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Pima County Public Library programs help end summer doldrums

Beat slow summer days with an event offered by Pima County Public Library. Check the Library's website at www.library.pima.gov for listings of events at specific branch libraries, or try out some of the programs highlighted below. All events are free.

World Language Family Storytime

Bring your children for a wonderful family experience with bilingual stories and activities in English and three major world languages.

Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Martha Cooper Branch Library
1377 N. Catalina Ave.
Large Meeting Room
11 a.m.

- 1st Saturday - Arabic
- 2nd Saturday - French
- 3rd Saturday - Swahili
- All other Saturdays - English

Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance

Vanessa Bechtol, executive director of the Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance, will talk about how the Santa Cruz valley may become a National Heritage Area.

Saturday, Aug. 1
Caviglia-Arivaca Branch Library
17050 W. Arivaca Road, Arivaca
10:30 a.m.

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Book Sale at Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library

Friends of the Pima County Public Library will hold an expanded book sale with a wide selection of titles for summer reading, including popular nonfiction subjects, interesting children's materials, CDs, DVDs, and other items on display at bargain prices. Come browse, buy and support the Friends of the Library!

Saturday, Aug. 8
Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library
7800 N. Schisler Drive
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Social Security Help

A representative from Social Security is available to help you! Take this opportunity to register for [Social Security Online](#), the official website of the U.S. Social Security Administration. You can apply for benefits and get information about Social Security on the web. This session is generally held the second Tuesday of each month.

Joyner-Green Valley Branch Library
601 N. La Cañada Drive
Small Meeting Room
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Puzzle Up! / Rompecabezas y Juegos de Mesa!

Drop in alone or bring friends and family to play a wide variety of table games and jigsaw puzzles. Arrive when you want, play what you choose, stay as long as you please. Every Friday. All ages welcome. Held Fridays from noon to 2 p.m.

Venga solo o traiga a sus amigos y familia para jugar una variedad de juegos de mesa y rompecabezas. Llegue cuando guste, juegue lo que guste y quédese el tiempo que guste. Cada viernes. Todas las edades son bienvenidas. Viernes, mediodía-2 p.m.

Fridays, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28,
Quincie Douglas Branch Library
1585 E. 36th Street
Noon to 2 pm.

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Friends of the Library comic sale

The Friends of the Pima County Public Library is holding a one time comic book sale. Browsers can choose from 40,000 comics. Proceeds benefit the Pima County Public Library. Be a friend!

Saturday, Aug. 15

Friends Book Barn

2230 N. Country Club Rd., ½ block south of Grant Road on the east side of Country Club.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hide-and-seek in the desert

Presenter: Pima County Natural Resources

Ever wondered why a bobcat has spots or why female hummingbirds are so drab? Learn how animals use colors and patterns to survive. Create your own desert hide-and-seek game.

Saturday, Aug. 15

Mission Branch Library

3770 S. Mission Road

2 p.m.

LibroRaices

A book club dedicated to the Latin experience, culture and lifestyle. [Dionisio De La Vina](#) is the group's leader and facilitator. Held the third Saturday of each month.

Saturday, Aug. 15

Himmel Park Branch Library

1035 N. Treat Ave.

11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

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2nd Annual Chess Tournament at Main

Have you got what it takes to be this year's Pima County Public Library Grand Master? Find out at the **2nd Annual Chess Tournament** at the **Joel D. Valdez Main Library**, sponsored by the local 9 Queens Chess Organization.

Check-in is from 10 a.m. to 10:30 am. Prizes will be given away at an awards ceremony at 4 p.m. All levels of players are welcome to participate.

Saturday, Aug. 15
Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Taste of Judaism

Explore Jews, Judaism and Israel through learning, discussion, stories, jokes and a sampling of Jewish traditional foods in Temple Emanuel's **Taste of Judaism**.

This series of three, 2-hour sessions is free and open to everyone in the community. Registration is required. Please call 327-4501, ext.27, to RSVP in advance.

Mondays, Aug. 17, 24, and 31
Nanini Branch Library
7300 N. Shannon Road
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Race Relations and Interracial Unity

Presenter: Matthew Whitaker, associate professor of history at Arizona State University
Whitaker explores American race relations and demonstrates that the largely-undetected interracial struggle for racial justice and equality can offer a framework for confronting racism and inequality locally and beyond. He offers a provocative and proactive approach to many racially-loaded issues.

Thursday, Aug. 20
Valencia Branch Library
202 W. Valencia Road
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

