



## News Release For Immediate Release

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### **July and August events at Pima County Public Library branches**

Here is a listing of events and activities taking place at Pima County Public libraries during the month of July and August. Please remember that all library locations will be closed Friday for the Fourth of July holiday, but will reopen as usual on Saturday.

**A Midsummer Night's *ReadOver*.** Teens can spend the night this summer reading, listening, watching or creating at Mission library – after regular library hours.

**Friday, July 11**, Mission Branch Library, 3770 S. Mission Road, from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Change Your Life: Volunteer.** Here's a chance to explore volunteering in Southern Arizona. Get to know about volunteer opportunities in the Tucson community, find out what volunteer organizations do and how they operate. Participants can choose which organizations they may want to join.

**Saturday, July 12**, Valencia Branch Library, 202 W. Valencia Road, from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Saturday, July 19**, Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library, 530 N. Wilmot Road, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **B-Ugly Side of Bugs Family Storytimes**

Fight the bite! Come find out how to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites during these special Family Storytime events.

The Pima County Health Department will bring live mosquito larvae so people can see how these pesky pests are born. Kids will take home *Fight the Bite* coloring books and crayons courtesy of the Pima County Health Department and the Pima County Public Library.

**Saturday, July 12**, 10:30 a.m. at the Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive.

**Tuesday, July 15**, 6:30 p.m. at the Valencia Branch Library, 202 W. Valencia Road.

## Summer Movies at the Loft Cinema

The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd., will show a Dr. Seuss film, *The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T*, on **Tuesday, July 29th** at 10 a.m. In the movie, young Bart Collins dreams of his piano teacher, Dr. Terwilliker. Dr. T wants to prove that his method of teaching piano is the best method in the world. He banishes all other musical instruments and lures 500 boys to perform on the biggest grand piano ever built.

Then, the Loft Cinema will show *The Secret Garden* on **Thursday, July 31**, at 10 a.m. Based on the book by [Frances Hodgson Burnett](#), the movie is about a young orphan named Mary, who is sent to live at the dark and foreboding English estate of her widowed uncle. She discovers a secret garden which was abandoned after a tragic accident. Her spirit is gradually reawakened as she helps bring the garden back to life.

Listed below is a schedule of other library activities to consider in connection with the *The Secret Garden* screening.

**Family Read** - The whole family is invited to read the classic children's story, *The Secret Garden*, then join in a book discussion, milk jug garden craft and paper bag book making. Refreshments will be served. **Wednesday, July 9**, from 2 p.m., Joel D. Valdez Main Library, at 101 N. Stone Ave.

**Martha Cooper Kids' Book Response Unit** - Join in a discussion of *The Secret Garden*, and make a craft related to the book. **Saturday, July 26**, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., Martha Cooper Branch Library, 1377 N. Catalina Ave.

### More activities for everyone:

**Summer Reading Finale with the Sidewinders.** Celebrate the Summer Reading finale with the [Tucson Sidewinders](#) at 6 p.m. on **Sunday, July 27** at Tucson Electric Park, 2500 E Ajo Way.

Kids and teens can earn free tickets for up to four people to see the game against the Omaha Royals, just by completing their summer reading game boards.

Meet [Skippyjon Jones](#), a Siamese kitten and book hero, get a free pencil and trading cards (while supplies last) at a special library table as you enter at the front gates.

Gates open at 5 p.m., and Sunday is \$1 hot dog night. Coolers, carry-in food and beverages are prohibited. Tickets may be upgraded at the box office for an additional \$3 per person.

### Author Stella Pope Duarte to Discuss *If I Die in Juárez*

Stella Pope Duarte will visit the Murphy-Wilmot Branch Library Book Club, 530 N. Wilmot Road, to discuss her new book, *If I Die in Juárez* at 10 a.m. on **Saturday, July 26**.

Her book traces the lives of three young women, who together uncover Juárez's forbidden secret - the abduction and murder of young women. Bound together by blood, honor, an ancient chant, and a mysterious photo, the girls bring the murderous streets of Juárez to life. Based on the author's interviews with relatives of murdered women, the story is brilliantly crafted to give readers the experience of walking in the shoes of women who daily risk being abducted and murdered in the "capital city of murdered women."

**And coming in August . . .**

### **Outer Space Base participants talk to astronauts aboard the International Space Station!**

Ever wondered what it's like to float around in outer space?

Watch the Library's Outer Space Base mission members as they talk to NASA and Russian astronauts aboard the International Space Station via a live, in-flight downlink to the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on **Friday, August 15.**

Right now, the Library is in the process of selecting 45 kids ages 9-13 to participate in Outer Space Base, three days of exciting hands-on activities based on manned exploration. For more information about the program, visit [www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov).

Then in August, the public is invited to watch Space Base participants ask questions of astronauts aboard the space station. The event will have a big-screen TV set up so others can watch the astronauts while they're floating around, and a NASA astronaut with local ties may make a surprise appearance!

Only kids who participated in the space base programs will be able to ask questions of ISS astronauts in orbit. But the public is invited to attend and watch the exchange.

### **Kino Weed and Seed National Night Out Celebration at Quincie Douglas Branch Library**

Join us for the 25th anniversary of National Night Out, a crime-prevention neighborhood celebration for the whole family, on **Tuesday, August 5, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.** at the Quincie Douglas Branch Library, 1585 E. 36th St.

Be part of millions of people in all 50 states strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. We'll have a neighborhood celebration for the whole family, with a talent show, leadership course, food and more

## **Meet Tucson's Most Famous Mystery Author, J.A. Jance**

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

Whether you like the grit of Seattle detective J.P. Beaumont, or the Joanna Brady series set in Bisbee, J.A. Jance is sure to please any mystery lover. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the author's talk.

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