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### **Mission Branch Library celebrates 30 years with mural dedication**

Mission Branch Library will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sept. 16 with a ceremony dedicating a mural created by an internationally-known artist and four local students.

The brief ceremony begins at 5 p.m. and includes the mural unveiling and dedication.

The mural, entitled "What's Next?" was designed by artist Hirotsune Tashima and four students who were part of The Youth In Arts Careers project. The mural is made up of three, 3 foot by 5 foot panels that depict Pima County's past and present, along with Yaqui, Latino and other cultural elements of the Old Pueblo. The mural will hang within the library.

Tashima is from Japan and currently is a member of Pima Community College's art faculty.

Mission's celebration will feature light refreshments, a performance by Flam Chen, an acrobatic dance group, and also a performance by Viva Ballet Folklorico – a local student dance group – and other activities. This celebration is free and open to the public.

Funding for this project came from several sources including the Friends of the Pima County Library, Pima County District 5, and the Tucson Pima Arts Council.

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