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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

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SUBJECT: Support Services Report – October 2021

Facilities Projects - Ken McDonald, Facilities Administrative Specialist

Sahuarita Library is now open. The 17,700 square foot location is phenomenal. Here is a video to let you see how lovely the location is: https://youtu.be/9y_gxGHMypY

Southwest Library: PCPL is in negotiations to purchase land for a new Southwest Library. Stay tuned for more to come!

Martha Cooper Library: The architects, Line and Space, LLC, continue to work on construction documents for the renovation of this library. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring, 2022.

Woods Memorial Library: Building will closed beginning November 13th and is projected to reopen in February. Items being addressed include moving the service desk to improve safety, restrooms update and reorganization of staff furniture for efficiency.

Support Services Manager Reports

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

Introducing the Beyond the Shelf Podcast

PCPL now has a podcast! Thanks to a dedicated group of staff led by Librarian Brian Chenecka, our customers can learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at PCPL. Read about the podcast here: <https://www.library.pima.gov/news/dewey-deci-roll-and-more-on-the-librarys-new-podcast/> and listen to episodes here <https://www.library.pima.gov/podcast/> or subscribe in your favorite podcast app.

Skills Sheets added to Homework Page

Our Community Engagement Office staff have created skills sheet to help students with their math, reading, and writing homework. The sheets are available in English and Spanish, and are available here: <https://www.library.pima.gov/learn/>. Read more about skills sheets in this post: <https://www.library.pima.gov/blogs/post/skill-sheets-and-more-help-with-homework/>.

Udemy for Business – Online Training for Pima County Staff

Pima County has contracted with **Udemy for Business** for all staff to have access to online courses that will help with **professional development**. This new learning platform is in addition to the Learning Management System (LMS) that the County already uses. You may have heard of Udemy, as it is similar to Lynda.com/LinkedIn Learning. It has all kinds of courses on all kinds of topics, and the **County’s selection of courses focuses on work-related skills**.

The event calendar is getting a new look!

PCPL will be beta testers for a visual upgrade of the website event calendar in mid-November. Staff and the public will be invited to give feedback.

Some great changes coming:

- Thumbnail image when a featured image is included
- Clearer indication when an event requires registration and when registration is full
- Book club covers will show when "Add a title" used in a book club event

Here's a sneak peek at a mockup (ours will be in our colors and have our header.)

