## Agenda Item 9E



**DATE**: June 5, 2025

**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

Pima Library Foundation, Board of Directors

**FROM:** Amber D. Mathewson

**Library Director** 

SUBJECT: Director and Support Services Report - May 2025

It is both an honor and a deeply emotional moment as I prepare to close this chapter of my professional life with my retirement on June 7<sup>th</sup>. After 34 years with the Pima County Public Library—eight of those as Director—this moment is filled with gratitude, reflection, and hope for the future.

When I first walked through the doors of our library system, I knew I was entering a world where stories come to life, knowledge is boundless, and communities are built. What I didn't fully realize at the time was just how profoundly this journey would shape me. The library has been more than just a workplace; it has been a home where I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the transformative power of literacy, the unyielding strength of community, and the magic that happens when people are given the resources and encouragement to grow.

Throughout my career, I have been inspired by the unwavering dedication of my colleagues—each bringing passion, creativity, and a deep commitment to service every single day. Together, we have built programs that extend far beyond bookshelves. We have created spaces that welcome, uplift, and empower. We have championed literacy not just within our walls, but in the very fabric of our community.

My additional involvement with Literacy Connects and Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest has only reinforced what I have always believed—that literacy is the foundation upon which opportunity is built. That libraries are more than repositories of books; they are gateways to lifelong learning, safe havens for curiosity, and catalysts for change. And that community service is not an obligation but a privilege that allows us to shape a world that is more informed, more compassionate, and more connected.

As I step into retirement, my heart is full knowing that the legacy of our work together will continue in the hands of remarkable people like you. The future of the library is bright, because it is powered by individuals who believe in its mission as fiercely as I do. Keep

advocating for knowledge. Keep fostering curiosity. Keep opening doors for those seeking a better tomorrow.

Thank you to my colleagues, mentors, friends and the Library Advisory Board. Thank you to the community that has trusted and supported this institution. And most of all, thank you for allowing me to be a part of something so much greater than myself.

Though I may be retiring from my role, my commitment to libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning will never fade. I look forward to seeing the continued impact of your dedication, and I will always be cheering you on.

## **Unexpected Library Closures -**

4/12/2025	Eckstrom- Columbus	Other	Less than half Day	security gate malfunction caused delay in opening.
4/17/2025	Cavigila-Arivaca	staffing	Lunch 1 hr	closed 12:30-1pm
4/30/2025	Cavigila-Arivaca	staffing	Lunch 1 hr	closed 1:30-2pm
5/1/2025	Cavigila-Arivaca	staffing	Lunch 1 hr	closed 1:30-2pm
5/9/2025	Cavigila-Arivaca	staffing	Lunch 1 hr	closed 1:30-2pm

 Arivaca has a current Librarian I vacancy will hopefully be filled with the current hiring process.

## **Donations July 1, 2024-April 14, 2025**

7/2/24	Friends of the Oro Valley Library	18,070.65	Books and Jewelry Sales
7/2/24	Friends of the Oro Valley Library	6,413.26	April Sales
7/2/24	Friends of the Oro Valley Library	6,146.75	May Sales Systemwide
7/23/24	United Spiritualist Church of Mankind	40.00	Donations 2nd Quarterly
7/23/24	Friends of the Green Valley Library	6,258.06	Payment
7/23/24	Friends of the Oro Valley Library	6,041.41	Book Sales 3rd Quarter
7/23/24	Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library	1,962.81	Donation Systemwide
7/26/24	Susan Nimue	10.00	Donations
8/6/24	Philip Supina	500.00	DVD Request
8/20/24	Friends of the Green Valley Library	3,000.00	Green Valley Library 50th Anniversary In Memory of Lila
8/30/24	Eric & Shirley Gale	305.00	Warner - Book Plates Systemwide
9/12/24	Anonymous	20.00	Donations Systemwide
9/20/24	Pat A Wernes	20.00	Donations
9/24/24	Joanne Gilbert	300.00	Print books by Robert Carr and Sharon Sala Systemwide
10/4/24	Jorge Gerbracht	18.00	Donations

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9/27/24	Sahuarita Water Co. LLC	668.81	payment Systemwide
9/26/24	Glenn W Hitz	200.00	Donations
10/17/24	Robert Pew	100.00	For Ajo Library
10/18/24	Christine A. Maglott	50.00	Green Valley Bear Canyon
10/24/24	Friends of Bear Canyon Library	2,500.00	Friends Systemwide
10/25/24	Leland Powell	60.00	Donations Friends of
10/28/24	Friends of the Pima County Public Library	60,000.00	PCPL 3rd Quarterly
11/1/24	Friends of the Green Valley Library	6,250.00	Payment Systemwide
11/7/24	Marcia Joan Johnson	20.00	Donations Systemwide
11/15/24	Marco T. Canach	40.00	Donations PCPL Friends
11/27/24	Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library	6,786.48	Book Shoppe PCPL Friends
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11/27/24	Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library	6,870.14	Book Shoppe Ajo Library
12/3/24	Rob Pew	100.00	Programs Plan of
12/10/24	Friends of the Green Valley Library	25,000.00	Dissolution 4th quarter
12/10/24	Friends of the Green Valley Library	6,250.00	payment Ajo Library
12/10/24	Rob Pew	150.00	branch In memory of Lin
12/13/24	Robert Lees	180.00	Grimm
12/24/24	Philip Supina	150.00	DVD request
12/31/24	James Morse	20.00	Systemwide Donations
12/31/24	North Family Irrevocable Trust (EFT)	218,875.00	Systemwide Donations
1/2/25	Walter E. Sipes	100.00	In memory of Edna Fiedler 1st quarter
1/10/25	Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library	2,500.00	donation
1/16/25	Friends of (Esmond Station Library)	1,650.36	Esmond Station Friends Donation
1/28/25	Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library	12,437.20	Book Sales
1/28/25	Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library	5,134.90	Book Sales
2/4/25	Paul Smith	100.00	In Memory of Laurie Ann Johnson Smith
2/20/25	Eileen and Bruce Watkins	75.00	In Memory of Laurie Johnson-Smith For Nanini
2/27/25	Heather MacDonald	100.00	Library
3/6/25	Friends of the Pima County Public Library	65,000.00	
3/10/25	Kenneth Johnson	100.00	In Memory of Laurie Ann Johnson Smith
3/10/25	Kathleen Minichello	200.00	In Memory of Laurie Ann Johnson Smith
3/25/25	PC Library Foundation - Chester & Suzanne Harris	1,200.00	For Ajo Library
3/27/25	Desiree Hopkins	100.00	Just a Thanks
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4/1/25	Margaret Brahm	25.00	Donations
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4/3/25	Carolyn Vergo Harria	50.00	J Smith
4/4/25	Elizabeth A Scott	20.00	BCN Story time
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4/15/25	Anonymous	10.00	Donations
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4/15/25	Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library	2,500.00	Donation
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4/17/25	Anonymous	20.00	Library
4/29/25	Bernadette Kern	50.00	Systemwide Donations - Staff Appreciation
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4/29/25	Eleanor Soreson	50.00	Donations
			Fashion Books - nameplates: In memory Laurie
4/29/25	Stephen Cummings	200.00	Ann Johnson Smth
5/9/25	Friends Of The Pima County Public Library	65,000.00	
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5/16/25	The Pima Library Foundation	19,500.00	For Career Online High School
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5/20/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library	7,398.33	Donation CO05
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3/20/23	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library	7,685.03	Donation
5/20/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library	7,253.66	February 2025 Donation
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5/20/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library	7,191.46	Donation
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FY25 Cash/Check/EFT donations: \$601,396.79 FY25 Net PayPal donations: \$2,796.07

FY25 TOTAL donations as of 5/20/2025: \$604,192.86