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Celebrate reading as a family with Día de los Niños, Dia de los Libros at your library

Pima County Public Library celebrates the annual Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros throughout the month of April, and even as tax day looms, families can find a time and place to join the fun.

Día de los Niños, known more commonly in library circles as just “Día”, was created by Pat Mora, a nationally-known author of children’s books.

El día de los Niños/El día de los libros is a daily reminder of the importance of bringing children and books together. Pima County Public Library’s mission is to advocate for literacy and increase public appreciation of the many facets of our culturally diverse community.

“Día ... emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds,” according to founder Pat Mora. “Its goals are to honor children, languages and cultures; to encourage reading and literacy; and to promote library collections and programs that reflect our plurality.”

Listed below are the “Día events taking place at Library locations:

Celebrate El día de los Niños / El día los Libros & YMCA Healthy Kids Day

YMCA Healthy Kids Day is the nation’s largest health day for children and families. This day offers fun, engaging and creative activities for children and families and promotes year-long wellness and healthy living.

There are four events taking place at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, including:

What do bubbles and molding sand have in common? Saturday, April 16. Lots of creative fun for the whole family. This activity begins at 11 a.m.

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Do the FUN HUNT – April 16

Earn prizes while having a good time. Activities range from swimming, safety, games, performances, and more to enhance the spirit, mind, and body. Celebrate YMCA Healthy Kids Day by Lohse Family YMCA and Pima County Public Library. For more information about Lohse Family YMCA activities see www.tucsonymca.org/lohse and hit the “Info” button.

Mariachi Nueva Melodia –April 16, Joel D. Valdez Main Library

Trumpets and singers and strings, oh my! Tap your toes and join the fun, then create a paper plate maraca so you can dance your way home. This event begins at 11 a.m.

The Three Wishes – April 16, Joel D. Valdez Main Library

How to spend a wish? Watch Ralph and Ruby decide! A rollicking puppet show with an environmental twist. This program begins at 12:45 p.m.

Here is a listing of Día celebrations at other branch libraries. Some libraries offered noted specific activities or performances, others did not:

Saturday, April 16 Author Marge Pellegrino Creates with Kids

Paint a picture and write a poem, with the help of a local children’s author. Ages 8 and up. at the Nanini Branch Library 2 p.m. Registration required. Call 594-5365.

Saturday, April 16

Martha Cooper Branch Library
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

Sam Lena-South Tucson Branch Library
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

Sahuarita Branch Library
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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Saturday, April 23: African Kalimba Music with Mark Holdaway

Musician Mark Holdaway will tell stories from across Africa over the melody and rhythm of the kalimba, the African thumb piano. Children will create their own kalimba music. Ages 5 and up.

At the Nanini Branch Library, 2 p.m. Registration required. Call 594-5365.

Tuesday, April 26

Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library

10:30 a.m.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Children are invited to bring their favorite teddy bear for crafts, games and stories.

Wednesday, April 27

Mission Branch Library

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 28 Tucson Children's Museum makes Stone Soup

Museum staff will present the story of Stone Soup, and children will get a chance to make their own version, using different cut-out vegetables. Geasa-Marana Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 29 Come to a Día de Los Niños Fiesta

El Rio Branch Library and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department are hosting this fiesta, which includes making a pop-up book with Marge Pellegrino, a performance by Colorin' Colorado, a chance to break a piñata, and making Mexican arts and crafts. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, April 29: Gwen Ray & the Hanuman Puppet Theatre

Puppeteer Gwen Ray presents La Mariposa, a bilingual presentation of a folk tale. Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 30 at the libraries listed below:

Himmel Park Branch Library

10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch Library

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Valencia Branch Library

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Joyner-Green Valley Branch Library

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library

2 p.m.

Saturday, April 30: Megascience Meg

Celebrate with stories and crafts from many cultures. Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library at

10:30 a.m. Registration is required, please call 594-2000.

Saturday, April 30: Rumpelpigskin and the Magic Mesquite Beans

Enjoy a puppet show about Coyote's plan to convince Rumpelpigskin that mesquite beans can be ground into gold! Presented by Tohono Chul Park. Miller-Golf Links Branch Library at 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 30: Pizza Party

Learn the history of pizza, then make your own -even have chocolate pizza! Enjoy a piñata and free books too. Caviglia-Arivaca Branch Library at 1 p.m.

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