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**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  
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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:** Karyn Prechtel-Altman  
Deputy Library Director

**SUBJECT: Community Engagement and Outreach Report – March 2024**

Pima County Public Library presented another successful Tucson Festival of Books this year! I'm so proud of Hassael Cazesuz, Jesús Castañeda, and Samantha Neville for designing a delightful and engaging set of author panels. Over 60 library staff worked at the festival that weekend: at the Nuestras Raíces venue, the Teen Activity Tent, the Teen Audio Interviews, the Bookmobile and the Bookbike.

Karyn is serving on an Arts Foundation panel called "That's a Wrap" to select 5 artists who will design a wrap-able work of art to cover electrical boxes on Broadway and Congress downtown.

Karyn submitted a Library Services Technology Act Grant request from the Arizona State Library for approx. \$55,000.00. If awarded, library staff from the Trauma Informed Care Team and the Vulnerable Populations Team will work with Dr. Beth Wahler <https://www.swintheibrary.com/> over the course of 12 months to perform an extensive needs assessment, then design a program for the library. The end result might incorporate social workers, community health workers, nurses, or a similar intervention.

Matthew Landon and Jon Meade trouble shot problems with the distribution of new job opportunity listings to branches, making new connections with Pima County One Stop. Matthew finalized a panel and set a date for a September forum on election related misinformation, in partnership with League of Women Voters. The CEO office finalized the marketing information for summer writer in resident Elaine A. Powers, planning her workshops and consultations. Matthew Landon and/or Karyn Prechtel-Altman met with the three new library teams replacing Adult Services, to discuss community needs, establish a mission for each team, and determine team names and team roles.

**Latinx Community Engagement Manager – Hassael Cazesuz**

My colleagues and I (including staff from the Community Engagement Office and members of the Nuestras Raíces team) are basking in the success of this year's Tucson Festival of Books. Our staff worked tirelessly to make this Festival another successful event for our communities. I could not be prouder of their efforts and to see them come to fruition this past March 9-10. It gives our

team great responsibility and passion to be an exclusive space in the Tucson Festival of Books dedicated to elevating and highlighting BIPOC voices for our Pima County community.

Now that this event and preparations have come to an end, our team is gearing up for upcoming programming and outreach opportunities including Día de los niñxs, día de los libros. Día is a program that has brought success in collaborating with local community all-star organizations like Galeria Mitotera. We are working out preparations to provide a highlight on our youth and literacy. This event will take place in early April (date is not finalized) and we are excited to be working with our community for this event.