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FROM: Marissa Alcorta
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Public Services Report – June

This month was busy with participation in 4 regional meetings, at Flowing Wells, Nanini, Valencia, and Murphy-Wilmot. The meetings were in person and a great way to reconnect with staff, talk about how we want to move forward as a library system, and give staff a space to ask questions and have discussion with administration and each other.

With assistance from the Library Services Managers, I also worked on placing 7 new Librarian II's and 11 new Librarians (PT). Some were promotions and new hires. It will be great to have more staff to assist at the branches. And the hiring continues, with Librarian I placements soon to follow.

Library Services Manager – Paulina Aguirre-Clinch

In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meetings, I attended three of the four regional meetings that took place at the end of May, beginning of June, to support the administrative team and to hear directly from staff throughout the system about any concerns. It was a great opportunity to get out to the branches and see staff. I also had the chance to spend a day at ORO helping cover their front and children's desk. My reference skills were put to great use that day!

I fulfilled my assignment as hiring manager with the completion of reference checks this month. I look forward to seeing the great work that will be done with this group of hires.

This month also brought on a lot of difficult conversations surrounding personnel, patron comments, and incidents, which is always a major part of the library services manager job. While these conversations can be draining, they are insightful and become great experience for the next set of challenges.

Library Services Manager – Ken Zambos

During June, I will have completed visits to each of the six library locations I directly support; meeting with managers and staff to share information and foster communication. As a member of the presenter team, I have been working on revising paid presenter procedures, and existing

training content to aid staff system-wide with planning, booking, and utilizing County-approved paid presenters for the upcoming quarter and beyond.

Earlier in the month, the Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library offered an Open House at the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library. I worked as a greeter at the event and it was a huge success! Thanks to the Friends, we were able to celebrate the opening of the library and the expansion of the parking lot. Patrons in attendance signed-up for library cards, checked out new books, and enjoyed face painting and a variety of games.

Library Services Manager – Alina Rowe

This month I attended two of the regional meetings lead by administration. The meetings were insightful, and it was nice seeing staff from different branches in person.

In order to support staff, I had the privilege of working at the Oro Valley Library for four days. The ORO staff were very welcoming and helpful in providing a tour of the branch and their procedures.

This month I was able to graduate from the Arizona State University Certified Public Manager program along with two of my library colleagues and other Pima County colleagues from the Facilities department.

Library Services Manager – Em Demeester-Lane

This month I worked to transition Linde Furman, from Kirk-Bear Canyon Library to her new location at Joel Valdez Main Library. I have also been working closely with Linde and Mikel Stone, Main's new co-managers as they begin their new assignments. Main Library is also going through a large renovation process of the 3rd floor and I have been assisting them with the ins and out of that, attending multiple meetings a week about the process. El Pueblo Library's hours officially reduced this month which required some creative thinking around managing holds, deposits, hours, programming, staff reporting structure etc. I collaborated with my colleague Paulina Aguirre-Clinch to coordinate shared staff between Southwest and Frank de la Cruz-El Pueblo Libraries.

In other staffing news, Kirk-Bear Canyon Library has a new interim manager, Melissa Salazar. Melissa is settling into her new position and getting up to date with training and information. In Administration, I completed several reference checks for our new Librarian II applicants as well as participated in meetings on placements for these positions.

At the end of May and early June I co-facilitated, alongside Linde Furman as part of the Trauma-Informed Care team, our first Regional Staff Meetings in many years. Amber Mathewson and our Deputies were able to have very important face-to-face conversations with staff. The meetings were very powerful for staff and Administration.

Library Services Manager – Vicki Lázaro

June has been a very busy month. I spent the month supporting our organization by covering shifts for Santa Rosa, Dusenberry-River and Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Libraries, filling in shifts for vacationing and ill staff. I have continued providing training and support for our new Miller-Golf Links Manager. Providing in person and Teams video check-ins with Dusenberry-River, Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr., Santa Rosa and Miller-Golf Links Libraries.

This month I am supporting PCPL's Human Resources office by making reference check calls on job candidates and creating a hiring panel for one of the positions we are hiring for. I am looking forward to bringing on this much needed skilled staff to PCPL.

Celebrating PRIDE month with the libraries by providing flag bookmarks of all representations and encouraging book displays and programs for our communities. Participating as a member and administrative liaison on the Pima County Public Library PRIDE Affinity Team supporting LGBTQA+. Planning the end of the month Pima County employee PRIDE celebration event at the courthouse with DEI Director Dimitria Clayton.

Supporting administration by attending and/or participating in the Collaborative Action Team Meetings, Policy Review Team meetings, Budget Review, Advisory Board Meeting, Board of Supervisor's Meeting, Follow up Guidelines Meeting, Serving Vulnerable Populations Meeting, Prosperity Initiative Working Group and Public Service Manager Meeting. Attended the Regional Meetings and covered Dusenberry-River Library so that staff could attend theirs.

Supporting myself by continuing education on book bans and censorship, disciplinary action policies, low morale in libraries: impacts and counter measures, more Ryan Dowd training, compassion fatigue and self-care. I continue to network by joining in the POWER (Professional, Outstanding Women Eating and Reminiscing) Dinner hosted by DaNel Hogan from the Waters Center for System Thinking, which is a great group of women in the community doing amazing things.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott

Dusenberry-River Library – Matías Torres

Dusenberry-River Library will conclude a June that included the onset of Summer Learning passive activities and book giveaways greeted with much appreciation from patrons. Programming for youth was very much integrated with Summer Learning. Three straight days of Modern Art Camp were at capacity. Amazing Murals accompanied the art experience a week later. Comedy Magic with Cody Landstrom offered enjoyment for the entire family while Gardening for All sought to leverage our Seed Library to impart self-sustenance for all ages. Throughout influx of programming Toddler Storytime was available each week. The training of 13 teen volunteers to assist with Summer Learning boded well for our patron engagement. Youthmax Leadership followed by Introduction to Improv were presented in subsequent weeks to fortify opportunities for teens. Arts and Crafts for Teens were central to the Juneteenth Celebration and Rainbow Pride Bracelets. Civic and literary engagement were offered to adult patrons. Education in the News allowed patrons to discuss controversies in a safe space as they pertained to education flashpoints of the moment. Demystifying Poetry and Art in the Afternoon provided patrons a chance to pick the mind of a published poet and consider female identity in art. Book Clubs, Writing Groups, Study Groups, Civic Groups and Homeowner's Associations made ample use of meeting room at the start of this Summer.

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

The beginning of the Summer Learning Program has been a huge success at Nanini; kids have loved selecting a new book to keep as their own, and Nanini staff have created hundreds of new library cards over the past few weeks. When the Library opened on the day of the Reid Park Zoo program there was a line extending down the sidewalk. Some kids had brought toy versions of their favorite animals to the program and others wore awesome animal-themed outfits. Other programs which packed the room included the Portable Planetarium, a comedy magic show, and a puppet show presented by Red Herring.

Programs for teens and adults have remained popular in the summer months. The seasonal session of English Classes is seeing both new people in attendance as well as students

continuing their learning. Each Thursday Nanini's Adult Services staff work one-on-one with job seekers to help them submit applications and create resumes. Pima County Health Department's Mobile Clinic parked outside the Library for an afternoon last week, offering free vaccines, STI testing, pregnancy testing, and general information for the public. Library staff are also appreciating assistance from 9 new teen volunteers who help manage traffic by signing kids up for Summer Learning as they gain job skills along the way.

Oro Valley Public Library – Kaitlyn Sparks

We kicked off the Summer Learning Program off with a family-friendly music concert featuring Gertie and the T.O. Boyz on June 1, and every week we hosted programs for a variety of ages and interests to give families some fun and educational activity options for the summer. So far, over 800 children and young adults have stopped by for a free book, reading tracker, and to add their name to our Summer Learning tree with leaves, bees, and flowers in the Children's Room.

The same week Summer Learning started, we reopened after a short closure for a remodel. We have a new, more ergonomic, welcoming, and ADA-compliant service desk and checkout station area; the location of the desk and checkout station traded places as well. The reception was overwhelmingly positive. Everyone seems to think it is more logical and intuitive. One patron commented that the space at the front of the library looked larger and more open. Also, many patrons have commented about the "new" tree and book shelf mural, and how much they like it. The mural is over a decade old, but now that the service desk is in front of the mural, it is much more prominently displayed and appreciated.

While we were closed, we also moved of some of our children's materials. Moving the chapter books into our Tween Area of library and out of the Children's Room, which is something our 9-13 year olds asked for when helping design their space. Several have mentioned how much they liked this change, which also gave our growing and popular children's graphic novel collection much more needed space.

For the summer, we offered *Ready, Set, School!* in place of Preschool Storytime. *Ready, Set, School!* is a specialized program for children and their caregiver(s) to help them prepare for joining a kindergarten class in the fall. Caregivers reported that they were truly enjoying it and are happy they signed up. One shared that they thought "all the libraries should have this, and what perfect timing for school." Our Children's Librarian said the best thing was the "thank you!"s and high fives from the kids at the end of each class.

For adults, we continued our regularly scheduled programs and added a few presenter-led options, including a Self Defense Class for Women. Many women showed up, including a great-grandmother. One of our staff members joined them for the class and noticed the ladies were being dainty as they took turns hitting a punch bag, until she took her turn. She "walloped" the bag, which encouraged the rest of the ladies to be more aggressive in their practice. Several of the attendees asked me at the staff desk if we could have another session after the class was done, and told me that our staff member really helped them feel comfortable. We also held an Introduction to Yoga series in June, which was similarly well-received.

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Kelly Wilson

Summer is off and running at Eckstrom Columbus Library. Our Summer Learning Program blasted off with over a thousand trackers and books given out to date. We had over fifty people at each of our weekly Summer Learning Programs so far; including Portable Planetarium, Magic Show, the Puppet Show: Little One Inch - Espectáculo de Marionetas and Kidz Art Drawing

program. We continue to fill all three of our weekly Storytimes, and our Chess group continues to be popular and well attended each week. Our offerings of STEAM programs has included Lego Robotics, Breakout Boxes, GEOQuest and Bullet Journalling all engaging the Summer-vacationing minds of our local youth.

Our community adults have enjoyed a hugely successful Frank Talk about Education in the News: What's happening in the Classrooms Today? Many diverse opinions were shared with respect and consideration practiced by all. Bean Tree Farms presented a wonderful program about our edible desert and our bi-lingual job help assists many people every week. We have welcoming book displays celebrating Pride, Juneteenth and World Refugee Day in honor of our beautifully diverse library users.

We continue to provide TUSD breakfast bags and lunch snacks as well as Community Food Bank weekend food packs, all of which our community really appreciates. We also hosted Living Streets Alliance's bike clinic which offered neighborhood bicyclists tools and guidance on how to ride and maintain their wheels safely.

Quincie Douglas Library – Lois Miller

The Summer Learning Program has brought many families into Quincie Douglas Library this summer. Our gate count has increased because of this, which makes us very happy. We have given out around 600 books to kids and 100 to teens. The summer breakfast program is also very popular—we have been giving out breakfast and weekend packs to families on a daily basis, and they are very much appreciated.

Teen artists Amariah and Rayne have their art on our walls this month, and many customers have commented on how beautiful the art is. Amariah and her mother are also volunteers at Quincie Douglas Library. They helped children's librarian Brie with a very successful Father's Day Crafternoon program on June 16h. 40 people attended with entire families (including grandparents) in attendance. This is in addition to our popular storytime events.

Teens have been enjoying a scavenger hunt in the teen section, which consists of picture clues of book titles, leading teens to find the books and the next clues. After teens find 7 clues, they receive a prize of library swag. We also had presenter Vanya here for a fun henna tattoo class—there were 33 people in attendance.

Julia Miller presented a wonderful Bookbinding class which was attended by 12 adults. We will also have a new adult volunteer who will help with sorting seeds into packets starting later this month. Job Help is going well—for example, a man came in to renew his Certified Nursing License. LA Connie helped him with this, and when he finished he said, "If it wasn't for the library, I wouldn't be able to do this. It's the best line of help for me!"

Staff members are also very involved in systemwide teams such as the seed library, circ pro, Welcome to America and LGBTQ+.

Sahuarita Library – Betsy Langley

We kicked off Summer Learning on June 1 with a Kidz Art program with 28 participants! During the first two weeks of June we gave away 900 books to keep kids reading throughout the summer. We also held several other popular events, including Friendship Bracelets with (65 participants), an Indoor Planetarium (80), Puzzle Creation (47), and Junk Journals (34). We'll be hosting a Magic Show with Cody Landstrom on June 20 and Good Vibrations on June 27, where we'll explore the science of sound. Our Saturday Chess Club brought in 20 participants – children, teens and adults - several of whom have become regulars. One mom told us that her

two boys got into chess after our tournament last Fall and just completed a week of chess camp. It's also exciting to see customers learning from and sharing strategies with each other. Five youth came to Code Club and got to see coding come alive in a video game demonstration showing how they can add their own expansions. Children's staff had the chance to visit the Sahuarita Early Childhood Center for an outreach event this month, as well.

We're also engaging customers through beautiful book displays – one celebrating PRIDE month and another highlighting books that have been banned or challenged. Staff created informative bookmarks explaining when and why the titles were challenged in the (sometimes not too distant) past. Our book club read *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell this month with nine participants joining a lively discussion on June 13. Finally, the Sahuarita Library is now set up to circulate a new telescope donated by members of the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association. We're thrilled to be able to offer this new service to the community!

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Lu Guerrero

The summer season marked the start of Breakfast Time, a collaborative program with the Community Food Bank of Southern AZ. Children and youth under 18 years of age receive daily breakfast packs and family groups can also pick up a family-size weekend pack. The library's Summer Learning program has also provided youth with literacy related activities. Book giveaways, reading trackers and library programming are only a few special summer activities that young library visitors have enjoyed this month. In June, Art Friedman presented "Rubber Duckies and Plastic Sulfur", filling the library's meeting room to capacity. Participants commented on how fun and unique the program was.

The library's weekly Tween Code Club is experiencing an increase in attendance during the summer, bringing entire families to the library on Saturday afternoons. While tweens are participating in Code Club, younger siblings and parents are typically browsing the children's area together.

Sam Lena-South Tucson Library staff have begun repackaging bulk quantities of seeds for PCPL's Seed Library winter collection, as the system's seed processing center and collection headquarters. Thousands of seed packets are being repackaged and processed for customers' winter planting needs this Fall.

Santa Rosa Library – Victoria Villanueva

Summer Learning is in full swing at Santa Rosa! Only 3 weeks in and we have given over 300 books away to the young members of our community! We are so happy to have so many young readers visit us and pick up their free book. As well staff visiting neighboring schools and promoting our summer learning program to all.

With summer learning comes summer programming and already we had two huge successes with a Puppet Show Presented by Vanya Marinkovic that had over 100 in attendance. As well as a magic show by Cody Langstrom that had 50 attendees! We want to thank The Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation Center for working with us in providing these high-capacity programs to the community so we can have even more enjoy all the fun the library has to offer.

Santa Rosa has also been the graduation hub for all the Preschool classes hosted at head start. We absolutely love that we are getting to be a part of a young child's life from the very first moments of attending school.

District 3 – Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Jodi Ohlson

Summer learning go off to a great start, with the Caviglia Arivaca Library setting up tables with free books and information about the entire summer's programming plans. We have a table at the Arivaca Community Center, and two tables set-up at the library. We have made a special display of Summer Learning materials for teens near the teen section of the library, with more diverse content and fun give aways.

This month our programming started off with *The Magic of Reading with George McSly*, and the kids were excited to learn that George will be coming back to close out Summer Learning to teach magic tricks. We learned about making felted bowls, and the *Tucson Children's Museum* came down to help us start Monsoon Season with a fun program on *Extreme Weather*. This was quickly followed by a *Summer Solstice Celebration* where we made solar ovens to cook our S'mores, and while we waited for gooey goodness we learned about Cyanotypes and made mobiles with sun art.

Our monthly Caviglia Arivaca Library Book Group enjoyed *Fuzz by Mary Roach*, and the discussion was particularly lively in light of the recent bear attack near Prescott, Arizona. We brought down additional titles by Mary Roach to share with the group, and almost all were snapped up immediately.

Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) continues to work with several local community non-profits to install Pollinator Gardens throughout our downtown area. The original goal of connecting the Arivaca Dancehall to the Caviglia Arivaca Library with Pollinator Garden's has now expanded to include the businesses that are on Universal Ranch Road. Additional funding will be needed, and our TAB group members are excited by the building local enthusiasm and support for this community project.

Flowing Wells Library – Angie Grischkowsky

This month Flowing Wells officially kicked off Summer Learning fun with a book giveaway, school supply freebies (while supplies lasted), and a number of fun programs for kids & families, tweens, and teens. Highlights included "Imposters Among Us," an after-hours tween/teen program based on a popular game, a dental health Storytime that drew over 50 kids and grownups, and a magic show that proved as popular as ever. Staff are happy to report that so far we are seeing a marked increase in participation over last year.

Other events for youth this month included Acro Yoga, Make Your Own Slime (another hit with our community), Puppet Show, Collage Art, Anime Club, Mini Vets, Bad Movie Club, a Visit from Northwest Fire, Free Youth Breakfasts, and ongoing programs like Storytimes and Read to a Dog. Whew!

We hosted a Free Bike Repair Clinic for any age on June 12th, where people could get their bike's minor repairs done, and pick up a free helmet and bike light – we had 23 people, all now riding safer.

On June 9th we hosted Frank Talks: Education in the News, which had full registration and a healthy wait list. Attendees got to meet one another as community members and have a respectful and lively discussion about a topic of great concern to many.

English Language Classes for beginners began on June 7th, and will continue once a week through the summer before returning to the usual twice per week schedule in the fall. And

finally, Computer Classes and Job Help continue to be in demand on a regular basis, with patrons suggesting more class topics they would like to see in the future.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Daniela Buchberger

During the month of June the Salazar-Ajo library continued to see many visitors drawn to our regularly occurring Wednesday afternoon programs. Children of all ages enjoyed a visit from the Children's Museum where they discovered all sorts of new and exciting properties of water. Many participants learned how to make their own book with Julia and both staff and patrons were intrigued by how beautiful their new books came out.

Our creative self-directed activities in both the children's and teen areas have made many of our visitors very happy and we are finding that more and more people are drawn to those areas to spend a significant amount of time in between exploring new and exciting books.

We've also seen our brand new Summer Learning Books getting a lot of attention as our younger community members are picking up their reading trackers, Summer Learning Giveaways and deciding on their favorite summer reads.

This library continues to see a high demand for the community pantry and our patrons are often asking for additional resources such as water bottles and hygiene products.

Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Library – Sam Hennig

The Summer Learning Program has been wildly popular this year! We have distributed about 1700 free books to readers so far. Our special programs and storytimes have been very well attended. The First Smiles Matter storytime had 93 children and families attend. Outreach to Lemay Academy preschool and camps reached 100 children and their families and 700 program information and trackers are being distributed through Marana Food Bank, one of our community partners.

Teen Services provided the first of three planned Take-And-Make Crafts for pickup in the library and started our programming for Summer Learning with the program "Introduction to Chess" ,hosted by vendor Martha Underwood, which was well attended. Our attendance for programs greatly increased the next week with two back-to-back presentations of presenter Lauren Ard's "Inflatable Planetarium". Attendance increased even further in the third week of June with a staff hosted week long 'Robotics Camp' where participants learned about coding language and were able to hang out and mess around with a variety of different educational robotics kits. We hope we will be able to keep up the momentum of increased attendance with the final program planned for the month Vanya Marinkovic's "Filming/Directing/Producing" teen workshop. In between programs, the staff has been working with teen volunteers to promote Summer Learning and to promote creativity in the library with window-decorations.

Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr Library welcomed Martha Underwood to lead a class bracelet-making. Ms. Underwood calls the class Bali Beads, as she generously shares a huge collection beads, some from Bali, some also from India, and she has traveled to both places. Patrons and staff had a very good time. And we would love to have Ms. Underwood come back to our branch.

Woods Memorial Library – Chinyere Olumba

Woods Memorial Library is feeling the heat from *Summer Learning*! We have had over 200 kids sign up for the Summer Learning Program at Woods Library since June 1! Each one received a free book and a reading tracker to encourage reading and learning all Summer long. We have also had excellent events to support the program. Over 40 people came to Reid Parks Zoo's

presentation of *Habitats Around the World* on June 10, and over 60 people came to presenter, *Cody Landstrom's Magic Show* on June 17. The excitement could be heard from the “Oohs” and “Aahs” from the audience for both events.

The Summer session of *Literacy Connect* has connected! It started June 5 with 22 community participants, with an ongoing high number of 20 participants every Monday.

The Woods Memorial Library finished its LSTA grant funded Health Action Team with a four-day Digital *Storytelling Boot Camp* run by Creative Narrations. Eight teens and adults each created a narrated video about something important to them related to the theme of resilience and belonging. A teen shared his experience with the *Youth and Peace Conference*. A teen participants shared a personal story about her relationship with her mother. A Teen participants shared his experience with the refugee support organization Owl & Panther and his high school marching band. Librarian Matthew used the time to create a story about the Health Action Team and the youth who participated as interns this year. The digital stories will be complete and available to watch on the Health Action Team website in mid-July:

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

“Can you read another story?” asked a group of 22 children. Who does not love the book! “*The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*”. It was an impromptu day! On June 7, for the new librarian at the Woods Memorial Library! Librarian Chinyere was able to read to Happy Trails pre-school for a drop in story-time with a bonus of issuing library cards to every little participant.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station – Mary McKinney

The annual summer program began on June 1. Choosing a book to keep is by far the favorite part. Many kids really spend some time to choose just the right book. A mom who homeschools was happy to report that she would utilize the tween/teen Field Notes for homework assignments.

George McSly's Magic Show was on June 2. A 7-year-old reported that his favorite part of the show as when the magician made a girl float in the air. A mom who attended with her children said that it was a fun and unique activity that got them thinking.

Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library hosted an Open House on June 3. Attendees enjoyed free books for the kids, face painting, giant games, and cake. 152 new library cards were created in three hours!

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Heather Tyndall

Science, art, storytelling, music, free books, and a scavenger hunt (created by our Children's Librarian) have all been a part of the Summer Learning Program for children, tweens, and teens at Joyner-Green Valley Library this month. Participants in *Have Fun Creating Lotería Paintings* made beautiful 8" x 10" acrylic paintings on canvas using sketched images from the traditional Mexican Lotería Card game. During the program *Ben Franklin and the Levitating Frog*, children enjoyed a reenactment of Franklin's kite experiment, lit up fluorescent tubes with a Tesla coil, experienced 400,000 volts of electricity (while grounded, of course!), and viewed the creation of a model-scale Aurora Borealis in a tube. In the workshop *Ignite Your Creative Spark: Collage Art Making*, teens and tweens explored different ways to create collages and each participant made a piece to take home. The Tohono Chul Desert Players performed a music-filled, live-action pantomime show narrating the winter migration story of a family of sandhill cranes as they journey from the Arctic to the Sulphur Springs Valley of southern Arizona.

Adult patrons also enjoyed various library programs in June. The Page Turner's Book Club read and discussed *The Premonitions Bureau* by Sam Knight. Two library staff members conducted a gardening workshop on how to make self-watering containers; each participant went home with an outfitted five-gallon container and seeds to start their own garden. Regular weekly programs—such as *Meditation for Everyone* on Monday mornings, *Mindfulness, Meditation & More* on Tuesday afternoons, and *Gentle Yoga Practice* on Friday mornings—continued throughout the month, as did *Library Resource and Technology Drop-In Help* offered by staff on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

June also marked the beginning of a series of health information and resource workshops brought by our community partners, Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc (PPEP, Inc.) and the Amado Community Alliance. The first program in the series, *The Rise of Fentanyl*, was presented by the Arizona National Guard. Life coach Andres Ruiz presented the second one, *Live on Purpose: Secrets to a Healthy and Meaningful Life*. Two more are scheduled for July!

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Melissa Salazar

Bear Canyon Library has programming in full swing for the summer. On June 6th, Children's Librarian Megan Hellwig hosted a Sensory Program geared towards neurodiverse children and features a calm down room if some children feel overstimulated. These programs consist of sensory toys such as a sandbox, one with regular sand and one with kinetic sand, tracing toys..etc. This was our first time having two 45 minute sessions due to high popularity and requests from parents. Our second Sensory program was June 20, and we had 78 participants for both sessions.

In addition to the sensory program, we also have our regular Family Storytime which is held on Thursdays and we bring in about 60 participants a week. Once a month, one of our Family Storytimes is a Bilingual Storytime. Bear Canyon Library has partnered with the University of Arizona's Linguistics department to be able to do Bilingual story times in Korean, Spanish, French, Russian, and Mandarin. We had 64 participants for this program.

For our adult programming, we had our 1-on-1 Library tech help for the variety of digital offerings that the library has such as audiobooks, ebooks. We also have Kirk Bear-Canyon Library Library book club that was held on June 29th. This book club is reading *The Family Chao* by Lan Samantha Chang and had open discussion about the book.

Miller-Golf Links Library – Anna Lawrence

June at Golf Links started with over 100 youth signing up for the summer reading program on the first day! So far, we have had over 500 people under 18 sign up and receive a free book and reading tracker. Our summer programs have also been quite popular, particularly tie dye day which hosted over 90 participants! Other programs coming up this month are Family Comedy Magic, Make Your Own Bath Bomb, Slime, and Yoga for Kids.

A local Girl Scout troop came to take a tour, and to find out more about how the library works. Apart from the new library cards for some of the girls, the highlight for the group was seeing how a book drop worked from the inside!

The Pride Month display at GLF has been very well received by the community, with a great deal of positive feedback from patrons of all ages. We have bookmarks with various pride flags, descriptions of each flag, a book display of LGBTQ+ materials, and the rainbow and trans flags hanging on our front desk. Many patrons have engaged staff in conversation asking questions and saying how happy they are to see the display. In the words of one patron from Ask a Librarian:

"I just came from your Miller Golf Links branch and saw the Pride books display and just wanted to let you know that you have my support 100%. I didn't expect to see one this year and I really appreciate it being made available. One thing that I love about books is that they allow you to live an experience that you might not have otherwise. I'm not a member of the LGBTQ community, but I find that getting to read books that are written by authors of color and that tackle issues good and bad that affect the LGBTQ community allows me to emphasize and relate to circumstances that affect these marginalized communities in ways that I might not be able to if it weren't for books. The wide range of books and items available in the Pima County library collection is one of the reasons why I go three to five days a week, if not more. It's also what makes our library unique and the best! I hope you continue to purchase books that feature LGBTQ protagonists and are written by authors who are part of this community!"

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Kathy Konecny

Our new weekly Monday morning Family Storytime is a huge success with as many as 73 participants. In June, we added this storytime because our Wednesday program was reaching room capacity. Children, parents, and caregivers enjoyed June's water and animal-themed stories and activities. Many grabbed a free breakfast for their children and checked out a pile of books to complete their visit.

An intergenerational audience enjoyed the Bean Tree Farm's Samples and Stories of the Delicious Sonoran Desert presentation. Thirty-one people learned about the diversity and delicious uses of our native plants. Customers also enjoyed the hands-on display featuring books, plant samples and more. We are grateful to the Friends of the Pima County Public Library for their support in making this program possible.

District 5 – Supervisor Adelita Grijalva

Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library – John Muñoz

This month, the Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library hosted two popular vendor-presented programs: 1) Indoor Planetarium! with Lauren Ard and 2) Reading Rodeo with a Miniature Horse. At the first program, kids and families stayed cool indoors, learning more about stars and constellations in the night sky. At the second, kids met and read with a miniature horse, and learned many facts about them, too.

El Río Library – Jeff McWhorter

El Río Library had two very special displays of unique books up this month to honor LGBTQ+ Pride as well as the Juneteenth holiday. We also kicked off a book club here that utilizes the new Literacy Reads collection for adult literacy learners. One of our staff took the initiative to put this book discussion group together in collaboration with the neighboring Pima Community College Adult Education Center and the participants are all students in PCC's different GED and literacy programs.

This month we also started distributing breakfasts through the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona's Summer Breakfast Program. The youth that have begun to frequent the library more because they are out of school are very appreciative, as are the parents who come by after picking up their littles from the El Río Center daycare. Our young patrons and their parents are also enthusiastic about Summer Learning, picking up free books, library promotional materials, and reading trackers to keep them sharp this summer. Storytime, Craftacular Tuesday, Origami Club, and Job Help/Tech Help all keep receiving regular attendance. Storytime with one of our veteran

staff members is particularly popular and patrons stopping by to pick up their holds inevitably smile as they tromp through singing and dancing children in route to the hold shelf.

The library garden we started on the east side of the building is thriving and has yet to be discovered by any neighborhood critters. We are excited to harvest seeds from the bounty (squash, brown tepary beans, sunflowers, cherry tomatoes, santaka peppers, and morning glories) later in this summer and add them back in the Seed Library catalog.

Himmel Park Library – Heather Ross

The Summer Learning Program is in full swing at Himmel Park Library! The month of June has brought a variety of fun programs. One favorite program was Stone Carving for Youth. Children as young as six, as well as some teens and even a few adults, selected and designed their own pieces. They were all so patient and diligent with the process of carving, cutting, and polishing, and everyone put great focus and energy into their work. Another favorite was Cody Landstrom's Comedy Magic Show. A room full of children and adults were delighted with his mix of card tricks, rope tricks, sleight of hand, and comedy patter, and he regularly encouraged the kids to use the library to learn the same tricks he presented. He shared that while he now lives in Colorado, he grew up a block away from the Himmel Park Library -- when the parking lot across from the park was an apartment complex -- and he remembers coming to the library as a child!

On June 20 Himmel Park Library was delighted to host Living Streets Alliance for a free Bike Repair Clinic through their Safe Routes to School program. A total of thirty-seven people attended the clinic. Thirteen riders brought bikes in need of some love to be tuned up by two bicycle mechanics, and four children were fitted for brand-new, free bike helmets. Others stopped by for bike route maps and cycling-related information. The Pima County Public Library Bookbike also made an appearance at the event, giving away 37 books to happy attendees. Riders expressed their appreciation for opportunity to receive free repairs, sharing stories ranging from a 96 year old World War II Veteran who was eager to get out riding once more, to a teenager whose bike had been stolen and was recovered with damage. One customer described the event as "a miracle and a blessing." We are grateful to Living Streets Alliance for lending their time and expertise to help our community get the wheels turning again.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Linde Furman/Mikel Stone

June has been a very busy month for the Joel D. Valdez Main Library! In very exciting staffing news, Linde Furman joined Main as our new Librarian III. There was much rejoicing, and a lot of excitement.

As for library programming, our Summer Learning Program started June 1st and brought lots of families into our space. Library staff have also planned and hosted a number of exciting programs for our community this month.

To start, Main's Children's Department hosted renowned magician Cody Landstrom for a program which drew in 42 attendees and nearly hit the limit for the children's meeting room. It was a big hit with the kids!

Also, our Teen and Tween Librarians led a DIY craft and STEAM camp making candles, soaps & more as part of our teen summer programs. Before the month is out, we will also organize and coordinate a bottle cap mosaic camp.

Mid-June we hosted an all-ages bike repair clinic, led by staff from the Living Streets Alliance. Bikes were tuned, and wheels were patched, including a little love and maintenance for our own Bookbike.

In addition, we repurposed a 6' glass art stand, fitted it with LED grow lights, and now it hosts our newest seedling and starts display. It is very cool and the pride of Main's Seed Library. But that's not all, in addition to the kick-off of Summer Learning and hosting engaging programs for all, the Main Library is undergoing some construction on the first and third floors. Staff spaces are getting a much-needed update. Public computers will also be moving to the first floor, making them more easily accessible for our patrons. And notably, we relocated our entire adult fiction collection from the first floor to the third. This is a big change for our location and happily, our customer response to this change has been largely positive. Please be sure to stop by to see our building improvements later in July!

Richard Elías-Mission Library – Tara Foxx-Lupo

June brought with it the launch of Summer Learning and the library saw many kids teens coming in for their free books, reading trackers and fun summer programming. The children's and teen/tween services staff have worked hard to ensure these community members have lots of fun options to enjoy at the library this summer. Every week we offer an all ages Crafternoon program for those who want to express their creativity through arts and crafts. Attendees have loved creating a variety of things and taking them home to display proudly. For those looking to relax and wind down the week we are offering our Friday Flicks movie program every other week, with free popcorn for all who attend.

In addition to these staff led offerings, the Richard Elias-Mission Library has some great presentations and programs coming in June. Offerings include a calligraphy class, yoga Storytime a puppet show and an improv show. These entertaining and enriching offerings are spread through the month and appeal to library lovers of all ages.

Starting immediately the Job Help program has been adapted to better meet community needs and is now called "Job and Computer Help." This change is meant to ensure those with basic computer skill building needs can come in to practice in a setting with designated, knowledgeable staff. The program is also being offered by bilingual staff members and is advertised in English and Spanish. This is important to ensuring that our many Spanish speaking customers can benefit from the quality assistance and resources provided by skilled library staff members.

Southwest Library – John Muñoz

This month, Southwest hosted three vendor-presented programs: 1) Tohono Chul Desert Players, 2) Journaling with Vanya Marinkovic, and 3) Spain Meets the New World, Latin Music Discovery Harp Music. The players presented a live-action pantomime show, with narration and music. Vanya Marinkovic's program showcased journaling as a stepping stone to more formal writing projects. Finally, the harpist, Rebecca Reinhard Foreman, both entertained and educated, describing how early Spanish music merged with folk traditions of Mexico.

Valencia Library – Ivonne Ramirez

Summer learning has brought some new faces and some familiar faces back to the library. Programs hosted by the summer learning teams have had high attendance and the surveys received demonstrate that individuals and families are enjoying the learning experiences and the variety of programs. One family shared that they drove over to Valencia Library from clear across town to participate in the art program and their daughter was very excited to be here for it. Visitors have also given positive comments and expressed delight at the excellent book displays for Juneteenth and Pride month, curated from Valencia Library's in-house titles of all-

ages fiction and non-fiction materials selected by Valencia programming staff and our summer youth interns.

Valencia Library Children's Services team members have supported the Camp Leo literacy program with storytimes, participatory puppet shows, and collaborative planning for each week's topics. The Camp Leo program for families with children in Kindergarten through 6th grade is led by the Tucson Cyber Lions. In partnership with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and the Valencia Library the program debuted this summer and has been held every Wednesday this month in the Manuel Herrera Children's Peace Garden. The Camp Leo families have enjoyed the storywalks along the garden and are receiving a new book to take home each week from the Cyber Lions Club. By contributing to this collaborative program and growing each family's home library collection, this project creates opportunities for families to engage in literacy and support their children's development of reading and literacy skills, as well as serves to center nature and community, and promotes socioemotional development through positive interactions with others from a young age.

Another strong partnership with the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona continues through the summer. Valencia Library is participating in the children's breakfast program, and we have continued our participation in the Agency Market program, which provides food bank donations to distribute via Valencia Library's community pantry available to library visitors from open to close. The children's snack pack distribution and community pantry impacts between 40-100 families a day, and about 65% of the food distributed are pantry items for families and adults including people staying on the street for short or long-term who have otherwise limited access to resources for food insecurity.

Valencia Library strives to serve the community by providing access to literacy, community resources, and the ability to connect with others who share similar interests. Our programming and feedback for the month of June illustrates the impact that the work at Valencia Library and our knowledgeable and dedicated staff make on this community.

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Pima County Public Library

Murphy-Wilmot Library- Bean Tree Farm's Samples and Stories of the Delicious Sonoran Desert, Jewelry Design: Bali Beads

Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library – Indoor Planetarium! with Lauren Ard; Reading Rodeo with a Miniature Horse presented by Mini Miracles.

Himmel Park Library – Tucson Children's Museum, Cody Landstrom Magic Show

Richard Elías-Mission Library – Calligraphy Class, Yoga Storytime, Unscrewed Theatre Improv Class, Puppet Show, Friday Flicks, Crafternoon.

Southwest Library – Tohono Chul Desert Players; Journaling with Vanya Marinkovic; Spain Meets the New World, Latin Music Discovery Harp Music.

Valencia Library – Teen Thursday; Movie Matinee Series: Studio Ghibli; Children's Museum of Tucson (CMT)-Noisy Science: Sound; Lindsay Jean Nelson: Trauma Informed Health for teens/adults in Spanish; Crochet Circle; CMT-Wonders of Space; Reid Park Zoo to You; Mama Coal Concert; The Drawing Studio, CMT-Dino Discovery; Power of the mind; CMT-Wonders of Water

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Portable Planetarium, Magic Show, Puppet Show, KidzArt Drawing, Samples and Stories from the Delicious Desert

Quincie Douglas Library – Henna Tattoos, Creative Bookbinding, Messy Science, Teen Comic Book Writing project, Magic in the Air

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Rubber Duckies and Plastic Sulfur by Art Friedman, Drawing Studio

Salazar-Ajo Library – Whatever Wednesdays –Wonders of Water – Tucson Children's Museum, Book Making with Julia Jai Miller, Shrinky Dinks, Face Painting with Vanya Marinkovic

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library - George McSly's Magic Show, Vanya Marinkovic's Plant-based Tattoos, Face Painting, Portable Planetarium, Red Herring Puppet Show, Holly Heyman's Hula, Reid Park Zoo

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library – Martha Underwood Chess and Bali Beads, Lauren Ard Portable Planetarium, Vanya Marinkovic Filming, Cody Landstrom Magic Show, Mamma Coal and Kids' Country Musical Show

Friends of the Arivaca Library- no report

Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library- no report

Friends of the Green Valley Library (Green Valley & Sahuarita)-Creating Lotería Paintings, Ben Franklin and the Levitating Frog, Ignite Your Creative Spark: Collage Art Making, Tohono Chul Desert Players, Self-Watering Container Workshop

Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library- Tohono O'odham Willa Music Concert with Gertie and the T.O. Boyz, Self Defense for Women, Afro-Brazilian Music: Rhythms, Songs, and Instruments of Capoeira and Brazil, Ignite Your Creative Spark! Collaborative Art Project, Red Herring Puppet Show: Blue Frog and Barking Mouse/La Rana Azul & El Raton, Introduction to Yoga Series, Indoor Planetarium: Animals in the Sky (2 sessions), Creative Bookbinding, Teens - Get Your Magic On!, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum presents Desert Reptiles

Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library- no report