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Pima County Public Library celebrates Main Library's 20th Anniversary with Food for Fines and National Library Week

Pima County Public Library will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Joel D. Valdez Main Library downtown in conjunction with its annual Food for Fines week.

The Main Library officially opened to the public on May 4, 1990, but the anniversary is being held earlier to highlight two other events: Food for Fines and National Library Week.

A brief ceremony featuring the library's namesake, Joel D. Valdez, former Tucson city manager and now Senior Vice President of Business Affairs at the University of Arizona, and presentations by former Library Director Liz Miller and Jack Parris from the Community Food Bank, will take place on Wednesday, April 14 at 10 a.m. at the library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

Music will be provided by Mariachi Aztlan de Pueblo High School, which is known for excellence and has shared the stage with many of the world's finest Mariachi ensembles.

Food for Fines is held each year during National Library Week. From April 11-17, library customers can "pay down" as much as \$10 in library fines with donations of "non-expired" and non-perishable food items. Customers also can donate the food items at all branch libraries. The collected food, along with cash donations raised by Library employees, is donated to the Community Food Bank.

The anniversary celebration is open to the public. Light refreshments will follow.

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