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TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library

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FROM: Michelle Simon
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SUBJECT: Support Services Report – March, 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

Administration – Beth Matthias-Loghry, Library Services Manager

Library Presenters: We decided to take the next 5 months to revisit our roster of library presenters. The timing relates to a couple things: pandemic closures in March of 2020 saw us cancel all programs with presenters through the summer months (we have not been doing business with them in the usual ways in the last couple of years); and our current Library Presenters roster will wind up in August. In the next five months, an evaluation Panel will be working with Pima County Procurement to engage the next list of presenters.

PCPL still has a smaller roster of people who are on a blanket contract to provide Library Presenter services. About 50 presenters have said that they would like to work with us; they are willing to work with us using current terms and pricing; and are ready to respond as soon as we call them to schedule.

Since the beginning of 2022, we have been connecting with presenters, ones that are on the current blanket contract, and those that were out of renewals, others who dropped off, a couple who staff recommended. Many potential presenters have expressed their interest in submitting a proposal to be a Library Presenter. Procurement is processing PCPL's solicitation for Library Presenter Services. A solicitation that results in the PCPL contract can take 120 days or more. The end goal is to have presenters on one blanket contract again that initiates in August 2022.

Grants: In mid-May, The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State (State Library), will award of \$800,000 throughout the state for various library projects – **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)** grants. The State Library awards funding for these sub-grants with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Statewide these funds have supported Wi-Fi hotspot lending, Business start-up kits, Physical literacy for aging adults, and improved library spaces. PCPL submitted two applications for the 22-23 LSTA application round.

Trauma Informed Services: The goal of this project is to allow PCPL to participate with similar libraries across the nation, to explore trauma-informed services on the individual, organizational, and industry-based level. PCPL will work to create connections, and collaborate to create an internal Trauma-Informed Care team made up of staff members representing all voices in the library who will develop a trauma recovery toolkit. PCPL will use funds to work with partners, pursue professional development for leaders, and gain tools and resources to build supportive, lasting systems and networks that address essential learning and library service delivery to communities in need. Community members will benefit through a trauma-informed service model that matches community needs as it encourages staff-centered wellness.

Youth Health Action Fund: The goal of this project is to meaningfully address the mental and physical health challenges facing youth in the high-poverty 85705 Tucson zip code by providing for literacy, arts, and advocacy opportunities that can build capacity and further participant goals. Funds will be used to purchase media arts equipment, to offer digital media training and other learning opportunities, to provide for experiential internships and peer mentoring and to support content creation through connected learning. Community members will benefit as these young adults develop workforce skills, and express their voices around their individual interests, not just to bring their attention to health issues but to begin to advocate for community wellbeing.

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

Marketing News

Over the past month or so, the CSO staff have put our efforts toward promoting the **Writer in Residence** workshops and one-on-one sessions, the fabulous author panels at **Tucson Festival of Books**, an author talk with **Jessica P. Pryde** (our very own librarian!), the dedication of the **Frank De La Cruz El Pueblo Library**, and the **Welcome to America donation drive for Afghan refugees**.

We also helped set up and launch the new **Community Science Kits**, complete with print materials inside the kits and a special section of the website dedicated to the project: <https://www.library.pima.gov/sciencekits/>.

The **Annual Report** will be out soon, and we distributed **Southwest Books of the Year** out to Arizona libraries.

We are gearing up for **Summer Learning**, **LGBTQ+ author talk with Carlos Valenzuela**, **One Seed 2022**, **Tour de Garden** on bikes (fun!), a **planter refresh** at Joel D. Valdez Main Library, and much more. Spring is a busy time!

Website and App News

The recent upgrade to our **MyPCPL app now supports iPads!** iPad users had a diminished experience before, but now the app takes full advantage of the wider screen.

<https://www.library.pima.gov/apps/>

We now have nifty, easy-to-use buttons in the **E-Library A to Z list**, where resources have a Niche Academy tutorial, help pages, tech support, or statewide access links. See them in action here: <https://www.library.pima.gov/resource/>.

Kanopy overhauled their site and improved search, added “Continue watching,” and a new live transcript tool helpful for accessibility. It places the transcript simultaneously while the video runs.

<https://www.library.pima.gov/digitalmedia/>