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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 W. Anne Gibson-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

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SUBJECT: Support Services – February, 2022

Facilities Projects - Ken McDonald, Facilities Administrative Specialist

- **Martha Cooper Library** – 100% Construction Documents have been submitted for review by Pima County. We are close to starting the actual construction project. The library will close toward the end of June or beginning of July. Detailed information will be provided in the near future.
- **Quincie Douglas Library** – The library will get new carpet, furniture, and shelving upgrades. The location will be closed from the end of March through April 10th.
- **Dewhirst-Catalina Library** – The library will get new carpet in the beginning of April. This location will be closed from April 10th-April 20th.
- **Murphy-Wilmot Library** – The library will be closed for most of May for new carpet, furniture, and staff room renovations. The exact date will be forthcoming once the schedule is confirmed.

Library Service Manager Reports

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

OverDrive is winding down support for the OverDrive app. Now's the time to switch to Libby.

OverDrive will remove the OverDrive app from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft Store on February 23, 2022. After that time, [Libby](#) will be the primary way to use OverDrive on a smartphone or tablet. What does this mean for library customers?

- Current OverDrive app users can continue to use the app, but will not be able to re-download it after February 23, 2022.
- New people looking for the OverDrive app will be directed to Libby.
- Anyone can continue to use, borrow, and open titles from your library's [OverDrive website](#) via a browser.

- Kindle Fire user? You will still have access to the OverDrive app in the Kindle app store for now.

Libby is available for phones and tablets. Visit the [Libby help pages](#).

Springtime Projects

The Communications and Systems Office has plenty to celebrate in spring. We always have fun projects to work on at the beginning of the year that roll out in late winter/early spring. We're winding up for the [Tucson Festival of Books](#), have already been in the swing for promotion for our [Writer in Residence Wynne Brown](#), finished up the design and printing of [Southwest Books of the Year](#) and distributed it statewide, and are gearing up to support the new LSTA grants for the year. The LSTA projects this year include Community Science kits, which you can [sneak preview here](#).

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Library's LGBTQ+ Services Committee, and our office is promoting their **author series**, which kicked off with our own **Jessica P. Pryde**, who talked about her new book, *Black Love Matters: Real Talk on Romance, Being Seen, and Happily Ever Afters*. You can [watch the talk here on our YouTube channel](#). We'll be on deck to help the LGBTQ+ team promote and host all of the future events online as well.

Spring is also the time for us to start planning for Summer Learning, which has the theme *Oceans of Possibilities* this year. Also upcoming for the office is lending our support to the dedication of the Frank De La Cruz El Pueblo Library, One Seed 2022 with the Seed Library, a wonderful planter refresh at Joel D. Valdez Main Library, a virtual author visit put on by our Biblio Lotus team, and supporting various remodels and renovations of libraries.

Communications and Systems supports all kinds of projects like these throughout the year by designing and distributing printed publicity materials, promotion on the website and social media, distributing press releases and promoting Library services and events to the media, and sending out email newsletters to library customers.