

**DATE:** July 6, 2023

**TO:** Library Board, Pima County Public Library

Pima County Board of Supervisors  
Pima County Administration  
Friends of the Pima County Public Library, Board of Directors  
Friends of the Arivaca Library, Board of Directors  
Friends of the Esmond Station Library, Board of Directors  
Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, Board of Directors  
Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library, Board of Directors  
Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library, Board of Directors  
Pima Library Foundation, Board of Directors

**FROM:** Amber D. Mathewson  
Library Director

**SUBJECT: Director's Report – June, 2023**

**Staffing:**

Currently 46 vacant positions:

**Librarian II** – Offers in process

**Librarian I** – Interviews pending

**½ time Librarian** – interviews completed

**Library Status:**

The Library Director and Deputy Directors hosted four regional staff meetings (Nanini, Flowing Wells, Murphy-Wilmot and Valencia Libraries) May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>. These meetings represented the first large in-person staff meetings that have been held since the beginning of the Pandemic. The purpose of these meetings were to talk about all of the changes of the past three years, their affect on staff and the community and our plans for moving forward and rebuilding services. It is hoped that we can have regional meetings on an at least quarterly basis and will continue also with virtual all staff meetings for the time being.

The Library Budget was passed by the Pima County Board of Supervisors in a vote of 3-2. Those voting no had concerns about Library District money funding the PEEPs program. It is likely this will be the topic of discussion in the coming months.

**Issues:**

Thanks go to the Library Advisory Board for the letter of support that went to the Board of Supervisors following the last meeting **and** to John Halliday who attend the Board of Supervisors' meeting. John spoke very eloquently on the need for diverse collections. Library Administration and the entire staff are extremely grateful for the support of our Library Advisory Board.

Pima County will receive a \$30.3 million grant to expand high-speed internet infrastructure and increase internet access for residents in unserved or underserved areas. This funding is a result of the leadership of **Deputy Director Michelle Simon** as co-chair of the [Connect Pima](#) initiative!