



Pima County Public Library

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Family Read Aloud Night pairs families with reading and fun

Pima County Public Library, Read to Me, Arizona! and other community organizations invite the public to attend a Family Read Along Night at Cragin Elementary School on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The event is the first of four to be held between February and May 12. Tuesday's event at the school, 2945 E. Tucson Blvd., begins with free pizza for the first 100 people from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., continuing with stories, songs and a live performance from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Family Read Aloud nights are held in neighborhood centers, schools, and libraries throughout Tucson. They are presented bilingually. Children hear a story and sing songs, and are entertained by appearances of larger-than-life book characters such as Curious George. Children also get free books to take home. Parents learn simple, effective early literacy strategies and read aloud tips to help their children gain early literacy skills.

The evenings are designed to benefit families with children ages birth to 5 years old, but the events include materials and activities for siblings up to 12 years old.

Read to Me, Arizona! is an early literacy public awareness campaign led and administered by MAKE WAY FOR BOOKS, in collaboration with the Pima County Public Library, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, and Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona. Staples has also joined the Read to Me, Arizona! campaign as a lead sponsor.

Other Read Aloud events will be held:

Monday, March 22

Valencia Branch Library
202 W. Valencia Road

Tuesday, April 20

Ili Uusim Mahtawapo Head Start
5060 W. Calle Tetakusim

Wednesday, May 12

Lynn Urquides Elementary
1573 W. Ajo Way

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