

Agenda Item 6B



Pima County Public Library Advisory Board

DATE: October 5, 2009

TO: Library Advisory Board, Pima County Public Library

FROM: Nancy Ledeboer, Library Director

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT, September 2009

Deputy Director Melody Ballard and I visited with Abbet, Himmel and River library staff. These visits allow us to visit with staff, learn about programs and services that each branch is providing and answer questions regarding any concerns raised by staff.

The Arivaca Friends held their annual meeting on September 26th. Author and publisher Susan Lowell was the guest speaker. Ms. Lowell shared how a book is made and talked about her career as an author of the best selling picture book, ***The Three Javelinas***.

The Health Department is encouraging all departments to plan for **flu season**. The County is encouraging staff to get flu shots and a schedule has been sent to all staff. In addition, Library Administrators are developing a plan to share with all managers on how to plan for reduced staff in the event that the flu impacts staffing levels.

Depute Director Pat Corella and I attended **Target's Grand Opening** of their fulfillment center. Target is known for its support of literacy in communities where the stores are present. We look forward to developing a partnership with Target in support of local literacy efforts.

The **Literacy for Life Coalition** continues to build support for nine strategic action steps in the areas of capacity building, advocacy and awareness. Library staff is involved in a pilot project to select a neighborhood and deliver strategic literacy support to see if student scores will improve with a concentrated collaborative effort between neighborhood and literacy providers. In addition, library staff are involved in the workforce literacy project. This action step involves identifying best practices in companies to build a literate workforce and providing services to employees to increase their competitive edge. Several staff are involved in the Provider's network sharing what the library does to provide literacy programs and services.

Library staff also engaged in planning for the second annual **Tucson Festival of Books**. The author committee is busy confirming authors who will present. The entertainment committee is working on a variety of performances that will enliven the Festival. Once again staff will be helping with library efforts to promote library cards and library services at several different areas.

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Library Director's Report

Agenda Item 6C



DATE: October 5, 2009

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

FROM: Melody Ballard
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Public Service Report for September 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 (Bill Streit and Saundra Alvarez) in September. Information was presented regarding the safety and security of the Pima County Adult Detention Complex such as security measures, preventing contraband, games inmates play, thwarting manipulation tactics and maintaining personal safety during job performance.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Tutoring for August: 13 sessions and 141 student contacts

AJO—Linda Lam

No report this month

CATALINA – Karen Greaber

No report this month

CAVIGLIA-ARIVACA— Mary Kasulaitis

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Librarian Mary Kasulaitis was interviewed by the 5th and 6th graders at Sopori Elementary School about her childhood and school experiences. With help from Writer-in-residence Catherine Nash, they will take the interview (along with others) and make a fiction story out of it and present it at a Celebration of Art, Poetry and Books on Oct 27.

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

Friends of the Arivaca Library will hold their Annual Meeting on September 26, 2009, with featured author Susan Lowell as special guest. Music and refreshments will be served.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

A selection of Banned Books is on display in the Arivaca Library.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Homework Help started again at Arivaca Library and also Arivaca Community Center where there is an after-school program, so most children in the area have the opportunity to receive assistance.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Friends of the Arivaca Library have donated a new picnic table for the porch at Arivaca Library—it is a popular place for WiFi users and more seating was needed.

ECKSTROM-COLUMBUS— Terry Rill.

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

This month, we started providing 4 hours of Job Help on Fridays. Our computer instructor, Duane Wagner, sets up laptops in the meeting room and helps people create email accounts, do resumes and file online job applications. He is assisted by one of our computer monitors and a Spanish speaking volunteer.

Advanced English classes taught by Literacy Volunteers of Tucson tutors are continuing. Instructors keep a list of which countries are represented and this session students are from 11 different countries including Venezuela, Guatemala, Mexico, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Bosnia, Brazil, El Salvador and Eritrea (East Africa). We have our own little Tucson Meet Yourself!

September is Banned Books month. Special displays featured both children and adult books that have been banned or challenged. A Job Resource Center features books and information to assist job seekers.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

An Open House for middle school and high school teachers and librarians was held on September 23. Twenty four participants from area schools networked with library staff and learned about library services. Shawn Flecken from the Virtual Library made a special presentation on how our new databases can be used to augment their classes.

DUSENBERRY-RIVER—Dianna Thor

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Reading Partners & Read to a Dog

Beginning this month we've begun offering several opportunities for beginning readers to get practice reading aloud. Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after school, and Saturday mornings, students can meet with a trained reading partner in our children's area. On Friday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 students can read to Hooch, a trained service dog. To date we have had 20 readers for the dog and 10 readers for the reading partners.

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

Conversation Cafe

River branch started a Conversation Café in our meeting room. The meeting room is reserved every Thursday and Friday from noon to 3:00 pm for literacy tutors, ESL conversation partners, homework helpers, volunteer tutors and study groups. No reservations are required for these groups in order to make it as easy as possible for literacy volunteers and tutors to use the library for tutoring.

Teen Volunteer Program

The first session of River's teen volunteer program has successfully started. The program provides an opportunity for up to four teens per session to develop job skills through volunteering at the library. Teens must submit an application and complete a job interview. They are given job training on basic job skills and working in the library. This includes training on sorting and shelving library materials, teen library advocacy, working as a reading partner and providing quality customer service. During the two month session they are required to complete a minimum of twelve volunteer hours. At the end of the session they will complete a job skills training class on resume writing and job interview skills focused on their library volunteer experience.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

This month we kicked-off our second annual series of Tuesday Art Talks in partnership with University of Arizona Museum of Art. Every 2nd Tuesday for six months UAMA docents share slide show presentations on various art topics. This year we've added a hands-on component in partnership with RE-Discover! Art Innovators aimed at encouraging adults to explore their creative side. The topic presented in the art talk one week is reflected in the art instruction workshop the following week. This month participants explored the painting technique of pointillism made famous by French painter Georges Seurat. One enthusiastic participant happily showed her painting to staff and talked about making it her Christmas card this year. The event got a centerfold splash in the 9/24/09 issue of Foothills, a supplement to the Arizona Daily Star. Combined attendance for the two events was 38.

Science Saturdays-(a new program for school-age kids)

Our inaugural program took place Saturday, 9/26. Veterinarian Dr. Maria Miller spoke to 25 kids aged 5-12 and their parents about what to expect when they take their pet to the vet. Her own Bull Mastiff served as guinea pig, and kids got to listen to his heart, check his ears, and look into the recesses of his eyes using various instruments. It was a hit for all who participated.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Meg Beer, children's librarian met with the faculty of three elementary schools to inform them of our new programs for school age kids-(Reading Partners, Read-to-A-Dog, Science Saturdays), and to remind them of our online databases and online homework help through Tutor.com. Approximately 70 teachers and administrators attended the meetings.

EL PUEBLO—*Aaron Valdivia*

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

- On 9/10 an ESL class from the El Pueblo Adult Learning Center visited the library to get cards, learn about print and electronic library resources and get information from the library with special emphasis on events and services for English language learners and students pursuing their citizenship: approximately 20 students in attendance.
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Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- Our LA, Tara Foxx-Lupo, continues to do story-times on Tuesdays for the Henry Quinto Dare Care Center next to the library with 8 kids in attendance at each.
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Literacy for Success in Everyday Life: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy

- OASIS computer classes were offered this month on Tuesday in Spanish and English. We had 4 to 6 people in each class and the instructor will once again be moving the classes to Monday mornings based on requests from the community and the Adult Learning Center next door.

- Aaron Valdivia, Branch Manager, continues to take part in the Literacy for Life Coalition as a representative for PCPL in the Adult Literacy constituent of the coalition. He attends their monthly meetings and was present at their meeting on 9/02. He and others will be updating the LLC Facebook page.
- On 9/24 Aaron Valdivia visited the PCC Adult Learning Center next door to follow up on a visit earlier in the semester. Students are now moving beyond receiving their GED and more library resources were presented that focus on career options and career development.
- The Branch Manager represented the library at the Mulcahy YMCA Interactive Health Fair for kids on 9/17. There were over 100 kids and their families in attendance.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- Branch Manager, Aaron Valdivia, visited the Pueblo High School AP Art class on 9/02 to discuss a permanent display of student art at El Pueblo library. The goal is to create a partnership with the school arts programs whereby the high school students get their work shown in a public space and the library would benefit by having a more aesthetically pleasing space for customers to enjoy. This was a success and El Pueblo now has student artwork shown in the library and we are working on creating more space for more work. The AP art teachers are excited for this partnership as it encourages the high school students to create more work on a regular basis.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

- ELP now has two computers devoted to Homework Help from 3 pm to 6 pm Monday thru Friday and we once again have a homework help tutor present every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.
- Branch manager Aaron Valdivia also assists kids with their homework when necessary.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

- ELP staff has finished the “Deadwood List” and weeding. The collection has been shifted to create a more open and inviting environment for customers.
- ELP is proud to have student artwork hanging in the computer lab for the community to enjoy

EL RIO— Wanda Poindexter

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Using a flyer with the heading “Why doesn’t Somebody Help Kids Learn to Read? *Be Somebody!*” El Rio Library created a flyer to recruit volunteers to be trained as Oasis Reading Tutors through the Library. El Rio was chosen for the pilot program between PCPL and Oasis Tutoring which is part of the national OASIS Institute. PCPL has already partnered with OASIS for Computer Classes for several years.

In September, twenty-five Reading Tutor Volunteers were trained for eight hours at El Rio to tutor elementary students who are having difficulties with reading. The volunteers will use an Intergenerational Tutoring model that combines reading and writing and uses the students’ own stories as a foundation. The volunteers tutor at El Rio and at 5 other PCPL branches for nine week sessions... It is free, one-to-one, reading and writing tutoring that starts from the beginning to rebuild students’ literacy skills for success.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

El Rio Branch Library hosted a heart-warming Storytime for Seniors on 15 September. Months ago, when Wanda Poindexter was planning future activities with our El Rio Neighborhood Center partners, the coordinator of the Senior Program mentioned that she thought the seniors would enjoy someone reading or telling stories to them. So El Rio Library called upon our Children’s Services partners at the Main Library, Mary Sanchez and Mary Margaret Mercado, who are already helping us with children’s services, and they

agreed to help us with our first-ever Senior Storytime. Forty Seniors attended, and there was much laughter and many comments adding to the bilingual stories. The Seniors expressed hope that there would be more storytimes—and we plan to continue this lifelong learning experience.

FLOWING WELLS – Yolanda Sainz

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

Staff was able to attend both the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition meeting and the Amistades Coalition meeting this month and speak about services and resources at the Flowing Wells Branch Library including the increased computer lab hours.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

The children's librarian added a Toddler storytime in September. It has been a success from the first day. This increases the number of storytimes from the initial one to three, each one for a different age level. We continue to weekly have children come in to read or be read to by our Read to a Dog or Reading Partners volunteers. Our Read to a Dog is one of our more popular children's program.

GEASA-MARANA— Nancy Lindeman

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

On Friday, September 25th, staff traveled to Marana High School to spend the day giving Banned Books presentations to English classes in the high school library.

Staff attended Family Literacy Night at Estes Elementary School on September 29th to share Library publicity materials and assist Estes staff with their planned activities.

Geasa-Marana placed *Books While You Wait* collections at both the Marana Community Food Bank and Marana WIC office during September.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Geasa-Marana now has posted quiet hours (Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 12 pm) throughout the branch, excluding the Children's Area.

Manager Nancy Lindeman attended the Cotton Blossom Thrift Store Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Monday, September 14th which took place in the library's new meeting room. The thrift store is a non-profit project of the Marana Health Center to help serve Marana's needy. Since the library is closed on Mondays, we were very glad to be able to accommodate this event in praise of these valuable members of the Marana Community.

HIMMEL PARK BRANCH – Sarajejan Harwood

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

Manager, Sarajejan Harwood, spoke with a law student who would like to start a legal referral program at Himmel. Law students will volunteer time to come to meet with folks to help them determine where to go for legal help. The students hope to start weekly sessions sometime in October.

Ben Matiella and Sarajejan Harwood had a table at the 'Go Green' festival at Ward VI on September 23. They greeted many people, lots of our patrons and others who have not used the library. They had an opportunity to show people the resources the library has for all things 'green', especially on water, which was this year's theme.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Beth Rubio has been busy visiting first grades.

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

Our wonderful volunteer has returned from summer vacation to lead out 'Let's Speak English conversation group.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

A special Arizona Humanities grant brought Professor Clausen to Himmel to speak about "Jews in the Middle Ages" to a huge, overflow crowd on September 14. Himmel also had a well attended program on "Twitter" with lots of requests to do it again.

Himmel's Senior Group met for the first. Adult Services Librarian, Sue Parker, is planning a great many programs with Oasis and the Humanities Council for this group.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Homework help has begun again for the fall semester.

JOYNER-GREEN VALLEY— Amber Mathewson

No report this month

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER – John Munoz

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

Academy Award-winning screenwriter and novelist Michael Blake (*Dances with Wolves*) spoke to teens at JDC on Sept. 8, discussing fiction and how to realize personal and professional goals. The JDC library also created a display of Blake's books; and arranged for copies of the film *Dances with Wolves* to be available to all Living Units prior to Blake's visit. Blake, for his devotion to public service, has been acknowledged by many awards, among them the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for work with minorities.

JOEL D. VALDEZ MAIN LIBRARY- Karyn Prechtel

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

Main Library was privileged to receive as a gift "The Dream" a 76"x94" painting in acrylic by local artist and former director of the UA School of Art, [Andrew Polk](#). The painting's subject is Martin Luther's King Jr.'s iconic speech at the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963. We are grateful to Mike Dominguez of Tucson's [Davis Dominguez Gallery](#) for facilitating this donation.

Coni Weatherford and Ingrid Trebisky visited both the **Barrio Santa Rita** and **Feldman's Neighborhood Association Meetings** this month to speak about services and resources at the newly remodeled Main Library.

To support job seekers and those who assist job seekers, Kathy Konecny made a presentation to **Pima County One Stop** staff on September 9 about the job search training programs offered at the library. In response to a request from One Stop staff, Deborah Brown provided additional training on September 18. The training focused on using the library's ReferenceUSA database and other library materials.

Deborah Brown and Jenn Berry will be hosting a free **Webinar** for the public on **Resume Writing** on September 30th.

Grant Seeking Basics orientation had its largest attendance ever with 49 people attending representing a range of social service, art and educational organizations. This turnout is in response to the financial strain local non-profit agencies are facing in the struggling economy.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Main Library resumed Storytimes, Read to a Dog and Reading Partners programs in September. All three programs provide children with opportunities to engage in fun and enriching **early literacy experiences**. Main has also added a monthly storytime for at-risk youth from **Casa de los Niños** and continues to support El Rio Library by providing monthly storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers at El Rio Center Preschool.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

A new PCPL partnership with the **Tucson Museum of Art** is moving briskly ahead. Librarian Lisa Bunker has begun administering their library's NEH Preservation Grant and has improved communications and access to resources between the museum library and the public library. Future projects will include the publication of the list of local artists in the museum library's newspaper clipping files, and the digitization of portions of the museum's extraordinary research on the families and buildings of the Tucson Presidio.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Main Library Book Club is a new monthly discussion group where men and women will share insights into a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books. The first meeting allowed staff to share resources with the club, such as book club facilitation guides and Caboodle kits. Book Club members will rotate discussion facilitation and direct the development of the group.

KIRK – BEAR CANYON LIBRARY –Margaret Wilkie

No report this month

MARTHA COOPER BRANCH– Margaret Guerrero

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

Mary Givins gave a presentation about services for refugees to a group of nursing students from the University of Arizona. Marissa Alcorta is a member of the Wright Elementary School Site Council. She will be attending their monthly meetings. On September 26th, Marissa Alcorta will be attending the Estrella Leadership Institute, given by the Hispanic Professional Action Committee. She was nominated to attend as a representative of the Spanish Services committee as this program is a great way to network and create connections with the Tucson Hispanic community as well as further help her with leadership skills.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

The library is now offering Pre-school Storytime and it's a runaway success! The very first Story time only had three attendees. By the next week there were eighteen! Marissa Alcorta hosted two kindergarten classes from Wright Elementary (40 students) for a class visit. She also made an outreach visit to a 2nd grade class at Wright Elementary to have a storytime and give them library cards.

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

Graduate Assistant Jessica Hernandez gave a healthy eating workshop for teens, teaching them to make fresh fruit smoothies. On September 24th we hosted 3 teens from the Youth Volunteer Corps (Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona). They came to learn a little more about the public library and also help us work on some projects. Tween-time is still going strong with a loyal following. Recent activities include: making pizza, gaming, origami and drawing activities. Martha Cooper is now offering a Chess Club program that is open to all ages! The first class had approximately 9 attendees mostly in the tween to younger teen age

groups. Volunteer Jose Mendoza is assisting with this program as he is an accomplished competitive chess player and is a very patient teacher.

Fifty-eight people are attending the adult ESL classes. GED classes continue to be successful. The Jobs Skills Computer classes have a high number of students learning life changing skills.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Thirty people of all ages attended the Feathered Friends presentation put on by The Arizona Sonora Desert Museum.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Homework Help started up once again with Tutor Mary Lou; she is having a steady group of students coming in each afternoon to get assistance. Mary Givins participated in a Library Open House for middle and high school teachers at the Columbus Library.

MILLER GOLF LINKS – Ruth Grant

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- Miller-Golf Links Library received a \$500 donation from the estate of a devoted reader and patron of our branch. Her husband movingly wrote of her appreciation: “Susan most definitely directly benefited from the library system here in Tucson. Heck, I think we’d have been bankrupt had we needed to support her weekly reading habit. This token is certainly not an adequate reflection of the admiration and respect that Susan had for your organization. It is, however, a small remembrance that will hopefully make things a little easier for you to achieve your goals and objectives and to continue to support your community.”
- For three of our Children’s storytimes this month, we had Musical Personality, Niki, teach music, and songs to our young patrons. Very energizing!

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

- As of September 1st, Miller-Golf Links has initiated its Quiet Times and Quiet Zone. The Quiet Zone is the magazine lounge reading area, and the Quiet Times for the whole library is Monday and Saturday mornings and all day on Fridays. We have gotten many comments of appreciation from patrons for implementing this. The best thing is that it seems to be working! Fridays are really quieter.
- Ocotillo Ridge Elementary School, from Vail, brought art work from their students to display in the Children’s area. Many of their students have been in to admire their work.

MISSION – Mary McKinney

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

The retablos program held on September 12 allowed 20 middle school and high school students to participate in poetry and painting. A professor from the University of Arizona gave a presentation about the history of

retablos. The participants wrote poetry to accompany their retablos, and their finished artwork will be displayed at the Arizona State Museum, alongside a national retablo exhibit from Princeton University called “Miracles on the Border: Folk Paintings of Mexican Migrants to the U.S.” in October. The program at Mission was coordinated by graduate assistant Jessica Hernandez and youth services librarians Lupita Guerrero and Leila Duncan.

Tucson College Night was held on September 29 at the Tucson Convention Center. Leila Duncan attended this outreach event that aims to inform students and parents about educational opportunities and resources.

MURPHY WILMOT – *Daphne Daly*

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

The Murphy-Wilmot Library is now open at 320 S. Wilmot. We have resumed our regular hours and many services despite our status as an Express library. Rather than reporting my impressions of the new site, I'd like to share excerpts from a letter I received this week from a Murphy-Wilmot customer. I think she says it all:

Dear Ms. Daly,

Today was the first opportunity I've had to see and use the Murphy-Wilmot Express Library. It is a real tribute to any staff who worked to put this together. It's open, airy, cheerful, well-organized with our same wonderful staff who are so helpful to the library's clients. I am sure the "face lift" in our main building will be great. This temporary location is a real gift to your clientele. Even the location is great—very close to the "home front." I hope you all are very proud of what you have done. I will enjoy it for sure. With gratitude and thanks to all involved.

—*Sharon A. Day*

NANINI – *Kristi Bradford*

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

On Saturday, September 19th, 2009, Nanini Library celebrated its fourth annual Peace Day - part of a world-wide observation sponsored by the United Nations to promote a commitment to world peace. There were various events in Phoenix to commemorate the day, but Nanini Library's was the only event taking place in Tucson that was posted on the UN Peace Day website. This year, Nanini's Teen Advisory Board was instrumental in planning and hosting the event. They came up with the idea of tie dying t-shirts as a "practical act of peace." Additionally, the teens prepared a simple kite craft for participants to make, and because of the beautiful breezy afternoon the kites were taken outside and flown while the t-shirts were in the dye. A teen initiated "Peace" slide show was also created ahead of time and projected during the program. Altogether about 25 people (mostly family groups) attended this all age's program.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Nanini has added the Read to a Dog program every other Thursday of the month. "Sophie", a golden retriever, spent her first day excitedly peering around the busy branch, while her trainer gently guided her to stay sitting. The kids doing the reading didn't even notice how busy "Sophie" was, they were so happy to be reading out loud at the library!

QUINCIE DOUGLAS— *Elva Smithwhite*

No report this month

SAHUARITA – *Michele White*

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

With community schools back in session, our study rooms/meeting rooms are well utilized with students, tutors, and parents looking for a quiet place for studying.

SANTA ROSA (SRO) — *Emily Mazur*

SOUTH TUCSON — *Sol Gómez*

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

STU is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to support and ensure the success of the 2010 census. The City of South Tucson has not been properly accounted for in the past and both STU/PCPL and the U.S. Census Bureau will make an impact in 2010.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

The children missed Mati who was on vacation from her Read-to-a-Dog duties during the summer. The children have been spreading the word to their friends and siblings. Mati is back and is even more popular than before.

Southside Headstart has been visiting STU on a regular basis specifically for storytime and crafts. STU processed library cards for Pueblo High School career classes. STU is also involved in Sunnyside School District's AVID e-Mentoring program. AVID is a program geared toward helping high school students not only dream of college but help it become a reality by mentoring and motivating these students.

Thanks to library school students, youth created *Retablos* which are referred to as "laminas" in Mexico. They are small oil paintings on tin, zinc, wood or copper which serve a certain purpose but at STU they were simply small, creative works of art. Some were abstract while others were self-portraits, and some were comedic in nature. Overall, the program was a success with at least twenty who participated.

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

STU's SCSEP participant, Shirley Talbot, presented her third Interview Workshop. This last workshop was presented on September 23rd with eighteen in attendance. The workshop focused on dressing for success. The Mature Worker program at the state level has been so impressed with Shirley, it will come down to visit and interview her. The Mature Worker program wants to use Shirley as a model for their program.

Bilingual Job Help has about eight to ten attendees on Mondays from 2-4. Tec de Monterrey has about eight to twelve students attending on Mondays as well, from 4-6. About half of those who participate in Job Help attend the Tec class right afterwards.

SOUTHWEST — *Sara Dias*

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Early Headstart families are back! They enjoyed an interactive and informative storytime with Jackie this month, and the little ones had fun with puppets and boat-rowing. Then we all enjoyed going outside (in an orderly fashion) for our first fire drill of the school year.

With PACE classes back in session, we offered a tour and intro to library services to several parent groups throughout the month. Many signed up for library cards themselves, and were excited to learn of the free GED, English and Citizenship classes offered at the Valencia branch.

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

Bilingual computer classes and drop-in tutoring sessions with Jerry continue to be extremely popular. His students ask for him on his days off, and want to sign up for everything he offers.

Southwest's first successful Teen Advocate training took place at our TAG meeting this month, drawing lots of new teens who heard about the opportunity to earn \$100 just for talking to five groups of people about the library. Two 19-year-olds are on their way to completing the program!

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Our themed display this month was "Read Banned Books" and we've never seen so many display items check out! Everyone wants to know what's up with banned books when they notice the barricade and police tape, and many have participated in the Banned Books Quiz.

Capoeira Mandinga gave a wonderful demonstration of the Brazilian martial art, providing historical background and an introduction to the music, complete with Portuguese lyrics, in addition to technical instruction.

Jed, from the Reid Park Zoo, visited the library, along with several animals (our favorite was Nike the hedgehog) who had escaped from the zoo and wanted to meet some Southwest kids. He drew a large crowd, and provided lots of information about endangered species too.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

The kids are happy to see Martina back and are making use of her skills not only for homework assistance, but also for help answering the Banned Books quiz questions.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Our most successful Family Creativity Night yet allowed 26 people to have fun and "Make a Mess," using nothing more than paper, glue and sprinkles! Families worked together to make their masterpieces, and photos of the event can be found on the library's flickr site. This was the event where the phrase "There's no wrong way to do it" was coined by a talented young artist.

There were a few days of early dismissal due to parent-teacher conferences, on which the library was fortunately able to step in and provide new and improved coloring sheets, several art contests (including the Saving a Rainy Day drawing contest Sara is coordinating with Councilman Rodney Glassman), and some board games to pass the time.

READRUNNERS - Outreach Service- Elaine Valenzuela

No report this month

VALENCIA - Elaine Valenzuela

No report this month

WHEELER TAFT ABBETT, SR – Sharla Darby

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

Abbett library recently hired 4 new pages through Pima County One Stop. This brings our total to 6 pages from One Stop that we are mentoring for success in the work force.

We are hosting the Free Resume Workshop Webinar through Tutor.com on Sept 30 to both the public and staff.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

April presented information on Homework Help services and databases to 130 fifth graders at Quail Run Elementary. Students had the opportunity to get their first cards in time for the visit so that they could access databases including the new EbscoHost Kids Search, CultureGrams and the New Book of Knowledge. Students and teachers alike were excited to see that much of the information they needed for their reports on states in the US was all available through online library resources.

WOODS—Martín Rivera

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

- The display in the children's room for September honored famous Hispanics for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- Our Reading Partner has been here since August 2009. During September she has had a weekly average of 8 children.

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

- The premier of the "That's My Take" Video project was held on Sept. 12. This was the finale of a long process. A number of teens from the Woods area, Woods Pages, and staff worked on this project. The teen mentor was also one of our summer youth employees. The teen librarian worked with about 16 teens during this video project. She worked with the camera crew, the actors and the mentor.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

- Staff received three notes from youth documenting the importance of the Library in their lives. The notes had the following quoted: "I love this library so much; it is cool." "I like U."; and "the library is doing great, but U guys close to soon. I don't get to do much at the library because my mom comes out of work at 4:00 and she takes me to the library. We get there about 4:10. I do not get much time. Thank you."
- The theme for art in the teen area bulletin board for September was "September is International Literacy Month". The art was a map of the world with the word "read" in different languages, with a key to those languages. Also on the bulletin board were book covers of teen books that were translated from other languages.
- Woods designated an area near the entrance as an eating area. Although it is a small area, one table and 4 chairs with a waste can near by, it is often in use.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY— Jen Maney

No report this month

YOUTH SERVICE-Gina Macaluso

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

Youth Services reached out to Native American families at the 3rd Annual Red Road to Wellbriety Celebration on September 19 at the San Xavier Recreation Center. Over 275 people attended and were able to stop by the PCPL table in the children's area. Adults and youth made bead necklaces together. They also were able to get non-activated library cards, giveaways and library resource information.

ADULT SERVICES – *Beth Matthias-Loghry*

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

- Adult Services staff continues to meet with partner contacts at ONESTOP to present the Job Help toolkit and talk more about evaluation and cross promotion from ONESTOP to job help libraries and resources and visa versa. As a result Job Help Oversight Committee Members Deborah Brown and Becky Swift presented to more than 45 employees at an all team meeting at ONESTOP on “Free Resources for Job Seeker” and How to Research Potential Career and Employer,” so they can remind those seeking job help of other valuable resources available to them at the Library, including faxing services, drop in GED help, skills and test databases and English Language classes. Highlighted Resources in these presentations included, WinWay resume software now loaded on the new public PCs, tutor.com the Arizona Career Information System, Skills Tutor, Learning Express Library including video units on interview practice and Reference USA, which can bring up the 35,000 businesses in Pima County and 13 million businesses across the nation.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- For Summer Reading 2009, Be Creative @ Your Library the Pima County Public Library, in conjunction with the Pima County Office of Economic Development and Tourism, introduced a learner’s guide to local attractions called the “Adventure Pass.” More than fifteen thousand summer readers of all ages collected this illustrated booklet as a reward. The Pass features activities and attractions in Pima County, such as the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, the Pima Air and Space Museum, Colossal Cave Mountain Park and Old Tucson Studios. The Adventure Pass included tickets to encourage the exploration of these and other sites of local interest, and offered reading suggestions to complement the adventures.
- In honor of Tucson’s 234th birthday in August, Libraries gave away “As Told in Tucson...” a booklet featuring books about Tucson and Tucsonans. The back cover of the “At Your Library” Magazine featured recent titles inspired of the flora, fauna and desert charm of the Old Pueblo.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT – *Bonny Bruce*

Fifteen new staff members completed Service Essentials Academy (SEA) in September. Our own staff trainers continue to wow the SEA students with their expertise and job knowledge in PCPL’s equivalent of boot camp.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – *Richard DiRusso*

No report this month

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – *Libby Jones*

No report this month



Pima County Public Library

DATE: October 5, 2009

TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library
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FROM: Pat Corella
Library Deputy Director

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT – September 2009

MURPHY-WILMOT LIBRARY: A steady stream of customers continues to visit the temporary library and customers are 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.

GREEN VALLEY A/C REPLACEMENT: Now that this project has started to move the project's status and updates will be included as part of my report. By the end of this month (September) Procurement will issue a bid call to hire a Mechanical Engineer for the development of a scope of work required to complete a work proposal that should be completed by mid-October. By the first of December construction documents will be out for bid. At the end of February construction should begin with completion in May 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-October 2009

Community Relations focused on finalizing the calendar magazine and on publicizing specific events during the last two weeks of September.

Press releases were sent out for “That’s My Take”; a WWII/Submarine display and presentation at Wheeler Taft Abbett; and on the Call for Artists taking place for a water harvesting book. The book is being published by The Glassman Foundation, and is authored by Councilman Rodney Glassman and his fiancé, Sara Borsand. Librarian Sara Dias is handling the art contest to provide young artist’s illustrations for the book.

The Annual Report is coming together now that activity measures and final year budget data have been compiled.

CRO also is working on publicity for Amore & More, an event featuring two romance writing workshops; our Annual Lawrence Clark Powell event, and we are finalizing work for the Library’s Election Information Centers- a project done through our partnership with the League of Women Voters.

Information about the Friends of the Pima County Public Library and the Pima County Library Foundation is being featured online and as we can, in print publications. The Friends Booksale calendar is being published in the Oct./Nov./Dec. calendar.

Library in the News . . .

Channel 12 has taken to airing a segment featuring storytime at Joel D. Valdez Main Library and the work of Librarian Mary Margaret Mercado. The segment was filmed many months ago, but seems to be airing in the late evenings, lots these days.

[School notes](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

For a complete listing of the hours and days homework help is offered at other libraries, visit the **Pima County Public Library** Web site at ...

[The BOT Interview: Jeff Yanc](#)

Tucson Weekly - Tucson,AZ,USA

The Friends of the **Pima County Public Library** book sale. I was just there recently and got a Fabio workout tape. It's really great. ...

[Second Annual Day for Play at Case Park](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

The Literacy Volunteers of Tucson and the Pima County Public Library are offering free English classes at Martha Cooper Library and Eckstrom-Columbus ...

[Town to hold open house on parks master plan](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Tucson,AZ,USA

... Recreation Master Plan this evening at the Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library. ... Commission and the public at a final meeting for review and comments. ...

[Rodney Glassman: Rodney's Ninety-Fifth Ward 2 Weekly](#)

By Rodney Glassman Tucson City Council Ward 2

The Pima County Public Library is holding a contest to collect illustrations for a picture book about rainwater harvesting which will be published by me (Tucson City Councilman Rodney Glassman) and my fiancée Sasha Borsand. ...

[Rodney Glassman - http://rodneyglassman.blogspot.com/](http://rodneyglassman.blogspot.com/)

[15 YEARS: Sahuarita salutes past, looks to the future](#)

Sahuarita Sun - sahuarita,az,USA

One now serves as the temporary **library**. ... In 1910, the **Tucson** Chamber of Commerce, looking to facilitate trade with Mexico, convinced the then-Southern ...

[Library information](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Sep 17, 2009

Illustrations by young artists are being solicited by the **Pima County Public Library** to be considered for a new book about water harvesting. ...

[New chamber is the voice of Vail](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Angela Mullis](#) - Sep 24, 2009

... is advocating for the community by attending meetings with the **Pima County** Bond Advisory Committee with hopes of bringing a **public library** to Vail. ...