

Agenda Item 6B



Pima County Public Library Advisory Board

DATE: November 2, 2009

TO: Library Advisory Board, Pima County Public Library

FROM: Nancy Ledeboer, Library Director

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT, October 2009

Following the October Library Advisory meeting, a letter was sent on behalf of the Library Advisory Board to Chairman Richard Elias recommending that the name of the Himmel Library be changed to honor former mayor Tom Volgy. Notice was provided to neighborhood representatives. As soon as I received an email suggesting that the neighbors were expecting to have greater input in this important decision, I notified Chairman Elias and Council member Trasoff. Chairman Elias met with neighborhood representatives and based upon their input he has decided not to proceed with the request to rename the library.

Several staff attended the press conference announcing the 2nd Tucson Festival of Books which will be held March 13 & 14, 2010. The Festival contributed \$200,000 to literacy programs in southern Arizona. Helene Woodhams, Coni Weatherford, Mira Domsy and Bonny Bruce are serving on the Author Committee along with Laura Galvez and Kenneth McDonald who are providing support. We are involved in finalizing the author presentations for the Tucson Festival of Books. Letters are being sent out with a goal of confirming author participation prior to the holiday season. In January we will extend invitations to local authors who would like to participate in the Author Pavilion. Adriana Rendon is working with the Spanish Services Committee to plan programming that will appear at the Festival in a tent for Nuestras Raices. Jen Maney will be coordinating the presence of the OverDrive Digital Mobile if they are able to arrange their spring schedule to participate. The Library Friends and Library Foundation have also signed on to be exhibitors at the Festival.

Deputy Director Pat Corella attended the Bond Commission meeting on October 16th. Many community members turned out to voice support for various projects. The proposed library projects will need strong community support if they are to be included in a future bond election. Based upon tax projections and various factors that impact the bonding capacity, it is anticipated that the next bond will fund no more than \$600M in projects. This means that over half of the projects that made the Commission's short list will not move forward.

The Arizona Library Association held its board meeting at the Wheeler Taft Abbett Library on October 16th. As the Representative for Southern District I attended the meeting. I am pleased that the board is considering holding the annual conference for 2011 in Tucson. The last time

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the conference was held in Tucson was 2004. This would allow more PCPL staff to attend a conference and it would be a benefit to our region. A final decision on where to hold the 2011 conference will be made after this year's conference, which is being held in Glendale.

A letter dated September 21, 2009 was sent from the Oro Valley Town attorney to Karen Friar. The letter requested her assistance in addressing issues related to collection development. I met with staff from collection development, cataloging and acquisitions to determine how best to respond to the concerns raised in the letter. The source of the discontent appears to be a lack of communication between Oro Valley staff and the Collection Development Office. PCPL's collection development process is centralized, which permits greater savings in terms of budget and greater efficiencies in terms of workload while still allowing for appropriate input into selection decisions. Based upon meetings with Collection Development staff, new procedures are being implemented to expedite orders. This may alleviate concerns that suggestions are not being given consideration. I am confident that there is a way to improve communication so that Oro Valley staff can work collaboratively with Collection Development staff in the future. Our goal is to create a system-wide collection that is customer driven and meets the diverse interests and needs of the entire population of Pima County.

The Foundation hosted the "Outstanding in the Field" event on October 15th to honor the founders of the Tucson Festival of Books. Bill and Brenda Viner, John Humenik, Frank Farias and Bruce Beach were the guests of honor. The event raised funds to support Homework Help at the Library. The Foundation has committed to raise \$36,000 to increase homework help in libraries.

I attended the Altrusa fundraising event on October 20th and volunteered at the HopeFest on October 24th. I attended the Pima Metropolitan Alliance Common Ground Awards on October 23rd and was pleased that the Tucson Festival of Books won an Award of Distinction for bringing the community together to celebrate books and raise funds for literacy.

Efforts are underway to publicize the upcoming Lawrence Clark Powell lecture on November on December 10th at the Proscenium Theater at Pima Community College West Campus. Craig Childs is the honored speaker and James S. "Big Jim" Griffith will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. This is always a very enjoyable evening.

Several staff has been approved to attend the Arizona Library Association annual conference in Glendale on December 7, 8 & 9. One of the keynote speakers will be Peter Pearson of the St. Paul Library Foundation. His presentation will be "Libraries Lighting the Way: But Who's Going to Pay the Electric Bill." The St. Paul Library has an outstanding Foundation that funds many of the programs offered by the library. This would be an excellent program for Library Advisory Board members and Friends and Foundation members to attend. Library staff including Adriana Rendon and Mary Givens will be honored for their outstanding contributions to the profession at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday. Library Advisory Board members who are interested in attending can carpool with staff if interested in attending.

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DATE: October 26, 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 October 2009

ADULT DETENTION CENTER-Thomas Garcia

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

Thomás M.García attended the Pima County Reentry Coalition Meeting September 29, 2009 at the Pima Community College Community Campus. Topics discussed included a transition school proposal, homeless veterans, and fidelity bonding program, ID problem for released inmates, debit cards for released inmates, community restitution service and programs and services provided by PCPL of possible benefit to ex-offenders.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Tutoring for September: 13 sessions and 155 student contacts

AJO—Linda Lam

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

The Ajo Community Response Committee hosted a program on what it takes to be prepared and ready for an emergency. Topics included how individuals can be better prepared, and, ways individuals can help assure the Ajo community is better prepared. Representatives from the Pima County Sheriff's department discussed the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers (SAV); the American Red Cross talked about Disaster Action Teams (DAT); and the Pima County Health department discussed the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT).

CATALINA – Karen Greaber

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

Library Associate Emily Lane represented the library at two community events this month: Latino Pride and Gay Pride.

CAVIGLIA-ARIVACA— *Mary Kasulaitis*

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

Tumacacori Wild! A program by Mike Quigley of the Sky Island Alliance explained to an interested audience the Wilderness bill that would create the Tumacacori Highlands Wilderness. The bill, sponsored by Rep Grijalva, is now working its way through Congress.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

October activities with children included:

- Arivaca Branch Library staff, assisted by the Friends of the Arivaca Library, will have a booth on Arivaca's Main Street on Halloween. This is always a big festival with a hayride and hotdogs for the children. Local businesses and non-profit organizations provide candy at Trick or Treat stops and there are usually over a hundred children and adults participating.
- Librarian Mary Kasulaitis read Halloween stories to the children at the Parks and Recreation Tots program

ECKSTROM-COLUMBUS— *Terry Rill*

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

We staffed a table and talked to attendees at the annual 29th Street Coalition Festival on October 15. Close to 3000 people attended the event this year! This is a great opportunity to meet residents and learn about other agencies in the neighborhood.

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

Jessica Hernandez, one of our library school Graduate Assistants, developed a Retablo program that brought poetry, history and appreciation of this culturally important art form together. We had one of several sessions here at the Eckstrom-Columbus Library. The work done by the teens is being displayed as part of an exhibit at the Arizona State Museum.

Nyssa Densley visited Naylor Middle School and worked with a teacher at Howenstine High School on a service learning project, which included a tour of the library.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

We are currently offering an 8 week Senior Arts program through the Tucson Drawing Studio.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Shannon Wilcox, with the help of Maria Castillo, our Graduate Assistant, visited Corbett Elementary and Children Reaching for the Sky to deliver materials for the Learn Read Grow Succeed program to approximately 70 kids.

DUSENBERRY-RIVER—*Dianna Thor*

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Meg Beer visited five first grade classrooms to deliver new library cards to the students, chat about the library's services and the materials that they'll be able to borrow with their new cards, and share a fun story. 126 students enjoyed the presentation.

Halloween week we will host "Trick or Treating" at the library for toddlers and preschoolers following storytime. Children are invited to come to storytime dressed in their costumes. We expect to entertain 75 children and parents.

"Read to a Dog Program": 34 children read to Hooch (the dog) this month.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

In partnership with the University of Arizona Museum of Art Dusenberry-River hosted the second of six presentations in our "Tuesday Art Talks" series. There were 27 attendees, several of whom registered for the "Hands On Art!" class held on October 21st by Art Innovators which had 7 attendees.

Dusenberry-River hosted a program during Architecture Week. The presentation was titled "Custom Residential: Designs for the Desert". There were 27 attendees.

Tohono Chul Park hosted our second "Science Saturday" on October 10th. They presented an intriguing and informational program on bats. 19 children and parents learned something new and returned home with a bat craft.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Kendra Davey visited Orange Grove Middle School's Family Faculty Meeting to tell parents about Homework Help, Databases and other PCPL resources available to their students. Parents were excited to learn about the many after school homework help options available to their students as well as some of the new databases that may be of interest to parents.

Meg Beer met the faculty of Davidson Elementary School and spoke about the library's online databases and homework help as well as our library's new programs for school-age children-(Read-to-a-Dog, Reading Partners, and Science Saturdays).

EL PUEBLO—*Aaron Valdivia*

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

- The Adult Learning Center next door continues to bring new groups of students from their ESL classes to tour the library, 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. We had two groups on 10/14 and 10/19.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- We continue to offer Story Times for the kids at the Henry Quinto Day Care next door to the library. We have also received feedback from the Mulcahy YMCA that they would like to attend our public Story Times on a regular basis.
- 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 is updating the LLC Facebook page along with a representative from Pima Community College Adult Learning Center.

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

- OASIS computer classes are offered on Mondays in Spanish and English. We have approximately 8 people in each class.
- Branch manager, Aaron Valdivia, attended the Ward 5 neighborhood meeting on 10/19. In partnership with various literacy groups the El Pueblo neighborhood will be the focus of a long-term literacy study conducted by representatives from the U of A. Aaron Valdivia is working with the Literacy for Life Coalition as a representative for ELP on behalf of PCPL.
- ELP had a tour from Star Academy on 10/09. The students were interested in the various library services available to high school age kids and teens.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- Branch Manager, Aaron Valdivia, continues to visit the Pueblo High School AP Art classes to discuss the hanging and rotation of student art at El Pueblo library. The partnership between PCPL and Pueblo High School art students has been a great success and ELP will continue to maintain this relationship.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

- ELP has two computers devoted to Homework Help from 3 pm to 6 pm Monday thru Friday and they have been a huge success. We have also been getting more students for homework help from our tutor on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Students visiting from Star Academy on 10/09 learned about our Homework Help services offered every Tuesday and Thursday evening; they were also interested in utilizing our Homework Help computers.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

- The collection has been shifted to create a more open and inviting environment for customers; furniture has been rearranged and we have also shifted the TCE Collection to make for a more welcoming environment.
- ELP is proud to have student artwork displayed in the computer lab and other places throughout the library for the community to enjoy.

EL RIO— Wanda Poindexter

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy AND Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

El Rio Branch is the pilot for a new partnership with Oasis Tutoring. Last month we trained the volunteer reading tutors. In October the actual tutoring of students began. Oasis Reading Club is an Intergenerational Tutoring program designed to involve Senior Citizens and other adults in literacy to improve children's reading skills and test scores.

Three children were matched with tutors in October. The tutors work one-on-one with the students using their own written stories to build their reading skills. So far, students and parents report that the tutoring has already kindled a new interest and confidence in their reading.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

El Rio Branch has been fortunate to have an exceptionally skilled and patient Homework Help tutor. However for over a year there was little attendance for our Homework Help. The tutor and staff brainstormed how to spread the word about Homework Help and how to make it more useful and attractive to students and parents.

We began by including information about Homework Help on all our branch flyers even when announcing other activities. During the Summer Reading Program we reminded students and parents that Homework Help would be available in September. We also made sure that any families in the library received a flyer specifically about Homework Help. The tutor and 2 volunteers created worksheets for math, English, spelling, etc. so if the students finished their class assignments, they could do practice sheets.

We always have computers available for students who need to use the Internet or MS Word for their homework, but we also now set aside some Homework Help computers for students who complete their paper assignments to be able to do skills review or learn new skills in My Skills Tutor or Mavis Beacon Typing

Software. Plus we've developed a list of educational and fun sites & they get 15 minutes of reward time on those when appropriate.

We are happy to report that our Homework Help attendance has more than quadrupled. And several customers commented—even when the students were somewhat noisy--that it is good for the kids to have a productive place to be afterschool.

FLOWING WELLS – Yolanda Sainz

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

The LA attended the new session of Read & Eat held at Walter Douglas Elementary. The branch takes about 200-300 children's books both in English and Spanish. Parents and their children then will select a book and read them together. The children will then be instructed to write a short story about the book they read. This month's program had about 200 parents and children attending.

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

Two more computer classes were added to the classes taught at the computer lab. This helped reduce the number of people on the waiting list.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

The Hawks to Hummingbirds program was held earlier this month. The program was well attended despite having to hold the program very early in the morning. A new Drawing Studio session started at the very end of September and continues into October.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

The children's librarian was able to visit most of the students in the elementary schools in the Flowing Wells service area. Her work is being compensated as we are seeing many 1st graders coming in to have their first library card activated. One mother expressed how excited her daughter was about being able to come to the library and get a library card.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

A few furniture changes have made a big difference in the number of adults coming in to sit and read and also use the WIFI. The chairs located in the front area of the library are being used mostly by adults and this has created a quiet area in the branch.

GEASA-MARANA— Nancy Lindeman

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Our annual Fire Safety Storytime, complete with a firefighter in full gear and a tour of a fire engine, was a big success with 37 enthusiastic children and caregivers in attendance.

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

Geasa-Marana staffed an information table at the Gladden Farms Homeowners Association meeting on October 22, 2009, to promote our local library literacy services.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

On October 14, 2009, *We Shall Remain: Southwest Native American Art* was presented by Tohono Chul Park at our branch.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Geasa-Marana staff visited 10 first grades at two area elementary schools during October to promote the *Learn, Read, Grow, Succeed* library program.

HIMMEL PARK BRANCH – Sarajean Harwood

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

On October 27, Himmel will begin to offer the legal referral clinic on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Students from UA Law Schools will help people find places for help with legal problems.

To celebrate Architecture week, Frank Macia presented a program called Living Large and Green in Small Spaces on October 10. This is an annual event and always popular.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Beth Rubio has been busy visiting first grades.

On October 30 Himmel will present Jordan Hill telling scary stories for older children and teens, introducing children to the wonderful oral traditions of literature.

On October 31, we will present our Halloween Extravaganza with story times, activities and 'trick or treating' for the neighborhood children. This is an annual tradition here and parents love the opportunity to enjoy the day with safe activities and stories.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

A special Arizona Humanities grant brought Professor Clausen to Himmel to speak about "Mysticism in the Middle Ages" to a large crowd on October 19.

On October 1, in recognition of the Chinese Harvest Moon Festival we had an outdoor concert accompanied by the traditional food from that holiday, moon cakes.

Himmel began a series of art programs for seniors, drawing studio, which will run for eight weeks.

On October 29 Himmel patrons will have the opportunity to explore Mexican culture and participate in the Day of the Dead ritual of decorating sugar skull.

JOYNER-GREEN VALLEY— Amber Mathewson

Be an Informed Community Member- The library partnered with United Community Health Centers to host information sessions and a support group for individuals in the community with COPD. This group is ongoing.

Create Young Readers – Michelle Creston will perform stories and provide outreach materials at the Town of Sahuarita haunted house.

Literacy for Success in Everyday Life – Our One-Stop computer monitors continue to help customers with job searches. This one on one help with the resume software has been very valuable to our customers. Computer classes continue to be popular.

Satisfy Curiosity-Joyner-Green Valley library partnered with Weavers/Spinners Guild to host a day long Fiber Arts Festival which drew at least 250 customers throughout the day for demonstrations, table discussions and viewing displays.

Visit a Comfortable Place – the Joyner-Green Valley Library staff continues to make changes to make a more inviting library experience. Most recently the Western and Sci Fi paperbacks have been taken off spinners and placed above the hardback books of the same genre. In addition the Spanish children's materials have been moved from the children's area to the Spanish area where there is now the entire Spanish collection with tables and chairs for spending time in the library. A self-check machine has been moved to the reserve and new book area for speedy checkout for our customers. The teen area has been rearranged to allow more space for teens. The toys and animals have been removed from the children's area for the duration of the flu season. Janice Meitl OSL III has been creating book and talking book displays that have become very popular with customers.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER – John Munoz

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

JDC's librarian taught six mini-research classes to about two hundred elementary-school students at this year's Young Reporters Workshop, hosted by Bear Essential News at the KVOA News 4 studio. This program began 26 years ago. Its purpose is to help young people develop their writing and communications skills, and to bolster students' self-esteem.

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

JDC's librarian instructed fifty teens in the history of Día de los Muertos celebrations in Latin American and the United States. Afterward, teens molded, painted and decorated sugar skulls as part of this two-day workshop.

JOEL D. VALDEZ MAIN LIBRARY- Karyn Prechtel

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

Main hosted a **League of Women Voters Forum on the Propositions** on October 19. 100 people attended to hear speakers debate the pros and cons of Propositions 200, 400, and 401/402. Access Tucson filmed the entire forum.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

A system-wide partnership with **Arizona Public Media** allowed Main Library to kickoff a monthly film screening series of **PBS Independent Lens** Community Cinema films. "**Now Showing at your Library**" received media coverage via radio, television and newspaper. The film screening of "Copyright Criminals" on October 14 inspired attendees to engage in lively discussion about laws related to artistic expression.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

In October, Main staff visited 12 first grade classrooms at Miles, Carrillo, Menlo Park, TLC, Brichta, Tully and Roskrige Elementary Schools. We provided storytimes, talked about library programs and services, and delivered library cards to 273 students. Several students have come in to activate their cards.

KIRK – BEAR CANYON LIBRARY –Margaret Wilkie

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

The library worked with the Arizona Department of Health Services to provide the space to hold a public meeting to discuss the draft rules for new licensing fees in behavioral health, medical facilities, and long term care and assisted living facilities. They expect capacity crowds for this event.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Bill Reuter visited 4 first grade classes at Aqua Caliente, Henry, and Fruchthendler schools to promote the First Card Campaign. A Cub Scout Troop toured the library and enjoyed a special storytime. Amy

Bivins had a large group of children attended the first "Fun Crafts on Fridays." A capacity crowd of children, parents, and grandparents enjoyed a puppet show, Halloween Stew.

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

The Arizona Branch of the International Dyslexia Association held a state-wide workshop at the library. Over 40 people heard the presenter, Nancy Hennessy speak about the "Tools for Success in Literacy."

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

As a part of the AIA – Southern Arizona Architecture Week lecture series Dr. Susan Schaefer Kliman, AIA, presented the program, "Double the 'Green' with Simple Sustainable Designs," to an enthusiastic audience.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Staff from Pima County Facilities has worked hard to improve and replace lighting fixtures at the library. Patrons and staff are enjoying the benefits of their labor.

MARTHA COOPER BRANCH– Margaret Guerrero

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

On October 6th, Marissa Alcorta attended the Wright Elementary Site Council meeting where they discussed bond-funding for the school.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

October 7th Class visit from Wright Elementary (Mrs. Torres Kindergarten Class), 25 children attended a library tour, storytime, and were given library cards. Chess Club- Martha Cooper Chess Club is going well. The mood in the class is somewhat serious and the level of concentration is high but the children and the staff are enjoying this new program. Tween time is still going strong with a loyal following that averages around 9-10 tweens. Pre school story time is a big success! Parents are very pleased to have a young man presenting the class. Some of the parents are single parents so they are happy to have a good male role model for their children.

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

October 24th Organized Dia de los Muertos Festival (one of our cultural festivals). During this family event we will have sugar skull decorating, calavera mask-making, a Spanish class from the UofA (Prof. Martinez, Spanish 540) will come and setup a traditional ofrenda (altar) scene and sing some music, and the event will end with a dance performance by Club Colombia de Tucson

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Library Intern Christa King facilitated a discussion of Edward Albee's "A Delicate Balance" with representatives of the Rogue Theatre and members of three book groups.

Zuzi Dance is teaching a modern dance/community movement class that involves poetry and creative motion.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Mary Lou, tutor, now has a high school volunteer assisting her with tutoring the younger children requesting help.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

We have started having a "Quiet Space" for adults every Friday from 1:00 – 4:00 in the Large Meeting Room.

MILLER GOLF LINKS – Ruth Grant

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

- Golf Links is participating in a partnership with KUAT, NOW Showing....@ your library. In October, the PBS program, Copyright Criminals, was viewed followed by a lively discussion. One gentleman came all the way from Ina & I-10 to attend after seeing the event in Tucson Weekly's CityWeek.

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

- In October, Golf Links initiated its "drop-in" GED help every Monday, Tuesday and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Hopefully this will alleviate some of the waiting lists at the other branches, as well as providing an alternative GED location on the far east side.
- Our Tween Bookclub has increased by three this month; Chris is looking forward to November for the next book discussion.

MISSION – Mary McKinney

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

Citizenship classes continue to attract new students each Thursday evening at Mission.

Liz Danforth and Leila Duncan from Mission coordinated the author/illustrator panel presentation for the Fantastic Creations program held at Main Library on October 3.

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

Tucson's River of Words exhibit has come to Mission! Poetry and art created by students ages 5 to 19 is on display through mid November. The work is a result of the contest hosted by Pima County Natural Resources and Tucson Pima Arts Council.

MURPHY WILMOT – Daphne Daly

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Although St. Michaels 1st grade classes can't walk across the parking lot for their visits, they have continued their storytime tradition at out temporary location using parent carpools. We're happy to have them back!

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

Sky Islands High School Eco-Art class has displayed their 3 dimensional "found art" sculptures at our branch. To round out the project, the high school students also identified and reserved Eco-Art books from our collection for display and check-out by Library customers

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Murphy-Wilmot continues to be a valuable asset to the neighborhood. In our first 3 weeks in temporary quarters our customer retrieved over 3,000 reserve books for a total circulation of 18,000 items. Although some people miss our large selection of nonfiction and magazines, they are thrilled to have use of 38 computers and a generous selection of fiction for all ages as well as DVDs, CDs and audio books.

NANINI – Kristi Bradford

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Eight volunteers (7 teens and 1 adult) provided 41.5 hours of time this month as part of the Reading Partners program – reading out loud to young children who are visiting the Nanini Library.

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

63 attendees at a Tuesday night bilingual family storytime were excited to learn all about the Chinese Harvest Moon Festival and loved the music provided by the University of Arizona Purple Bamboo Ensemble.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Beautiful artwork decorating the children's room this month was provided by Green Fields Country Day School fifth grade.

QUINCIE DOUGLAS— *Elva Smithwhite*

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

- A new community group, South Park Neighbors requested assistance and support for programs about Pima County indigenous peoples, Tohono O'Odham and Yoeme. The group is primarily American Indians from area neighborhoods who want to get together to study, teach and share history, art, music and traditions. We offered assistance to research funding sources, project planning and meeting space.
- In collaboration with United Way, Tucson Police Department and Kino Weed and Seed, Jennifer Nichols coordinated volunteers to clean up an empty lot near the library. One hundred and fifty volunteers spent a Saturday morning clearing the lot. Teen Advisors then met with government and community leaders to discuss ways to assure the lot is maintained, and the possibility upgrades to include some park amenities.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- The Millionaire Kids Club is a new children's club for ages 8 to 11. They meet weekly for three hours of fun, interactive learning about money management. The group is led by Paul Marsh and Dorothy Nelson and supported by Hughes Federal Credit Union and Uof A Credit Wise Cats. There are 12 students in the club with an average weekly attendance of seven.

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

- Computer classes continue to be popular and well attended. University of Arizona graduate student, Robert Talbert expanded the classes, volunteering to run a drop-in computer help service every Saturday morning.
- Job Days continued successfully. 73 people received assistance in October.
- English language classes of Literacy Volunteers of Tucson averaged 55 students twice each week.
- Weekly Chess Club is still popular, averaging 12 players each meeting.
- A new teen club for middle school students began meeting. University of Arizona Intern, Kassy Rodeheaver began the group as part of her internship projects. The group decided on the name, SCORPIONS: Super Cool Organized Respected Popular Individuals Offering Neighborly Service. They will provide volunteer services at the library and for select community projects, and participate in literacy activities.
- Jennifer Nichols completed mentorship responsibilities through the Leadership Academy. Mentee, Librarian, Patty O'Brien graduated from the Academy.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

- Homework Help continues to be a very busy service, well supported by several Raytheon volunteers, one high school honors student and three University of Arizona students, in addition to 2 regular tutors. Four evenings a week; 25 students, on average, use the service each evening.

SAHUARITA – Michele White

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

- Sahuarita did a non-fiction book display in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness, which included materials donated by Tucson's Susan G. Komen Cancer Center.
- A "Fit For Fall" display with non-fiction books relating to exercise, cooking, and outside activities was well received by our patrons.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- YA Librarian Meggin Kitterman hosted a "Teen Read Week" celebration for local teens.

SANTA ROSA (SRO) — Emily Mazur

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

Two staff members and our library intern will participate in the annual sponsored by the Santa Rosa Recreation Center on Halloween eve. Staff continues to attend neighborhood association meetings on a monthly basis.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

On October 21, we had over 100 in attendance for Family Read Aloud night. The highlight of the evening was an appearance by Curious George. The event was held in the outdoor amphitheater "under the stars."

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

Our ESL classes have expanded into 2 full classrooms twice a week. LVT tutoring and training continues in group and one on one sessions.

SOUTH TUCSON — Sol Gómez

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

STU's application for Census 2010 partnership funds has been approved. STU will hold a Census 2010 Kick-Off in April next year to start an awareness campaign in the City of South Tucson. In 2000, the City of South Tucson had only a fifty-four percent response rate and missed out on the opportunity for federal funding. STU will collaborate with Census 2010 to spread the word on the importance of being counted in 2010! The funds will be used to buy t-shirts with both PCPL and Census 2010 logos along with the slogan: *I am South Tucson, I must be counted! - Yo soy Sur Tucson, ¡Debe ser contado!*

Succeed in School: Homework Help

STU finally has Homework Help available on Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm. Read to a Dog continues to improve the reading skills and levels of many children from the community.

SOUTHWEST— Sara Dias

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Jackie and Sara have been visiting first-grade classrooms at Banks, Miller, Robles and Vesey Elementary Schools in support of the First Card Campaign. It's always exciting to see the first graders come into the library with their parents to activate those cards!

Jackie visited El Rio Health Center's Southwest Clinic to interact with the kids in the waiting room on October 21; unfortunately, there were lots of little ones not feeling their best that day, but on the bright side they enjoyed the stories and fun that Jackie brought!

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

Sara also visited two sixth-grade classrooms at Hohokam Middle School this month. She convinced them that the library is not a boring place filled with old, dusty books by pointing out all the fun things for kids and teens to do (Kids' Book Club, Family Movie Night, Gaming, and computers to name a few).

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

The International Wildlife Museum provided a fun and educational presentation on Insects & Spiders, where we learned the different parts of different critters, and how to identify a moth versus a butterfly.

Southwest will be offering our annual two-day Sugar Skulls workshop on the 28th and 29th of October. This popular event usually draws 100+ people, so we're happy to be using the cafeteria at next door Alternative Middle & High School. Day 1 will focus on mixing the dough and molding the skulls. After they've finished drying, Day 2 will allow people to decorate their skulls however they like.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

Sara showed the sixth-graders at Hohokam how to use online Homework Help from the library's website, in case they're unable to come into the library on Tuesday, or if they're having a homework emergency.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

To wrap up our Month of Magic Tricks and Illusions at Southwest this month, Professional Magician Patrick Brestel (and Symba, the Magic Rabbit) gave a wonderful and free show to 39 kids and parents. Throughout the month, kids have won free professional magic tricks for researching (from our display materials) and performing a simple trick in front of staff.

Teen Volunteers and the Tiger Eyes Teen Advisory Group have been working on planning and getting ready for a Halloween Bash to coincide with Day 2 of the Sugar Skulls workshop: there will be deliciously creepy refreshments, music and mingling.

READRUNNERS - Outreach Service- Elaine Valenzuela

No report this month

VALENCIA - Elaine Valenzuela

Be an Informed Community Member

Yale University presented an informational session at Valencia Library on October 11th. Adam Torres, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, discussed academic programs, campus life, admissions, and financial aid to over sixty area high school students and parents.

CREATE YOUNG READERS

October family events included:

- “Fire Safety!” presented by Tucson Fire Department staff
- PG rated movie: “Ghostbusters”
- “Monster Madness” series (crafts, sugar skulls, games and stories)
- “Trick or Treat” story times

Literacy for Success in Every Day Life: adult, teen & family literacy

Teen October activities included:

- Our Books ‘n Bites book group discussed The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- Monday Madness included Wii Games & Board Games

Branch Manager Elaine Valenzuela attended Literacy for Life Coalition (L4L) meeting. L4L is starting a dialogue with neighborhood groups to get ideas and advice on the potential for creating "literacy zones" in neighborhoods.

Visit a Comfortable Place

Staff created color coded book displays: "Feelin' Mellow? Check out YELLOW"; "RE(a)D a good book lately?"; "ORANGE you ready for a good book?"

Our teen bulletin board also has clever epitaphs on tombstone drawings, such as: "I *TOLD* you I was sick" and "Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake; stepped on the gas instead of the brake."

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association selected Valencia as their "project" for MAKE A DIFFERENCE Day. They finished repainting and refurbishing our mural; a project they started last spring.

WHEELER TAFT ABBETT, SR – *Sharla Darby*

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

This month we started our Reading Partners Program with teen volunteers. A teen will be visiting every Thursday following Preschool Storytime in our Kids' Place to get kids excited about books and reading.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

On October 2 we had Submarines of WWII: Run Silent, Run Deep. There was a history presentation and an open house display of ship patches honoring the submariners who served in World War II. The Tucson Base, United States Submariner Veterans Association brought in a model replica of the USS Tucson SSN-770. This was outside in our parking lot. Children and families also enjoyed nautical themed storytimes all week and were encouraged to return to see the replica. Over 50 people attended the talk and open house.

WOODS—Martín Rivera

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

- The display in the teen area and the browsing area promoted banned books. Both displays were popular and need to be restocked often during the week.

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

- The Children's services librarian contacted Angelica Martinez (Prince Elementary after-school recreation program) regarding upcoming outreach visit. In addition, Amphi High Special Education students will visit Woods Branch Library in November.

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

- Staff began the collaborative effort by attending the first planning meeting for the next year's LULAC Leadership conference, for young adults which will take place on March 15 and 16.

Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning

- Staff is working on a method to check out laptops, for use in the Library, to teens who may need more computer time in order to complete their homework. This will be similar to the way adults check out laptops for work/job related tasks.
- GED classes at Woods are totally drop-in. Students come in when they need to because they are all trained on the use of SkillsTutor. Patrons can use the software from anywhere they can access the PCPL Website.

Succeed in School: Homework Help

- The Job Help program continues to attract people who want to learn basic computer skills, build resumes, and apply for positions online. Our computer instructor offers some classes in Spanish as a part of this program, and there has been particularly strong demand for those.
- Staff collaborated with LVOT and a Spanish speaking teacher and is piloting a Spanish class, which is taught by Tania Vega, a library patron who has been attending LVOT's English classes. Class size has dwindled, but the students who remain are having a positive experience.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

- Staff hosted the 2nd annual community potluck. This year we collaborated with Prince Elementary School and invited parents to learn about library services. We gave a tour for those who did not know the Library.
- Staff hosted a Halloween puppet show. Ninety-one people, children and adults, enjoyed the CartLynn production.
- Staff hosted a couple of Fit for Life 50+ classes in partnership with OASIS. The most recent was a living history presentation about Sister Monica Corrigan, the nun who started St. Mary's Hospital.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY— Jen Maney

Succeed in School: Homework Help

New Database Suite Available at Libraries and Schools

To promote the Library's new county-wide database suite which will provide access to homework help databases in public and charter schools as well as in our libraries, Shawn Flecken made presentations to the Marana School District Board, the Amphitheater School District librarians, teachers at Joel D Valdez Main Library, and staff at Valencia Branch. This month, Shawn spoke to approximately 100 librarians, teachers and administrators to let them know about this valuable service provided by Pima County Public Library to all public libraries and public and charter schools in Pima County.

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Catalog Interface Updated

With the recent upgrade to our integrated library system, Virtual Library launched a new look & feel for the library catalog. The new look is designed to be consistent with the library's branding and logo.

Spanish Language Section of Website Updated

Working with the Library's Spanish Services Committee, Virtual Library updated the Spanish language section of the website to make it more appealing and informational. News and events are now front and center, allowing Spanish-speakers to know what's going on in the library that may be of interest.

YOUTH SERVICE-Gina Macaluso

Create Young Readers: Early Literacy

Read to Me Arizona! - MAKE WAY FOR BOOKS and Pima County Public Library, and a coalition of partners, including United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, and Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona, have launched a unique public awareness campaign. The campaign stresses the importance of reading to children from the day they are born, and the coalition provides resources to help families read aloud to young children (birth to age 5).

Most children's literacy efforts in southern Arizona focus on teaching children to read after they start school. This campaign stresses the importance of reading aloud to children often and early in life.

The Read to Me, Arizona! free resources include community Family Read Aloud Nights, where families in low-income areas of Tucson and Southern Arizona learn effective read aloud practices; Blue Book Houses, which are located at various social service agencies and provide gently used books; and a new Web site, www.ReadToMeArizona.org, which contains a wealth of early literacy information and read aloud resources for families with young children.

The October Family Read Aloud Night at the Santa Rosa Library was a huge success with approximately 100 families present. Many of these families and children were new immigrants. The event was held in the outdoor amphitheater in the dusk of the evening. The two stories, Go Away Big Green Monster and Owl Babies lent themselves well to the dark! This is a collaborative program with MAKE WAY FOR BOOKS.

ADULT SERVICES – Beth Matthias-Loghry

No report this month

STAFF DEVELOPMENT – **Bonny Bruce**

No report this month

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – *Richard DiRusso*

No report this month

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – *Libby Jones*

No report this month



Pima County Public Library

DATE: October 26, 2009

TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima County Public Library
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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 – October 2009

MURPHY-WILMOT LIBRARY: The construction documents have been compiled and are out for bid that is due Wednesday, October 28th. 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: A Mechanical Engineer is already on board with their 50% design which is due next Friday. So we're pushing to start construction by February 1. Procurement hired the Mechanical Engineer to develop 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 beginning 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 worked on several projects during the last two weeks of October, including:

Ninth Grade Library Card campaign

Annual Report

Lawrence Clark Powell

Creating materials for the new Quiet Zones

Working to assist the Health Department with distribution of H1N1 prevention materials

Creating flu prevention flyers for libraries

Working with the Spanish Services committee on translation needs.

In the very near future, Community Relations will be working to get substantive press coverage for the implementation of our Strategic Plan and our literacy efforts, as well as the grand opening of the Friends Bookstore in the Joel D. Valdez Main Library.

Library in the news . . .

Misc: Main Library's Tom Farmer will be interviewed about the Library by KVOI radio on Saturday, Oct. 24

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Arizona Daily Star - [Joyce Bertschy](#) - Oct 22, 2009

Refugee health fair at Martha Cooper Library

The Pima County Health Department is offering free health and wellness screenings for refugees from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Martha Cooper Library, 1377 N. Catalina Ave.

A variety of information and assistance will be available. Screenings for high blood pressure, cholesterol, hearing, vision, women's health, blood glucose and more will be offered. All ages are welcome. Call the library at 594-5315 for more information.

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Arizona Daily Star - [Joyce Bertschy](#) - Oct 15, 2009

The **Pima County Public Library** is holding a drawing contest to collect illustrations for a picture book co-authored by Tucson City Councilman Rodney ...

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By mailbag@tucsonweekly.com (Erica Nanini)

"It's interesting to see that the music laws are not keeping up with the new technology," says Adriana Rendon, a reference-services librarian at the **Pima County Public Library**. "And you get to see both sides of the debate." ... Schachter says the art offers students a way to learn how to speak out for themselves while learning more about **Tucson** and **U.S.** culture, while still exploring their own heritage. "This is essentially a retrospect by refugee and immigrant youth," ...

[Tucson Weekly - http://www.tucsonweekly.com/](http://www.tucsonweekly.com/)

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Free screenings of thought-provoking PBS programming at Pima County Public libraries begin Oct. 14

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... Pima County Public Library and Arizona Public Media team up for the "Now Showing at Your Library" screening events, which show unique programs through December and are free to the public. Pima County Library goers can watch quality, thought-provoking public television programming before they see it on PBS. The "Now Showing at Your Library" free screenings feature assorted social topics including music copyrights, border and immigration issues, look s at growing older, the art of paper-folding and more. These free screenings are made possible by a partnership of the Pima County Public Library and Arizona Public Media. The screenings begin in October 2009 with a series of films produced by Independent Lens . The first presentation, "Copyright Criminals," is on Wednesday, October 14 at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. Years before people started downloading and ...» [Next \(PDF\)](#)

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[Librarians Are Still Needed: My Graduate Assistantship at the Santa Rosa Branch Library](#)

*By Monique Becerril
October 12, 2009*

This summer I had the fortunate opportunity to intern at a Pima County Public Library branch located near downtown Tucson. The branch is small, the bookshelves are minimal, and quiet space is usually absent. What I did not realize was the incredible experience I was about to embark on. Not containing any type of prior public library experience, the staff and patrons welcomed me with open arms.

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[Bookfest planners hope to top last year's event](#)

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Some of the sponsors of the event include the Arizona Daily Star, the UA, University Medical Center, Uof A Bookstores, **Pima County Public Library** and Tucson ...

[Education Notes – League of Women Voters forum](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Oct 5, 2009

The **Pima** Association of Taxpayers will sponsor a **public** forum Tuesday to discuss the TUSD override propositions. The forum will be at the Joel D. Valdez ...

[Book events](#)

Arizona Daily Star - Oct 2, 2009

Proceeds benefit the **Pima County Public Library**. 9 am-6 pm Oct. 2-5. Free. 795-3763. Karin K. Nolan — Borders Park Place, 5870 E. Broadway. ...

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Arizona Daily Star - [Lourdes Medrano](#), [Shelley Shelton](#) - Oct 1, 2009

Pima County Public Library's Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. **Library** will host "Submarines of WWII: Run Silent, Run Deep," a history presentation and display. ...

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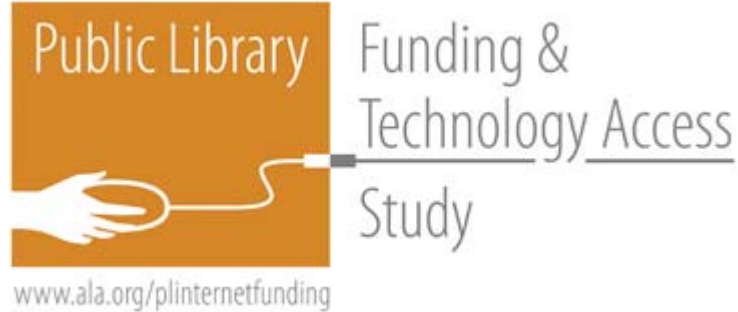
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Book Sale — Nanini **Library**, 7300 N. Shannon Road. Hosted by Friends of **Pima County Publ**

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The Pima County Public Library (PCPL) is partnering with Pima County ONESTOP Career Centers to offer Job Help at ten PCPL branches. Job Help includes job and employment-related computer classes and dedicated computer time for dislocated workers and others seeking jobs in the community. Job Help takes place in library computer labs on public computers reserved for job-seeking, and in mobile career centers--library meeting spaces outfitted with laptop computers. PCPL staffs Job Help with computer instructors who cover Job Help sessions, as well as the other basic computer classes offered at the library. This program started with a pilot of 8 branches in the summer of 2009, but it has grown and currently serves ten library branches. Job Help occurs for at least 4 hours, and usually for 8 hours, per week at each site. PCPL has also purchased 25 new laptops and WinWay Resume builder, the same resume software used by ONESTOP. WinWay is available on all of the library system's public access computers and on laptops in the mobile career centers. Computer instructors attend training at ONESTOP on the use of this resume software.

A team of library staff members, "the Job Help Oversight Committee" compiled the curriculum to round out the program offerings at Job Help. The curriculum or the "Job Help Toolkit" includes setting up an email account, skills assessment, online job searching, online job applications, and "how to research a career and an employer." This curriculum menu combines what had already been offered at several libraries via online job searching classes, and added some online elements related to ONESTOP's Employability Skills curriculum, as well as databases and other career resources to which librarians refer job seekers at the library. The toolkit evolves as libraries discover new customer needs.

Program priorities include identifying resources and services that can aid job seekers in their career exploration and job search, improving the attractiveness of a job seeker or candidate for a job, and making job seekers more employable.