the “Principal for a Day” luncheon on April 21st which was coordinated by the Marana Chamber of Commerce. April Gering participated as a “Principal for a Day” at DeGrazia Elementary School to build more connections with the school and principal.

Town of Marana: The library offers meeting room space for various town meetings on issues, document review and comment, and July 4th fireworks community planning.

Arizona Legislature: We were happy to hold a local area town hall meeting hosted by State Senator Al Melvin. He wrote a lovely note to the library stating, “I want to thank you and your staff for the help you gave me in my recent town hall meeting at your library. Thanks to you, it was very successful.”

Northeast Regional Network (NRC): In response to the growing interest and need for non-for-profit development training and fundraising the library sponsored a Grantseeking Basics workshop on April 22nd to area organizations, NRC coalition members, and the public. It was a huge success for 24 people attending. One lovely comment that exemplified the overall feeling of the group was given by Kaitlin Meadows, President, and Citizens for Picture Rocks when she said, “Thank you for a wonderful workshop! Looking forward to the lab next week! What an awesome library system we have in Pima County! Thank You!”

OATS Program: The OATS drawing classes ended this month at Abbett and in celebration of the work completed we sponsored a reception and art display of the art completed by the participants in the library for several weeks.

Marana Food Bank: For our first year to do Food for Fines we were excited to have been able to work directly with our local Marana Food Bank to deliver food collected. We collected 354 items and waived \$236.30 in fines. It was very well received in the Marana Community considering the local area food bank had recently experienced a theft of food.

WOODS—Martín Rivera

No report this month

VIRTUAL LIBRARY— Jen Maney

No report this month

YOUTH SERVICE-Gina Macaluso

No report this month

ADULT SERVICES – Beth Matthias-Loghry

No report this month

STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Bonny Bruce

Training on Pima County Emergency Evacuation Procedures was held for Main Library, Administration, Technical Services, and Virtual Library staff on April 28th. Bonny Bruce, Karen Thayer, and Karyn Prechtel presented the training. They met previously with Rob Cooper from Risk Management to review the County Administrative procedures and ask questions unique to the Main Library facility. County Facilities department will be scheduling a practice fire drill at Main Library in the near future.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – Richard DiRusso

No report this month

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Libby Jones

No report this month



DATE: May 5, 2009

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

FROM: Pat Corella
Library Deputy Director

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT –April 2009

FACILITIES:

MURPHY-WILMOT LIBRARY: The lease agreement for the temporary site is currently in the Attorney's office for a legal review. Once the legal review is complete the documents will go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. With this approval, Facilities Management staff will be able to start work on a few tenant improvements that will convert the building to be used by the public as a library. This process will take approximately a couple of months to be accomplished. In regard to the original Wilmot building, the architectural drawings are still in review. It is anticipated that this project will be complete by early to mid 2010.

ONE-DESK CONVERSION AND REMODELING: Facilities and Library staff are working and scheduling the one-desk conversions and minor re-modeling projects at Nanini (one-desk and computer commons conversion) 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. Green Valley (remove catalog millwork) has been completed.

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 City of Tucson has placed this project on-hold.

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



Agenda Item 6E

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FROM: Steffannie Koeneman
Community Relations Manager

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT-April 2009

April is one of the busiest months for Community Relations, since it is during this time that we produce all of the printed materials for the Summer Reading Program.

This year, we also worked on a completely **new calendar** for customers. The calendar, called *At Your Library*, is a multi-page publication in both color and black and white. It features pages listing computer courses, GED and language classes, Baby Storytimes, Caboodle, Go Green programs, Ravenous Readers, and the GLBT Author Talk.

Our hope is that this new calendar will be of both great interest and great usefulness to our customers. We believe the publication will help customers more fully see the vast array of programs and services the Library offers beyond materials checkout.

In this way it may be possible to build more advocacy among county residents. We are seeking input from the community; they can email me at Library.news@pima.gov with their comments. Any comments from our board members are welcome.

Summer Reading Calendar: This year's calendar was designed by Tanya Fernandes and provides a beautiful and efficient layout for locating summer reading programs and activities for children, teens and adults.

New Library Services brochure: We now have updated the document and the new color tri-fold brochure is going to press the first week of May. A pre-press copy has been included for you with your packet.

Adventure Passport: A new summer reading incentive for all ages, this booklet provides discount coupons for local county attractions and for the Friends of the Pima County Public Library book sales. The booklet is nearing completion and will go to press within the next several days.

Advertising: We have purchased low cost advertising to promote the bookmobile visits in the Tucson Estates area, and also have published three ads in Bear Essential News promoting youth programs (Youth Poetry, Healthy Kids Day, and Summer Reading).

Upcoming:

GLBT Author Presentation. This year GLBT Services welcomes author Gregory Maguire, writer of *Wicked* and several children's books.

Now writing text for the 2008-2009 Annual Report.

Revising printing budget for anticipated cost increases. Looking for other ways to efficiently streamline publicity budget.

Examining ways to promote Strategic Planning findings and service response goals.

Library in the News . . .

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Tucson, Arizona | Published: 04.30.2009

Northwest

Nanini Library to close for renovations

The Nanini Branch Library, 7300 N. Shannon Road, will be closed for renovations May 9 through May 18. The book drop also will be closed. Library patrons are encouraged to use one of the following branches during the closure:

[Community calendar](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Apr 19, 2009

Proceeds benefit the **Pima County Public Library**. 10 am-7 pm April 19. Free. 795-3763. GABA Bike Swap Meet — Along Fourth Avenue, between Sixth and Ninth...

[Community calendar](#) Arizona Daily Star

[and more »](#)

[Videos of 2009 Tucson Festival of Books](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Apr 22, 2009

The first one was sent to me by Coni Weatherford of the **Pima County Public Library** and is a book trailer for Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea...

[Healthy activities, healthy kids](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Apr 23, 2009

By Sarah Anderson Hundreds of kids and families turned out at YMCAs and **Pima County Public Library** branches across the metro area on Saturday for the YMCA's...

[YWCA, Pima Library taking active role to keep childhood obesity...](#)

Tucson Citizen - Apr 17, 2009... to make family fitness fun is the goal of Saturday's free Healthy Kids Day, sponsored by the YMCA of Southern Arizona and **Pima County Public Library**. ...

[Book events](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Apr 24, 2009

Book sale and kaffeklatsch — Geasa-Marana **Library**, 13370 N. Lon Adams Road. Book tables with new and old titles. Benefits the **Pima County Public Library**. ...

[16 students nominated for humanitarian award](#)

Tucson Citizen - Apr 14, 2009

Nicole Marie Smith, Presidio School, is involved in the **Pima County Public Library** Teen Advocate Program, where she speaks with peers to advocate **library**...

[Community calendar](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Apr 17, 2009

Proceeds benefit the **Pima County Public Library**. 10 am-7 pm April 17. Free admission. 795-3763. Mark Schultz concert — Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene...

[CALENDAR \[The Arizona Daily Star, Tucson\]](#)

TMCnet - Apr 23, 2009

Benefits the **Pima County Public Library**. 9-11 am the fourth Saturday of the month. Free. 594-5255. Classes Saturday Hot Gardens: Landscape Design for the...

[Book events](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Apr 17, 2009

Proceeds benefit the **Pima County Public Library**. 10 am-7 pm April 17-20. Free. 795-3763. Meet Tom Zoellner — Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave....

[Woman of Influence: Katie Dusenberry: Paving the way for women on...](#)

Inside Tucson Business - Apr 6, 2009

The Dusenberry-River Branch **Library** of the **Pima County Library** System is named in her honor. Later, Dusenberry was appointed to the board of the Arizona...



[Library Journal](#)

[Editorial: Basic Bucks, No Bailout](#)

Library Journal - Apr 7, 2009

His wife is a retired librarian (Tucson-**Pima Public Library**), and one of his daughters graduated from the University of Arizona Knowledge River **library**...

[OneBookAZ spotlights Nogales authors](#)

Yuma Sun - Apr 9, 2009

No **public** events are planned for Rios in Yuma **County**, but Rivera-Ashford is slated for several local presentations. She will talk to local readers about her...



[Tucson Weekly](#)

[Browse Best of Tucson™](#)

Tucson Weekly - Apr 7, 2009

... author of Angler: The Cheney Vice Presidency will be speaking in Tucson next week to help raise funds for the **Pima County Library** Foundation. ...

The Ribbon cutting ceremony for North Silverbell Road Park surrounding the Abbett library
[Arizona Daily Star Northwest edition](#)
published Thursday April 2, 2009
also in the Marana Weekly News, April 8, 2009.



[Marana Weekly News](#)

April 29, 2009

Librarian April Gering, Abbett, Sr. Children's Librarian was featured in a story about business leaders becoming principals for a day" highlighting a program sponsored by the Marana Chamber of Commerce.