
DATE: January 5, 2023

TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima County Public Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Arivaca Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library
Pima County Public Library Foundation Board

FROM: Michelle Simon, Deputy Director Support Services

SUBJECT: Support Services Report – December 2022

Facilities Projects - Ken McDonald, Facilities Administrative Specialist

Martha Cooper Library – Contractor has placed a temporary fence and closing signs have been installed on fence to remind the public the branch is closed and information related to the closest branches they may want to visit during construction. Construction to last approximately 18 months. Progress reports in the future.

When we reopen, the library will be nearly double size. The 13,554 square foot building will give us more room to offer services to the community. We are expanding the children's space, teen's area, programming rooms, and adding study rooms. We will also have a much larger space for books! You will enjoy our expanded collection and comfortable places to read. The large meeting room will connect to an outdoor, shaded meeting area with a sliding glass wall, allowing for large-scale indoor and outdoor events. Solar panels will provide a shade structure with benches to use Wi-Fi in a shady spot. Our grass area out front will be enlarged as well.

Valencia Library – Perimeter fencing & parking lot improvements are complete with new gate padlocks & rekeying from City of Tucson lock shop. An exterior book return box was installed for customer convenience. In addition, the new 101 Space has been completed and will soon be ready for use by Teens.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Carpet replacement project - 12/06 received bids - waiting for proposed schedule.

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.

Library Service Manager Reports

Collection Development/Technical Services/Delivery – Kate DeMeester-Lane, Library Services Manger

Collection Development and Technical Services staff are working with the Welcome to America team to purchase “Hi-Lo” materials. These are high interest materials for adults with low English language skills. Our libraries will have dedicated spaces for the materials.

We continue to purchase culturally relevant materials in both physical and electronic formats. Many people have discovered the joy of using the library electronically. We have seen a significant increase in demand for electronic materials, including streaming video and music.

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

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December means “Best of” lists!

At the end of the year, staff share their “Best of” lists, so if you missed a great title, you can add it to your 2023 reading list. See all staff lists here: <https://www.library.pima.gov/explore/?post-type=staff-list>

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