
DATE: August 5, 2021

TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library

Pima County Board of Supervisors
Pima County Administration
Friends of the Pima County Public Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Arivaca Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Esmond Station Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library, Board of Directors
Pima Library Foundation, Board of Directors

FROM: Amber D. Mathewson
Library Director

SUBJECT: Director's Report – June & July, 2021

Staffing:

33 LTA positions – 30 have been placed
30 Librarian I positions interviews completed in July
4 Librarian III interviews scheduled for first week of August
1 Librarian II Interview for the Salazar-Ajo Library Position
While we continue to have vacancies, our FTE numbers are not lower than that of 2018.

Library Services:

June – returned to 50% occupancy, no time limits in building, and unaccompanied children allowed.
July - building occupancy was raised to 100%, El Pueblo, Santa Rosa and Southwest reopened on July 6th, El Rio opened for limited hours on July 13th. Returning seating to libraries.

Next phases:

August 1 – adding in evening hours till 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday at most locations. Begin in-person Core Program planning.
September 16– Begin Core Programming, begin allowing community use of meeting rooms, extend hours to 7:00 pm at many locations and add a 6th day, either Monday or Saturday, to three more locations.
November 1 – Most libraries return to 6 days per week. Sunday hours addition to be determined.

Facilities:

Fourth Floor of Main Library under renovation.
Anticipating the full completion of the Sahuarita Library.
Upcoming celebrations include: Opening Celebrations for W. Anne Gibson - Esmond Station Library, and Sahuarita Library.
Naming Celebrations for the Frank De la Cruz – El Pueblo Library and the Richard Elías – Mission Library.

Collaborations:

Pima County Public Library will partner with the Pima County Health Department on their grant to support Community Health Literacy and we have begun the conversation on resuming our work with the Library Nurse Program. Deputy Director Karyn Prechtel-Altman is talking the lead on this collaboration.

Deputy Director Michelle Simon is the co-facilitator for Pima County's new task force to create a Strategic Plan regarding Wifi connectivity for all of Pima County. This work is prompted by the ARPA funding for infrastructure planning and Emergency Broadband funds that are currently available.

Budget:

Approved by the Board of Supervisors unanimously! Awaiting the setting of the tax rate in August.

Contributions:

FY 19/20 total donations \$386,196

FY 20/21 total donations \$219,108