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Highlight events taking place at the Pima County Public Library this summer

The following events are taking place at or in conjunction with various locations of the Pima County Public Library during the summer. All library events, with dates and times, are listed in the Library's online calendar at www.library.pima.gov/calendar/calendar.cfm, and all events are free and open to the public.

Summer Reading Programs for Kids, Teens and Adults

The annual Summer Reading Campaign for kids, teens and adults began May 22 and will continue through Saturday, July 19. Parents and children can choose from more than 60 exciting programs for all ages taking place at all 25 branch library locations.

Catch the Reading Bug - Summer Reading for Kids

Pick up a Catch the Reading Bug Gameboard at a local library and start reading to earn prizes and tickets to exciting local attractions. Children earn prizes at 6 hour intervals and those that read 30 hours earn a free book and tickets to Breakers Water Park.

A Midsummer Night's Read - Summer Reading for Teens

Sign-up online or visit a local library to pick up a reading log for A Midsummer Night's Read. Teens can earn tickets and coupons to local booksellers and attractions by reading up to 30 hours.

Metamorphosis - Summer Reading for Adults

The Metamorphosis summer reading program for adults ages 18 and older is guaranteed to inspire. Adults can sign up online or visit a local library to pick up a reading journal for Metamorphosis. Then each person sets his or her own reading goal and reads to earn book purchase gift certificates.

Welcome to Outer Space Base

This year marks NASA's 50th anniversary. To celebrate, the Library is hosting **Outer Space Base**, a three-day series of hands-on activities based on manned-space exploration for kids ages 10 to 13 on **July 28, 30 and August 1** at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. Teams will choose sites for future lunar bases, race rovers across the lunar landscape and design lunar colonies.

Participation is limited to 35 kids, so **registration is required**. Applications can be picked up at your neighborhood branch library **beginning May 22 through the end of June**.

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Library Grand Opening

Visit the New Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Branch Library.

It's an adventure. It's awesome. It's a once in a life time event. It's the grand opening of the Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Dr., from 9:30 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, June 7.**

The 20,000-square-foot branch will hold more than 60,000 items, including magazines, Spanish and large-print books, CDs and DVDs, and children's materials. It will have more than 60 computers and two meeting rooms for public use.

An Evening with *Tales of the City* Author Armistead Maupin at The Loft Cinema

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Services Committee of the Pima County Public Library will host a free evening with *Tales of the City* author Armistead Maupin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, **June 25** at The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd.

Screening of *Tales of the City* at the Library

Maupin fans can catch *Tales of the City* at a free screening of the original TV mini-series on Saturday, **June 21**, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., Lower Level Meeting Room. Free popcorn provided.

Meet Tucson Mystery Author, J.A. Jance

Meet mystery writer, J.A. Jance, on **Thursday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m.**, as her book tour stops by the Joyner-Green Valley Branch Library, 601 N. La Canada Drive, to promote her latest book, *Damage Control*.

Be one of the lucky fans to hear the *New York Times* bestselling author talk about and sign her books, including *Damage Control* (publish date July 2008). Books will be available for purchase and signing after the author's talk.

Summer Movies at the Loft Cinema

Come in for two amazing movies in July at The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd.

The Loft Cinema will show a Dr. Seuss film, *The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T*, on **Tuesday, July 29th at 10 a.m.** and on **Thursday, July 31 at 10 a.m.**, the Loft Cinema will show *The Secret Garden*.

Food For Thought sessions continue through the summer

Food for Thought programs in June and July will offer ways to change a life. These programs are held each Thursday at noon at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

Attendees can learn their T-score – which is used to measure osteoporosis - and about what to expect from the Arizona long term care system. Or, they can learn more about the Tucson community through volunteering. People also can change their life through travel - by learning about orienteering, travel to Alaska, and then journaling about their nature experiences.

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Food for Thought programs in August will offer ways to learn Tucson with sessions about interesting animals that inhabit the Sonoran Desert; the Postal History Foundation; and the archaeology and cultures of Arizona.

Two-hour free parking validation in the garage directly below the main library is available for all attending the Food for Thought programs. All are invited to bring their lunches to the sessions.

Homework Help at Your Local Library Will Resume in August

Homework Help in the library branches, our free tutoring program for students in fourth through 12 grades, is taking a summer break and will resume **Monday, August 25**. Fall tutoring sessions will continue through May 14, 2009.

Students who need help during the summer can get Homework Help online by visiting our website, at www.library.pima.gov/services/homework/, or by calling 594-5500.

For more information on any of these listed events, call 791-4010 or visit the Pima County Public Library website at www.library.pima.gov.

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