



## News Release For Immediate Release

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### **Kirk-Bear Canyon and Dusenberry-River branch libraries celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries in January.**

Twenty years ago, Pima County Public Libraries expanded even further by opening library branches in the foothills northeast of Tucson and on the "far" eastside by Bear Canyon Road.

Each branch is planning a series of events for their celebrations. Beginning first with Kirk-Bear Canyon Branch Library, 8959 E. Tanque Verde Road. The branch was opened on Jan. 16, 1991, then expanded in 2005. It was named for James L. Kirk.

Kirk was elected to the Tucson City Council in April 1958 and re-elected twice before being defeated for re-election at the end of 1965. He became Pima County Treasurer after a write-in campaign following the death of the elected treasurer in 1968. Kirk won the GOP nomination and defeated two Democrat candidates in the general election. He remained County Treasurer for eight terms, retiring in 2000.

**Kirk-Bear Canyon Branch Library's** celebration schedule is:

#### **Jan. 10**

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tucson Tellers of Tales

Storytellers share tales of the cultures and canyons of the Tanque Verde Valley. For ages 8+

#### **Jan. 12**

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Writing for Children: A Workshop with Jennifer J. Stewart

For aspiring childrens' authors, award-winning author will discuss how to write and get your book published. Jennifer will sign her latest picture book, *The Twelve Days of Christmas in Arizona*

#### **Jan. 14**

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*The Agua Caliente Chronicles* by Jorga Riggenschach

Join the author for a discussion and visual presentation of her book, *The Agua Caliente Chronicles*, a history of the Tanque Verde Valley.

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**Jan. 15**

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A puppet show with renowned puppeteer Gwen Ray. Whimsical and funny, enjoyed by kids and adults alike, Ray's puppet shows are a local favorite.

**Jan. 16**

2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Kelland Thomas Trio.

Heat up a chilly afternoon with some jazz. The Kelland Thomas trio is Kelland Thomas on saxophone, Jack Wood on string bass and Matt Mitchell on guitar. Special refreshments will be served.

**The Dusenberry-River Branch Library**, 5605 E. River Road, opened January 23, 1991. It is named after Kathryn "Katie" Norton Dusenberry, a long-time Tucson resident and business owner who has served the public in many capacities.

Dusenberry served on the Tucson Unified School Board for 11 years in the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s. Later, she was elected to the Pima County Board of Supervisors for two terms (1977-1985). She served eight years on the Federal Council on Aging as an appointee of President Ronald Reagan, and she was appointed to serve on the Arizona Arts Commission and the Arizona Department of Transportation Board (1997 to 2002).

Dusenberry has been active in many organizations throughout the years and has received numerous awards, such as being named Tucson's Woman of the Year in 1968 and receiving an Outstanding Business Women's Award from the UA College of Business.

Here is a schedule of events for the Dusenberry-River Branch Library Anniversary celebration:.

**Sunday, Jan. 23**

1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.: *Meet Me at the Library*, community conversation with Katie Dusenberry and family.

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3 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Reception with refreshments and music performed by the Fourth Avenue Strings.

4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.: Prizes will be awarded to winners in the Elementary School Art Contest.

4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.: Musical storytime presented by the Catalina Foothills High School Flute Choir, performing a variety of story selections with music.

Library customers also can enjoy artwork by Catalina Foothills High School students and area elementary school students on display within the library.

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