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TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library

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Friends of the Esmond Station Library, Board of Directors
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Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library, Board of Directors
Pima Library Foundation, Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Community Engagement and Outreach Report – February 2024

Pima County Public Library (PCPL) collaborated with the Greater Southern Arizona Area Chapter (GSAAC) of the Buffalo Soldiers 9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Association to host informational displays at over 15 libraries, some of the displays including storyboards and sculptures were borrowed from the Association. Many of these displays will be ongoing through March.

PCPL helped plan Pima County's Employee's Black History Month Celebration on Thursday, February 22 at the Old County Courthouse. The library hosted an outreach table holding the interest of kids in attendance, and the Bead-Bracelet craft was well received.

PCPL hosted its 8th Career Online High School Graduation on February 17 at the Murphy-Wilmot Library. Twelve of the 20+ graduates were in attendance along with 125 family and friends. One graduate shared that two generations in her family have completed this degree - her Aunt graduated in 2018!

Latinx Community Engagement Manager – Hassael Cazesuz

With just a little over two weeks left to the annual Tucson Festival of Books (TFOB), our team is *full steam ahead* with finishing up with logistical planning for our Nuestras Raíces' space. Our ten panels are all set, and we could not be more excited for what our team was able to put together for this year's festival. You can find our scheduled panels, authors, and moderators at the TFOB website [HERE](#). Our team is also generating excitement and community interest with several posts weekly relating to the invited authors as well as moderators.

Our team is also gearing up with continuing our community presence and participating in community outreach. Thus far we are excited to participate in a Pima Animal Care Center event held at Richard Elías-Mission Library on March 3. This event will target the Latinx and Spanish-speaking communities and provide valuable resources for pet owners. Our team is happy to provide bilingual assistance as well as take this opportunity to remind the participants of our own library resources available to the community.