



## News Release For Immediate Release

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## **Pima County Public Library offers education, fun and adventure during August**

Visit Pima County Public Library for a wide variety of activities for people of all ages from a visit with author J.A. Jance to a session on starting a small business, to family story times in French, Arabic or Swahili.

A reminder that the Library's free tutoring program, Homework Help, returns from its summer hiatus beginning Sept. 7 at most libraries. The tutoring is available on various days and times at branch libraries, or students can get assistance online at [www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov) or by calling the Library at 791-4010.

One of Tucson's favorite authors will visit the Nanini Branch Library, on Tuesday, Aug. 10. Jance will talk about her newest book, *Queen of the Night*, and then sign books following her presentation. Jance fans can buy a book at the presentation or bring one of their own for Jance to sign. This event is free and open to the public from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Nanini Branch Library is located at 7300 N. Shannon Road.

People interested in starting a business might want to attend a free library program for business owners at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Business counselors from the Small Business Development Center, the Micro business Advancement Center and the PPEP Microbusiness & Housing Development Corporation will be available to help evaluate entrepreneurs' business ideas during the Information Power for Small Business Workshop.

The program is open between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. No appointment is needed. Free, two-hour parking is available for attendees in the garage under the Library.

Listed below are just some of the events taking place at Pima County Public Library locations during August. For a complete listing of computer classes, job help or other activities, visit ***www.library.pima.gov***.

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## **Tuesday, Aug. 10**

Mission Branch Library  
3770 S. Mission Road  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### **Grab Bag Games and Chess**

Learn a new board game or play a classic - try your hand at the Wii or let your child win at Candyland™. On the other side of the room, learn or improve your chess skills! Families, teens and children all welcome.

## **Saturday, Aug. 7**

Martha Cooper Branch Library  
1377 N. Catalina Ave.  
Saturdays at 11 a.m.  
    In Arabic Aug. 7  
    In French Aug. 14  
    In Swahili Aug. 21

### **World Language Family Story time**

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

## **Saturday, Aug. 7**

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library  
7800 N. Schisler Dr.  
2 p.m.

### **Desert Reptiles**

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum introduces you to lizards, tortoises and snakes. Meet the awesome reptiles of the Sonoran Desert. Compare their diverse strategies for movement, defense and feeding. Discover their unique adaptations to desert life.

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## **Monday, Aug. 9 and the second Monday of each month**

Valencia Branch Library  
202 W. Valencia  
4 p.m.

### **Books n' Bites**

Read thrilling, exciting, suspenseful, interesting books and talk about them. Join us for snacks and to talk about a featured book! No registration is needed; participants requested to read the book before attending. If you have any questions, please call Patti at 594-5390.

## **Monday, Aug. 9**

Quincie Douglas Branch Library  
1585 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### **Blogs**

A Blog, or web log, is an online journal on any topic in which entries, or postings, are displayed in reverse chronological order. You will learn to create and maintain your own blog in this class. Prerequisite: Mouse and keyboard skills, or completion of Computer Basics class.

## **Wednesday, Aug. 11**

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Branch Library  
7800 N. Schisler Dr.  
2 p.m.

### **Sonoran Desert Wildlife**

Learn about a variety of interesting animals that inhabit the Sonoran Desert and explore their adaptations during this presentation by Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.

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## **Saturday, Aug. 14**

Valencia Branch Library  
202 W. Valencia Road  
Noon to 4 p.m.

**Taught in Spanish**

### **Getting the most out of the Internet**

Hone your Internet searching skills and do more with email. Shop online securely and participate in online communities through message boards and chat rooms. Prerequisite: Mouse and keyboarding skills, or completion of the Computer Basics class.

## **Saturday, Aug. 14**

Joel D. Valdez Main Library 101 N. Stone Ave. Children's Meeting and Lower Level Meeting Room;

1-3 p.m. For more information, call the Library, 594-5507.

**Outer Space Base III.** Begin in the Children's Meeting Room with a program from the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association, sharing the wonder and excitement of astronomy, teaching kids more about objects in the night sky. Next, move into the Lower Level 1 Meeting Room for a presentation by Flandrau: UA Science Center, sharing its Virtual Planetarium, exploring the solar system and beyond. Outer Space Base is designed for children 9- to 12-years old. Free parking is available in the garage under the library.

## **Saturday, Aug. 14**

Joel D. Valdez Main Library  
101 N. Stone Ave.  
Lower Level Meeting Room

### **Information Power for Small Business Workshop**

Thinking of starting a business or expanding an existing business? Learn how to use market analysis for developing a winning business strategy. Discover sources you can use for locating suppliers and competitors, identifying potential customers and tracking industry trends. This program is presented by the Small Business Development Center and the Pima County Public Library.

Free parking available in the garage under the library.

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**Tuesday, Aug. 17, 24, 31; Sept. 6, 13, 20**

Flowing Wells Branch Library

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

6-part class, must attend all classes. Registration at 594-5225.

**Exploring Windows**

Explore menus, folders, directories in the Microsoft Windows operating system. Mouse and keyboard skills or completion of the Get Started with the Computer class required. Part of our OASIS Connections series.

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**Computer Basics**

Get acquainted with computers. Learn about using a mouse, opening documents, creating documents, saving, printing and more.

**Saturday, Aug. 21**

Joel D. Valdez Main Library

101 N. Stone Ave.

9:30 a.m. to noon

Registration is required. Register online at [www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov) or call Infoline at 791-4010.

**Grant seeking Basics for Nonprofits**

An orientation to the Library's resources for volunteers, staff and board members of nonprofit and community organizations. Orientations do not address the needs of individual grant seekers or businesses. Learn how to research grants opportunities for nonprofits.

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## **Saturday, Aug. 21**

Valencia Branch Library  
202 W. Valencia Road  
Noon to 4 p.m.

### **WinWay Résumé**

Get your résumé ready to go. A good résumé that can be emailed to prospective employers is an important part of preparation. Does your résumé fit the industry you want to work in? Does your résumé highlight your best and most valuable skills? You can identify transferable skills with WinWay Résumé Deluxe. WinWay helps you write your résumé and cover letters and checks them for errors.

## **Saturday, Aug. 21**

Southwest Branch Library  
6855 S. Mark road  
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Reptiles**

Get an introduction to the world of reptiles, through looking at snake anatomy, hands-on electric boards and live animals in this presentation by the staff of Colossal Cave Mountain Park.

## **Saturday, Aug. 21**

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

### **Squirrely Shirley Makes Waves**

Welcome to the wacky world of stories and puppet fun - guaranteed to delight everyone! This year, Glenda has teamed up with Squirrely Shirley, a funny little character who lives in a tree stump. The puppet wants to learn how to swim, but she isn't too sure she wants to leave her home to do it. What in the world will Squirrely Shirley do?

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### **Monday, Aug. 23**

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library  
9640 E. Golf Links Road  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Reservations required; call 798-0700

#### **Become a Reading Coach**

Help children in Pima County learn to read so they can read to learn! Volunteer and become a Reading Coach today. Free training workshops will be offered by [Reading Seed](#). Coaches need to attend at least one workshop. For more information, call 798-0700.

### **Monday, Aug. 23**

Quincie Douglas Branch Library  
1585 E. 36 St.  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### **Using Wi-Fi**

This Class will focus on how to use Wireless internet or WiFi. Learn the advantages and freedom of using WiFi.

### **Tuesday, Aug. 24 and the fourth Tuesday of each month.**

Geasa-Marana Branch Library  
13370 N. Lon Adams Road  
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

#### **Marana Mystery Book Club**

Join fellow mystery fans in a discussion of this month's selection and choose titles for future discussions. Refreshments provided.

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**Wednesday, Aug. 25 and the fourth Wednesday of each month.**

Himmel Park Branch Library  
1035 N. Treat Ave.  
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Mean Green Reading Machines**

This is a book discussion club for tweens, pre-teens and teens. If you love books, this is the group for you!

**Wednesday, Aug. 25**

Martha Cooper Branch Library  
1377 N. Catalina Ave.  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**Healthy Nutrition and the Family**

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. [La Leche League](#) will share a presentation that will offer tips for weaning, share the best foods to feed a baby or a toddler, discuss how family eating habits be improved, and discuss how to manage meals with a new baby.

**Thursday, Aug. 26**

Santa Rosa Branch Library  
1075 S. Sixth Ave.  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Personal Finance Online**

Discover tools and informative websites that can help with a variety of financial information. Learn ways to help save money, calculate costs of large expenses such as mortgages, and more. Prerequisite: Mouse and keyboard skills, or completion of the Get Started with the Computer class.

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**Thursday, Aug. 26**

Woods Memorial Branch Library  
3455 N. First Ave.  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 27**

Martha Cooper Branch Library  
3455 N. First Ave.  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Call 594-5315 to register.

**I Remember**

Find out what makes a memory pop off the page. Join writer Marge Pellegrino in this writing workshop to capture memories from Tucson or beyond. No writing experience needed. Just come and have fun with the power of your pen.

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