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FROM: Em DeMeester-Lane
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Public Services Report – April 2025

April was a busy month, but it also has one of my favorite days of the year: National Library Workers Day. I had the pleasure of coordinating this year's celebrations and all the Administration spent Tuesday April 8th driving around cakes and other goodies to every branch in Pima County. It was a very fun way to say thank you to our staff for all the hard work they do, often going above and beyond to serve our community.

Additionally, this month, I worked with the Intermittent Staffing Task Force to establish new weekly page hours budgets and get us on the road to hiring pages which we have not done since Fall of 2023. I brought the hours budget before the managers and met with a team of staff to establish a hiring process. We are all so excited to hire pages once again!

Library Services Manager – Paulina Aguirre-Clinch

In addition to my regularly scheduled one-on-one meetings with branch managers, I had the privilege of presenting on the library's Code of Conduct with Deputy Director of Public Services Em DeMeester-Lane. This was part of the REFUEL series, which serves as staff development refresher training.

In terms of systemwide committee work, this month included collaborating with the Community Engagement Office team on the Summer Reading Program Loteria board, which is what the kids will use to track their reading. I also represented the Nuestras Raíces, Many Nations, and Seed Library teams at the Día del Niño celebration in partnership with Galeria Mitotera in South Tucson.

Library Services Manager – Ken Zambos

I had the opportunity to make special visits to multiple libraries while delivering treats to library staff in recognition of their dedication to literacy and community service, as part of National Library Workers Day. The Presenters Team has continued to meet and discuss upcoming training opportunities for staff, to ensure future success with paid presenter utilization systemwide. During April, I have also coordinated additional internship opportunities and continued working toward testing a pilot internship this summer. This pilot is designed to build upon previous successes, while creating more effective internship opportunities for future candidates.

Library Services Manager – Monique Perez

In April, we honored our amazing staff during National Library Workers Day. I was able to deliver cakes and goodies to three branches: Quincie Douglas, Martha Cooper, and Southwest. I really enjoyed saying hello and visiting with staff, celebrating and thanking them for all they contribute to PCPL and our communities.

This month, the Intermittent Staffing Task Force Data Team met to discuss and create data points for building a future page hours budget and shared the data out with the Intermittent Staffing Task Force as a whole. I have been working alongside the managers of Quincie Douglas, Martha Cooper, Southwest, Valencia, and Woods Memorial, meeting in person or virtually through Teams. The Valencia Library has been undergoing carpet renovation this month, and it looks wonderful! Valencia plans to re-open on Monday, April 28. I also am serving as the hiring manager for the Public Services Librarian I position which closed on April 5. We look forward to continuing growing our teams!

Library Services Manager – Linde Furman

One of my favorite parts of April was celebrating National Library Worker Day on April 8th. All the administrators worked together to deliver cakes and goodies to all the branches on this date. Deputy Director of Public Services, Em DeMeester-Lane, did a great job coordinating the events of the day to ensure all our staff were celebrated. We are so grateful for all our staff and for each other, as our work in serving our community and uplifting our community members is more important than ever.

Additional highlights of April have been spending time at some of the branches I work with, including Eckstrom-Columbus, Nanini, and Wheeler Taft-Abbott libraries. I enjoyed so much spending some extra in-person time with the managers of these locations and their staff. The uniqueness of each location and their surrounding community is so wonderful to experience. I encourage our board members to visit lots of different libraries to see how each one differs, and to see what an inspiring job our staff are doing to tap into their communities and serve in such intentional and thoughtful ways for their specific community.

Efforts have also been underway to give Main Library staff a sneak peek at the Wells Fargo building across the street from Joel D. Valdez Main Library. As a prospect for the future of a downtown location, the staff were absolutely thrilled with being allowed to tour the space. They were so excited about the possibility of this space, including the very cool and numerous vaults, and some of the gorgeous historic elements in the entryway. It was wonderful watching them dream big of what an amazing and improved library space it could be for everyone.

Library Services Manager – Vicki Lázaro

I have been providing in-person and Teams video check-ins with the Managers of Murphy-Wilmot, W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station, Kirk Bear Canyon, Dusenberry-River, Santa Rosa and Flowing Wells Libraries. I had a lot of fun this year being a treat deliverer for the National Library Worker's Day and wishing everyone well and telling them how much they are appreciated!

Supporting administration and assisting branches by attending and/or participating in the Regional All Staff Meetings, Library Advisory Board Meeting, PRIDE Affinity Team, Library Planning Task Force, Intermittent Task Force, REFORMA, Nuestras Raices and Public Service Managers Meetings. Supported my organization by presenting at the educational Service U to talk about the Nuestras Raices and PRIDE affinity teams at PCPL. I also tabled with the Nuestras Raices team at Dia de los Ninos at Galeria Mitotera and gave away lots of great books and shared information about PCPL.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott

Dusenberry-River Library – Mikel Stone

April was a vibrant month of programming and outreach at the Dusenberry-River Branch Library, with diverse events for patrons of all ages. From early literacy outreach to teen creative expression, our offerings reflected the library's ongoing commitment to lifelong learning and community connection.

For our youngest customers, and in our efforts to expand outreach, we brought Storytime to Sunrise Drive Elementary, where our Children's Librarian hosted an interactive session that focused on early literacy through reading, music, and engaging activities. The event was well received, and we look forward to future visits.

Our regular Tween Time program featured two exciting events this month. The Role-Playing Club encouraged participants to use their creativity and teamwork skills, while the Dice Bag Arts and Crafts session allowed tweens to design and craft their own custom dice bags. Both activities offered hands-on fun and learning.

In observation of National Poetry Month, our teens participated in a creative workshop on Blackout Poetry, where they used recycled book pages to create visual poems. This hands-on activity encouraged self-expression and artistic exploration.

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

Creative teens are encouraged to participate in a poster contest to decorate Nanini's teen area. Members of Nanini's Teen Advisory Board will select the winning artwork following the submission due date of April 30th.

English classes are in full swing again and we are proud to be offering a new beginner-level class in addition to the popular intermediate class. ESL classes are provided in partnership with Literacy Connects. Another nonprofit literacy partner, Make Way for Books, kicked off a session of Story School at Nanini this month. Story School is an English/Spanish bilingual program for families which aims to foster critical skills for early brain development including reading, learning, and playing. Families enrolled in the program have the chance to earn up to 22 free books throughout the 10-session course.

Nanini has added another after-school program for tweens. In the biweekly Quest program, kids will collaborate to create new characters and unique stories in a supportive environment.

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Kelly Wilson

This month was packed, and we are grateful for all the help we got from the Valencia branch during their closure. Job and tech help continues to be frequented by patrons with very diverse needs. Our ESL classes with Literacy Connects are sought after, as is the Computer Basics class. DES Arizona Employment Services comes and helps several people every week as well. Our most asked-after program continues to be AARP Tax Prep, which concluded here on April 14th. When kids come to the library, their first question is usually "when is snack?" We also have many regular families attending Crafternoon. Attendance is exploding at Chess and Read to a Dog, with nearly 20 for each program. Storytime continues to get new children and to be an asked for program. Story School by Make Way for Books started a new session and we love hearing the music and excitement from the families

Karl, our Homelessness Resource Navigator, continues to be busy when he's here, as does the Vote Riders ID Clinic. This month they coordinated with Healthy Companions, which brought vet services and PCHD Health Mobile to offer more resources to our unhoused patrons. Yoga was booked this month, as always. Eclectic Readers had thought provoking conversations. The Rabies Prevention Clinic provided a much-needed service for many of our patrons. We held a

SCORE class called Understanding Your Website Builder: Wix Edition. We celebrated Earth Day with a Plant Share and Swap, a first for this library in quite a while. Teens continue to ask when we're having the next Cafecito, every month. And creativity abounded at the Teen DIY: Altoid Tin Wallets. It truly was "Something for Everyone" this month.

Sahuarita Library – Betsy Langley

We're celebrating Dia de los Niños with poetry packets and book giveaways in April! We also had some fun presenters this month, including Yoga Storytime with Dari on April 8 and a Harp and Flute Performance on Saturday, April 19 with Rebecca Reinhard Foreman and Christine Harper. Teens are doing scavenger hunts, button making and blackout poetry in celebration of Poetry month.

The spring session of Literacy Connects' English Language Classes is underway with two groups – beginner and intermediate levels. We also offer a Spanish conversational program on the 2nd and 4th Saturday every month with a handful of participants getting together to practice basic communication. Our Book Club read and discussed *White Noise* by Don DeLillo on April 8.

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Lu Guerrero

The library hosted Messy Science: Reactions, presented by the Tucson Children's Museum. Attendees learned about chemical reactions and later tried their hand at creating their own reactions. Other standalone programs this month include *Understanding Your Website Builder*, and *Chess Fundamentals*.

This month, the library shifted its Friday morning Baby & Toddler Storytime over to afternoon hours, to draw in more participants. Basics Computer Classes began a new session in April, with full attendance and a waiting list of interested students. ELAA Intermediate classes are also going strong for the Spring session.

Library staff tabled at Pima County JTED's Community Health Fair, aimed at engaging with South Tucson residents to increase health awareness within the community.

Santa Rosa Library – Michaela Grady

This April Santa Rosa Library staff created an eye-catching display to celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros, and fittingly, we celebrated just that all month! We welcomed back our partners at Make Way for Books with a new session of Story School, which always brings in new patrons. Staff led a Pete the Cat Storytime with a very special guest: Pete the Cat himself! We were also visited by the Department of Health for an Oral Health Storytime. Additionally, children stretched and moved to a Yoga Storytime and enjoyed a Bilingual Storytime.

Our tween and young adult patrons had an action-packed month. We hosted Youth Art Workshop: Self-Expression Through Poetry and Collage, presented by a second year University of Arizona student. The teens and tweens learned about the sun and how to create their own sun dial from our volunteer with the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association. Pima County Department of Environmental Quality led a STEAM program for tweens and teens on how to make homemade stomp rockets and shared about environmental concerns related to air quality. Additionally, we welcomed a library presenter who helped patrons create their own tie-dyed projects. Finally, Crafternoon brought us homemade pompom wall art. Adult patrons also got in touch with their creative side, working on a perler bead project at our monthly Craft Circle program.

District 3 – Supervisor Jennifer Allen

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Jodi Ohlson

We started the month off with a visit to San Fernando Elementary in Sasabé. The kids had a great time learning coding while playing with Dot & Dash and Ozo bots.

Every month we send pictures in from our wildlife camera to Foto Fauna, the Sky Island Alliance's community science initiative. This month was particularly active with what we thought, based on photos, was a javelina trying to eat the camera. Turns out it was woodpecker!

April is National Poetry Month, and we were honored when Alison Hawthorn Deming accepted our invitation to visit the library. Our monthly poetry group were on hand, and all enjoyed listening to live poetry.

Earth Day was celebrated with Rock Painting and by making upcycled Bee Watering Stations. We also were able to get our raised bed gardens set up with the help of library volunteers and the Arivaca Pollinator's project.

For the second year in a row, we made our own piñata for Dia de los Ninos. Kids cannot resist a piñata, even though we made it tougher to break this year. We had a library-based Scavenger Hunt that the Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library generously provided fun gift bags of goodies for all participants. Our main event was a Puppet Show by Red Herring Puppets, and everyone left with a free book of their choice. It was a fun afternoon, and great to see a few new faces.

Flowing Wells Library – Angie Grischkowsky

April at Flowing Wells library was a packed month! As the weather got warmer, we continued to see our Culture Passes flying out the door each morning. Our telescope was also popular, as it usually is, spending no more than a day checked in on average. The English classes and GED Prep classes offered by Literacy Connects have also seen a slight increase in attendance this month compared to the winter quarter. Even one of our Baby Storytimes has been at or approaching capacity – wow!

In addition to our regular roster of events, we had a few special programs this month: Let's Build on April 5th was a LEGO and Keva Plank building extravaganza for ages 10 and under! For kids and teens ages 10+ we had a wonderful STEAM Build-&-Take on April 12th, where participants got to make and keep an ultraviolet light, a balloon-powered car, and a miniature lightsaber. For adults we hosted a Discover Arizona presentation on April 26th, where participants explored our state's vibrant culture and history through art, literature, music, architecture, and cuisine.

And while we strive to make our patrons happy and impress them with our offerings every single day, we did have a couple of particularly positive comments from patrons this month. One woman, on learning about our Job Help binder where we keep fliers for upcoming job fairs told staff, "This is just what I was looking for! This is so much better for me than getting on a computer." Another patron wanted to start using Libby for audiobooks, and when staff told her about Hoopla responded, "You've got more than one option? I should've known you'd have everything I needed!"

Salazar-Ajo Library – Paulina Aguirre-Clinch (interim)

The Salazar-Ajo Library has a new branch manager! Felicidades are in order for Clarissa Sandoval! This year Clarissa will be celebrating 27 years with the Salazar-Ajo Library. We're very lucky to have her in this new leadership role.

This month Salazar-Ajo hosted Make Way for Books at the library to kick off its Virtual Story School program. Families enjoy a short Storytime and introduction to the program and picked up their backpacks filled with 22 beautiful books for their home libraries. They also took home all the materials they'll be using for their weekly activities.

Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Library – Sam Hennig

April was an exciting month at Wheeler Taft Abbott Library, with engaging programming for all age groups and continued momentum toward summer initiatives. We kicked off the month with the Crunch & Roll Challenge on April 1st, a spirited April Fools' Day event. Children, tweens and teens participated in a series of quirky sensory challenges, identifying mystery potato chip flavors

while being distracted by scents such as jasmine tea, essential oils, and bergamot orange. The event had high energy throughout.

April was an active and productive month for Tween and Teen Services. We hosted the presenter-led program Heavenly Hedgehogs, which drew strong attendance and engagement from tweens and teens. Our ongoing passive program, Seek-and-Find Treasure Map, continued to be well-received by patrons of all ages and remained a valuable volunteer opportunity for our Teen Advisory Board. Sierra and John focused on expanding support for MegaMania, a multi-branch program, and successfully trained an additional librarian in escape room facilitation. Teen Services also began preparing for Summer Reading volunteer recruitment, with energy and enthusiasm building toward the kickoff of this year's Summer Reading Program. Patti, our Adult Services librarian, launched a new program titled Libations and Literature, offering a creative blend of history and literary discussion. The program featured a Prohibition-era theme, complete with mocktails, sparkling grape juice and a spread of cheese and crackers. Patti gave a lively presentation on the Golden Age of mysteries, highlighting titles set in the 1920s. The event created a fun, engaging atmosphere and was very well received by attendees.

Woods Memorial Library – Chinyere Olumba

April showers bring May flowers! This month in April we have and will continue to shower our patrons with programming! Programming! Programming! This month at Woods Memorial we are celebrating Arab American Month with an Arab American book display.

In continuation with programming for patrons at Woods Memorial, *Movie Saturday* was April 3rd, patrons were able to watch the movie *Wicked* and have popcorn. This month at Woods Memorial on April 9th, under the *Maker's Mayhem* program, the patrons were able to create a Mason Jar Aquarium. On April 16th they will be able to create with Perler beads, and on April 23rd, patrons will be able to create a 3D woodcraft. On Thursday, April 3rd and 24th is *Tween and Teen Tech* and on April 21st it's the *Master Gardeners* program. April 25th is the STEAM elementary program from 3:30-4:30pm. In collaboration with *Literacy Connects* we offer Computer Basic in English on Tuesdays from 5-6:45pm, and on Wednesdays we offer Computer Basic in Spanish on Wednesdays from 5-6:45pm. As well as *Literacy Connects English Language* classes held Monday and Wednesdays from 10am-12noon.

Lastly, in April Woods Memorial patrons can continue to participate with the ongoing programs, *Read to a Dog* on Wednesdays and Saturdays, *Amphi Pantera* Food Truck program on April 28th and Lego hour and Snack from 3 to 4:00pm on Tuesday's.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station – Mary McKinney

Happy fourth anniversary to the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library! Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library held a book sale on April 5. Tables of books filled the meeting room from end to end, and visitors were excited to get some great deals.

A mom of a child, a tween, and a teen said that the library is the highlight of their week. She said that people warned her that her boys would outgrow the library, but they haven't. She said that during the pandemic, they checked out the maximum number of books, and the boys created their own little library at home.

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Heather Tyndall

The question, "Why Warhol?" kicked off events in April at Joyner-Green Valley Library. The question was posed by Tucson Museum of Art docent Sherman Bodner in his art talk of the same title; 47 patrons attended the program to hear his informed answer through an engaging presentation. We also welcomed back artist/library presenter, Jeanine Colini, to teach another drawing class, *Draw Your Very Own Roadrunner*. As usual, the techniques she shared and the

encouragement she gave participants helped even novices experience artistic success. Continuing in a creative vein, Emalie, our adult services librarian, led her twice-monthly program, *Arts and Crafts for Adults*. At the session early in the month, participants made macramé keychains while in the later session, they decorated notecards using string art.

Two additional library programs in April provided customers with edifying experiences related to health and wellness. During *Connecting with Your Breath*, a certified breathwork instructor taught participants belly (diaphragmatic) breathing to strengthen their diaphragms and increase their lung capacity. Participants also learned a controlled breathing technique that activates relaxation and slows the heart rate. Mid-month, Dr. Alexandra Porter shared her knowledge in a presentation entitled, “Dementia Prevention and Healthy Aging.” She covered key concepts, daily lifestyle practices, and nutrition basics that all affect the aging process to decrease risk of dementia and allow people to enjoy life while aging gracefully.

Joyner-Green Valley Library's weekly *Family Storytime* continues to grow in popularity as evidenced by its steadily increasing number of participants. We attribute the uptick to word getting around about the engaging Storytimes conducted by our talented children's librarian, Merrilee. To be sure, she is creative and charismatic. However, Merrilee is also knowledgeable about early childhood development and children's literature as well as skilled in bringing stories and lessons to life. You know you've got something good when toddlers and preschoolers learn (and then demonstrate!) that humming is the key to making music with kazoos. Or when they hear a story about neighborhood postal carriers and then experience firsthand the value of such community workers when the postcard, they received in the mail at home is the very one they colored during Storytime, addressed by their caregiver, with an added personal note from the very special children's librarian at Joyner-Green Valley Library.

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Hassael Cazesuz

April at Kirk-Bear Canyon Library has been vibrant, creative, and full of community connection. From inspiring art to hands-on tech, we've continued offering diverse, dynamic programming while preparing for our upcoming building closure.

We were proud to offer two special bilingual Storytimes this month—Bilingual Spanish Storytime on April 10 and our upcoming Bilingual Japanese Storytime on April 17—highlighting the cultural diversity of our community and bringing joy to families through stories, songs, and crafts.

Our Drop-In 3D Printing on Saturdays offers hands-on access to creative tech for ages 12 and up, with helpful staff and eye-catching printed examples ready to spark curiosity and inspire new makers in our community.

Longtime community favorite Master Gardener Talks continued strongly with April's session on Container Gardening & Raised Beds, a well-attended program filled with practical tips for local gardeners. Art lovers also enjoyed our April gallery exhibit by Lynn Pass, featuring richly textured works inspired by landscapes across the Southwest and Pacific Northwest.

We're also looking forward to hosting Art Talk: Gustav Klimt – Painter of Gold on April 25, exploring the life and work of this influential artist whose visionary style helped define a new era in art.

Finally, as a reminder: the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library will be closed for foundation repair and flooring replacement beginning Tuesday, April 29. We anticipate reopening on Tuesday, July 8 at 10 am, though this date is subject to change.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff and the many departments across the library system who are helping prepare for this closure as seamless as possible.

Miller-Golf Links Library – Anna Lawrence

Events at the Miller-Golf Links library started with leaping for joy this April with a visit from Nigerian Dwarf Goats and a program to learn how to care for goats in the desert. The kids, and the kids, enjoyed playing together. Our other animal activity this month is our usual Read to a Dog program, which is always popular with children and parents alike.

Tween and teens have the opportunity to create animal collages by using magazines and an animal template.

For adults this month, in addition to our usual programs, author Estella Gonzalez will be coming to do a program in Mapping Memory, using the five senses to create characters, conflict, and settings for your stories.

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Kathy Konecny

Murphy-Wilmot's AARP Tax Help program was a huge success once again this year. Approximately, 2,200 people were helped this season. Many of the participants were not able to do taxes themselves and were extremely grateful for this service. Refunds brought thousands of dollars into our local economy. We are grateful to the AARP volunteers who tirelessly provided this service.

Community outreach was popular again this month. Staff provided a digital resource presentation to Saint Paul's United Methodist Church's Women's Group. They offer a Storytime and did tabling at the Ott Family YMCA Health Kids Day event and Congregation Anshei Israel Preschool had a Storytime. Customers regularly tell us how much they appreciate these outreach visits and how impressed they are with our many library services and programs.

District 5 – Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, Chair

Frank De La Cruz-EI Pueblo Library – Perri Pyle

This month we welcomed staff from the Valencia library during their temporary closure, and took the opportunity of having extra desk help to do some planning for the rest of the year! On April 15th, staff attended the D.R.E.A.M. job fair to assist our disabled community with job help and resume writing. We are also hosting an exhibit of student projects from Professor Kenny Wong's UA class on landscape architecture that focuses on the EI Pueblo center and its built environment. The projects will be on display at the library during the last week of April.

Himmel Park Library – Heather Ross

Here are a handful of short, recent anecdotes from Himmel Park Library:

The Tucson chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented us with an award certificate for providing meeting room space for their book club. The person presenting the certificate knew it was National Library Week and wanted to thank us.

A customer checked out a culture pass to visit the Reid Park Zoo and came back to the library to detail the wonderful time she'd had and to tell us how much she enjoyed the special exhibit there. She appreciates that the library has these passes available for customers.

A nurse attended our toddler Storytime with a client and her young children. While waiting for the program to begin, she said that she had worked in libraries as a page many years ago, and that she now likes to have meetings with her clients inside of libraries and attend programs with them.

An eager young reader came to the library with his parents, and they selected a stack of fifty picture books and readers to check out. As they were waiting at the desk, the child stood there

reading one of the books, which had to be pried from his hands so the librarian could scan its barcode. Transaction complete, the child walked out the front door, book still in hand, still reading.

Our children's librarian hosted a class visit from a local preschool. She read them a story, talked about how the library works, then gave a short tour before letting them browse the children's area and pick books for the teacher to check out. Some of them also got their first library card and used that to check out their books. At least one child was a Storytime veteran and knew the library very well already.

Finally, a couple came up to the desk and said they had heard Himmel would be closing for a remodel, and that they were visiting so they could take a good mental picture of how it looks now to compare with how it will look after the work is complete. They had just visited the Martha Cooper Library and were very complimentary about how the new building turned out, and said they were looking forward to seeing the new Himmel, too.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Lorenia Diaz & Christine Russell

Let's start with some numbers. Joel D Valdez Main Library signed up 286 new patrons for library cards, and we circulated 6911 items to our patrons. Our patrons utilized our public computers for a total of 5405 hours. Our Reference team answered a whopping 406 questions last month, including queries like, "Can the bookbike visit my school?" "Who lived at 6433 N Oracle Road in 1968?" and "What was that book about the kids' trivia team that had tea on the front and there was a puzzle in it?" (Answers: Yes, they can, it was a restaurant called Procaccino's, and *The View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg.)

The Children's Department continues to have well attended Family Storytimes, with an average of 25 attendees. Additionally, we have been accepting school tours again and have welcomed a Pre-K class this month. The kids loved splitting their time between Storytime and checking out the picture book space with its puppets and toys.

Teen Makerspace, 101Space, has been seeing some new faces, as kids from nearby schools are coming of age and are now able to use the teen space. Many have been hanging out to do some 3D printing and lately it has been so popular that there has been a queue forming of 3D print jobs to complete! For more focused programming, we had a University of Arizona presenter lead a Youth Poetry & Collage Art Workshop for teens. We hope to see youth engaging in poetry and some more patron-made art decorating 101Space.

Finally, this month we have two amazing art displays. "The People: An exhibit of thought-provoking, large-scale paintings," by Tucson artist George Strasburger, is the artist's take on scenes of his neighbors and neighborhood and will be on display through May. Participants from Resilient Health's art program have also created a unique exhibit in our windowed gallery. Dedicated to mental health advocacy, the 3D creations will be on display throughout the month.

Martha Cooper Library-Tara Foxx-Lupo

Martha Cooper librarians are introducing a new program to the branch repertoire this April, Quest. This role-playing adventure game is ideal for youth in the tween age range, 8-12 and will be offered weekly. Quest takes less preparation and play time than traditional Dungeons and Dragons and serves as a great introduction to the role-playing genre, with a staff person serving as the game guide. Snacks will be provided, and staff are actively promoting the upcoming dates to our youth community.

In April Martha Cooper is hosting the Pima County Health Department's Community Mobile Clinic. The Community Mobile Clinic provides vital health resources such as COVID-19 vaccines, Flu shots. Staff can provide confidential health services for free or at a low cost. Services include reproductive and general health services. All are welcome and no registration is required.

Due to the central nature of our location, the meeting spaces are in high demand at the Martha Cooper branch. Community groups are offering a variety of services and programs for the community in April, from a free kid clothing swap to our annual tax help program, in partnership with AARP. Whether formal partnerships like English Language and Computer classes, or community non-profits, our location is highly desirable and well used for meeting and connecting amongst the Pima County community.

Richard Elías-Mission Library – CLOSED FOR REMODELING

Southwest Library – Melissa Salazar

As the temperature begins to rise, Southwest Library is still doing programming. This month, on Wednesday, April 16th at 10:00am, Children's Librarian Brianna V. and L.A. Esperanza Z. visited Robles Elementary School preschool classes for Community Visitor Week in Three Points. They did a 30-minute-long presentation, which included reading a book along with some puppets, talking about what we do at the library, and answering any other questions about the library. Brianna and Esperanza also passed out goodies like stickers, free give-away books, crayons, bookmarks and library card applications. There was a total of 26 students, between 3-5 years old. We also had the Southwest Resource Center Alternative Class visit the library and check out new books for class. We also welcomed staff from Valencia, during their carpeting closure. Although temporary, they have been a great addition to Southwest!

Valencia Library – Ivonne Ramirez

The end of March and early April were quite eventful for Valencia Library, despite the library's temporary closure for a carpet change project in the middle of the month.

Star Night was hosted on March 28th at the Manuel Herrera Park Peace Garden in collaboration with the Valencia Library Storytime team and Beki Quintero with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. It was a stellar event with beautiful live music and stargazing. The student musicians in the Gallego Intermediate Jazz band shared an incredible performance and volunteers from the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Society brought telescopes and showed off Jupiter, its moons, and the Pleiades! Even Tucson Boba Fett was in attendance, he shared a fun moon sand STEM activity with the children and families in attendance.

AARP Tax preparation volunteers were hard at work for the last few weeks before the tax deadline. Due to the carpet change project starting April 7th, the last two days of appointments were cancelled, but we were able to coordinate Valencia Library meeting room use for an additional four dates prior to the closure, which more than doubled the capacity for the missed dates. The AARP volunteers were able to reach many community members from the Valencia Library Service Area and from the Richard Elias-Mission Library Service Area. The tax preparation program was a great success again this year, as trustworthy tax services are highly sought out and well-used in the community.

During the carpet closure, the Plaza Mobile Market kept its regular hours on Wednesday mornings. Almost all the produce sold out for each of the sessions. Valencia Staff greeted more than 60 community members: most folks were curious about the market, and about one third of the group had specific inquiries about the library and library services. Some visitors happened to be walking by or driving by and stopped to see what was going on. One inquisitive patron came up to our table and said, "Educate me, what do you have to offer." He learned about computer classes, culture passes, and seed library, saying after each explanation, "I like what you are telling

me, what else do you have?" As he left, he said "You are all doing a great job, keep up the good work!"

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Murphy-Wilmot Library- Supplies for Storytimes

Eckstrom-Columbus- Yoga and Understanding Your Website Builder: Wix Edition

El Río Library – Rodeo Reads

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Draw Your Very Own Roadrunner, Connecting with Your Breath, Dementia Prevention and Healthy Aging, Arts and Crafts for Adults, Family Storytime, Crafternoon in Amado

Martha Cooper Library-Storytime, 3D Printing Workshops, Games Arts and Snacks (GASP)

Valencia Library – Family Storytime, Create Club, Teen Time, Crochet Circle, Garden Hour,

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Messy Science, Chess Fundamentals, Understanding Your Website

Flowing Wells Library – Discover Arizona

Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library

Dia de los Niños



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FROM: Em DeMeester-Lane
 Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Circulation and Activity Measures: March 2025

	Mar-25	Mar-24	Percent Change
Circulation and Visits			
Circulation - Physical	177,174	195,351	-9%
Circulation - Digital	291,702	248,537	17%
Gate Count	251,309	233,978	7%
Website Visits	513,995	499,714	3%
Cardholders			
Active Cardholders	175,138	164,552	6%
Total Cardholders	308,994	272,425	13%
Percent Active Cardholders	57%	60%	-6%
Virtual Reference Services			
Chat Service - Number of Chats	632	692	-9%
Research Questions	406	380	7%
Phone	1,438	1,756	-18%
Mail	92	236	-61%
Programming			
Early Childhood Literacy Program Attendance	5,361	4,737	13%
Adult Literacy Program Attendance	1,092	2,297	-52%
Workforce Development Program Attendance	438	360	22%

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BRANCH	Physical Circulation	Computer Use	Gate Count	Number of Programs	Program Attendance	Attendance at Outreach Events and School Visits	Number of People Using Meeting and Study Rooms
Bookmobile / Books by Mail	890	0	265	0	0	1,432	0
Caviglia-Arivaca	403	51	623	17	196	30	135
Dewhirst-Catalina	2,036	243	3,515	15	36	40	52
Dusenberry-River	10,855	707	7,310	28	284	0	287
Eckstrom-Columbus	4,605	3,062	14,432	40	528	253	825
El Rio	2,154	323	1,760	20	99	97	0
Flowing Wells	2,761	1,380	6,084	42	500	264	434
Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo	169	176	1,510	3	102	0	0
Himmel Park	8,521	958	9,153	21	428	27	148
Joel D Valdez Main	4,708	4,209	25,195	28	383	589	555
Joyner-Green Valley	9,895	1,253	11,439	28	373	185	633
Kirk-Bear Canyon	8,678	578	8,111	31	538	13	1,008
Martha Cooper	4,767	1,276	12,350	42	474	30	1,157
Miller-Golf Links	12,886	1,644	11,234	17	399	0	738
Murphy-Wilmot	14,647	3,182	17,726	62	1,886	239	2,189
Nanini	14,817	1,513	11,758	54	1,301	65	1,614
Oro Valley	21,641	1,629	30,676	73	1,460	0	919
Quincie Douglas	3,114	1,592	8,214	54	790	74	672
Richard Elias-Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sahuarita	6,773	1,116	7,898	46	863	0	1,978
Salazar-Ajo	1,282	323	3,582	68	507	0	188
Sam Lena-South Tucson	801	1,113	4,532	12	44	150	143
Santa Rosa	454	597	8,660	13	151	0	488
Southwest	1,540	458	4,591	1	16	0	0
Valencia	4,600	2,510	8,017	64	786	318	2,224
W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station	7,587	380	7,675	17	358	0	606
Wheeler Taft Abbett	12,382	1,695	12,365	57	872	52	1,495
Woods Memorial	9,486	3,243	12,634	19	245	75	379
Web Renewal	4,722	0		0	0	0	0
Adult Services	0	0		39	309	0	0
Youth Services	0	0		0	0	66	0
TOTALS MARCH 2025	177,174	35,211	251,309	911	13,928	3,999	18,867
TOTALS MARCH 2024	195,351	31,346	233,978	1,133	15,072	7,751	17,122
Percentage Change	-9%	12%	7%	-20%	-8%	-48%	10%

*Mission Branch closed in March 2025