

# Agenda Item 6B



## Pima County Public Library Advisory Board

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**DATE:** September 21, 2009

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

**FROM:** Nancy Ledeboer, Library Director

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

In response to actions taken by the Town of Oro Valley we presented a report to the County Administrator describing the indirect services that the Library District provides to the Oro Valley Library. The report included cost projections for providing these indirect services as a stand alone library. At their September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, The Board of Supervisors heard a request from citizens of Oro Valley requesting full funding while maintaining their affiliate status. The Town has formally requested support from the League of Cities and Towns for a change in legislation that would allow cities and towns to opt out of county library districts. The Board of Supervisors voted to oppose legislation that would allow towns or cities to withdraw from a county library district. They support regional library services and encouraged the Town of Oro Valley to consider joining the Library District as a full member if the Town no longer wants to fund library operations from the General Fund.

As a follow up to the Board of Supervisors meeting, I was asked to prepare a paper addressing comments that Pima County library branches offer only adequate services and that a regional system prevents branches from providing excellent services tailored to the needs of each community. As evidenced by the monthly public service reports presented to the Library Advisory Board it should be clear that each and every library in Pima County offers innovative services based on the needs of the communities served. With input from Branch Managers I was proud to prepare a report highlighting the outstanding services offered by each library branch to the County Administrator. The report is attached.

I attended a meeting of the Nogales/Santa Cruz Library Advisory Board to describe the evolution of the Pima County Public Library. Santa Cruz County is considering creating a library district to provide stable funding for library operations. Currently Nogales and Santa Cruz share funding for the libraries in a similar manner to the former arrangement between Pima County and the City of Tucson.

At the County Librarians meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> the State Librarian, GladysAnn Wells reported on a statewide study to examine the cost effectiveness of Library Districts. Many of my colleagues across the state prepared reports for their County Administrators regarding this issue. An informal survey was conducted to illustrate the variety of services that the library districts provide through direct and indirect services to residents of their counties. The report

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being compiled for the State Library will examine the indirect support provided by county library districts to city and town libraries. The report also demonstrates the return on investment that regional library services provide to Arizona residents. While Resolution 20 was not endorsed by the League of Cities and Towns, Ms. Wells feels it is important to complete the study and evaluate the impact of library districts across the state. Should this issue come up again she wants to be prepared to address it with facts in hand.

I attended a symposium on the Google Settlement in which panelists addressed concerns related to data mining, privacy, accuracy and public access. This is an important issue for the future of libraries. Google has spent millions of dollars digitizing the collections of major research institutions around the world. In response to a class action lawsuit on the behalf of authors and publishers of out of print works there is a proposed settlement to compensate the copyright holders. Scholars, researchers, lawyers, economists and librarians raised questions about how this settlement will work and the impact it will have on scholarship and access to this immense amount of data. If approved the agreement allows for free access in public libraries within proscribed limits. This project will also have an impact on the future of digital books as Google negotiates rights to distribute digital content with publishers for new materials.

In recent months Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other distributors of books have announced efforts to distribute e-books. Currently there is no standard for devices that can download e-books and until this issue is resolved it is unclear of the future role of public libraries in delivering digital content. In a conference call with our major book supplier, Baker & Taylor I inquired about their plans to provide digital content. Officials with Baker & Taylor indicate they are negotiating with publishers in order to be able to sell digital books to libraries. The issue will be whether libraries can pay on a transactional basis as opposed to purchasing multiple copies. There is also a question about whether we will have to purchase individual titles or offer access to an entire collection by subscription. These are interesting issues that will have an impact on the future of public libraries over the next 3-5 years.

Deputy Director Melody Ballard and I visited with staff at Quincie Douglas, Nanini and the Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. libraries. We are always impressed to hear about the many programs and services that staff is offering. These meetings give us a chance to hear directly from staff and address any concerns that they want to discuss.

Electronic Resources Librarian, Shawn Flecken, Community Relations Manager, Steff Koeneman and I met with school Superintendents to promote databases that can be accessed at no additional charge to schools. Staff is working with EBSCO to create a landing page that will be easy to use so that students can select age appropriate resources for homework help.

Deputy Director Pat Corella and I have begun monthly meetings with our Information Technology (IT) Customer Relations Representative Ed Wittke. Mr. Wittke will work with us to address strategic goals that require IT support. Margot MacDonald has been assigned to the library full time to work on strategic projects and Innovative Interfaces. Mr. Wittke attended the Public Services Managers meeting to describe his role and explain how he will help to identify appropriate IT resources that will advance library goals. He is also meeting monthly with Jen Maney, Virtual Library Manager to advance project goals related to the library website.

I presented a brief overview of library services to the newly formed Vail Chamber of commerce. Members were very interested in having a library branch in the Vail area.

## Agenda Item 6C



**Pima County Public Library**

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**DATE:** September 10, 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 August 2009**

### **ADULT DETENTION CENTER-Thomas Garcia**

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

Corrections Officer, Brian Hunt conducted a safety training refresher for Jail and library personnel (Wayne Carlson and Thomas Garcia) in August. Information was presented regarding the safety and security of the Pima County Adult Detention Center such as: security measures, preventing contraband, games inmates play, thwarting manipulation tactics and maintaining personal safety during job performance. Bill Streit and Sandra Alvarez will attend in September.

#### Succeed in School: Homework Help

Tutoring for July: 9 sessions and 98 student contacts

### **AJO—Linda Lam**

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

The Ajo Hablemos Ingles group returned from their summer break. They have such overwhelming interest and enthusiasm; they have decided to meet twice a week. Currently, their conversation is on health and wellness.

#### Succeed in School: Homework Help

Stella Peterson offered students an opportunity to get a “Jump Start” on school. Participants discussed organization and study skills relevant to different grade levels. The students also did math and reading reviews. The program started two weeks prior to school’s opening and was presented during the normal Homework Help hours. In total, 32 students were able to get focused for a new school year.

### **CATALINA – Karen Greaber**

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

Our meeting room was used for three adult literacy tutoring sessions, one test proctoring and two book club meetings.

The Tween book club read The Underneath by Kathi Appelt.

For Teen Movie Night, the Bridge to Terabithia was shown.

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

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

Vanessa Bechtol, Executive Director of Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance, presented a program on August 1 on “How the Santa Cruz Valley may become a National Heritage Area” and discussed heritage experiences in the Santa Cruz Valley. Arivaca is on their map, although not in their focus area.

#### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

At this time of year (and in the spring too) when it has rained and flowers are blooming, people come to the Arivaca branch for help in identifying plants. We have a collection of suitable reference books for this purpose, as well as some knowledgeable local contacts.

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

#### Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Our long time Stay and Play coordinator, Mary Estrada, moved to another location and was replaced with a new teacher. Mary built the program here and her dedication helped make it an ongoing success. We look forward to working with her replacement.

#### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

The Eckstrom-Columbus Library hosted a Lead Hazards Display this month put together by the Southwest Fair Housing Council. The interactive display was very informative and beautifully done, however too noisy for a library environment.

Informative displays in the library also promoted Breastfeeding Month, Job help resources and Stories that Soar. Refugee’s stories were collected in the Magic Story Box for a week. Refugees of all ages were asked to share their stories.

Tucson’s Birthday was celebrated on August 29 with balloons and cupcakes. Participants of all ages decorated paper squares depicting Tucson memories, stories and scenes for a friendship quilt. The quilt will hang in our children’s area.

### **DUSENBERRY-RIVER—Dianna Thor**

#### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- Children and families learned all about pizza, its origins, when it became popular in the United States, and sales statistics from “Pizzaman Dave”. Then they got an opportunity to team up to make their own pizzas. 25 people enjoyed this fun event.

### Succeed in School: Homework Help

- Meg Beer, Children's Librarian, met with the faculty of Fruchthendler Elementary School-(15 teachers and administrators), to remind them of our online services for school age kids-(databases, homework help, kids' web page) as well as talk up our new programs for 2009-(Read to a Dog, Reading Partners, and Science Saturdays).

### ***EL PUEBLO—Aaron Valdivia***

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

- On 8/6 branch manager Aaron Valdivia visited the PCC Adult Learning Center next to the library to discuss and promote PCPL databases that could be beneficial to the students working for a GED. He discussed Learning Express Library and gave a demonstration on how to access and use the resource.
- On 8/11 Aaron Valdivia visited the same GED class at the Adult Learning Center computer lab to give a hands-on workshop to the students wanting to use Learning Express Library. There were 25 students in the class.

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

- El Pueblo Library hosted a Family Read Aloud night in partnership with Make Way for Books. There were over 56 people in attendance (approximately 36 children and 20 parents). We had 6 new library card sign-ups at the Family Read Aloud Night.
- Branch manager Aaron Valdivia had a PCPL table set up at the Las Villas de Kino Apartments for their National Night Out event. Aaron handed out library cards and discussed library services and the fact that the library is a "safe place" for kids and teens. There were over 100 people in attendance.
- El Pueblo continues to offer free computer instruction courses on a weekly basis from OASIS. The Spanish language class had an attendance of 7 people and the English class immediately following had 4 attending.

### Succeed in School: Homework Help

- We now have two computers reserved only for Homework Help for 3 hours every day from 3 to 6 pm and they have already been greatly utilized by students.

### Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

- We have designated a permanent "Quiet Zone" at El Pueblo in a specific area and we also continue to shift the shelving and the collection in order to make a more comfortable place for customers. We have added more cushioned chairs and tables so there is more seating available to customers.

### ***EL RIO—Wanda Poindexter***

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

Beginning in May 2009 El Rio has targeted teens as a customer segment we would like to serve better and increase their visits and use of the library. Three of our Summer Reading Events were aimed specifically at teens and those teens are visiting the library more often now. Drawing classes are popular with the teens and several of our regular teen customers are entering art contests sponsored by the library or other community organizations. We have increased our offering of drawing books and manga/anime.

We have a teen computer class one afternoon a week and the attendance has steadily increased. Teens are very interested in keyboarding skills (we use Mavis Beacon software), digital photography, web site development, and (of course) email. Teens want to improve their computer skills, but sometimes don't want to admit that they need help with computers. We've learned to be subtle in how we talk to them about the computer classes.

### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Using one of our adult volunteer who has a background in Library Science, we are offering Library Databases and Catalog training once a week. We have always showed customers on an individual basis how to use the Virtual Library. The new class lets us go more in depth & address the personal needs of customers.

The library sponsored an activity for Seniors that brought together people from various neighborhoods around El Rio. The presenter was Pizzaman Dave and he talked about nutrition and helped the seniors make individual omelets with their choice of ingredients.

During the event we passed out flyers and talked about all the services and programs that the library has to offer. We also “unveiled” a PCPL deposit collection in a room that is often used for Senior activities at El Rio Neighborhood Center. We told the Seniors that we would keep it stocked with books, magazines, and newspapers for them to read while they visit the center. On the deposit cart we also display library brochures and flyers. Since the event we have had increased visits by seniors and several have enrolled in our computer classes.

### Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

As part of our continuing plan to “spruce up” El Rio Library, Wilmot Library sent us additional tables and chairs. We were using metal folding chairs because our sofa and chairs had to be discarded due to poor condition. We received 12 wood chairs that provide additional seating for people using WiFi in the library and for a reading area. We had already obtained 5 WiFi tables and now the chairs make it more comfortable for people to bring their laptops & work in the library. We have noticed an increase of approximately 50% in the number of people using WiFi and in the amount of time they stay in the library.

We had a children’s table that was too big for the space available & made the children’s area crowded. In the children’s area now we have one small round wooden table with wood chairs, and a smaller rectangle table with matching, handsome blue metal tiny chairs. The children really like the new furniture and it give us more flexibility for using that space.

### ***FLOWING WELLS – Yolanda Sainz***

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

Flowing Wells continues to be a Job Help Site. Along with Job Help, Oasis computer classes continue to be successful with a long waiting list for classes.

### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

With the addition of two computer monitors we have been able to increase the number of open lab hours at the community center. The lab is now in constant use with customers.

### Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Flowing Wells continues to have a community puzzle available for our customers to work on when they visit the branch. The puzzle is worked on by customers of all ages. One customer made a comment that she had visited several libraries across the country and this was the first time she had seen a puzzle out for the community to work on. She said: “what a great and fun idea”.

With summer over, the branch has started having the monthly family movie night. A family movie is shown in the branch after hours on the second Friday night. It has been a hit since the beginning of the year. Families come together, the children dressed in their pajamas.

### ***GEASA-MARANA— Nancy Lindeman***

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

Manager Nancy Lindeman met with United Way's VITA Project Manager Cheyenne Arreola to discuss preliminary plans for our second year partnering to offer free Earned Income Tax Credit preparation during the 2010 tax season.

#### Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Library Associate Lorie Griffis presented a special, fun-filled camping storytime, featuring camping stories and songs. The kids were delighted to be able to read books in a real tent and everyone enjoyed making paper S'Mores over a paper campfire.

To help celebrate National Health Care Week, Staff presented a health-related storytime for young patients in the Marana Health Center Pediatrics Waiting Room on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Following a July Meet and Greet at Abbett Branch, on August 19<sup>th</sup> Geasa-Marana hosted the first official meeting of the Early Childhood Partnership, a collaboration sponsored by United Way and First Things First. Manager Nancy Lindeman attended the meeting where an overview of the First Things First Organization was presented, as well as group brainstorming of goals for this new partnership and ways to bring other agencies to the table. A variety of resource material brochures were provided to attendees.

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

#### Satisfy Curiosity

Jim Malusa, author of *Into Thick Air*, presented a very interesting program about how he came to riding his bike to all the lowest points on earth.

On August 29 we celebrated Tucson's 234<sup>th</sup> birthday with a fascinating talk about Mountain Men from the Arizona Historical Society, cake and lemonade were served after the event.

In cooperation with PCPL partner, Sustainable Tucson, Sarajeon Harwood was involved in presenting a program by Tucson author, Thomas H. Greco, about his new book *The end of money and the future of civilization*.

#### Literacy

Although most branches cancelled story times in August, Himmel' Children's Services team elected to continue. We saw many new faces this month and very large groups.

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

#### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Area residents enjoyed the second annual J.A. Jance presentation at the Joyner-Green Valley Library on August 4<sup>th</sup>. 100 people turned out for the first session and 30 for the second, with a line snaking through the library during the intermission for books signing. Ms. Jance speaks to each and every person in the book signing line and makes a very personal and enjoyable event for her followers.

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

Michelle Creston has already begun her annual event appearances to give out library information and cards to area children and families. The first event was a back to school event hosted by the Salvation Army and other organizations at the local Safeway store, and the Sahuarita Primary School open house was the second.

The Green Valley Library welcomes Meggin Kitterman as our new YA Librarian. Meggin came to us from the Sahuarita Library and will continue efforts in that area in conjunction with the Sahuarita Library Staff.

### ***JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER – John Munoz***

#### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Library staff presented their latest living-unit program, “History of the American Comic Book, Part 1” — from the medium’s lowly beginnings, serialized in newspapers (circa early 19th-century), through the medium’s Golden and Silver Ages (late 1960s). The program discussed how stylistic conventions were influenced by television and pulp fiction, resulting in a more naturalistic product with “superheroes in the real world.”

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

#### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Main Library hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Chess Tournament** for all skill levels, co-sponsored by **9Queens** on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Urban Yarns@ the Library**, Main’s knit and crochet group, has undertaken a project to make blankets for children being served by the UMC [Diamond Children’s Medical Center](#), scheduled to open in the fall of 2010.

#### Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

During the month of August, the Main Library Art Gallery featured [Fields to Tables](#), an exhibit of photographs produced by the **Community Food Bank**. “The Fields to Tables exhibit shares the past and present stories of locally produced food [exploring] the production, distribution, preparation and consumption of watermelons, squash, corn, tepary beans, chili...from 1905 to today.” The Food Bank hosted a well-attended reception at the Library on August 4.

Main also hosted several displays to celebrate **Tucson’s Birthday**, including lively and colorful [Historic Photographs](#) of downtown Tucson. We are grateful to the [Etherton Gallery](#) for the loan of this popular show.

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

#### Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Sadie, the Reading Dog, visited the library the first two Mondays in August. Each time there was a great turnout of children of all ages and reading abilities.

Miss Amy presented a fun-filled storytime and tour for 25 pre-schoolers from a local day-care. The babies and their parents and grandparents did not take a break from Babytime in August. Each week they enjoyed a variety of stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays, and each other.

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

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

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Tucson’s Birthday at our branch with a fun event, where we provided approx. 45 patrons with free birthday cake and a desert-themed craft to do to celebrate the occasion.

### Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

On August 06, Marissa Alcorta attended an outreach event, Twilight Thursdays for Kids, at the Tucson Botanical Garden where she promoted library services (especially storytimes and children's programming) and handed out some new library cards. This event gave her an opportunity to meet many new patrons that didn't know about the Martha Cooper Branch Library.

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

Jessica Hernandez is this semester's Graduate Associate working at Martha Cooper. She is busily assisting the Children's Librarian with Toddler Time and Baby Time. She is also helping with the planning and organizing of the Refugee Health Fair that takes place, October 31, at the Martha Cooper Branch. To accomplish the Refugee Health Fair, we are partnering with the Pima County Health Department and the International Rescue Committee.

The Refugee Career Enhancement Training program in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) is back on track after some staff changes at the IRC, with classes projected to start in October. The Youth Computer Monitors for this program received a training update in August and continue to provide computer assistance in Somali, Nepali, Kirundi, Arabic and additional languages at Martha Cooper, Eckstrom-Columbus, and Woods Memorial branch libraries.

### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Two adult programs met with an enthusiastic response - Hawks to Hummingbirds, from the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and Marge Pellegrino's "I remember...Writing Workshop."

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

### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Matt Landon completed the following program: That's My Take 2009

This summer fifty-three teens at five libraries and two partner locations worked with youth mentors to produce short films dramatizing their favorite books, including *The Lightning Thief*, *Maximum Ride*, *Night*, and *World War Z*.

The library worked with filmmakers from Pan Left Productions and the University Of Arizona School Of Media Arts. Five libraries participated as did Voices: community stories past and present, inc. and the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona.

That's My Take is in its fourth year providing opportunities for positive youth development, 21<sup>st</sup> Century literacy education, and workforce development. That's My Take produces trailers that promote the library and reading.

Some photos from this year's project:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/pimacountypubliclibrary/sets/72157622142153850/>

### Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Compliment from customer on August 5<sup>th</sup>:

"I use the Miller Golf Links library. I am always impressed with the quality of the experience when I visit the facility. I usually have a question (inane or not) and everyone with whom I communicate is helpful, friendly and I receive more info. than I knew how to request. Tremendous facility.

The Pima Library Service is a terrific resource to the community in my opinion. Thank you for providing an excellent resource."

Sincerely,  
Jim Meath, Vail"

***MISSION – Mary McKinney***

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

25 children attended a Tohono Chul's, "Them Bones" puppet show on August 22.

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

More than 100 entry forms were given to customers interested in participating at Mission in the second year of the American Library Association's "Step up to the Plate @ Your Library program." This baseball themed program invites customers of all ages to read, find answers to trivia questions, and enter the contest. Baseball books on display went flying off the shelves! ALA will announce the winners at the end of September.

***MURPHY WILMOT – Daphne Daly***

No report this month

***NANINI – Kristi Bradford***

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

As part of our ongoing effort to feature items in the collection and tie them to current events, clerk Melanie Horstman outdid herself creating a very topical display case featuring books on Julia Child and French cookery. It's been a nice tie in to the current movie, Julie and Julia, and customers have enjoyed seeing the depth of the collection PCPL has in this area.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

At least 125 J.A. Jance fans enjoyed spending part of Sunday Aug. 9 at Nanini Library with the locally noteworthy mystery author. Not surprisingly, Jance fans came from as far as Las Cruces and San Diego for her afternoon talk about her new book, Fire and Ice. What a treat for all to connect with Jance who told stories of how she came to be the writer she is. Throughout her hour-long talk, Jance connected with her fans, and spent almost as long signing books provided by the local mystery bookstore, Clues Unlimited.

***QUINCIE DOUGLAS— Elva Smithwhite***

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

The third annual National Night Out celebration was an incredible success with an estimated 350 people attending and 50 volunteers. Tucson Police, Ward 5, CODAC, United Way Young Leaders Society, and Kino Weed and Seed partnered with the Library to promote drug-free, violence free, crime free neighborhoods. Community leaders had the opportunity to speak out along with a neighborhood talent show, a bike rodeo, cool police cars, water games and food. Hundreds of backpacks, binders, pencils, pens and paper were distributed to children and teens who participated.

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

Thursday Job Days continued to be successful with the number of participants growing each week. We assisted 114 job seekers in August.

***SAHUARITA – Michele White***

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

Michele White has met with local United Way representative Vanessa Felty to make preliminary

arrangements for the Sahuarita Library to become a site for the UW Earned Income Tax Credit Task Force program beginning in late January 2010.

### Succeed in School: Homework Help

Sahuarita Library has once again partnered with Sahuarita High School librarian Nancy Kondrat to issue all freshman library cards.

### **SANTA ROSA (SRO) —Emily Mazur**

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

Library staff attended Barrio Viejo and Barrio Santa Rosa meetings in August, as well as the 22<sup>nd</sup> St widening meetings. The library hosts both neighborhood association meetings over the summer and will continue to host Barrio Santa Rosa during the school year.

### **SOUTH TUCSON — Sol Gómez**

#### Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Gene Liptak, substitute librarian, has started something out of this world. His ""Supergirl: The First 50 Years" display has been gaining momentum in Tucson and the Internet. Patrons have been coming to STU specifically to witness this grand display which illustrates in detail, the first fifty years of Supergirl. Here are some examples of what some websites and blogs are saying about Gene's display:

**Supergirl Comic Box Commentary:** <http://comicboxcommentary.blogspot.com/2009/08/supergirl-first-fifty-years-library.html#links>.

#### **The Superman Homepage:**

<http://www.supermanhomepage.com/news.php?readmore=6807#comments>

Plans are in the making to create and publish a book of superheroes masterminded by the very children and teens of this community. Each child or teen will create his or her own superhero. There are rumors that Supergirl will visit STU and read a story or two.

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

As mentioned in last month's report, STU is collaborating with the Mature Worker Connection (MWC) by having a Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) participant. The program is funded by the United States Department of Labor. STU's SCSEP worker provided her first of many interview workshops. Her first workshop focused on body language and its impact on job interviews.

The workshop had about fifteen attendees including some employees of MWC. MWC was so impressed it is now making it mandatory for all SCSEP participants to attend these interview workshops. The next workshop will focus on what to wear to your next job interview. All interview workshops will be provided more than once to accommodate the public.

### **SOUTHWEST— Sara Dias**

#### Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Tempest Alabi-Isama presented a "Visual Arts and Literacy" program to children and families interested in learning how to make books this month. It was a relaxing, fun and informative program and the kids proudly showed their books in front of a teen volunteer photographer present at the event.

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

Sara made a visit to the Pascua Yaqui Adult Education Center, where she spoke to students about helpful databases and upcoming events at Southwest, and refreshed their deposit collection. Due to that office having

a critical vacancy, we share the hope that the library can be even more helpful to the students whose goal is to pass their GRE this year.

Sara also visited Hohokam Middle School during their two-day registration, spoke to 125 students and parents about the library, and gave out 58 library cards. It was great to see 5 individuals back the same day to activate their cards!

#### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

This month's themed display was all things weather! Rainclouds, an umbrella and a piñata sun got people curious enough to take the WeatherWorks quiz and check out some of the displayed items.

A visit from KOLD's Weekend Meteorologist Aaron Pickering wrapped up this weather-fest perfectly!

Project Insect delivered a spectacular presentation on insects and their friends. Serendipitously, an adorable tarantula shed her skin on our front step the same week, and now "Tillie the Tarantula" has a home in the Kids' Corner, accompanied by a homemade informational booklet authored by Barbara Bohall, entitled "What About Tarantulas?" in the shape of (you already guessed, didn't you?) a spider.

#### Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

A customer who received excellent service when she dropped in with a need to print out practice tests for an upcoming Commercial Driver's License exam remarked as she was leaving, "I'll be back next week to start paying that fine because I need this library." A couple of days later, an appreciative customer thanked Barbara for letting her know about the "Books By Mail" program offered by ReadRunners and remarked, "I love my library!"

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

#### Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

The bookmobile was out of service twice this month. The first (and somewhat embarrassing) occurrence was on August 13th. After picking up the vehicle at Fleet Services and driving it to Valencia as usual, Wade Zelenak arrived at Valencia and found he could not open the door. After several attempts to open the door, Wade drove the bookmobile to Auto Safety House, the local warranty and service provider. The technicians passed a set of tools through the window for Wade to use to remove the inside cover on the door latch assembly. After removing the cover and manipulating the latching mechanism he was able to get the door open. Unfortunately, by the time repairs were completed, the runs to Academy Village and Vail had to be cancelled. Vail is one of the busier stops and the lost business will result in an approximately 10-15% decline in use for the month. The second occurrence was on Thursday, the 20th. The engine was floated with hydraulic fluid. Fortunately this time Wade had more time to formulate an alternate plan for service. He used the Deposit collection van to deliver reserves and take a limited assortment of materials for customers to browse through.

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

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

On the advice of our GED and ESL instructors, we closed registrations for these two extremely popular classes. We have 75 on the ESL class list and 50 on the GED list, with an additional 60 on a waiting list. We plan to monitor the classes and closely work with the instructors. When openings become available, calls will be made to those on the waiting lists. Classes begin the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Matthew Whitaker, ASU History professor, presented "Race Relations & Interracial Unity in America". A very engaged and vocal group attended the lecture, which was sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.

### Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

“Stories That Soar” performed to a “sell-out” crowd on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This non-profit group brought to life stories written by children. Adult actors captivated the audience with 15 stories submitted by children throughout the system. Three of these stories were submitted by children in the Valencia Library area: “Chinese New Year,” “Los Super Niños,” and “Scary”.

We celebrated Tucson’s birthday with a grand celebration. Over 90 children and parents joined the fun, listening to stories, watching a puppet show and making fun crafts.

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

On August 10, the Books ‘n Bites teen book group had an interesting and fun online conversation with author Chris Grabenstein via Skype. The group had read Mr. Grabenstein’s book, The Crossroads, for that day, and had terrific questions for him. They included inquiries about his other books, how he became a writer, and does he ever get bored? It was an enjoyable half hour for those on both sides of the country, and we are all looking forward to reading the next book in the series, The Hanging Hill.

### Succeed in School: Homework Help

Twelve English classes from San Miguel HS came to Valencia for a library tour and library cards. Patti O’Brien, teen librarian, presented information about our online and in-house library resources, informed them about our Homework Help program and did a book talk on a few of our newest teen novels.

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

#### Succeed in School: Homework Help

Staff promoted homework help and other library services during open houses at Picture Rocks Intermediate and Twin Peaks Elementary reaching 175 students and parents.

Marana Unified School District (MUSD) Administrators’ Staff meetings resumed for the new school year at the library this month. They graciously invite us to share information about library programs and services at every meeting. An MUSD librarian told us that she has heard amazing remarks about the Abbett library working with the families and schools in Marana. Several staff members and administrators including the Superintendent have commented on our devotion to collaborate.

During our Create it With Stories program this month 33 family members young and old celebrated going back to school. April shared the story *The Pencil* by Allan Ahlberg and then led families in an enrichment activity where they decorated lucky pencils together that they could use at school.

### Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

In celebration of Tucson’s Birthday, 22 adults participated in local author Marge Pellegrino’s *I Remember* memoir writing workshop. Participants gave the program rave reviews. Comments included: “It was all that I imagined it would be and then some” and “It gave me inspiration to start writing.”

The Pima County Parks and Recreation Natural Resources department presented a program called *Venomous and Poisonous Creatures*. The intergenerational audience of 16 people learned a lot and had fun sharing stories about their creature encounters.

### ***WOODS—Martín Rivera***

#### **No report this month**

### ***VIRTUAL LIBRARY— Jen Maney***

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

##### *Election Information Updated*

Virtual Library worked with our partner, The League of Women Voters, and with the City's election office, to update information posted on our website about the upcoming City primary election and the November general election.

<http://www.library.pima.gov/research/guides/officials.php>

<http://www.library.pima.gov/about/news/?id=1916>

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

##### *Guide for Adult Learners*

Virtual Library posted the "Learning to Use Your Public Library" handbook created by our adult services staff to the website. This guide is for adult students and their instructors, and it familiarizes them with how to use the library.

<http://www.library.pima.gov/pdf/useyourlibrary.pdf>

#### Succeed in School: Homework Help

##### *Partnership to Provide Databases to all Public School Students in Pima County*

Virtual Library worked with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records to provide a suite of homework tools to all schools in Pima County. This partnership has come to fruition this month, with our vendor, Ebsco, creating a page that all Pima County public schools can use to access these valuable resources. These resources are also available to all Pima County residents on our Databases & Online Resources page.

<http://www.library.pima.gov/research/databases/>

#### Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

##### *Facebook Pages for Branch Libraries Created*

Virtual Library has worked with several branches to create special pages on Facebook where branches can post their events, invite people to become "fans" and interact directly with our Facebook friends. Facebook offers us a unique opportunity to be where our users are online, and allows us to reach out to people in a comfortable and fun virtual space.

##### *New Easy-to-Use Databases & Online Resources Page*

The library's subscription databases for research, hobbies, homework and general interest are much easier to use. Simply pick your subject area and start your search.

<http://www.library.pima.gov/research/databases/>

### ***YOUTH SERVICE-Gina Macaluso***

#### Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

The next highly successful Family Read Aloud Night will be August 19 at the El Pueblo Community Center. Families with young children are invited to a bilingual storytime and puppet show. Each family will have a chance to meet Curious George and will leave with a bag containing a new paperback book and an art activity. This program is done in collaboration with MAKE WAY FOR BOOKS and the Read to Me Arizona campaign.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

On July 25, librarians John Munoz and Mary Sanchez began a space-science series for 7- to 11-year-olds, which will continue for the following two weeks, to teach children core STEM (Sci., Tech., Eng., Math) concepts while engaging in fun, hands-on activities. This series, Outer Space Base II (OSB-2), aims to promote among children an appreciation for space science; and to demonstrate the public library's role in supporting elementary education. OSB-2 consists of three 3-hour sessions, with dozens of activities on the following topics: space art, air rockets, parachutes, moon phases, constellations, model planets. This series commemorates the 40th anniversary of Apollo 11.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Homework Help will begin again on Sept. 8 with 30 sites in library branches, schools and Boys & Girls Clubs. Telephone Homework Help will begin on that day as well. Online Homework Help continued throughout the summer seven days a week from 3-10 pm. New this year is online tutoring services starting with Kindergarten and extending through the adult learner.

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

No report this month

***STAFF DEVELOPMENT – Bonny Bruce***

Shawn Flecken, Electronic Resources Librarian, presented learning opportunity workshops on how to navigate the newest subscription databases. Nearly 50 staff members attended these trainings hosted regionally at Nanini, Columbus, Mission, and Martha Cooper.

Ten newly hired substitute librarians attended Service Essentials Academy (SEA) on August 12 at the Santa Rosa Learning Center. They learned the basics of PCPL's core values, customer service philosophy, circulation, and reference databases. They will participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of SEA training at their home branch watching Training Online For You (TOFU'S) and becoming acquainted with one desk service.

***SIRLS STUDENT PLACEMENTS – Jere Voigt***

The following students from the School of Information Resources and Library Science are doing internships with us at these libraries. With the exception of Cameron Pedri from the University of Washington, all are at the University of Arizona.

Andrew Zollman, Golf Links, general practicum, Ruth Grant mentor  
Christa King, Martha Cooper, general practicum, Margaret Guerrero mentor.  
Erika Diebold, Flowing Wells, adult services, Yolanda Sainz mentor  
Kassy Rodeheaver, Quincie Douglas, adult/YA services, Elva Smithwhite mentor  
Cheryl Cyr, River Center, adult services, Dianna Thor, mentor  
Annemarie Wick, Main Library Reference, Deb Brown mentor  
Cameron Pedri, Nanini, general practicum, Kristi Bradford mentor

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

No report this month

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

No report this month



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**DATE:** September 10, 2009

**TO:** Library Board, Pima County Public Library  
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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 – August 2009**

**MURPHY-WILMOT LIBRARY:** The Wilmot Library temporary site was re-modeled and successfully opened a day after Labor Day on September 8<sup>th</sup> to a crowd of awaiting loyal customers one hour before the scheduled time of 10:00AM. Both customers and staff made favorable comments about their new digs. A steady stream of customers continues to visit the library and is very pleased with the facility. In regard to the original Wilmot building, the architectural drawings are off to Procurement and a building permit has been issued. The construction documents have been compiled and will be out for bid by the first week in October. The Architect, Facilities and Library staff continue to work with the Interior designer on the furnishings and equipment selections that will go out for bid by the end of the calendar year. It is anticipated that this project will be complete by late 2010.

**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.



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**FROM:** Steffannie Koeneman  
Community Relations Manager

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

Community Relations concentrated much of August on producing the Oct./Nov./Dec. edition of the *At your Library* calendar. This edition features information on:

LCP lecture and Powie award;

Nuestras Raices program of Sugar Skull making (these are being newly branded as Nuestra Raices events)

*Now showing at your Library* (a new partnership with Arizona Public Media to screen documentary and POV films at branch libraries)

Fit for Life 50+, Computer Classes and Job help and GED.

Storytown

Community Relations also worked on publicizing three events: the return of Homework Help, the My First Library Card campaign and Wilmot's closure and reopening.

In addition, publicity planning now is taking place for the Ninth Grade Library card program, a small celebration for a new MLK painting in the Main Library; voter education with the League of Women Voters and Nuestras Raices.

We had a great month of publicity, and the media even picked up on a press release concerning the That's My Take program.

## Library in the News . . .

### [Pima supervisors reject OV call for more library funds](#)

Explorer News - [Patrick McNamara](#) - Sep 1, 2009

Pleas from Oro Valley residents for a larger reimbursement for the town **library** were shot down by the **Pima County Board of ...**

[Oro Valley wants own library, or Pima to pay branch cost](#) Arizona Daily Star

[OV library should join regional system](#) Arizona Daily Star

[Supes oppose library district splits](#) Arizona Daily Star

[Arizona Daily Star](#) - [Arizona Daily Star](#)

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### [OV library should join regional system](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

**Huckelberry said the city of Tucson had the same concerns before the county took over ... director of the Pima County Public Library District, told Kelly. ...**

### [Supes oppose library district splits](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

By Andrea Kelly The **Pima County Board of Supervisors** will formally oppose any ... just like the other 26 branches in the **Pima County Public Library** system. ...

### [Community notes](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Joyce Bertschy](#) - Sep 10, 2009

The free event is offered by the **Pima County Public Library**. The premier features 11 short films produced by local teens and a behind-the-scenes documentary ...

### [Cities, towns won't forward library issue to Legislature](#)

Explorer News - [Patrick McNamara](#) - Sep 8, 2009

First, a plea for a larger reimbursement for the town **library** was shot down by the **Pima County Board of Supervisors** on ...

### [Library Web site, catalog upgrade set](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Andrea Kelly](#) - Sep 6, 2009

The **Pima County Public Library** plans to make its Web site and catalog more interactive with a \$25000 state grant.

...

### [Library information](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Martha Cooper](#) - Sep 3, 2009

All **Pima County Public Library** branches will be closed Monday for Labor Day. According to the **library's** Web site, book drops at all locations will be open ...

### [Public art transforming Oro Valley](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Lourdes Medrano](#) - Aug 27, 2009

"We recently received the 2009 **Pima County Arts Council Lumie Award** for outstanding business partner in support of the arts." Like the **library**, Ventana ...

### [Library offers free homework assistance](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Joyce Bertschy](#), [Courtney Shelton](#) - Aug 30, 2009

The **Pima County Public Library** offers Homework Help for students of all ages. They can get help in a variety of subjects. Two **county** librarians ...

### [Upcoming events for children in Tucson](#)

Examiner.com - Sep 2, 2009

The **Pima County Public Library** offers family story time on Saturdays. Parents are welcome to bring the entire family to enjoy stories and songs promoting ...

### [Your property tax bill is going up, period](#)

Inside Tucson Business - Aug 27, 2009

As it stands, that homeowner would receive a bill for \$66.12 in state property taxes; \$852.91 to **Pima County** for government operations, **county library**, ...

### [Golf cart road rage incident near library](#)

Sahuarita Sun - [Jaime Richardson](#) - Aug 26, 2009

Accounts of the incident vary among the two men and a witness interviewed by **Pima County** Sheriff's deputies. The 89-year-old driver of the golf cart was ...

### [Improving literacy is a priority to improving Tucson's economy](#)

Inside Tucson Business - [Carol West](#) - Aug 20, 2009

As a result, the Literate Workers Initiative was developed with **Pima** Community College, Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, the **Pima County Library** system and ...

### [Eva LeVine: VA volunteer a doer whose humor gave patients a lift](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Kimberly Matas](#) - Aug 21, 2009

She was actively involved with the Jewish Community Center, the Opera Guild of Southern Arizona, Friends of the **Pima County Public Library**, the Udall Senior ...

### [This weekend's roundup of hot venues for cool music and ...](#)

Examiner.com - Aug 20, 2009

Saturday's choices include Them Bones, a live action musical pantomime performed by the Desert Home Theatre at 1 pm at the **Pima County Public Library**- ...

### [Tucson's 'Modern' architectural gems are cited](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Tom Beal](#) - Aug 20, 2009

"We've made some really good saves," said Nequette, citing the Wilnot branch of the **Pima County Library** System and the Chicanos por la Causa building, ...

### [BRIEF: Registration open for classes conducted by county Parks, Rec](#)

TMCnet - Aug 22, 2009

Internet access is available at all **Pima County Public Library** branches. Registrations are accepted in the order they are received until the session fills ...

## [Comments on this Story](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Aug 30, 2009

Tucson is a part of **Pima County**, so naturally, you, too should pay taxes for the **county**-run sheriff dept. OV on the other hand, wants OUT of the **library** ...

## [Community calendar](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

Food for Thought — Travel to Iran — Joel D. Valdez Main **Library**, 101 N. Stone Ave. Ingrid Trebisky, **Pima County public** librarian, describes her recent ...

## [Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D \(PG\)](#)

Explorer News - Tucson,AZ,USA

All things photographic are up for **public** auction sponsored by the ... Jance on her book tour stop at the Nanini Branch **Library** and hear about her new book, ...

## [Pima County Ged Test](#)

Click here to promote events for Free GED Classes Preparation and Tutoring Taught by paid **Pima County Public Library** tutors with Adult Education ...

## [Neighbors Briefs](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

... at the Joel D. Valdez Main **Library**, 101 N. Stone Ave. Presentations will be given by Tedra Fox, **Pima County** sustainability manager, and David Schaller, ...

## [Finding Good After-School Care Amid Program Cutbacks](#)

Wall Street Journal Blogs - New York,NY,USA

Since losing access to after-school care last spring, one **Tucson**, Ariz., ... a long waiting list regularly sent her 12-year-old son to the **public library**. ...

## [Student of the week: Violeta Keifer](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

Favorite place in Tucson: "The **public library**," she said, ... by Tuller Trophy and a certificate from the Office of the **Pima County** School Superintendent. ...

## Google Blogs Alert for: **Pima County Public Library**

### [Desert Colors: River Road Library](#)

By Diane AZ

The **library** I visit most often is nestled into River Center, a shopping center at River Road and Craycroft Road. Dusenberry-River isn't the largest branch of **Pima County Library**, but it's close to home and I like the architecture. ...  
[Desert Colors - http://desertcolors.blogspot.com/](http://desertcolors.blogspot.com/)

### [Papa Bear's Cave - From Twitter 08-07-2009](#)

By David Alexander McDonald (Steven E. McDonald)

Wonder what that makes the rest of us though.... 21:56:54: RT @mutabilis: The Friends of the **Pima County Public Library** will sell more than 30K comic books Sat., August 15, 9a-3p! <http://bit.ly/3mhMn>. Tweets copied by twittinessis.com ...

[Papa Bear's Cave - http://wyldemusick.livejournal.com/](http://wyldemusick.livejournal.com/)

### [Community notes](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

Friends of the **Pima County Public Library** will hold an expanded book sale 10 am to 3 pm Aug. 8 at the Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr. **Library**, 7800 N. Schisler ...

### [Tucson celebrates 234th birthday in style](#)

Arizona Daily Wildcat - Tucson,AZ,USA

According to **Pima County** Board of Supervisors Chairman Richard Elias, ... also be other birthday events at other branches of the Tucson-**Pima Public Library**. ...

### [Comic Book Sale Saturday : Tucson On The Cheap, LLC](#)

By Phoey

The Friends of the **Pima County Library** will sell off one billion comic books Saturday. Oh, wait—sorry. It's 30000. Still a bucket load of comic books. These comic books were donated to Friends of the **Library** and have been in storage the ... [Tucson On The Cheap, LLC - http://tucsononthecheap.com/](http://tucsononthecheap.com/)

### [Rocket science is not for rocket scientists anymore. Join a non ...](#)

Examiner.com - USA

The MDRS is a martian habitat in which members of the general **public**, ... autograph signings at NovaSpace in **Tucson**, or giving a lecture at a local **library**, ...

### [Community notes](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

Drudge has served all 35 years in **Pima County** and currently works out of Station 81 ... The Oro Valley **Public Library**, 1305 W. Naranja Drive, began offering ...

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TMCnet - USA

Aug 22, 2009 (The **Arizona** Daily Star - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services ... Internet access is available at all **Pima County Public Library** branches.

### [Students get a course in Latin American life](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

With 27 local students back from trips this summer, the **Tucson** chapter is ... They settled on building a community **library**, accomplished by converting a ...

### [Oro Valley wants own library, or Pima to pay branch cost](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

**Pima County**, however, maintains that the best **library** system is a regional one, ... **library** systems, said Nancy Ledebor, director of the **Pima County Public** ...

### [Himmel Park Branch Library - Pima County Public Library](#)

[Tim S.](#)

[Public Library](#)

1 review for Himmel Park Branch Library - Pima County Public Library

8/9/2009 [4 photos](#)

Say what you will, but libraries are beautiful things. I can borrow a book, hold onto it for weeks and then bring it back for another. It's a pretty solid deal at the low price of free. And now that Pima County Public Library branches have really stepped it up in their DVD and CD sections, there are even more reason to drop in.

The Himmel Park branch is staffed with a number of friendly workers who have always been happy to help me with any request I've had. It's a pretty hopping place with adults using the computer stations and kids showing up after school for tutor sessions and the like. The kids section is about a third of the space and the little ones seem to love it. It's also nice to be able to stop in and grab a back issue of a magazine without having to ask a worker to paw through boxes in the back like at the main branch downtown.

I split my time between this branch and the one over on First, but this one's my favorite.

**[Ka-pow! Introduce kids to joy of reading](#)**

Our view: One way to hook youngsters on literature is to buy them comic books

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Wednesday, September 2, 2009