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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 – August, 2022

Facilities Projects - Ken McDonald, Facilities Administrative Specialist

Martha Cooper Library – 100% Construction Documents have been submitted for review by Pima County. The bids received in May were not acceptable and the project will be re-bid. The current plan is to reevaluate the bid documents and construction estimates, reissue the call for solicitations, and receive bids in August 2022. If an acceptable bid received, the project will begin in late 2022 or early 2023.

FY 2022/2023 Furniture and Facilities Branch Requests – Service requests submitted to Pima County Facilities for processing. Facilities is now evaluating each service request and assigning to proper designer. More details will be available in future reports as projects begin.

Interior Door Security Devices: Received devices to secure interior doors in the event of an emergency such as active shooter. Devices attach to door closers and go under doorknobs, allowing for greater security on doors without electronic badge readers. This effort is part of our ongoing security upgrades.

Library Services Manager Reports

Administration – Beth Matthias-Loghry, Library Services Manager

Tucson Festival of Books Steering Committee
August Meeting

Festival Coordinators are excited to announce that the 2023 Tucson Festival of Books will be held on the University of Arizona campus on **March 4 and 5, 2023** “Mark your calendars and

save the date for another in-person, community-wide celebration of literature. As always, the festival is free-of-charge for all attendees. All proceeds following the festival are donated to local non-profit organizations that support improved literacy in Southern Arizona. More than \$2,000,000 has been donated since the festival began in 2009.”

For the first time in 2023, the Indie Authors, are no longer in a Pavilion, instead they will participate in Pavilion panels. In addition, some will be selected to have a spot on a presenting author panel at the festival. The festival has created a new submission process has been established in tandem with a scoring matrix to judge Indie Author books.

News for 2023

TFOB has adopted a generous author travel budget. There are 300 seats for authors and entertainment stages will be back. New to TFOB is **Center for Quantum Networks at UA**. Western National Parks is returning for 2023. Tucson Medical Center returns as a presenting sponsor.

As the Steering Committee is looking at Representative Job Descriptions for the Festival, PCPL's Literary Arts Office is also constructing a strategic, mission-driven action plan for its Involvement in TFOB. We will be working with internal steering team of TFOB team members to revitalize and identify critical strategic relationships around the Festival and to improve communication and collaboration internally and externally.

Support Services – Kate DeMeester-Lane, Library Services Manager

Collection Development and Technical Services continue to do excellent work to provide our community with the materials they want and need. Recently, our primary book vendor changed, and these departments spent several days this month meeting with the new primary vendor and setting up our accounts and profiles correctly. A group of Collection Development Librarians and Branch Managers also met this month to begin the process of revising our Collection Development Policy. This is a large undertaking, with many different aspects of our work to consider since these policies provide the framework for how we collect and care for materials. We will complete this work as quickly and efficiently as we are able, without compromising on the quality of this very important work.

In our Library IT, several projects are underway. We are installing software on all of our laptops which will ensure that they are accessible for updates by County IT. We have updated our list of Tech Liaisons. These are the staff members in the branches who help our Library IT department with initial troubleshooting. We'll begin quarterly meetings soon with all of these branch representatives. Lastly, we are in the process of refining some of our behind-the-scenes procedures on our Book Lockers.

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

Current projects

We're working on the following projects this month.

- Annual report
- Digital access project
- Southwest Books of the Year

- Promotion of world language collections in OverDrive/Libby. See <https://www.library.pima.gov/blogs/post/introducing-world-language-collections-in-overdrive-and-the-libby-app/>

New staff welcomed to Communications & Systems Office

The Communications & Systems Office has new staff:

- Ray Baca, Social Media Librarian, Marketing Team
- Amy Bivins, Program Specialist, Web Team
- Chris Williams, Program Specialist, Web Team

A warm welcome to our team!

New streaming service added - Classica: Classical music, opera, and ballet

Offering over 1,000 concerts, operas, ballets and documentaries, **Classica** delivers premium streaming for both classical music experts and those new to the genre. Along with featuring today's most celebrated and inspiring classical music performances, Classica also offers timeless productions from the archives. Whether you're looking for well-known classical masterpieces or hidden gems, there is something for everyone in Classica.

Features

- More than 1000 concerts all commercial free!
- Concerts, operas, ballets, documentaries, Festivals and more!
- New content added weekly
- Supported languages: English, French, Dutch

How to access Classica

Classica is one of the new Libby "Extras" services available. It is available in the Libby app or in LibbyApp.com that works in any browser in the **Extras** section. Access Classica using one of these two options:

Install the Libby app from OverDrive

OR

Use Libbyapp.com in the browser (for laptops and desktops)

Once you have installed the Libby app or opened Libby in your browser:

- Scroll on the homepage of Libby to **Extras** and click on the image
- If you aren't already logged in, log in by choosing **Pima County Public Library** and entering library card number and PIN
- Click on the **Open!** button
- On a tablet or phone, the browser will open Classica
- A 7-day pass gives you full access to content from Classica. When your pass expires, you can simply return to get another!