



## News Release For Immediate Release

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### **Lots to do at the Library in May: Meet an author, try your hand at Manga style drawing or get ready for the Summer Reading Program**

May begins a very busy time at all Pima County Public Libraries. The annual Summer Reading Program begins near the end of the month (*look for information coming soon*).

El día de los niños, el día de los libros finishes up at library branches with a day-long celebration featuring children's author and America's Día founder, Pat Mora, at the Valencia Branch Library.

Mora has authored a variety of books for children, teens and adults and also has written poetry. Among her children's books are: *Confetti: Poems for Children*; *Confeti: Poemas para niños* (Spanish edition) *Delicious Hullabaloo: Pachanga deliciosa* (bilingual); *The Desert Is My Mother/El desierto es mi madre* (bilingual); *Gracias/Thanks*; and *Join Hands: The Way We Celebrate*.

Mora advocates for the "Día de los niños/ Día de los libros," celebration of books, children, languages, and cultures. The celebration is recognized annually throughout April at Pima County Public Library as well as in libraries and schools across the country with programming to promote family literacy and multilingualism. The program is housed by the American Library Association'

She will be celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of el día on Saturday, April 30 at Valencia Branch Library, 202 W. Valencia Road, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mora will read stories and the library also will host puppet shows and have performances of folklorico dancing. Mora will be available to sign copies of her book. This event is free and open to the public.

Listed below are other May events taking place at Pima County Public Library. For a complete listing of activities at branch library locations, visit [www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov).

#### **Monday, May 2**

El Rio Branch Library  
1390 W. Speedway  
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

#### **Learn Qigong**

Presented by A-Long's Kung Fu Academy.  
Breathing, stretching and meditation exercises designed to increase overall health and greatly reduce stress.

## **Tuesday, May 3**

Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Branch Library  
7800 N. Schisler Drive  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

### **ZUZI! Skinner Releasing**

No experience needed to enjoy this innovative approach to creativity and the healing arts (yoga, body work, etc.) which promotes postural alignment, movement efficiency and tension reduction. Skinner Releasing weaves poetic imagery, music and tactile exercises to integrate the whole self and tap into the creative process for each individual. All adults and abilities welcome.

## **Tuesday, May 3**

Dewhurst-Catalina Branch Library  
15631 N. Oracle Road, #199  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Gaming Afternoon @ Your Library**

Twice a month the branch library opens its meeting room to play sports games, Super Smash Brothers, Mario Kart or Rock Band on the Wii and PlayStation.

## **Tuesday, May 3**

Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library  
530 N. Wilmot Road  
12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Registration requested. Email [wellness@pima.gov](mailto:wellness@pima.gov) or call 740-8114.

### **Managing Change and Stress + Take a Breath Break**

This interactive class will review job stress, the dynamics of change and how to be a participant of change. It also includes an important tool for stress reduction and rejuvenation. Breath work is more than 3,000 years old and is based on the "Practice of Mindfulness." Biometric studies show that five minutes of breath work offers the same levels of recovery as a 20-minute nap.

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## **Tuesdays: May 3, 10 , 17 and 24**

Martha Cooper Branch Library  
1377 N. Catalina Ave.  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Registration required.

### **Prenatal Classes for Pregnant Women**

The classes will be taught by a Pima County Health Department Public Health Nurse. Classes are free. Please call 298-3888 and speak with Gabriela Arriaga RN, for more information and to register for classes.

## **Wednesday, May 4**

Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library  
4350 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### **L2Play Game Day at the Library**

Teens are invited to play Wii, Rock Band, DDR and more.

## **Wednesdays: May 11, 18, 25**

Quincie Douglas Branch Library  
1585 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Teen Multimedia Lab**

Play, create and learn with multimedia. Edit your photos with GIMP, make a movie with PhotoStory3, mix some music with Audacity or make an animation with Scratch.

## **Wednesday, May 4**

Martha Cooper Branch Library  
1377 N. Catalina Ave.  
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Youth Job Preparedness Class**

Class for teens preparing to enter the workforce for the first time. Learn what to expect and what is expected of you on the job.

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**Wednesday, May 4** from 3 p.m. to 4:30

**Thursday, May 5** from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Woods Memorial Branch Library  
3455 N. First Ave.

**Making a Piñata**

Children and teens learn the traditional art of making piñatas. Turn newspaper into a fun party activity.

**Thursdays: May 5, 12, 19**

Martha Cooper Branch Library  
1377 N. Catalina Ave.  
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Your Family Tree**

This series of classes is for the beginner who wants to create a family tree. Learn which forms are necessary and how to fill them out, how to do interviews and write family stories and how to put it all together. Discover where to find the information, what is available, and how to interpret the information. This presentation is intended for those who do not have a computer, but computer sources, as well as other sources will be discussed.

**Thursday, May 5**

Flowing Wells Branch Library  
1730 W. Wetmore Road  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Celebrate Cinco De Mayo**

Piñatas to break and cascarones to make! Bring your family and friends to this community celebration.

**Friday, May 6**

Mission Branch Library  
3770 S. Mission Road  
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Business Start-ups: share and learn**

A support group for new business owners through which they meet experts and also share their own progress and challenges in starting their own business. This program is presented by Career Services Unlimited.

## **Friday, May 6**

Himmel Park Branch Library  
1035 N. Treat Ave.  
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Fatuma: A Refugee's Life**

Of the world's 10.5 million refugees, only one percent receives the opportunity to resettle in another country. Fatuma is one of these. After fleeing Sudan and waiting four years in a refugee camp, expectant mother Fatuma arrived in the United States with her three young children to begin a new life. This documentary tells the story of Fatuma's first 90 days in Tucson. Produced by Kirsten Boele with the help of the University of Arizona School of Journalism and the International Rescue Committee.

## **Friday, May 6**

Valencia Branch Library  
202 W. Valencia Road  
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **It's a SNAP - Food Stamp Application Assistance**

Let an employee from the Community Food Bank help you apply for SNAP (food stamps or the government nutrition assistance program), AHCCCS (health care), and TANF (cash assistance).

## **Saturday, May 7**

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library  
7800 N. Schisler Drive  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Abbett's Monthly Book Sale**

The Friends of the Pima County Public Library will hold a monthly book sale at the Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library, offering a wide selection of titles. Browse popular nonfiction subjects, interesting children's materials, CDs, DVDs, and other items at bargain prices.

## **Saturday, May 7**

Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library  
530 N. Wilmot Road  
11 a.m. to noon

### **Science Saturdays -Who doesn't dig dinosaurs?**

Find out how big they were, what they ate and why they disappeared. Discover the keys to unlock the treasures gathered from fossils. Presented by the Tucson Children's Museum.

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## **Saturday, May 7**

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library  
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Science Saturdays - Insect Discovery**

Learn about a world of creepy crawly creatures. Meet them in person, and learn about their habitats, diets, and what makes them important in the world of fauna. Presented by the: University of Arizona Entomology Department

## **Saturday, May 7**

Joel D. Valdez Main Library  
101 N. Stone Ave.  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Art of the Sun**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo *and* your inner artist. Discover how to turn a pre-printed Aztec design, a piece of acetate, and a square of foil into a "stained glass" masterpiece.

## **Saturday, May 7**

Geasa-Marana Branch Library  
13370 N. Lon Adams Road  
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **"Dress-Up" Cards with Origami**

Learn to fold dresses, hats, shirts and ties, then use folding to make greeting cards - great for Mother's Day and Father's Day. This is the last in a four-part series of workshops facilitated by local artist Mary Ellen Palmeri.

## **Saturday, May 7**

Southwest Branch Library  
6855 N. Mark Road  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Space is limited, please call 594-5270 to register.

### **Arte Afternoon - Mexican Bottlecap Jewelry Workshop**

Inspired by the creations of the Crafty Chica, we will make Mexican art and culture inspired jewelry using bottle caps, paint, and glitter. This program is part of the Library's *Nuestras Raíces: Celebrating Mexican-American Authors, Arts and Culture*.

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## **Sunday, May 8**

Valencia Branch Library  
202 W. Valencia Road  
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Concert for Moms**

Join us for a free Mother's Day concert by Valencia Branch Library's very own violin virtuosa, Melissa Porta.

## **Tuesday, May 10**

Dusenberry-River Branch Library  
5605 E. River Road, #105  
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Art talk**

Johanna Stein presents "Mexican Art", an illustrated presentation that celebrates the art of Mexico and its character and its joy.

## **Wednesday, May 11**

Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library  
4350 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### **Snakes and Lizards and Turtles, Oh My! Family Storytime**

Ed Moll, retired zoology professor from Eastern Illinois University and representative of the Tucson Herpetological Society, will visit us with a fascinating presentation on features that characterize reptiles. The presentation will stress the good things that reptiles do for humans, as well as how to tell the difference between venomous types and their look-a-likes. Participants will have the opportunity to meet some live specimens.

## **Thursday, May 12**

Himmel Park Branch Library  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### **Step up into TLC**

Presented by Step Up into T.L.C.  
Meet JJ: A 1900lb gentle "giant" horse and his little friend, Sir Snickers, a miniature horse.

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## **Thursdays: May 12 and May 26**

Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For ages 12 to adult

### **Craft Ninjas**

Wondering about yarn bombing? Intrigued by monster appliqué? Need a craft project that's a little... different? Just want to meet some other crafters? Join us for our alternative crafting group and meet-up! Work on your own project or help others by working on our special charity projects.

## **Friday, May 13**

Flowing Wells Branch Library

1730 W. Wetmore Road

5:30 p.m.

### **Family Movie Night**

Join us after the library closes for a family friendly movie and popcorn.

## **Saturday, May 14**

Caviglia-Arivaca Branch Library

Session held at the Arivaca Old School

17180 W. Fourth St. in Arivaca

2 p.m.

### **Ancient Native American Pottery of Southern Arizona**

Presented by Old Pueblo Archaeology. Learn about the Native American ceramic styles that characterized specific eras in Arizona prehistory and history, and discuss how archaeologists use pottery for dating and interpreting archaeological sites.

## **Friday, May 13**

Joel D. Valdez Main Library

101 N. Stone Ave.

2 p.m.

## **Wednesday, May 25**

Eckstrom-Columbus Branch Library

4350 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

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

### **Comet Chef**

The experts at the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association know how to cook up a good program. All it takes is an apron (with a comet on it) and chef's hat to wear when mixing up comets.

## **Saturday, May 14**

Valencia Branch Library  
202 W. Valencia Road  
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### **Credit Reports/Credit Repair**

Cheri Horbacz of Don't Borrow Trouble Pima County presents Credit Reports/Credit Repair. This one-hour workshop includes how to view and understand your credit report to ensure it is correct, what the elements are in credit scoring, and strategies to improve it. This workshop also covers tips and tricks to protect your identity.

## **Monday, May 16**

Himmel Park Branch Library  
1035 N. Treat Ave.  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **The Fall of the Mall? The Rise and Fall and Rise Again of the El Con Mall**

Local author, retired librarian, and Tucson history buff, Michelle B. Graye lends her uncanny knowledge of local history in her retelling the true story of Tucson's own El Con Mall. Part of the Local Authors and Artists Series and *Himmel Park Library's 50th Anniversary Celebration*.

## **Wednesday, May 18**

Mission Branch Library  
3770 S. Mission Road  
3:30 p.m.

### **Ancient Native American Pottery of Southern Arizona**

Presented by Old Pueblo Archaeology. Learn about the Native American ceramic styles that characterized specific areas in Arizona.

## **Thursday, May 19**

Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library  
530 N. Wilmot Road  
1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Interviewing to Get the Job: Free Workshops**

Learn and practice methods of managing job interviews to evaluate the company and the vacant position and how to best present your experience and skills. This workshop will be hosted by a job counselor from Career Services Unlimited. Please note, another session will be held at the same time and location on June 2.

## **Saturday, May 21**

Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library

530 N. Wilmot Road

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For teens ages 12-18 (parents welcome)

### **Manga Mania**

A manga and anime convention for teens. Celebrate the start of the Library's Summer Reading Program with Manga Mania. This Summer Reading kick-off party for teens has more events and fun than you can shake a samurai sword at. Whether your passion is anime, cosplay, gaming, author and artist talks, manga video games, trading manga, or making your own computer animation, you're sure to find something you'll enjoy. Dressing in costume is optional but highly encouraged (or make a costume when you get to the library. Earn "manga money" during the convention and buy food, posters, and more.

## **Monday, May 23**

Valencia Branch Library

202 W. Valencia Road

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Bollywood Dance Fusion**

Learn about Bollywood and more about the dances of India. Get a great workout, learn Indian dance moves, have fun and learn about a different culture. Teen and adult women get to learn to dance in a supportive, safe environment and experience a fusion of modern Indian dance styles. Presented by Bollywood Dance Fusion. Call 594-5390 for more information.

## **Wednesday, May 25**

Martha Cooper Branch Library

1377 N. Catalina Ave.

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### **Rain Water Harvesting**

Learn how and why it is a good idea to harvest rainwater and other unused water sources. Active Rainwater harvesting (cisterns), grey-water and passive water harvesting will be discussed. This informative workshop is presented by Leona Davis of the Community Food Bank.

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## **Thursday, May 26**

Nanini Branch Library  
7300 N. Shannon Road  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Mariachi Nueva Melodia - Youth Mariachi**

Listen to this youth mariachi group of 15 musicians, ages 10 to 16, performing a variety of entertaining mariachi favorites.

## **Thursday, May 26**

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library  
9640 E. Golf Links Road  
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

### **Organizing and Editing Your Digital Photographs**

Learn how to organize and edit your digital photographs using Microsoft Office Picture Manager. Connections stock photos will be provided. You may also bring your own photos on a flash drive if you wish.

## **Saturday, May 28**

Quincie Douglas Branch Library  
1585 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Beading Circle**

Learn new beading techniques at monthly meetings. Instruction and supplies are provided.

## **Saturday, May 28**

Valencia Branch Library  
202 W. Valencia Road  
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### **Foreclosure Intervention and Prevention**

Cheri Horbacz of Don't Borrow Trouble Pima County presents Foreclosure Intervention and Prevention. This one-hour community workshop is designed to help you understand foreclosure and where to find free help. It will cover strategies to save your home, or not to save your home and how to exit gracefully, the IRS implications of foreclosure to you, the homeowner, and how to identify rescue scams. Also includes tips and other resources for new renters.

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