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TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library

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FROM: Karyn Prechtel-Altman
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Community Engagement Report – November, 2022

The Community Engagement Office met with several community partners this month to build upon existing relationships including the City of Tucson Housing Department, Primavera, and the Health Department. The Library is providing after-school activities for youth at Primavera's Las Abuelitas location and at the Grand Lux Hotel in partnership with Pima County's Emergency Eviction Services. We are preparing to support the release of the Housing Voucher Waitlist by providing computer access and one-on-one workshop style help at four different locations and times in early January.

Latinx Program Manager – Hassael Cazesuz

Late October and early November has been a busy time working closely with Tucson Festival of Books (TFOB) author committee and Nuestras Raíces team members to confirm authors. Shortly after the author responses, we put together panels together as well as panel titles and descriptions. We are very excited about the invited Latinx and Indigenous community member authors for the 2023 TFOB. We are shifting our work to make sure we promote and highlight our invited authors as well as plan for programs leading to the TFOB.

Author David Damian Figueroa contacted our Nuestras Raíces team to do an author reading and book signing for his new children's book titled *El Oz* and the event was held at Valencia Library on Saturday November 12. We are very pleased that we were able to accommodate for this community event as it happened with very short time of planning.

Lastly, I am working closely with the Nuestras Raíces team for our 2023 annual plan. We are excited about the potential of expanding on culturally relevant programming for the next year as we strive forward to opening up more library services and programming to the public. Nuestras team members have also highlighted community partners we intend to collaborate with to further strengthen our community roots.

Program Manager for Literacy and Connected Learning – Kendra Davey

In October, Carl Murdock on the Literacy and Connected Learning team collaborated with the College of Humanities at the U of A to present online storytimes as part of the Tucson Humanities Festival. UA staff professionally-produced readings of nine children's stories drawn

from cultures world-wide which the Community Engagement Office posted to PCPL social media (YouTube and SoundCloud). These posts have had 152 plays so far, with 20 shares to other social media sites beyond PCPL's own.

The team also represented PCPL at a very popular Trunk-or-Treat event organized by the Pima County Sherriff's office. The bookmobile was also present at the event. PCPL staff gave out every single promotional item we took and talked to about 2,000 community members. It was a very busy night!

Program Manager for Workforce and Economic Development – Ken Zambos

The Pima County Public Library is participating in the Public Library Association's Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, designed to support community members that want to develop digital literacy skills. As part of this initiative, Pima County Public Library is offering workshops in English as well as Spanish, to help support learners in our community. Workshop topics include Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Email Basics, and Cyber Security Basics.