

DATE: June 3, 2021

TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima County Public Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Arivaca Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library
Pima County Public Library Foundation Board

FROM: Michelle Simon, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Support Services Report – May, 2021

Facilities Projects - Ken McDonald, Facilities Administrative Specialist

Sahuarita Library – Construction is on schedule for substantial completion. We hope to open to the public in July 2021.

Martha Cooper Library - Line and Space continues to work on a construction budget and initial drawings for concept review. Once approved, the concept will inform the creation of construction drawings.

Richard Elías-Mission Library - PCPL has begun the paperwork process to renovate and expand this location. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2022.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – 4th floor renovation has begun with an expected completion date of August 2021 or earlier.

Book Lockers - Book lockers are being installed at Nanini, Wilmot, and Oro Valley. Three additional locations – Joel D. Valdez Main, W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station, and Sahuarita – will have lockers installed before the end of May 2021.

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Two new bike rack systems are being installed – one in the parking lot and the other by the west entrance. The new system can be viewed at www.bikeep.com

FY 21/22 Furniture & Facilities Branch Requests: Support Services asked for submittal requests for furniture and Facilities items for FY 2021/22 from all branches started March 1st. Requests will be sent to Library Service Managers for review and then submitted to Support Services for final review and approval before June 30th.

Library Service Manager Reports

Administration – Beth Matthias-Loghry, Library Services Manager

Grant Status Report

LSTA – FY 2021-22:

The Arizona State Library awards hundreds of thousands throughout the state for various library projects – Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants. The State Library passes these on to Arizona Libraries as sub-grants with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and

Library Services. Statewide these funds will support things like Storywalks, Citizen Science, STEM programs, community research, engagement and other planning, improved library spaces and virtual literacy. This year PCPL teams and project managers received an impressive amount of funding from the State Library for three projects, one mini-grant and two LSTA project grants totaling \$111,890.00.

•**Community-Based Science Projects mini-grant** - The project will increase first-hand knowledge of the scientific process, increase scientific literacy, and create opportunities for participation and input in science projects by members of the entire community.

•**Our Story: A Communities of Color Curation Project** – submitted by the Kindred Team - Funds will be used to support library staff who will assist community members with preserving their family history of photos, journals, diaries, film, letters, etc. Black communities will the opportunity to share and preserve their stories and local history.

•**Remote Access Lockers** - Funds will be used to purchase two additional exterior (remote) locker installations, one at a library serving a wide area of Pima County, and another at a library with a high number of people who walk or ride the bus to receive services.

ARPA Awards for Public Libraries: In April, the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records the amount of \$3,617,020 in American Rescue Plan Act funding (ARPA). The State Library is offering every public and tribal library the opportunity to receive an award to be used as their library system deems best, within specific parameters. PCPL will apply to use its funding allocation to reach residents with internet hotspots. The hot spots will be checked out on their library card.

Communications and Systems Office – Jen Maney and Reneé Bibby, Program Managers

RBdigital Services Transition to OverDrive is Complete

The streaming services Qello and IndieFlix have transitioned to OverDrive's Libby app. With this transition, the move of all RBdigital services is complete. Watch quality documentaries and quirky independent films with unlimited access on IndieFlix. Qello gives you access to the largest library of full-length concerts, music documentaries, and live streaming events, available to watch on supported devices including Roku, AppleTV, and more. Visit our Download & Stream page to start watching today! <https://www.library.pima.gov/digitalmedia/>

Summer at the Library

June and July mean one thing at the Library! Summer programming! To find out what's in store for kids and teens, visit this summer's Imagine Our Story page: <https://www.library.pima.gov/summer/>

New Android App!

In anticipation of getting mobile checkout, we've updated our Android app. If you haven't tried our app, now's the time! Search the catalog, place holds, use your shelves, and see what's new at the library. Visit <https://www.library.pima.gov/apps/>.