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Pima County Public Library holds grand opening for new facility to serve Marana, Avra Valley

Pima County Public Library will hold a grand opening ceremony for its 25th branch library on Saturday, June 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Dr. (south of the intersection of West Cortaro Farms Road and just east of North Silverbell Road), is named in honor of the former Marana Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Wheeler Abbett, who along with his wife, Charlene, donated \$1 million toward the purchase of books for the library.

The grand opening ceremony is free and open to the public. The formal ceremony and ribbon cutting will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a day of activities to introduce people to the new library. Light refreshments, live music, balloons, arts and crafts for children, a festival of community organization, and a raffle will fill out the day.

This branch library is intended to provide library services to people in the Continental Ranch area, Avra Valley and Marana west of Interstate 10 and north and south of West Cortaro Farms Road. The 20,000 square foot library contains two full-size community meeting rooms, two study rooms, a large children's room, computer commons, and a teen area. Funding for this library, which cost nearly \$6.8 million, came out of funds from a 2004 bond election, the Library District, the Town of Marana, a flood control bond and the contribution by the Abbetts.

It will offer a full array of library services, including 48 computers in the common room, 14 computers in the children's room and six computers in the teen area.

For more information, call 791-4010 or visit the Pima County Public Library website at www.library.pima.gov.

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