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TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library
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Pima County Public Library Foundation Board

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SUBJECT: Public Service Report - May 2014

Pima County Public Libraries have been actively preparing for and delivering this year's Summer Reading Program (SRP) to customers of all ages. Entitled *Fizz, Boom, Read* (for kids), *Spark A Reaction* (for teens) and *Literary Elements* (for adults), the overarching theme this year is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and libraries have scheduled STEM programming for all ages through the end of July!

District 1 – Supervisor Ally Miller

Dewhirst – Catalina Library – Bethany Wilson

The Dewhirst-Catalina Branch Library hosted the **Wellness Council of Arizona** for a two-part program in April. The programs, *Cook It Up Healthy* and *Building Your Own Physical Activity Program*, were presented by a nutritionist and personal trainer and were very informative and well received. Each of the attendees had good things to say about the presenter and felt they had learned something new from each of the programs. We look forward to working with the Wellness Council of Arizona in the future as a host site for more health and wellness programming.

Oro Valley Public Library – Ruth Grant

On Monday, May 19th, kindergarteners from **Casas Adobes Christian School** enjoyed a story and tour of the Oro Valley Library. Approximately 33 students along with teachers, parents and siblings learned how to find books, take care of library items, and sign up for library cards.

Heather Chalon offered two very well received presentations for adults: *A Taste of Qigong* taught participants fun and easy ways to foster wellness of body, mind and spirit, and *Qigong at Work* participants learned to let go of repetitive movement patterns to restore natural mobility.



Oro Valley Library celebrated **Dia de los Ninos** in April with La Mariposa, a puppet show based upon a folktale presented by Gwen Ray of Hanuman Puppet Theater. The 37 people who attended enjoyed it! Staff also created a craft to make butterflies using coffee filters, and hatched and freed 10 butterflies in celebration of Dia.



District 2 – Supervisor Ramón Valadez

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Mary Sanchez

Librarian Elizabeth Soltero attended **Career Day at Roberts-Naylor K-8** in which 200 seventh and eighth grade students rotated into the school library every 30 minutes to learn about different careers. It was great to see that half of the students were already regular library users! Elizabeth was able to connect with students and adult volunteers and invite them into the Eckstrom-Columbus Library to utilize services that were of interest to them. Many students expressed an interest in volunteering and became excited about the idea of applying for a Library Page when they become of age.

Staff attended **Pima Community College's 29th Street Coalition Center's Spring Student Fair** on May 6th and 7th. Hundreds of students and their instructors attended the fair. Librarians had the chance to talk to many students about the programs and services the library offers. Many library cards were given out. Several students indicated that they did not realize the scope of services the library offers.

Eckstrom-Columbus Library hosted a community meeting sponsored by the **4R Communities Alliance, (formerly known as the 29th Street Coalition), on Wednesday, May 14th**. The goal of the meeting was to create a logic model for the 4RCA by identifying problems or needs in the surrounding community, highlighting available resources, and brainstorming activities the group could undertake to address concerns. The 4RCA Board, representatives from the library, Boys & Girls Club, local schools, faith-based, refugee and drug-prevention organizations, as well as people from the neighborhood attended the meeting. Two more meetings have been set-up to complete the logic model and determine next steps in addressing neighborhood concerns.

Quincie Douglas Library – Sharla Darby

We have a lovely Poet-tree blooming at Quincie Douglas Library! It is beautiful from afar, but has lovely leaves of poetry that make it even nicer close up! Library associate Landis Kearnon has brought the tree (left over from a past program) to life this spring by having willing patrons on various nights compose on a whim and allow their missives to adorn a leaf or two. It is lovely, located in our main reading room for all to see and read and enjoy.



Quincie Douglas has several exciting events for adults in May. In addition to our monthly Beading Circle and Creative Writing Group meetings, Marge Pellegrino presented on the topic of *Breaking Writer's Block* or just daring to begin writing by having participants work through exercises to get the creative thoughts flowing. Participants shared some fascinating impromptu texts.

For family members of all ages, Quincie Douglas has been advertising the Summer Reading Program launch at the **Tanque Verde Swap Meet**. Our own kick-off event at Quincie Douglas Library is a **Campfire Día** event on May 22nd. We will have a real looking indoor fire in a camp setting, a camp song sing along with instruments and the Tucson Johns, stories around the pretend flames, a backdrop and props for fun photos, s'mores for a snack, and age-gauged crafts to top off the event. We hope to have the party overflow the meeting room! On Friday, May 23rd families will also have the chance to explore astronomy and the **Marvel Universe** they know and love by climbing inside an inflatable planetarium. They will be able to view the stars and constellations on the ceiling of the dome of the planetarium!

Sahuarita Library – Michele White



Kitty Bottemiller of the Green Valley News, and also a member of our fiber arts group the **Yarn Addicts**, wrote an article that was published on April 16th, 2014, in reference to our knitted knocker's workshop held in April. The response we received was overwhelming. The workshop filled up on the day the article was released, and we added a second workshop that took place on Saturday, May 10th. I also received several contacts from breast cancer survivors, family members, and friends requesting knockers and an opportunity to learn how to make them. To date we have supplied about three dozen to community members.

Santa Rosa Library – Susan Husband

Caitlin Burns, Library Associate Extraordinaire, was honored at the recent **Women In Government Awards**. She was given the **Unsung Heroine Award** to acknowledge the healthy snack program that she started and coordinates at the Santa Rosa Library. We are very proud of Caitlin and her accomplishments, and the healthy snacks are much appreciated by our hungry kids here at Santa Rosa.

Global Art Exchange for Peace - Our library received two beautiful pieces of artwork from Remuera Elementary School in New Zealand in the exchange. We had fun finding pictures of Remuera on the internet. Kids in our Saturday Club, which is sponsored by U of A Honors College students, created a colorful poster with their drawings and wishes for peace. They also took pictures of our neighborhood and library to send. One of the pieces we received is a string creation of the Maori word Hohohu, which translates as “To make peaceful and bind together.”



District 3 – Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Leesa Jacobson

Arivaca adults and teens once again enjoyed a presentation by archaeologist Allen Dart of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center. This time Mr. Dart's subject was **Rock Calendars & Ancient time Pieces**. Even the most knowledgeable folks in attendance were impressed—and some left with newly discovered library books on the subject.

The day local schools let out, the Library's Summer Reading Program will kick off with a workshop by Marge Pellegrino called **This House is Made of**. Designed for fun, the event is a surefire starter to a summer of reading enthusiasm.

Flowing Wells Library – Karen Greaber

Minecraft has proven to be very popular at Flowing Wells. Nineteen people signed up to play on May 9th. Since the computer lab only has 12 computers, turns had to be taken, causing a few of the younger players to shed tears. But everyone got to play at least once. We'll be using sign-up sheets next time.

Geasa-Marana Library – Vicki Ann Duraine

It's been back to school this spring for Library Associate Sam. Visits included storytimes at Marana High School for the approximately 40 members of the **Teen Parent Program**; Roadrunner Elementary School to hand out library materials and Summer Reading Program flyers to the 150 people attending **Family Literacy Night**; back to Roadrunner for **Career Day** where Librarian Kendra Davey from Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library and Sam conducted story times, handed out library and SRP materials, and expounded on the joys of librarianship. School outreach wrapped up at **Estes Elementary School's Fine Arts** night where, again, Sam handed out materials and SRP flyers to the folks packing into the school library. Looks like everyone is anxiously awaiting Summer Reading! We are answering numerous questions regarding the upcoming program and events.

Children of all ages celebrated El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros with La Mariposa puppet show. Geasa-Marana Library played muse for community storytellers by featuring a month-long series of creativity classes including a bookmaking class, a community poetry read and a self-publishing workshop. A **Taste of Tai Chi** class - funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine - was offered for those wishing to flex their bodies and their minds.

Nanini Library – Kristi Bradford

Food, fun and 5 literacy tips were enjoyed (and taken home) during the **Family Literacy** event at Nanini Library on Saturday, May 17. Clifford the Big Red Dog joined families and entertained them as they celebrated reading and literacy.

Staff from Nanini and Flowing Wells Libraries joined forces to make a half-day visit to **Flowing Wells Jr. High** to share library and Summer Reading information. Several hundred students chatted with the teen staff members.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Linda Lam

The Salazar-Ajo Library hosted **Under the Arches**. Presented in the evening, Under the Arches is a collaboration between the Ajo Plaza businesses to promote their services. The library offered **Brunhilda Meets the Desert** presented by Gwendolyn Ray of Hanuman Puppet Theatre. Following the puppet show, Julie Friberg, Early Literacy Consultant for **Make Way for Books**, and Cecilia Fernandez, with the **Healthy Steps** program, did a children's storytime with free books distributed courtesy of Make Way for Books. Participants also stopped by each business to collect a letter for the Scrabble game, with prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd high word scorers.

Growing Cities: a Film about Urban Farming in America was well attended and well received. Members from the various garden organizations and especially the School Garden program are hopeful the movie can be shown again.

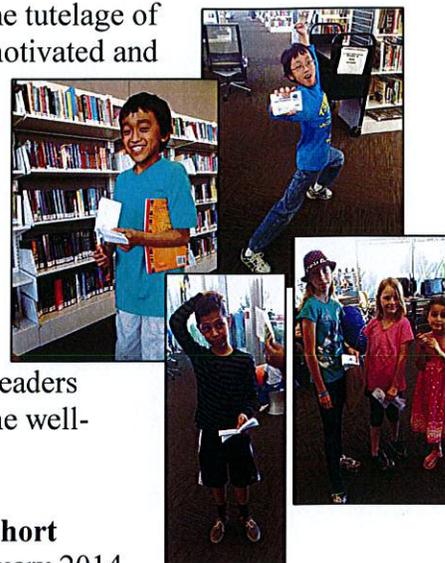
Folks from PCPL's Collection Development Office and Technical Services visited the Ajo branch to share their expertise. We heard about the variety of reports available from CollectionHQ and how we can use it to keep our collection balanced. We also received some wonderful tips for creating our branch profile and for helping customers navigate the catalog.

Southwest Library – Paulina Aguirre-Clinch

Jammin' with Nature - Axhel from the **Pima County Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation** successfully presented a program about animal calls in nature to a group of tweens at the Southwest Branch Library. When he asked the group why it was that male cicadas had a call, while the female cicadas did not (they produce another sound), a young lady said, "It's their mating call" to which Axhel responded, "Yes, he's looking for a girlfriend." The tweens had a blast recreating the sounds in nature with instruments from different parts of the world. They sure liked getting away with making noise (I mean music) in the library!

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr., Library – Cat Strong

ReadStrong's Library Scavenger Hunt & Graduation - Under the tutelage of Program Instructor Hanni Nabahe, ReadStrong students are being motivated and engaged in improving their reading and library skills. On April 2nd, students and their families tested their knowledge of Abbett's layout by participating in a Library Scavenger Hunt. Divided in pairs, students searched for magazines, audiobooks, located in the "reserved" area, looked up titles in the computer catalogue, figured out where to check for upcoming events at our branch, and even got to ask the librarians questions while being careful not to run or disturb others at the risk of losing points! At the end of their search, we held a graduation ceremony for our two most advanced readers (allowing us to welcome 2 new struggling readers) and enjoyed some well-deserved refreshments.



Success Story: From "Approaching" to "At-Grade-Level" in 2 short

months! - Bryan, a third grader, began attending ReadStrong in January 2014, when his initial assessment score (360L) showed him reading below grade level. After 2 months of perfect attendance and diligent use of the Achieve 3000 software, Bryan has raised his reading score by an amazing 180L points – he is now on track to be Career and College Ready. Bryan enjoys coming to the group sessions and learning new reading strategies each week. And he especially likes that the Achieve3000 lessons take only about 15 minutes to complete and that he can choose articles on his favorite subjects: science and history. Lesli, Bryan's mom, says the biggest change has come during their family reading time. Instead of fidgeting and complaining of boredom, Bryan is once again engaged and excited to read all kinds of books. Inspired by her older brother, Melanie (1st grader) asked to get her own Achieve3000 account and loves to join our group activities with the older kids every week.



Tai Chi for Health - Back by popular demand, this series exercise program with Heather Chalon, MPH, focuses on balance, fall prevention, mobility, increasing muscle strength, and improving mental focus. The class is designed to feel safe, comfortable, fun, and inspire well-being. Each week the class is filled to room capacity and participants are asking for additional series.

Family Read Aloud Night – SRP Kickoff Event - We are gearing up for a fantastic, fun-filled summer with our families and will kick off our Summer Reading Program on Thursday, May 22 with an "Under the Sea" themed Family Read Aloud Night complete with free books and pizza, stories, songs, and fun topped off with a visit by our special guest, Pout Pout Fish.

Woods Memorial Library – Coni Weatherford

Librarian Kelly Urman organized an intergenerational program **A Taste of Tai Chi** presented by Heather Chalon as part of the Health Literacy Project with the National Library of Medicine. We were thrilled to draw a crowd of 14 participants aged 8 to 80 at a branch that historically draws very few participants at adult programs. chatting with the presenter after the program, she planted the seed of perhaps organizing 3- or 4-part workshops several times a year. This idea will go in our *possible programming file* for further investigation.

Library Associate Shawn Finn presented the “Catapult It!” program for children ages 6-12 on April 30. Forty participants, including children from the Jacobs YMCA, built and used mini-catapults and had a great time learning about force and motion through hands-on experience. The program, an early lead-in to our summer reading Fizz, Boom, Read science theme, was photographed for the Arizona Daily Star by photographer Jim Davis and appeared in the [online edition of the newspaper on May 8, 2014](#).

District 4 – Supervisor Ray Carroll

Dusenberry-River Library – Dianna Thor

In April, Dusenberry-River Library launched *Strings Attached*, an informal Friday morning gathering of needle crafters, and in just a few weeks' time it has become a favorite Foothills destination for stitching, chatting and sharing inspiration. Although the group's purpose is not to provide instruction, advice is usually available (and sometimes unavoidable!). Participants, who average about a dozen every week, have already identified who the “go-to” folks are for knitting, crocheting and quilting. The group is currently deciding on an organization to support with a service project.

The Health Literacy Survey completed by the Health Information Literacy Team in the fall of 2013 revealed “Aging” to be the number one health topic patrons want to learn more about. This year, the library welcomes the **Alzheimer's Association – Desert Southwest Chapter** as a new presenter. They offer programs on the early signs of Alzheimer's disease as well as an overview about Alzheimer's and other memory related disease. Dusenberry-River was one of four branches to host a presentation. The program was informative and patrons completed very positive reviews. The library's relationship with the Alzheimer's Association is an example of improving health literacy in the community through strong partnerships with experts.

On Friday, April 25th we presented our first ever **Family Read-Aloud night** in partnership with TUSD school **Whitmore Elementary**. The school provided cake and ice cream and the venue, making it possible for us to reach far more parents than would have been possible had we used our meeting room. Over 300 children and parents attended, enjoying stories, crafts, and games. We read stories, displayed new books, and promoted the upcoming Summer Reading Program. Kids and parents learned about our seed library at a craft table where they made newspaper pots and planted a seed to take home. Many parents are new to this school and were previously unaware of the summer reading program. We hope to see these new families in the library in the coming months.

Joyner–Green Valley Library – Donie Gignac

Children's librarian, Robin Green, has been visiting area schools in preparation for **Summer Reading Program**. She also puts together interesting, fun activities for the Create Club program for children visiting the library. The following comments were posted on the **Green Valley Facebook page** by a mother very pleased with the services being provided to her children by the library. Her comments say it all!

Heidi wrote: *"Thank you for all the fun activities for the children. Love our library!" "My boys went yesterday to make the Mother's Day crafts and boy, I'm impressed! I love them!!!" "They were also so excited to see Ms. Robin at their school, Great Expectations Academy, today. They were so excited to tell me about the summer reading program and I made them even happier when I told them I had the date already on my calendar along with summer activities. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful library system!"*

Kirk–Bear Canyon Library – Daphne Daly

Starting this month—from May through July—Kirk-Bear Canyon's popular **Lego Club** is meeting twice monthly. This club aims to motivate participants to communicate and act out scenarios together, sharpening interpersonal and visual-spatial skills. Also meeting twice monthly is the **Children's Craft Hour**. Kids and families can join in for this drop-in craft hour, to make fun, interesting playthings for home.

Our first SRP program took place this month. **Come Dance a Six-Legged Dance** was presented by Christina O'Connell. Kids and families learned to dance and communicate just like insects. They also crafted a "bee dance step" to take home. Later in the month, BCN kids were treated to a visit from Ronald McDonald, who did fun hands-on science experiments; kids "activated" their knowledge of the world around them.

The final SRP program this month was *Hands on Science: Dry Ice*, presented by Mad Science. Kids explored the three states of matter. They turned water into ice in just 30 seconds; and then created giant bubbling potions, using carbonated drinking water. They also made smoke illusions, like the kind seen in movies.

The Book Discussion Group this month read *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple. The novel follows the narrator as a string of events leads to the disappearance of her mother, who has suffered a career loss. The book is a light-hearted mystery, as readers follow clues that lead to Bernadette.

Miller–Golf Links Library – Mary McKinney

Congressman Ron Barber was at Miller-Golf Links Branch for the **Congressional Art Contest Reception**. The annual art competition is open to all high school students that live in Congressional District 2. The winning student artist, Jenna Hurst, received two airline tickets to Washington, D.C.



At the May 1 **Tai Chi** class 25 attendees focused on balance, fall prevention, mobility, increasing muscle strength, and improving mental focus.

The **Rincon Optimist Club** held their third annual art contest at Miller-Golf Links. 18 students submitted artwork for this years *It's Western* theme.

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Daphne Daly

Fifty Murphy-Wilmot parents, caregivers and young children recently came out to have fun in the sun at our annual **Teddy Bear Picnic** in the library's backyard. Participants played *Hoop the Honey Comb* and *Bug Toss*, visited *Snoring Bear Campground*, grasped for fish wearing bear paws at the *Fishing Hole* and parachute-tossed their teddy bears. They also made bear ears to wear and kites to fly.



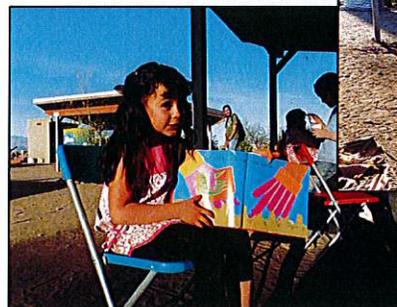
District 5 – Supervisor Richard Elías

El Rio Library – Emily Lane

This month we had our 4th annual **Día de los Niños y Libros Fiesta**. About 100 community members attended this year which featured a puppet show by Gwen Ray, performances by the local Folklorico group *Dansa Cultura Mexicana* and even a visit from *Curious George*. We also had craft stations, gave away free books to attendees, did face painting and even had interactive technology stations set up where kids could play and invent with circuits. This program was truly intergenerational as we gave out free books also through the World Book Night program and generous donations from Pima Community College Adult Education. This program was a joint partnership with Tucson Parks and Recreation and El Rio Library we thank them for the generous donation of resources in the form of staff, face painting and refreshments. Our community fiesta was a wonderful event promoting literacy on Tucson's West Side.



Lil' Sprouts Storytime - On Sunday May 4, two staff members from El Rio, in collaboration with gardeners at **Las Milpitas Community Garden**, ran a "Lil' Sprouts" storytime. Around 45 people, 15 of whom were children, participated in the event held at the community garden. Participants made seed balls with materials provided by the seed library, listened to stories, sang songs, and participated in garden fun! children were so excited about it that they requested



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some of the stories. The children ended the program by planting flower seeds along the entrance to the garden and requested that the program happen again!

Himmel Park Library – Sharla Darby

Himmel Park Branch Library celebrated **El día de los niños/El día de los libros** (Children's Day/Book Day) with a bilingual puppet show followed by a beautiful butterfly craft. Gwen Ray's Hanuman Puppet Theater performed *La Mariposa*, a rousing show filled with general goofiness and tomfoolery. This annual literacy event provides a welcome opportunity for our community to cherish literacy and multiculturalism at the library.

Himmel Park Library resumed **computer classes**, hitting the ground running with a full class for our first class back. A library volunteer teaches the introductory classes, and the immediate feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with most participants signing up for additional classes.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Sandy White

On May 3, Main Library hosted local author Gregory McNamee for an **Arizona Humanities Council** lecture entitled *The Food of Arizona*. From ancient times to the present, Greg traced the history of the ingredients that make up the tacos we eat today in the American Southwest, in Mexico, and in Arizona.

On Saturday, May 3, we hosted the **Sonoran Desert Model Builders' (SDMB) Scale Model Make-N-Take program** in the café area (with overflow in the Children's Meeting Room). Fifty-three children, ages six and up, assembled a model car, plane, or jet and brought it home with them. Thirty-two adults were also in attendance. Members of the SDMB were on hand to offer guidance. The program is related to their Main Library exhibit highlighting hand-crafted models telling stories about World War I and II.

On May 17, Main Library hosted **Pima County Public Health Nurse** Linda Dingle for a *workshop on Type 2 diabetes*. From changes in diet to exercise, Linda outlined some of the key behaviors needed to prevent and manage diabetes.

Martha Cooper Library – Dianna Thor

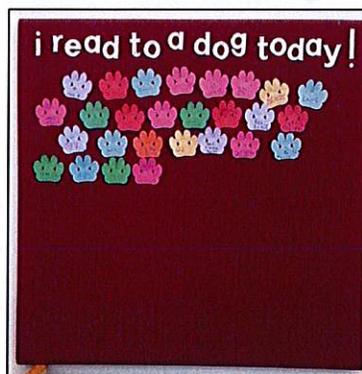
Our **ReadStrong** program is going strong with our tutor, Kimberly, offering help to readers of all ages. Seeing that there was a need for a ReadStrong program specifically for adults, last month she started an Adult ReadStrong class, and had three students attend on the very first day. The adults are energetic and enthusiastic learners, arriving as soon as the ReadStrong session starts and staying until the very end. So far, they've begun work on the Seven Strategies of Successful Readers and have also spent time going through the process of how to write a five paragraph essay. She typically has four people in the class, which is a good size, and makes for a very enjoyable class experience. The feedback has been positive—one student said today, “the time always goes by so fast!”

As for the younger readers, you might ask, “How do you know when a third grader is confident with her reading?” Here's Kimberly's answer: “During one ReadStrong session I found out—when she gets up in front of me and several other kids and reads a story out loud. One of my ReadStrong regulars, a girl who started out reading hesitantly, stood up at the head of our table

and held up a book (teacher-style) and read to everyone in the room. She used perfect inflection and seemed to really enjoy showing off her reading skills. I was so proud of her!”

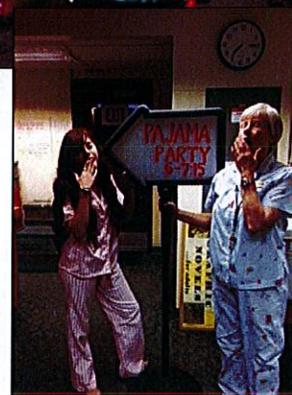
The **Read to a Dog** program has been reintroduced at the Martha Cooper Library with great success! Merle and his handler Lindsey are available Wednesdays after our Toddlers to Preschoolers storytime and Katie and her handler Rachel have been practicing Wednesday evenings (soon to move to Thursdays when Summer Reading begins). Both teams are creating wonderful relationships with children and their families.

Our **Día de los Niños** puppet show with Gwen Ray brought in over 100 people who greatly enjoyed Oink, Oink, Inc!, her version of The 3 Little Pigs!



Mission Library – Margaret Wilkie

On May 5, the Mission **English classes** had a party to celebrate the successful completion of their spring session. Mission's wonderful Literacy Volunteers helped 15-20 students improve their English. Students are already asking about the summer classes that begin on June 2nd.



The Family Read Aloud Night & Pajama Party was a wonderful evening filled with stories, crafts, and treats. Most adults chose not to wear their pajamas but one grandmother, Jane the Librarian, and Diana, Mission's computer monitor, were decked out in their finest PJs.

Mission's Creative Kids program had many kinds of building materials just for fun. There were Legos, Lincoln logs, wooden blocks, and even some Megablocks. Their creations were amazing.



Valencia Library – Kathy Konecny

Valencia Library had a great Dia de los Niños event with 74 people attending a puppet show by presenters Puppets Amongus. They presented the story Crumpled, based on the book, The Paper Bag Princess. Both parents and children were enthralled by the show. No disruptions were heard, except for the occasional chorus of laughter. A fascinated two-year-old girl kept walking up close to the puppet stage and repeatedly withdrawing when the puppets became more animated.

The Bookmobile partnered with Pima Community College to participate in the **Feeding our Future, Blessing in a Backpack event**. The event works to support summer daycare programs and fund children's summer nutritional needs. Staff reported that the faces of the 30 children and their families who visited the Bookmobile lit up as they climbed onboard.

Library Service Managers

Bonny Bruce

The **Growing Librarians** Planning Team held training sessions for both mentors and mentees participating in the 2014 Mentor Match Program. Twenty-one mentees attended the training provided by Ken Zambos and Bonny Bruce. Small group exercises focused on what questions to ask your mentor, how to be a good mentee, and tips for making the mentee/mentor relationship successful. The mentor training, facilitated by Jen Maney, Emily Lane, and Diane Ward, covered getting to know your mentee and the GROW model, featuring specific questions to ask your mentee to help them set goals, recognize reality, consider their options, and determine what they are willing to do to reach their goals. Both orientation sessions included reviewing the mentor/mentee partnership agreement and roles and responsibilities. The Mentor Match group was excited to get a jump start on what to expect from their one to one meetings. Each mentor/mentee pair will meet once a month for six months. The Growing Librarian's Planning Team will hold brown bag discussions mid-way through the six month time frame to gather feedback from participants.

Jere Voigt – Joining us this summer as SIRLS [School of Information Resources and Library Science] interns are Library School students Alexa Tulk who will be working at the Columbus branch, Amy Golly who will be working at the Oro Valley branch, and Sara Rickard who will be working at the Woods branch.

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Joyner Green Valley Library

Sahuarita Library – Knitted Knockers Workshops (4/26/14 & 5/10/14)

Green Valley Library – Laughter yoga and Language Exchange, Create Club and bubbles for 2 children's outreach events.

Friends of the Kirk – Bear Canyon Library

Bear Canyon – Lego Club, presented by Bryan Silva.

The Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library

Oro Valley Public Library –

Oro Valley Heritage Collection, Storytime Crafts, Snacks for Teen Advisory Board, Scrabble Club, Bridge Club, Rainbow Magic Fairies Book Club crafts, Magic Treehouse Book Club crafts, Crafty Readers, Teen Movie & Popcorn – Teen Zone, Teen Art Expressions – Teen Zone, Introduction to Quigong, Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library provided funding for the Adult Summer Reading

Program prizes at the Oro Valley Library. Adults participate by writing book recommendations in exchange for drawing tickets, and earn coupons to the Friends Book Shoppe for the hours they read. OV Friends also funded the Walker System Professional Art Display system, and the repainting of the Conference Room hallway. They also funded the new Children's Room sofa, lounge chair, and 4 Gallery benches.

Friends of the Pima County Public Library

Ajo Library – Brunhilda Meets the Desert presented by Gwendolyn Ray of Hanuman Puppet Theatre

Bear Canyon – Come Dance a Six-Legged Dance, presented by Christina O'Connell; Hands on Science (Dry Ice), presented by Mad Science.

Columbus Library – Taste of Tai Chi, Science Saturday: Megascience Meg's presents Fizeology, Wednesday Crafternoons

El Rio Library – Curious George costume rental

Geasa-Marana Library – La Mariposa, Pop-Up Delights, Self-Publish Your Own Book

Himmel Library – Storytimes, Homework Help, Chess Club, Sensory-Friendly Storytime, Science of Magic, Silken Thread Puppet Show

Joyner-Green Valley Library – SRPs - Creativity A-Z, "Silken Thread" puppet show, Planetarium Pop Culture and "Create a mini volcano"

Main Library - Summer Reading events, Teen Pride Panel Project

Martha Cooper Library – Lego Lunar Base Race, Teen Lounge, Storytimes, Sensory Friendly Storytime, Come Craft with Us!, Café Book.

Nanini Library – Family Literacy Event, Teen Book Club, Adult book club, storytime crafts, Eat This Not That Program, Adult art program.

Quincie Douglas Library - Friends: Beading Circle; Jump! Creative Writing program

River Library - Weekly Chess Club, Storytimes, book discussion groups, continuation of Drawing II workshop series presented by Drawing Studio, Gwen Ray puppet show "La Mariposa," Overview of Alzheimer's program presented by Alzheimer's Association, Poetry program "Poem in your Pocket" presented by Bridget Magee.

Wheeler-Taft Abbett Library – Family Storytime, Science Saturdays, Chess Club, Teen Advisory Board, Tai Chi for Health, Summer Reading Program Kickoff Event - Family Read Aloud Night

Woods Memorial Library – Catapult Club, Taste of Tai Chi

Valencia Library – Create Club, Mega Science Workshop