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FROM: Karyn Prechtel-Altman
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Public Services Report – July 2022

I have been meeting with a team of Managers to revise the guidelines staff follow when determining the consequences of an adult's Code of Conduct violation. The final revisions will illustrate a more restorative approach to the less serious behavior issues. For this reason, we are changing the name from Suspension Guidelines to Follow Up Guidelines and we hope to have them ready to present to the Board sometime this fall.

Library Services Manager – Paulina Aguirre-Clinch

This month I will be completely stepping into my role as detail library services manager, which I am very much looking forward too. During previous months, I have also acted as branch manager at the Valencia Library in the absence of a detail librarian III. My goal during this month is to visit all the branches I am overseeing and spend time checking-in with managers and staff.

In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly branch managers meeting that I hold with my group of supervisors, I had one-on-one meetings with several managers to discuss a wide range of topics including safety and security, construction projects, staffing issues, interpersonal staff issues, etc. I have also recently become the co-library services manager that will be attending the steering committee meetings of the Tucson Festival of Books. In the past, I participated in the festival as a member of the author committee working primarily with setting up presentations and workshops for the festival. Thus, I am really excited to be learning about and be part of the logistical aspects of the festival.

Library Services Manager - Sharla Ronstadt

During this period, I supported Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library as Manager until we secured a new interim Manager, working several days a week at that location and providing one-on-one manager training. I also worked at Miller Golf Links Library one day a week to provide support. I helped pass out Covid-19 test kits at the Flowing Wells Library and did several on-site branch visits delivering frozen snacks to staff as a thank you for their hard work this summer. I completed training a new Substitute Librarian Supervisor who has now taken over all those responsibilities and duties as of this month. I assisted with hiring tasks as assigned and continued to support managers with personnel challenges providing assistance and support.

Library Services Manager - Amy Rusk

Despite the heat, July has been a time of celebration because of the arrival of new staff. I participated in several meetings to help welcome newcomers to our library system. It's particularly exciting to have a new Librarian II at the Southwest Library, who, among other things, will be collaborate with staff at the Dr. Fernando Escalante Library in New Pascua and work with the Many Nations Team.

It was wonderful to see Service U. participants at the Friday morning Open House on the fourth floor on July 8th. One of the participants, Heather Tyndall, the new librarian II at the Richard Elias-Mission Library, is also my mentee as part of PCPL's mentor match program; she and I enjoy the chance to meet and talk about our jobs since we have similar backgrounds as long-time school librarians. Also this month, a MLIS student from the University of Wisconsin and I met to discuss her internship, which will center on data and equity in the Pima County Public Library System.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott

Dewhirst–Catalina Library – Christine Dykgraaf

Dewhirst-Catalina Library had a hot month! Hot outside, but filled with cool programs and crafts and new cards inside. Summer Learning was in full swing with over 7 programs this month for adults, teens, or children. The highest turnout was for Suminagashi, a Japanese paper marbling art that uses ink on water to create wonderful designs. Tweens, teens, and adults enjoyed Japanese snacks as well! The branch is now gearing up for August and beyond which of course means Homework Help and back to school activities. Finally, the Tech Hour on Thursdays is now seeing some regular patrons with questions and gaining popularity.

Dusenberry-River Library – Matías Torres

Dusenberry-River Library, in July, saw the return of the most requested program for children as well as truly unique experiences for specifically for teens. *Storytime* began its weekly rotation this month to a full house with the initial event followed later that afternoon by *Zoo to You-Mythical Creatures* that demystified the nature of certain animals. *Creative Bookbinding* was waiting room only and did not disappoint artistic teens. *Teen CSI* mixed stem and criminal investigations for inquisitive adolescents. *1-on1 Tech Help* continued to assist those requiring more attention with respect to library-related technology issues. *Bees and Butterflies* was available for those with an eye towards ecology. *Summer Reading* giveaways and activities continued to bring in children as well as teens over summer break with thoughts and ideas plastered over Children's Area pertinent to ocean. Our meeting rooms saw significant increase in use by multiple homeowner's associations, writer's and painter's groups, girl scouts and Pima County Health Department among others. It was an honor to bring back to our community our most complete programming experience yet to complement our collection and reference services.

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

Nanini is seeing lots of exciting building updates happening! The library recently had a new computer area installed for kids and caregivers, and the children's area will be getting new furniture installed soon. Last week the Teen area had a beautiful new display stand installed, and staff have already noticed an increase in teen material checkouts thanks to better visibility. Staff are looking forward to new, fresh landscaping and irrigation to maintain it.

Summer programs were a huge success: each program was well attended if not completely full, and customers were thrilled to learn from presenters from organizations including the Children's Museum and Reid Park Zoo. Thursdays have welcomed new jobseekers in the library's Job Help sessions and evening Citizenship Classes will begin again soon.

Oro Valley Public Library – Kaitlyn Sparks

We signed up over 1,000 young learners for the library's Summer Learning Program! Aimed at improving reading and thinking skills over the summer, this year's theme was Ocean of Possibilities, with book giveaways, special programs, weekly storytime, and grab-n-go activity kits. Fish and seashells with learner's names covered the children's room; children were excited to come find their name on the wall during their visits to the library.

The Chess Club at Oro Valley became a popular program this summer. Every Monday, dozens of players of all ages gathered to test their skills against one another. Before the pandemic, the chess club was comprised of mostly adults; now one is likely to see players of all ages paired up together. In another popular program, aspiring and experienced writers booked nearly every one of Writer-in-Residence, Lori Alexander's one-on-one appointments. Participants received advice, feedback, pointers, and tips on writing and publishing.

After a hiatus during the pandemic, Wisdom Circle has returned to Oro Valley. Meeting the first Wednesday of each month, the group is a safe place to share life experiences and celebrate the achievements of aging. Participants learn to honor and respect the wisdom that comes with aging, facilitated by Margaret Dykinga, R.N., M.Ed.

The Pima County Recorder's Office occupied the Meeting Room for half of the month, as Oro Valley Public Library was an Early and Emergency voting site beginning July 18. Oro Valley will also be a vote center for Election Day on August 2.

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Kelly Wilson

Eckstrom Columbus Library has been a cool respite for our community this month. We have restarted our community art displays with our first artist Dolores Gonzalez Haro. Her art along with some new paint refresh has really brightened our library to welcome people in from the heat. The Community Food Bank is nourishing our neighbors with their Summer Breakfast program and we continue to offer Family Food bags. We had great turnouts for all six of our youth programs this month including *Balloon Creations* which was very *pop-ular* and *The Big Chill* which cooled us down with the freezing properties of liquid nitrogen. Our Summer Learning books are nearly all relocated to the private libraries of our young readers. We have been learning all about our Teens and Tweens by their clever responses to our Interactive Bulletin Boards. Next up...Back to School.

Sahuarita Library – Betsy Langley

Summer Learning programs have been incredibly popular down in Sahuarita. In July, we hosted the Reid Park Zoo and 58 participants learned about three different reptiles and yes, a cockroach! We also held a Kidz Art Drawing class and other craft sessions where we made Shrinky Dinks and charm bracelets. Game Day brought in 24 kids who explored some new board games, as well as a giant Jenga and Connect 4. We've given away all of our book giveaways and about a dozen young readers have been practicing their reading skills with our lovely furry friend, Rex, during our Read to a Dog program every Wednesday. The Sahuarita Library is offering Storytimes twice a week with tons of families listening to titles related to our Oceans of Possibilities theme. On Tuesdays, we're hosting a Certified Navigator from the University of Arizona Center for Rural Health who is available to help customers register for health insurance and sign up for other benefits. Our monthly Adult Book Club is also growing and we look forward to continued discussions around some fascinating books this fall. In July we read about immigrant experiences in *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue.

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Lu Guerrero

The library hosted *Putting South Tucson on the Map*. The six day immersion project maps youth experiences in South Tucson during the pandemic. The project is offered through a collaboration with Avenidas, Inc., University of AZ and South Tucson Housing Authority. The students created and presented photo essays to community members about what resiliency in South Tucson means to them. Participating youth were invited to sign up for library cards and introduced to library services and resources. The group was particularly interested in learning more about Seed Library services.

The library's parking lot has been leveled, repaved and painted. Crumbling curbs and parking markers have been cleared out and replaced. Staff have seen an increase in traffic as community members try to avoid excessive heat outdoors. This has coincided with rise in library code of conduct incidents, in some cases, related to drug and alcohol use in the building and on the property. These incidents often impact daily services, requiring the use of PPE, biohazard clean-ups and the potential closure of bathrooms. In response, staff have reviewed in-charge procedures and de-escalation strategies to continue their efforts to foster a safe environment for library customers and staff.

Santa Rosa Library – Victoria Villanueva

Santa Rosa Library is in full swing of Summer Learning activities. We had the absolute pleasure to have Josh Banno Return and present a farm animal presentation after the great success of the Nigerian goat presentation last month. We are so lucky to collaborate with City of Tucson's Parks and Recreation center so that we could provide more space to the large audience. The program ended up having over 50 participants of all ages excited to learn about the different farm animals that could be raised in their own home. Santa Rosa is also proud to add new staff members to their family as they quickly adjust to wonderful environment and community the Santa Rosa neighborhood has had to offer. We are gearing up for school as we plan for the return of Homework Help, Steamsational Mondays, Wild Wednesday and much more!

District 3 – Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair

Flowing Wells Library – Ingrid Trebisky

Summer Learning fun continued in July with a *5th of July Party* that included refreshments, fun STEM crafts, and even an amazing demonstration (with fire!) about how fireworks get their colors. Some of the amazing presenters this month were the Children's Museum, Desert Harvesters, and some free programming that included teen programming on self-defense led by Third Degree Krav Maga Black Belt Jenna Herder (teens and tweens are requesting an encore for this class), and Mind Your Mind mental health presented by a license therapist/psychologist. The summer Bad Movie Club for tweens and teens is an end of the month highlight.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Daniela Buchberger

Many members of the community rely on the library as a place to cool off and take advantage of our WiFi while visiting our building. Having additional programs and community resources helps make the visits here practical as well as meaningful for our community members.

Our summer learning program has seen a lot of very happy families that participate in the library's grab and go activities, as well as our Pirate themed scavenger hunt. Mid-July, we hosted a Tie Dyeing event where families had a great time dyeing their own T-Shirts.

The Salazar-Ajo Library had great success giving out food bags provided by our community partner the Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture. Additionally, in July we started giving out weekend breakfast packs to families provided by the Community Foodbank of Southern

Arizona. Families are grateful for the additional food supplies to help bridge the weekend gap between the free meals provided by the school.

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library – Jon Meade

In July, our summer learning activities for youth have been based on weekly themes, including sharks, sea creatures, sailing the high seas adventures, monsoons and the water cycle. We have hosted well-attended presenter programs for all ages each week, including a puppet show, zoo program, and robotics workshops.

We received the following complimentary comment from a customer through the Net Promoter Score Survey: “Amazing resources including diverse summer programming for youth. I brought my three nieces who are eight, three, and three and all of the programming, take home art kits, integration with books and culture, as well as the incredibly kind, knowledgeable and warm librarians was amazing. I know all three fell in love with the library and were visiting from Phoenix, so they know Pima is the best county now! ;)”

Woods Memorial Library – Victoria Salajko

One of the Woods Memorial Library highlights of this summer, and this month, has been the Youth Health Action Team program (YHAT). YHAT is a group of youth that creates ways to support community and youth mental health through writing, art, and media arts. Library staff facilitated learning opportunities for the group with artist Curt Kiwak, Chelsea from the Metropolitan Education Commission, therapist Vicki Loyer, the Tucson Poetry Society, performance artist Vana Lewis, author Marge Pellegrino, Councilmember Kevin Dahl, and the Pima County Health Department. The group also coordinated interviews of youth who participated in Pima County One Stop's Summer Internship Program.

The Reid Park Zoo came to the library and was a big hit with our families this month, even though they started their presentation with a hissing cockroach! Storytimes have also continued to be a success since they started back in June, averaging more than 30 participants each storytime. A mom told one of the children's librarians that even though her son is shy in storytime, they talk about it all week and love singing the songs together at home.

Job help continues to serve patrons looking for help with job applications, resumes and more, on Fridays. Staff also field job help questions during the week, and guide patrons to our job help resources. Woods Library is also continuing to provide one-on-one computer tech help at least once a week, with support from one of the library's wonderful volunteers.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson Esmond Station – Mary McKinney

Two women visiting the library were able to scratch one item from their To-Do list. They explained to staff that they decided that their summer road trip goal was to visit all Pima County libraries. They were excited and complimentary about the library, and we hope they continued to make their way to all the branches.

A parent who brought her children to the Portable Planetarium event made it a point to tell staff that because of the staff and visiting the library, her 4-year-old daughter loves reading and her two-year-old son already chooses his books independently and models his older sister's behavior.

Eighteen tweens had a blast at the 3-day Code Camp. Ozobots followed the tweens' coded instructions winding all over the tables, and KEVA planks we constructed and deconstructed with fervor!

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Sam Hennig

The month of July continued to be a busy time at Joyner-Green Valley Library. We had numerous children's, tween, teen, and adult programs that were very popular. Staff also kept busy making displays and other improvements to the library.

The Tucson Children's Museum did two different programs, and we even had a jewelry making event for children. Adult Services programming ramped up with the Your Brain series which was highly attended. One of our patrons thanked us for having programs like this. She told staff that her husband had had dementia and had recently passed away, and she is also suffering from memory loss, so this was the perfect program for her. The Friday Adult Music Program was a huge hit, and everyone enjoyed the bluegrass band that could be heard throughout the library. Children's staff had interactive passive programming displays for families to interact with. The display this month was an Animal Trivia/Jeopardy that talked about the names of different groups of animals; cauldrons of bats and murders of crows, etc. Teen/Tween staff made a creative display about Heavy Metal and had different books about heavy metal. The display even had a code that you could scan to be taken to the library website and see a list of heavy metal recommended books, and a link to Freegal, our free music service.

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Linde Furman

Storytime has continued to be a huge success at Bear Canyon throughout the course of the summer. We have enjoyed serving so many families and children over the last couple months and are looking forward to continuing our storytimes. June and July were very busy months for us, with our circulation at over 14,000 for the month of June. It is exciting to see so many community members returning to the library for services! Some of our program highlights from July have been a bioluminescence program for children, a jewelry-making program for teens and young adults, and a special storytime from the Tucson Children's Museum. August will see more programs for adults, such as Tai Chi and a seed saving program.

Bear Canyon is also an election site and staff have been preparing for early and emergency voting as well as the general election. We look forward to the new faces we are sure to see during election days.

Miller-Golf Links Library – Kassy Rodeheaver

Families continued to spend their time staying cool at the library this month, and we did our best to inform and entertain them with grab and go kits, picture scavenger hunts in the children's section, and lots of great books featuring ocean creatures to go along with the Summer Learning Program theme. The Reid Park Zoo to You event was such a huge draw that we had to do it twice to meet demand! Families with kids of all ages came and met the animal ambassadors to learn about their habitats and what makes them unique.

The community has really been grateful to have the library open on Saturdays. We seem to be making more new cards that day of the week than any other day we are open. Another great service we're offering is the distribution of water bottles to customers who are spending a lot of time outside. They've been very appreciative of the library as a cooling station. We are also hosting the Records office staff this month in our large meeting room for the upcoming Early Voting for the primaries elections. Staff have been busy helping customers find open polling sites when they came to our desk a few days too soon and many of those customers have thanked us for our assistance in helping them do their civic duty.

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Kathy Konecny

After a two-month closure, customers were greeted with new carpet, comfy furniture, a more spacious computer commons area, and a redesigned check out kiosk. The meeting room was once again reserved by community groups. One-on-one job help sessions offered by Library Program Instructors were taken advantage of by many patrons. Children and teens were thrilled

to choose a book they could add to their home libraries from the Summer Learning Program tables, and Grab and Go Activities being taken home to be completed. Poetry, photography, and art work created by children and teens in the Pima County Natural Resources *Living River of Words* project were displayed in the children's area. Smiling customers let the staff know how they felt with, "We are so happy the library is open again!" being heard multiple times each day throughout the month.

District 5 – Supervisor Adelita Grijalva

Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library – Ivonne Ramirez/Melissa Salazar

The library has hosted Summer Programs, three programs for adults, two Tai-chi programs, and one program for an Art Workshop. We also had two programs for kids and teens which were, Creative Bookbinding, and the Zoo to you, Mythical Creatures. And one family program which was Harpist *Music of the Natural World*. Children also continue to sign up for Summer Learning and enjoy their free book that they get to take home.

This library does continue to experience issues with drug use in the public restroom and outside of the building, outside biohazard cleanups and public urination on the library's exterior walls. There are also added concerns with patrons coming into the library under the influence and acting erratically and unpredictably. The concerns are for the safety of staff and the public.

El Río Library – Jeff McWhorter

The El Río Library has been full of youth this past month. Families have been eager to participate in Summer Learning with reading trackers, bookmarks, grab 'n go craft kits, and books flying off of the shelves. In addition to families making their way to the library over the summer, youth from the El Río Center's KIDCO Summer Program have been visiting the library weekly to read books, play games, and many have gotten their first library cards. The children from the center's daycare have also returned the library regularly for impromptu storytimes and to check out books. The walls are adorned with coloring sheets and crafts that our visitors have completed as well as the names of everyone participating in Summer Learning.

The staff at El Río Library is now filled out and we have the resources to begin planning regular programming again, which is exciting for the community. Staff are also working on a collection of resources about the history of the El Río Center which we will share on the library website, display within the library, and keep as a reference item behind the desk for visiting patrons.

The branch Seed Library, our Job Help resources, and reference services for the local Pima Community College Adult Learning participants continue to be popular. As ever, there is a dedicated group of regulars from the surrounding neighborhoods who come in each week to pick up their books, audiobooks, and movies. Of late some of the regulars who had stopped visiting the library amidst public health concerns have returned and we are glad to welcome them back.

The branch continues to feature special displays of books in Spanish, new books, and items related to special months of recognition. This summer we have featured displays on items featuring the LGBTQIA+ community, Mental Health Awareness, Disability Awareness, and Immigrant Heritage Month. Our patrons have voiced their gratitude for these displays.

This past week we had a television news reporter from the Telemundo Station come in and film a segment on the free gun locks currently being distributed by the Pima County Health Department.

Himmel Park Library – Heather Ross

Himmel Park Library held a three-day STEAM camp in mid-July as our last big event for Summer Learning. We really leaned into the learning aspect, picking activities that explored the

confluence of art and science. On the first day, we made slime with various recipes, exploring how they worked (or didn't) and how the change in ingredients made each batch different, including adding food coloring and confetti to change their appearance. The second day, we used oil-based inks that floated on water to make marbled paper, exploring how things like breath blown through a straw and a bamboo skewer drawn across the surface of the water affected the pattern, then how various types of paper absorbed the ink differently. Finally, we invited the Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson to the library and they led a project where the kids created their own mythical ocean beast using collage. Everything from underwater robots to murderous kelp monsters came to life! Most of our families made it to all three days and they all thanked us for offering such a fun series for their kids, who ranged in ages from 5 to 15. In addition to STEAM Camp, Himmel Park Library held a four-week summer storytime series that ended in mid-July. During the last storytime, we read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in Spanish and English, trading off languages between the storytime presenters. We also used the opportunity to talk about our newly labeled bilingual books and how many different languages we had available. Many parents looked excited and intrigued by the prospect of sharing books with their kids either in languages they spoke at home or new languages they were trying to learn. One little boy asked if we had books in Portuguese, and some research uncovered books at other branches that could be ordered!

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Em DeMeester-Lane

Adult Services staff at Joel Valdez Main Library have reignited our programming to community members experiencing homelessness. Previously called *On the Streets* now renamed *Our Space* will be a bi-monthly program whose goal is to bring together library users, staff and community resources in order to create opportunities to best serve this vulnerable population. Partnering with local community agencies as well as Caridad Kitchen, we will be providing a meal and an opportunity to create space and give voice to this largely voiceless community. Our staff are specifically looking to learn how the library can best serve the needs of the houseless in downtown Tucson.

August also marks the beginning of Storytime! Children's staff as well as our youngest customers are so excited to gather again for a weekly storytime geared toward kids two-five. Peppered with early literacy tips as well as songs and stories, this truly fundamental library program has been very missed.

Martha Cooper Library – Tara Foxx-Lupo

With the delay in our renovation project, Martha Cooper staff stepped up and planned new July programming opportunities to keep the community engaged. This July the library is offering the Movies with Martha program every Friday, inviting community members of all ages to enjoy some films that tie in with the Summer Learning Theme, Oceans of Possibilities. Some of the featured movies include Moana, Jaws and Finding Dory. Anyone in attendance can enjoy free popcorn and a comfortable, cool entertainment experience. Other staff led programming on offer is the *What's up Wednesday* program series. Inspired by STEAM concepts, kids and teens can come in to enjoy new activities each week. Activities range from Legos, Keva planks, puzzles and board games to virtual reality gaming.

In addition to staff led programming, we have invited some wonderful presenters and community partners to Martha Cooper in the month of July. From Capoeira to Bookbinding to Art: Ignite Your Creative Spark, kids and teens can come in to express their creativity in a variety of media. The Play Capoeira program was especially popular with lots of kiddos learning skills while moving to the Brazilian beats.

This month the Sonora Environmental Research Institute (SERI) approached the Martha Cooper manager about hosting a free smoke and carbon monoxide alarm distribution event. This grant-funded program, advertised in the Garden District newsletter, got great response

from community members. Households are able to secure as many alarms as needed to add safety and fire prevention measures to their homes at no cost. By the end of their first visit they had given away all of the supply on hand and are planning at least two more visits in coming weeks.

Richard Elías-Mission Library – Vicki Lázaro

Programming was a popular activity in our branch during July. This month, the Richard Elias-Mission Library hosted the first in-person SCORE workshop at the Pima County Public Library since the start of the pandemic. The program marked the expansion of our branch's library programming to include workshops for local small business and entrepreneurs. This helps to bring much-needed opportunities to traditionally underserved communities on Tucson's south side.

As part of our adult services programming, the Richard Elias-Mission Library welcomed two Indigenous presenters from Arizona Humanities to give lectures on culturally relevant topics. Carrie Cannon, who is a member of the Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma and is also of Oglala Lakota descent, presented *Plants of the Mojave Desert and the Traditional Tribal Uses*, a lecture on desert plants and ethnobotany. Laura Tohe, who is Diné and the current Navajo Nation Poet Laureate, spoke about Native American women's history and indigenous visibility in her presentation, *More than Pocahontas and Squaws: Indigenous Women Coming into Visibility*. Both presentations were well-received by the public and our library staff.

Children's, tween, and teen programming was equally successful with presentations such as *Amazing Murals, Noisy Science, and Self Defense & Bullying Prevention*. Amazing Murals presented by the Children's Museum gave insight into the local murals surrounding Tucson. Participants were read a story called *Maybe Something Beautiful* and then prompted to create murals of their own by sketching them onto paper. Noisy Science was another program hosted by the Children's Museum. Supplies were provided for participants make an instrument of their own using popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Self Defense & Bullying Prevention, hosted by Cesar Vineuza, had children up and out of their seats to practice ways to stay safe from an encounter with an aggressor. Each program demonstrated direct and meaningful engagement between the presenters and our young audiences. They also presented the opportunity for children, tweens, and teens to learn new skills and concepts in a welcoming, fun, and safe environment inside the library. Additionally, the Mission Library provided Grab & Go kits to children which included a Paper Plate Beach Camper and DIY Sushi using cotton balls and fabric.

Finally, the Richard Elias-Mission Library continues to serve our local community by making our meeting room spaces available again. Various community groups are steadily returning to our branch to make use of the rooms. We will also be an early voting location in the week leading up to the primary election.

Southwest Library – Ray Baca

This month Southwest library had a special *Imagine a Garden* story time. Children were able to design their very own gardens and then take them home! Our GED prep classes have been holding steady. Our regular student only has his science and math test to take and he'll be finished! So far in the month of July, we have given out over one hundred breakfast meals to children and over fifteen weekend packs that contain things like pancake mix, oatmeal, peanut butter or cereal.

Valencia Library – Paulina Aguirre-Clinch/Ivonne Ramirez

Valencia Library continues to host summer learning programs and events, engaging families, community partner organizations, and the broader community. We hosted a Tucson Museum of Art Storytelling presentation, two special school visit storytimes with Mission Manor HeadStart

and Sunnyside HeadStart, and a movie night at Manuel Herrera Jr. Park Children's Peace Garden.

In addition, the Valencia Seed Library Team presented a training based on the collaboration with the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona on how to make self-watering planters. This train-the-trainer event hosted Valencia programming staff, as well as staff from the Santa Rosa Library and Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library. The Valencia Seed Library continues to foster sustainability by gathering material for the public, training staff to do gardening and botany presentations, and introducing biodiversity in our own Valencia Library Garden. This summer we even discovered a hummingbird nest in one of the trees in our garden!

Public programs offering social support have also been well-used. Valencia Library participates in three different food distribution programs, as well as hosted a Covid test kit distribution, and a carbon monoxide distribution event. Challenges have included managing incidents involving fentanyl and smoked chemical drugs in the restroom, as well as damages caused to vehicles by newly installed fence railings.

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Joyner Green Valley and Sahuarita Libraries

Green Valley Library – Jewelry Making

Friends of the Pima County Public Library

Arivaca Library – Ice Cream Social, Free Book Giveaway

Flowing Wells Library – Children's Museum, Desert Harvesters

Himmel Library – Portable Planetarium

Martha Cooper Library – Play Capoeira, Art: Ignite your Creative Spark, Bookbinding for Teens, Movies with Martha, What's up Wednesdays.

Oro Valley Public Library – Plant-Based Henna Body Art, Country Music Concert with Mamma Coal

Southwest Library – Imagine a Garden Storytime

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library – Michael Crownhart Magic Show, Play Capoeira

Wheeler-Taft Abbett Library – Puppet Show, Zoo, Robotics

Valencia Library – Tucson Museum of Art: Storytelling