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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

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SUBJECT: Public Services Report – June and July 2025

As Marissa highlighted in the Director's Report, June and July have been especially busy as we continue to co-lead PCPL and prepare for the arrival of our new Director in September. In addition to the quarterly manager retreat, a significant portion of my time this month has been dedicated to working with a small team of page supervisors across the system to plan and carry out a large-scale page hire—the first in two years. It's been a major undertaking, and I'm incredibly proud of what the team has accomplished.

Because we're hiring such a large group, placements won't begin until early September, but the behind-the-scenes work is well underway. In July, we held an in-person team meeting to develop and finalize system-wide training for page supervisors, which will help standardize expectations and ease the training burden on branch managers.

I'm also very proud of the system-wide programming that took place this summer. I'll share more at our upcoming meeting, but the reports below highlight the many ways the Summer Reading Program has made a real impact on our community. None of it would have been possible without the collaborative efforts of Alina Rowe and her team in Community Engagement, along with the creativity and dedication of youth services staff at the branches. Bravo, everyone!

Library Services Manager – Ken Zambos

This month I worked with branch managers and staff to place two additional college students as interns for the upcoming fall semester. I also met with the University of Arizona liaison to continue coordination around selection and placement of Knowledge River students into paid graduate assistantships for the coming academic year.

I visited several branches and met with branch managers one-on-one to review operations and programming. Himmel library is among the branches I directly support, and I have had several meetings related to the upcoming remodel, since Himmel library is slated to be closed to the public at the end of the month, and preparations are well underway.

Library Services Manager – Linde Furman

June and July have been a flurry of activity at all our locations with our Summer Reading Program! From Drip Drawings and Shrinky Dinks at Miller-Golf Links to Summer Snack and Sticks and

Tones at Eckstrom-Columbus, all our branches are full of life with amazing programs this summer.

Of the branches in my line, the biggest news I have this month is related to Joel D. Valdez Main Library. It has officially been announced that Pima County Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of the former Wells Fargo building at 150 N Stone Ave, which is just across the street from the current library at 101 N Stone Ave. Staff are very excited about the move and have already begun dreaming up possibilities for the new spaces. We are all looking forward to gathering further staff and community input with the help of Project Design and Construction experts. This is going to be a wonderful and positive move for the library and for the community! We hope everyone is just as excited as we are.

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. Working with Library Facilities to narrow down the needs for furniture and facilities in the new fiscal year and tending to the closure and remodeling of the Bear Canyon Library. Bear Canyon Library is on track for opening back up Tuesday, July 8th. We are planning a celebration on the morning of the opening.

Supporting administration and assisting branches by attending and/or participating in the Regional All Staff Meetings, Library Advisory Board Meeting, PRIDE Affinity Team, Policy Review Team, Library Planning Task Force, Intermittent Task Force, REFORMA, Nuestras Raices and Public Service Managers Meetings. Celebrated Pride all month with programs and events. The Pride affinity team hosted a Poetry workshop and a zine workshop for people to express themselves through art and poetry. The team also hosted a Pride Open House at Joel D. Valdez Library, informing attendees of all the amazing resources the Pride team offers the community. I also attended the Pride event at the Pima County courthouse with co-workers.

This month also gave us the news of the purchase of the new downtown library location and the name of the new Library Director! Looking forward to the future of the library.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott, Chair

Dewhirst-Catalina Library – Christine Dykgraaf

Dewhirst-Catalina Library has recently experienced an increase in new card applications. We hope this is due to the several new housing developments in Catalina and a flyer we sent to some local churches and businesses about our summer offerings.

Summer Reading is off to a good start with over 60 children, teens, and three adults coming by to get inspired to read! Summer programming is well attended with kids this month learning how to use sponges as a way to foster seedlings, folding and then filling newspaper origami planting pots, and the littlest kids enjoying an Art and Storytime Event with a paid presenter.

Adults are coming in out of the heat to complete puzzles, use computers, get tech help, and use wi-fi connections. The library is an oasis! We are giving away some cooling towels, sunblock, and water bottles even though we are not a cooling station this year as we had supplies left over and Oro Valley has shared out of their largess. These are all very much appreciated by patrons who brave the heat and sun to get here, some on foot or bicycles.

Dusenberry-River Library – Mikel Stone

The Dusenberry-River Branch has had a vibrant and active start to the summer season, marked by high engagement and creative community programming.

Our Summer Reading Program is in full swing, drawing in families and readers of all ages. Teen volunteers have been a vital presence at our information table and have contributed to a range of creative projects, including colorful window displays with floral and Lotería themes, and an eye-catching shark's mouth at the book drop, poised to "gobble" returned books. Plans are underway to refresh the décor in the teen space to keep it welcoming and fun throughout the season.

While many of our regular programs are on pause for the summer, Read to a Dog and the River Readers Book Club continue to meet regularly, providing consistent opportunities for literacy and connection. The Tween Tabletop Role-Playing Game Club (TTRPG) remains one of our most popular programs, with strong participation and a full schedule of dice-rolling adventures and one-shot campaigns throughout the summer.

We've also hosted several well-attended special events, including a visit from the mobile planetarium, a manga art class, an outreach visit from the zoo, and a Babysitter's Club celebration party, which reached full capacity.

Overall, our branch is thriving this summer, with strong community involvement, youth leadership, and an ongoing commitment to literacy, creativity, and fun.

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

Summer Reading is Nanini's busiest time of year, and this summer is no exception. Our programs have been packed to room capacity and many of them have multiple sessions to allow as many kids as possible. For anyone we do have turn away due to fire code, we have special crafts prepared to keep kids busy in the library. Presenter-led programs we've hosted so far include Red Herring Puppet Theater, ¡Lee Con Lele Bilingual Storytime and the Portable Planetarium. Storytimes, Legos, Gaming, and Read to a Dog are still happening, so most days at Nanini are full of families and fun activities.

While we see many kids aged 0-5, we're also hosting programs for tweens and teens ranging from Makerspace Open Lab for teens, to a comic book class with Frank Powers, to a tie dye class. Makerspace Open Lab allows teens to learn how to use our 3D printer and its software and search for files they want to print. Hundreds of kids, tweens and teens signed up for Summer Reading here in the first week alone.

While SRP is in the forefront for now, we are also happy to be hosting summer Citizenship and Intermediate English Language classes.

One of our regulars, a 7-year-old, was standing at the front desk and talking to staff today. She said, "this is basically, like, my favorite place in the whole world."

Oro Valley Public Library – Kaitlyn Sparks

Our Summer Reading Program started strong with nearly 1,000 kids signing up and getting a free book in the first month! For the Color Our World theme, participants filled out a colorful strip of paper with their first name and age, which we used to make a chain that is hanging around the children's room. It has made the room inviting and colorful. By mid-July, the chain had doubled, and staff started hanging it in our tween area as well.

We've had a special program for kids and their families once a week as part of our Summer Reading Program. All the programs have filled, and the kids have enjoyed the different topics. One family said they had seen the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum: Meeting the Neighbors program before and this was the best one yet – this time the Desert Museum brought baby desert tortoises, a skunk named Gucci, and a Gopher snake. We also tried out a new Tween program led by staff called Game-On!, which was a hit! Tweens played on the Nintendo Switch, made

crafts, and had a great time meeting and hanging out with other Tweens. One family let us know how they appreciated there being something to do for every age level.

During one of our Storytimes, we had a new family, who let staff know that they were impressed by our collection of pictures books. They said that we had two books on display that had bi-racial kids and having a bi-racial kid themselves, this meant a lot to them to see these books on display and be able to read them to their child. One of the teachers from Copper Creek Elementary School stopped by this month and let us know how thankful they were for the Seed Library. They run their School Garden, and the library is the sole supplier of all their seeds!

We have a staff, and volunteer develop a Trivia program for adults one Friday per month. In July, a couple new to town were getting library cards, saw that we had trivia offered later that day and came back to join and meet new people! Trivia is a fun way to allow the community to make connections and is free without pressure to buy anything, unlike trivia found at a bar or restaurant. Our Trivia program is specifically set up to encourage socializing, which has been highly sought out by our community after the pandemic.

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Kelly Wilson

June and July have been busy at Eckstrom-Columbus Library. We are continuing many of our regular programs irrespective of the Summer Reading Program. We had job and tech help, AZ @ Work continuing to table, along with the Homelessness Resource Navigator, The Addiction Resource Nurse, and the Homelessness ID project. We also have adult enrichment programs like yoga, the book club, business coaching from SCORE, and a new program series called “Artsy Afternoons.” The adults of our community are eager for these opportunities and grateful to have the chance to interact. We continue to serve snacks to support and build rapport with our young patrons. The two weekly Storytimes have remained popular and even grown with new families this Summer.

June marked the beginning of the Summer Reading, and all the participation involved. We had a wonderful teen intern and multiple teen volunteers to help us with the extra work while learning important workplace skills. We have two summer reading programs a week. On Wednesdays we have programs for younger children. Emy Kleinhoff brought two hedgehogs who had all the love they could handle. The portable Planetarium was a wonderful experience for all, and the Shrinky Dinks and KidzArt were both loved by our community and the outlying area. We are constantly having to make new Summer Reading Packets because we are giving them away so fast. On Thursdays we have programs for older children. We’ve had Cyanotypes (a precursor to photography) as well as color mixing and Tabletop Role Playing. We are excited to build community, foster connections, and offer resources.

Quincie Douglas Library – Lois Miller

We’ve had a very busy month at Quincie Douglas Library! We kicked off Summer Reading on June 3rd—many families came in to pick up reading trackers and learn about all the activities that kids can do to earn prizes and develop their reading skills. Our Summer Youth Intern has been a big help as he sits at the Summer Reading Program table and explains the program to library customers.

We’ve had lots of great activities for all ages during the month of June. Kids enjoyed a special “Seed Sponge Storytime” where they listened to stories and songs about plants and made a garden out of sponges to take home.

Teens had a fun sushi candy making workshop, where they made “sushi” out of rice Krispie squares, fruit rollups and other candy. They also enjoyed game night, where they had an opportunity to play UNO, Dixit and more games with other teens.

On Saturday, June 28th, we held a Chess Fundamentals program. The program was a big hit, with chess expert Zak Cancio teaching all levels of chess to an intergenerational audience. We also offer chess and homework help every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, which is a big hit even in the summer.

The Diaper Bank has been offering free potty-training classes for parents—the classes have been well attended.

We are a cooling center and have been welcoming many customers as a respite from the heat. As a part of this, we give out water bottles, hydration powder and cooling towels to those in need.

We are celebrating Pride and Pride disability months with a display of books, resources, bookmarks and flyers about the importance of celebrating who you are.

In July we will have a fun sewing class for teens, with presenter Jessica Redhouse. Participants will make zipper pouches.

We also continue to provide excellent customer service at the desk, helping customers with queries ranging from how to attach a document, to how to research family history. We've helped many job seekers as well, and customers come in from time to time to tell us how they've been able to get a job through our job help services.

Sahuarita Library – Betsy Langley

We kicked off Summer Reading with the book giveaway on June 2 and several displays on art, artists, and creativity, highlighting the theme – Color Our World. Forty participants joined us for Button Making on June 4, and 50 patrons experienced the Portable Planetarium on June 6. On June 11, Mosaic Art was extremely popular with 85 participants and 36 kids read to our dogs, Grace and Molly! We're planning a Shadow Art program on June 18 and the Children's Museum will be here on June 20 for the Wonders of Space. We'll be closing out the month with Watercolor Fans, Nature Colors and a Magic Show, featuring George McSly, on June 27. We're hosting a Pima OneStop Summer Youth Worker, and we've got two wonderful teen volunteers who have been helping with programs, organizing book giveaways, craft prep and more. We appreciate all their assistance!

July was busy, too! We kicked off the month with a summer youth camp from July 1-3 called Activate Art. Five tween joined us each day as we brainstormed social justice awareness themes, chose one, researched and printed related imagery to use as reference images, and then created a composition for a 24x18-inch canvas. Then we spent time painting and adding a text element that offered a message or posed a question to the viewer. We also welcomed 60 participants for our Cyanotype program on July 9, 26 participants for our Loteria program on July 10, and had 18 patrons get their face painted by Vanya on July 11. We're also planning a Comic Camp Cartoon Drawing program with Frank Powers on July 16 and Cactus Pin Cushions with Jessica Redhouse on July 19. Our Children's Librarian also did outreach on July 9 with 50 kids at Sahuarita Parks and Recreation summer camp. We have another meet and Great event planned on July 31 at the Sahuarita Middle School that we're looking forward to.

We've also developed displays in celebration of Pride Month in June, showcasing the history and stories of LTBTQ+ communities. Our book club read *“Once There Were Wolves”* by Charlotte McConaghy on June 10 and a few new folks joined us on July 8 when we discussed *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater. We're gearing up for Computer Basics class on July 31. Last month, we just

had two participants, but it allowed us to offer lots of hands-on guidance as they learned new skills.

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Lu Guerrero

In the most recent two months, some standalone programs the library has offered include *W is for Worms*, *Intro to Tie-Dye*, *Plant Petting Zoo*, and *Watercolor Painting: Trees & Masking Technique*. Literacy Connects has returned to the library, offering a weekly ELAA class for intermediate students. Weekly programming is seeing engagement from the community through activities such as the *Craft Activity Table*, *Cooking & Nutrition Class (UA Cooperative Extension)*, *Thursday Movie Times*, and *Guided Crafternoon*.

Library staff have supported two large systemwide outreach events, in addition to visiting the local housing agency, Pio Decimo. Children's Services staff presented a Storytime to Pio Decimo's early childhood education program. Staff also participated in World Refugee Day at Freedom Park Center. Most recently, library staff worked at the system's final summer reading event, Megamania, held at Pima Community College Downtown Campus.

Santa Rosa Library – Jillian Cross

We kicked off Summer Reading at Santa Rosa Library with a party! Kids of all ages were able to receive their reading tracker, free book, and some delicious Eegee's to help beat the summer heat. We also hosted a variety of other Summer Reading events which highlighted the theme of Color Our World, including creating One-of-a-kind Art Prints, Slime Time, and a Crafternoon event painting suncatchers. Additionally, we hosted some presenter programs for children and teens including a STEMM magic show, Preschool Yoga Storytime and Exercise Bingo.

We continued our outreach to local preschools and visited classes at the Pio Decimo Center for Storytime and activities that explored colors and demonstrated how mixing primary colors creates secondary colors. And in wonderful news we have already had families come into the library, library card applications in hand as a direct result of the outreach to Pio Decimo Center. Other ongoing programming includes our Summer Snack program; Job Help and our monthly Estimation Jar contest. Lastly, adult patrons at Santa Rosa Library enjoyed our monthly Craft Circle and a Recycling 101 Workshop presented by the City of Tucson and were able to visit the Pima County Community Health Mobile Clinic.

Summer Reading has continued to be a success at Santa Rosa! Many kids have visited the library specifically to share some of the artwork they created based on the prompts from the Summer Reading Lotería card. In July we held several different themed Storytimes including Preschool Yoga Storytime with Dari Johnson and Desert Fun Storytime with Copper Center for Environmental Learning. Additionally, we have had a blast with different crafting events including making Tie Dye Drawings and Saltwater Color Paintings. Emy Kleinkauf brought two very special visitors, Nigerian dwarf goats and gave a wonderful presentation all about how to raise goats!

Tween patrons have really enjoyed engaging in some passive programming, including working on puzzles and answering the Weekly Question. Our adult patrons have also been enjoying crafting, with a big focus on fiber arts this month including crochet and cross stitch. We have also performed outreach for both the youngest and the oldest member of the Santa Rosa community. We continued our outreach to the Pio Decimo Center this month with Magic Storytime. Lastly, we visited the Santa Rosa Center for a crafting event, painting terra cotta pots with the Seniors.

District 3 – Supervisor Jen Allen

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Jodi Ohlson

Summer Reading got off to a great start at the Arivaca Community Center, and we were thrilled to host three weeks of *Story School* in partnership with Make Way for Books. Since the Arivaca Early Learning Center ended its school year mid-May, the transition to coming to the library every morning was an easy one. Both the kids and the parents enjoyed learning literacy building skills and having a morning activity before naptime. The Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library kindly provided snacks for the children after Story School ended, and they ran around on the front patio playing with the sidewalk chalk.

We were lucky enough to get a Teen Intern this summer. She has been an incredible help on our Summer Reading Wednesday trips to the Arivaca Community Center. Librarian I Madian Romero continues to visit the Amado Youth Center to support their ongoing teen outreach efforts, and our own Teen Advisory Board decided to meet every week until school is back in session. They have been getting regular requests from local non-profits asking for their help in various ways, and they have been open to almost every opportunity. Most recently they have been invited to assist with planning for a local water summit that is being planned for October. They will be making seed balls to sell and teaching attendees how to make their own.

July started with a *Breakfast Taco Bar* sponsored by the Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library and a visit from local historian and essayist Greg McNamee, whose presentation on *The Taco Deconstructed* inspired the delicious food fest catered by local chef Les Rivett. At the same time the Pima County Health Department was on the front patio providing education on using Narcan and additional resources to reduce harm.

We also were thrilled to welcome a new employee to our staff, which will decrease our need to close for lunch. The new Library Page J.K. brings with her a strong work ethic and lots of great ideas for displays and organizing. Also, J.K. lives in Arivaca which is a wonderful asset.

Our regularly scheduled programs haven't seen much of a summer dip in attendance, with new attendees coming down from Green Valley to join us. This month was our largest *D&D* group since it began, and we are on the lookout for a new Dungeon Master. The Sahuarita Library has been so kind to send a staff member down to lead the game hoping to encourage someone to gain the skills to become the Dungeon Master. We continued Summer Reading activities throughout the month, with movies and crafts with STEM connections.

Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) has been collaborating on plans for a *Regional Water Summit* in the fall. They will be making seed balls to sell and raise funds for their TAB group. The Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library kindly donated the funds to purchase clay and mulch for the seed balls. This month the Friends also made it possible to purchase some new toys for the Children's section.

Flowing Wells Library – Angie Grischkowsky

We're celebrating Summer Reading and Pride at the Flowing Wells Library!

In June we hosted 8 special Summer Reading events for kids, families, tweens and teens. We also had scavenger hunts and more activities available in our children's area for kids who visited this month. Some of our summer events were so well attended that we instituted a ticketing system for the most popular ones so that we could adhere to our maximum occupancy guidelines in our meeting room.

We also hosted a couple of special events for adults this summer, including Poetry Workshop: Building Protected Worlds (planned and facilitated by PCPL's amazing Pride team), and Tweet Origami, a fun origami program about making folded birds.

Flowing Wells is also a cooling center, and we've seen a definite increase in people who just need a cool place to hang out during the hottest part of the day. As part of this initiative, we've been giving out plenty of bottled water, Liquid IV, and cooling towels.

In July we hosted a slew of Summer Reading programs for families, kids, tweens and teens, as well as our regularly scheduled programming. We also welcomed English Language Classes and GED Classes back from Literacy Connects, and our Job Help program also began to get a little more traction.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Clarissa Sandoval

We are having an exciting and bustling start to the summer; our Whatever Wednesday programs and the Summer Reading Signups have kept our community engaged.

A visit to the library was a delightful blend of education and entertainment for the twenty-one children from the local summer camp. The event was thoughtfully designed to engage the campers with a Minecraft-themed scavenger hunt, which not only captured their imaginations but also subtly imparted crucial library skills. Seventeen campers were signed up for the Summer Reading Program and 10 children received new library cards. During their visit, participants were able to complete some of their summer reading log activities, which served as an exciting way to inch closer to completing their Lotería board.

Our Whatever Wednesday watercolor class brought together participants from different age groups to explore the art of painting. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, the class offered a wonderful opportunity to learn, create, and connect with others.

We hosted the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension for Storytimes this month. Families gathered for an engaging and educational session on planting melons. The hands-on activity included planting melon seeds in small pots, learning about the significance of consistent watering and sunshine.

In July we hosted another wonderfully engaging visit from the local summer camp. The summer reading program has seen remarkable participation this year, and it's truly inspiring to witness the enthusiasm and dedication of all the participants.

We are capping off the season with a Summer Reading Celebration which is the perfect opportunity to encourage a love for reading and create a sense of community and joy among participants. Especially with the exciting giveaway of 23 Harry Potter Lego Dot desk sets that were donated by one of our wonderful patrons.

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library – Sam Hennig

In June, as part of SRP, we hosted a variety of engaging activities designed to promote learning and community participation among children and families. Highlights included the Portable Planetarium with multiple shows introducing astronomy to all ages; a Yoga for Kids session encouraging physical wellness; a Draw Cartoons & Comic Characters workshop to foster creativity; a Fun Puppet Show tailored for young audiences; and a Bully & Stranger Awareness Workshop aimed at teaching important safety and social skills to children aged seven and up. These programs were well received and contributed to the library's goal of providing educational and enjoyable customer experiences throughout the summer.

Young Adults and Tween Services have had a very busy June so far! We hosted two volunteer orientations and signed up 12 volunteers. We are also working with One-Stop Employment to work with two Summer Interns. With the work of all these young people in their different capacities we have started a very good Summer Reading Program for our branch and have signed up 515

young people so far. The teens have led weekly crafts on top of signing people up for Summer Reading and they have also helped us run our passive program called Rainbow Racers, where we turned our carpet in the children's room into a walkable Candyland-like surface for kids to enjoy in between scheduled programs. Young Adults Services has hosted "Koi Fish Watercolor & Salt Art" and "Small Loom Weaving for Tweens and Teens" as our first two paid presenter programs with one additional program "Masking Making" planned for the end of the month. For staff lead programs we will be hosting a "Rainbow Rave" on the 18th and have run two sessions of "3D Printing Fridays" so far this June with an expectation to continue that program on into July.

We have also worked with Children's Services to run Summer Homework Help as a staff and adult volunteer directed program every Tuesday and Thursday. We look forward to continued staff lead programs in July for Summer Reading and a celebration of our teen volunteers service on July 18th.

We have scheduled a family program in partnership with Pima County Conservation Lands & Resources called Monsoon Mysteries. This is something that occurs every year, yet it seems like we're still learning about it. And, like everyone with this heat in June, we are looking forward to the relief of the monsoon rains.

During the month of July, the Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library hosted the Town of Marana Events Team for their planning meetings and our meeting rooms were used as the base of operations for the Town of Marana's 4th of July Star Spangled Spectacular Event. The town of Marana and the library have continued this partnership for several years now and the event keeps getting bigger each year with thousands of people in attendance at the event.

This month, for Children's services, we hosted a variety of engaging children's programs. KidzArt led a creative drawing class for ages 7–12, where participants took home their own masterpieces. Lori Siegel presented "Story Characters Come Alive!" combining storytelling with crafts and dramatization. Kids enjoyed "Yoga for Kids!" on consecutive Wednesdays, blending movement with Storytime. Mid-month, "Super Storytime: B is for Bubbles!" offered an energetic mix of stories, music and bubble fun. On July 22, we featured two programs: "Exploring Music and Instruments" for toddlers and preschoolers in the morning, followed by Vanya's popular balloon creations workshop for older kids in the afternoon. To close out our SRP events, Frank Powers led a cartoon and comic strip workshop focused on humor and visual storytelling.

Teen Services had an exciting July. In preparation of Abbett staffs' involvement in Megamania we ran four back-to-back game sessions of our, staff created, "Animal Crossing: Escape Room". On July 18th we wrapped up our teen summer volunteering program with our Teen Volunteer Appreciation Party; we had twelve youth volunteers this summer. Staff spent the rest of July concluding our Summer Reading program and putting together the structure for our afterschool programming and the return to school year Teen Advisory Board meetings.

Adult services had Pima County Conservation Lands & Resources come and present their program Monsoon Mysteries to an audience of all ages. One of the presenters was a retired meteorologist, which seems to be a subject that is interesting to everyone. We are looking forward to our next Conservation Lands & Resources program.

Woods Memorial Library – Chinyere Olumba

"Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled 'This could change your life.'"– Helen Exley...Happy Summer Reading Month!

This month during the first week of June, Summer Reading was on fire at Woods Memorial. So far, we have been able to sign up 150+ youths. Our first non-registration summer reading program, *All About Rabbits* with Kleinkauf, served a crowd of 68 patrons. Summer Reading programming started with *Balloon Creations* with Marinkovic on Tuesday, June 2nd from 1:30-3:30pm, *Maker's Mayhem* Paint a Frog, June 4th, 3:30-4:30pm, *Button Making* with Kleinkauf, June 5th 4:00-5:00pm, and *Jitterbug Robots* with 41 youth participants on June 6th.

With continuation in programming, Woods Memorial showed the movie, *A Wrinkle in Time*, for our *Movie Saturday* program on June 7th. Woods also had *Resin Crafting*, *Bead Jewelry class*, *Indoor Planetarium* with Lauren, *Wonders of Water* with Tucson Children's Museum, *Mini Birdhouses* with Dolores, *Drawing Cartoon* with Frank, and *Plant-Based Tattoos* with Marinkovic.

On Friday the 20th at Woods Memorial, summer readers will be able to participate in Small Loom Weaving for Kids with Redhouse, Felt Flower Craft on Tuesday the 24th with Redhouse, Maker's Mayhem Mosaic Frame Craft on the 25th, Watercolors on the 26th, the Friendly Chupacabra Puppet show and Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum visit on Friday the 27th.

Lastly, in June Woods Memorial patrons can continue to participate with the ongoing programs, *Read to a Dog* on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

"If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead." —Roald Dahl. An extra July indeed! Extra summer fun with patrons. Here at Woods Memorial! We have been 'Keeping Calm and Welcoming July'. And enjoying reading fun with our *Summer Reading* patrons.

In July, Woods Memorial showed the movie, *Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse*. In continuation with programming for patrons at Woods Memorial, patrons were able to create 3D dinosaur wood puzzles on July 9th, Perler bead craft on July 16th, and design your own home on July 30th with the *Maker's Mayhem* program. On Thursday, July 3rd young patrons were able to play video games and watch the movie, *Dog-Man* on July 10th.

In collaboration with *Literacy Connects*, we offer Computer Basics in Spanish on Wednesdays from 5-6:45pm, and on Mondays we offer *Literacy Connects English Language* classes from 10am-12noon. As well as *Literacy Connects* GED Math prep on Tuesdays from 5-6:45 pm.

Lastly, in July 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 July 28th and Youth Summer Snack on Monday through Friday.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station – Mary McKinney The Summer Reading Program has begun! Activity trackers, reading trackers, fun programs, the book giveaway, a Minecraft scavenger hunt, craft activities, a photo op, and an ever-expanding locomotive means as there is something for everyone at the library.

The Annual Open House hosted by Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library on June 3 brought 200 visitors to the library!

Some good commentary came through the Orangeboy survey: "I love the library. I love that PCPL is actively and intentionally doing its best to center itself as localized community centers. Sure, I'm an avid reader and borrow both physical and digital books regularly, but what I'm most impressed with is how each library is just a little different to meet the immediate local needs. I love that there are free classes on resume building and gardening, and I also really love the seed library. If we ever change course (as entire society) and move to a more solar punk culture, we

will need libraries to help us bridge that transition and in that super unlikely scenario I think PCPL could be a leader.”

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Heather Tyndall

PCPL's annual *Summer Reading Program* kicked off at Joyner-Green Valley Library on June 2 with the return of the *Portable Planetarium*. Due to the program's popularity last summer, we scheduled additional time so that there were four half-hour sessions for a total of 60 participant spots . . . and all were filled! Lots of “Oohs” and “Aahs” emanated from inside the inflatable, self-contained “planetarium,” and afterward an enthusiastic primary-grade participant marched right up to the presenter and declared, “I *loved* that.”

Kids, tweens, and teens enjoyed choosing a free book, getting a free pass to visit a state park, and receiving prizes for completing fun activities on a Lotería Board. Additional programs in June geared toward youth customers included *Children's Museum Presents: Dino Discovery*, *Monster Mania Storytime*, and *Raising Nigerian Dwarf Goats with Live Goats*. The latter event included a presentation on the keeping of dwarf goats as well as a “meet-and-greet” with a mother and daughter pair of live goats, Stormy and Carol. Another highlight for Joyner-Green Valley Library patrons of all ages was a visit by four Reid Park Zoo denizens, including a Western box turtle, an African ball python, a bearded dragon, and a Madagascar cockroach. Attendees were thrilled to observe the animals up close and even touch the reptiles.

On June 17 we held a special edition of our regular weekly *Family Storytime*. Our children's librarian, Merrilee, hosted *Stuffedie Sleepover and Storytime*. Participants had until 4:00pm on the preceding Monday to drop off one of their stuffed animals for a sleepover in the branch. The next morning, *Stuffedie Storytime* included songs, stories, and activities, plus the stuffies' human friends received a booklet with captioned photos documenting the sleepover adventures of all 29 stuffed animals who spent the night in the library!

In July, Joyner-Green Valley Library began offering *Digital Literacy*, a program consisting of small-sized classes with instruction in computer basics provided by our Adult Services librarian, Emalie. The first three classes were part of a five-week series that will continue the first two Mondays in August. The library has plans to repeat the series in the fall as well as present another series of classes covering additional topics.

Experts from the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center predicted an increase in rattlesnake bites this season (13 News, kold.com, 5/13/25). Indeed, four Green Valley area residents, all in their 70s, have been bitten since May. One of our librarians, Rosie, invited educators from the Center (part of the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy) to present their program, *Desert Dangers*, at Joyner-Green Valley Library this month. The program covered not only snakes, but also bees, spiders, and scorpions. Attendees learned about the characteristics and behaviors of these desert neighbors, the importance of situational awareness, particularly when doing chores around the house or yard and taking evening walks, as well as what to do when bitten or stung.

Before their return to school in August, Joyner-Green Valley Library's younger patrons enjoyed some special events at the library this month. Children's librarian, Merrilee, hosted *Lego Club* with participants ranging in age from littles (building with larger blocks) to experienced tweens. *Lego Club* was followed a week later by *Movie Monday*, another fun, beat-the-heat activity.

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Hassael Cazesuz

We are thrilled to share that the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library officially reopened to the public on Tuesday, July 8. After being closed during June, we welcomed back our community with a festive reopening celebration that included cake, treats, beverages, and colorful decorations. Community members were eagerly waiting outside before 10 a.m., excited to return to their home branch.

The new carpet has been a big hit; patrons have been full of praise for its design and the unmistakable "new carpet smell." We've been touched by the outpour of appreciation from our visitors, who have greeted staff with comments like "We're so happy you're back" and "We missed you."

Despite getting a late start on Summer Reading due to our closure, we hit the ground running with 81 sign-ups during our first week alone. Staff have been enthusiastic about promoting the program and making sure families don't miss out on the summer fun.

We've also resumed our regularly scheduled programming, including Storytime and Sensory Program, both of which continue to be community favorites that consistently fill the room. In addition, our young adult and tween audiences are enjoying Heatwave, a summer movie series offering an air-conditioned space and a movie to beat the heat throughout July and August.

We're excited to be back in service and are grateful for the continued support and warmth from our community.

Miller-Golf Links Library – Anna Lawrence

The beginning of June also marked the start of the Summer Reading Program for PCPL, and the busiest time of year at the Golf Links library. Youth ages 18 and under are eligible to sign up for summer reading and receive a free book, and at our location we ask each youth to choose a colorful animal where they can write their name before we put it up on the wall to become part of a giant rainbow celebrating the theme of Color Your World. Children have been able to participate in programs like Spa Day Crafts, Leapin' Lizards Storytime, Kitchen Science Crafts, Dino Fossil Storytime, Ice Cream Making, Portable Planetarium, Shrinky Dinks, Drip Drawings, Paper Crafts, Beautiful Bats, STEMM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math & Magic with George McSly, and a Stuffed Animal Sleepover, where the stuffies spend the night in the library with stories and photos to take back to their children the next day. The number of participants we have in all our programs increases over the summer, so the staff have also created several take-away program options for those who are not able to attend any particular program when we are at capacity in the meeting room. Adults can also enjoy some summer activities, including Exploring the 1887 Sonoran/Arizona Earthquake, Cyanotypes, and our book club, this month featuring the title *Warrior Girl Unearthed* by Angeline Boulley.

We could not succeed with our summer activities without the assistance of all our wonderful teen volunteers. I am so thankful we have such dedicated teens in our area who come back several summers in a row to assist with activities and help with summer reading sign-ups.

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Kathy Konecny

Youth Services staff presented two Storytimes at the Congregation Anshei Israel summer camp. Children listened attentively during the reading of Tickle the Duck by Ethan Long and Bark George by Jules Feiffer. They also enjoyed dancing to literacy-themed songs.

Murphy-Wilmot Library's Summer Reading Program has been a huge success. Families love our Pop-up Makerspace Programs. June programs included Sharpie Tie Dye Bandanas, Yoga Storytime, Yarn Painting, Family Trivia Challenge, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum's Drawing Desert Animals, Reid Park Zoo's Habitats, Lego Club, Toddlertimes, Babytimes, Code Club, Preschool Storytime, Button Making, a puppet show, and Bartholomew and the Oobleck in which children created their own slime. These were made possible by generous support from the Friends of the Pima County Public Library. Our Read to a Dog program was also quite popular and a few adults snuck in briefly to pat these furry friends.

District 5 – Supervisor Andres Cano

Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library – Perri Pyle

This summer we've seen a flurry of activities as children attending the KIDCO summer camps at the El Pueblo Center visit the library with their camp leaders. Everyone has loved playing games on the computers, coloring pages, playing with Legos and especially taking home a loteria board along with their free summer reading books! One child in particular was very excited to find a "scary book" written for her age group, because she "just loves horror!" The hot temperatures have also brought more visitors to our branch to enjoy the air conditioning in conjunction with the El Pueblo cooling center.

El Río Library – Morgen Daniels

The 2025 Summer Reading Program started off strong at El Río Library, and we registered 88 young readers for the program throughout June, who were delighted to pick out their giveaway books and get to work on completing the tasks on their Lotería trackers- many immediately seeking out a comfy spot in the library to begin enjoying their picks directly after signing up.

18 little artists and their grown-ups had a blast creating handprint cacti and decorating pots at Crafternoon on June 10, and on June 24, when we crafted rainbow cloud door hangers in honor of Pride Month, 13 young participants let their artistic sides shine. Creative visitors to the library have also enjoyed picking up our bi-weekly Summer Reading Program grab-and-go craft kits; in June we distributed 20 take-home blackout poetry kits and 20 paper flower folding kits!

On June 12, 52 young yogis and their adults had a blast at our Bilingual Yoga Storytime event presented by *Stretching Bodies, Stretching Imaginations*, during which participants enjoyed songs, stories, and an age-appropriate yoga, meditation and mindfulness practice. Participants who visited our branch after the program excitedly shared how fun the event was, and how they were so relaxed they were ready for a nap! Our musical Storytime event with dynamic duo *Sticks & Tones* for our second special Summer Reading Program Storytime event on June 26 was also very well attended, with 31 participants joining the musicians to "illustrate stories with sound" using a variety of fun percussion instruments to express themselves.

We hosted an ESL class visit from Pima Community College's El Río Adult Learning Center on June 2 and signed up 13 students for library cards! Students were very excited to learn about the Seed Library and Culture Pass programs, and we look forward to continuing building our relationship with PCC and the Learning Center through future outreach opportunities!

July has been a blast so far at El Río Library, with participation in the 2025 Summer Reading Program going strong. We've registered 16 more young readers, bringing our total to 104. Our giveaway books have continued to fly off the shelves, and we've had 4 readers ranging in age from toddler to tween earn our grand prize for completing their trackers already!

Programming-wise, El Río Library will "go wild" this month! 28 attendees enjoyed Reid Park Zoo's *Zoo to You: Habitats* program on July 11, meeting animals including chuckwalla and corn snakes and learning about animal habitats as varied as the rainforest and desert, and on July 25, Emy Kleinkauf will host her *All About Rabbits with Live Rabbits!* event- for which registration is quickly filling up! July also means Read to A Dog is back at El Río Library! 18 regulars and new visitors were over the moon to see therapy dog Finn again on July 7 and 14, and we look forward to continuing the fun on July 21 and 28.

We have been overjoyed to see several new families revisit the branch frequently and become "regulars" over the course of the program- including one daddy-daughter duo who has faithfully been attending our Crafternoon program together, most recently hosted on July 8, when 8 participants created paper plate jellyfish. We will host the next Crafternoon on July 22 and make yarn butterflies.

Our project for our Tween STEAM Hour on July 17 will be slime, which is sure to delight the youth who join us.

We are extremely proud to share this comment from a parent who completed our Summer Reading Program survey: "El Rio Library for children is five stars!"

Himmel Park Library – Heather Ross

On June 30, Himmel Park Library will close for an extensive remodel, with plans to reopen sometime in 2027. The renovation will preserve the library's original reading room, windows, and built-in bookshelves, while also making way for exciting new changes. When we reopen, customers can look forward to a larger meeting room, increased shelving capacity, a brand-new reading porch, and more. Staff will miss interacting with our loyal customers, some of whom have been visiting Himmel for decades, but we can't wait to welcome everyone back once the work is complete.

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

The Summer Reading program is off to a great start at Joel D Valdez Main Library! This month we have had several guest programs that have been well-attended and very much enjoyed. We hosted *Fun with Percussion*, *Draw Zoo Animals*, *The 5 Senses* and *Small Loom Weaving*. Attendance has also been high for our *Babytime* and *Family Storytimes*, and our Tween librarian has debuted a weekly *Crafternoon* to create a fun and creative space for tweens.

We started off our summer with a free book giveaway and a lineup of various summer programs for children, tweens and teens. As part of the official Summer Reading Program, youth are invited to select a free book to take home, as well as an activity tracker in the form of a "Lotería" game board, and a free pass to one of the Arizona State Parks.

Library staff created a beautiful rainbow "Color Our World" display in the teen section, the theme of summer reading, which also reflects Pride Month. Teen programs included *Button Making*, *Clay Day*, *Slime! Day*, *Sparkle & Glow Art*, and *M&M Tasting*. We have had extra help from a youth summer intern, who we also are training on the Dewey Decimal System to help shelve books and perform other paging duties. Lastly, we have had even more help with additional teen volunteers taking up more hours during their school break.

This month we welcomed patrons into the twice monthly hour long *Our Space* program to play games like bingo, complete a mini puzzle, relax with some adult coloring, visit with each other and staff. Turnout was great as always and we had several patrons thanking us for providing this program. We also held several clinics with the El Rio Behavioral and Medical Outreach Nurses and staff on Mondays and Thursdays.

Last month, Reference staff answered 365 emails and a whopping 283 letters from incarcerated community members! We also did a massive reorganization of our government documents to make local budgets, neighborhood plans, and watershed documents easier to find. We signed up 270 patrons for new library cards and moved children's non-fiction to the children's room to make it more accessible to our younger patrons.

This month saw the Joel D Valdez Main library hosting the "*Survival and Resistance: Remembering the Southside's Environmental Justice Movement*" art exhibit that focuses on those impacted by Trichloroethylene (TCE). The Sonoran Desert Model Builders have also kept their incredible handmade models displayed in the front lobby.

Martha Cooper Library-Tara Foxx-Lupo

June and July have been very busy at Martha Cooper Library as we see the families from Himmel seeking out programming opportunities now that Himmel's programs are on hiatus and the branch

is closed for major renovation and expansion. Our Tuesday morning summer programs have been filling up and hitting capacity each week. This summer we have hosted the Portable Planetarium, Reid Park Zoo, Tucson Children's Museum, Red Herring Puppets, Mini-Miracles and Hawaiian Hula dance. All these programs hit capacity and then some. All our programs for birth to eight, including Babytime are hitting capacity regularly. Children's programming at Martha Cooper has always been heavily attended and our staff are providing information about nearby programs to help ease the blow of turning away families eager to engage.

Tween programming is also seeing a surge in attendance and our most recent addition, Quest, is gaining a bigger following. In this program youth play a cooperative role-playing game led by two library staff. The group works together to make decisions and allows for collaboration and connection between youth and safe library adults. Our makerspace programs, 3D Modeling and 3D printing, have been filling up each time they are offered, demonstrating the strong desire of youth to engage with technologies of the future for learning and entertainment. Another program added in recent months is Gaming, for which we purchased a Nintendo Switch. This program is a fun, low pressure opportunity to enjoy the company of others and hang out in a nice cool space just for Tweens and Teens.

Summer reading program sign-ups have been steady, with many signing up on week one. We are hoping to start seeing kids coming back for their well-earned prizes as the summer continues. To help with this process we have an amazing group of dedicated Teen volunteers who have been reliably helping at the library with the many tasks that accompany Summer Reading programming and resources. We are lucky to have this small and mighty crew.

We have also had an increase in opportunities to host our community partners to offer vital resources for the adult community, including tabling from the Pima County Health Department's team focused on Mental Health and Addiction resources. On her last visit the Health Department representative gave out sixteen Narcan boxes and began referring patrons to library staff for this resource. This tabling will be ongoing as we all see the value and need for this opportunity to continue in such a densely populated area with a heavy representation of high-need community members. Other partner organizations have been using our space for engagement and outreach, most recently Pima Animal Care Center and in the coming months we will begin to host blood drives with the Red Cross.

With less than a year since reopening, we can confidently say that the larger, improved library is and will continue to be a vital third space for the many community members in and around the Garden District.

Richard Elías-Mission Library – CLOSED

Valencia Library and Bookmobile/Readrunners – Ivonne Ramirez SUMMER READING PROGRAM

There has been a lot of excitement for our Summer Reading Program with children, tweens and teens in our community coming into the library to receive a free book and their Lotería Game Boards. Two enthusiastic summer readers were proud to share with library staff the project they created to complete activity #13 their Lotería Boards. They worked together with their nana to engineer a 3D replica of a saguaro cactus using pool noodles, toothpicks and fabric flowers and gave it to the branch as a gift for our children's librarian.

In a special space-themed Storytime in June, Ms. Thania read *I am an Astronaut* and sang Space songs with the Storytime families. Ms. Thania shared: "Today's theme was dedicated to Santi, a Storytime child who loves space and sharing his knowledge about the planets. Santi, Emilia, and their dad brought cupcakes decorated as planets and activities to share. Dad showed the other families how to make a mini space mobile and straw rocket."

TEENS

Valencia Library has recruited several enthusiastic teen volunteers this month. They are doing an amazing job helping with Summer Reading, displays and programming, and developing leadership and collaboration skills in the process.

The teens and tweens at Valencia Library have been enjoying a variety of programs and events during Summer Reading 2025. We hosted Melissa Mundt from the department of Conservation Land and Resources on June 5th to present an interesting program about colors in the Sonoran Desert with a fun activity creating red dye from the cochineal that lives on prickly pear cacti. Our Teen Services librarian together with the Valencia Library youth programming team prepared and implemented *Teen and Tween Time* days with perler bead crafts, figurine painting, and a superhero trivia contest. Along with presenting a Minecraft and Pokémon inspired Escape Room as a fun way for teens and tweens to develop fun strategy- and team building skills.

OUTREACH

The Valencia Library Bookbike team joined FUGA Tucson (Familias Unidas Ganando Accesibilidad; Families United Gaining Accessibility) for the Bicicleada del Sur at the end of May. The Tucson bike ride in the Southside was this season's first event for the Valencia Library Bookbike. The Bookbike team gave away free books during the group gathering at the El Pueblo Center, and afterwards the Valencia Library Bookbike team rode their bikes with FUGA on the southside route.

The 2 bookmobile visits to the Northwest YMCA were a huge success! We issued close to a hundred cards between both visits. On the second visit, Jo Riester, a long-time colleague and retiree, stopped in to say hello. She'd been at the YMCA for yoga class that day.

SCHOOL READINESS

In July, Valencia Library completed the 6-week kindergarten readiness program, "Ready, Set, School!" In this program, parents and caregivers learned practical concepts to help their children build school readiness skills, including letters, sounds and numbers. Families enjoyed stories, songs, and interactive activities to guide the young children to learn focus and self-control as well as critical thinking and communication which makes the children ready for kindergarten.

Families in "Ready, Set, School!" participated in STEM learning with engaging hands-on activities such as Sink & Float (making predictions and water play) and Fizzy Colors (observing chemical reactions and color mixing). One of the favorite activities was exploring weight and measures by playing with homemade balance scales. Children tested the weights of various objects. In the process, they made observations with the help of their parents/guardians, who supported them with questions that encouraged scientific inquiry, such as: "Which side is heavier? Does it weigh more or less than the other side? How can we make it balanced?"

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Pima County Public Library:

Murphy-Wilmot Library- Toddlertime supplies, Yarn Painting supplies, Sharpie Tie-Dye Bandana supplies, Yoga Storytime, Acrylic Techniques for Intuitive Painting, Puppet Show, Button Making supplies, Drawing Desert Life, Lego Club supplies.

Dewhirst-Catalina Library – Art and Storytime, Seed Sponges

Eckstrom Columbus Library- Loren Ard Indoor planetarium, Vivien Uyeda Adult Yoga, Sticks and Stones Mideival Mischeif, Kidzart, Heavenly Hedgehogs, Vanya Mrinkovic Puppet Show, Desert Museum Meet the Neighbors,

El Río Library – Rodeo Reads

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Fun with Percussion, Draw Zoo Animals, The 5 Senses, Small Loom Weaving, Crafternoon for Tweens, Teen Button Making, Teen Clay Day, Teen Slime! Day, Sparkle & Glow Art, and M&M Tasting.

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Family Storytime, Arts and Crafts for Adults, Portable Planetarium (x2), Children's Museum: Dino Discovery, Raising Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Monster Mania Storytime, Reid Park Zoo, Stuffie Sleepover and Storytime, Amado Crafternoon for Teens, Amado Crafternoon for Kids and Tweens

Martha Cooper Library-Family Storytime, Toddler Storytime, Babytime, Tucson Children's Museum, Portable Planetarium, Reid Park Zoo, Red Herring Puppets, Gaming.

Valencia Library – Family Storytime, Create Club, Teen Time, Crochet Circle, Garden Hour, All About Rabbits / Emy Kleinkauf, Colorful Kiddos / Children's Museum Tucson, The Magic of Reading/ George McSly, Beep! Beep! / Children's Museum Tucson, Famous Fossil Hunters / Meg Balaconis, Meet the Neighbors/ Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Portable Planetarium / Lauren Ard, Paint a Sonoran Desert Cactus Beauty / Dolores Haro, ¡Lee Con Lele! Bilingual Storytime, Volcanoes from Outer Space / Meg Balaconis, Messy Science / Children's Museum Tucson

Nanini Library – Red Herring Puppet Show, Portable Planetarium, ¡Lee Con Lele! Bilingual Storytime, Frank Powers Comics, Reid Park Zoo, French and English Bilingual Storytime, Shrinky Dinks, Introduction to Tie Dye

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Yoga/ *Vivianne Uyeda*, Heavenly Hedgehogs/*Emy Kienhoff*, Planetarium/*Lauren Ard*, Sticks and Tones/ *Maria Vomlehn*, KidzArt Drawing/*Creative Hearts* and supplies for all other programs.

Flowing Wells Library – Children's Museum Tucson: Marvelous Murals; Comic Camp! Nature Colors; Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum: Desert Reptiles; Tweet Origami; Red Herring Puppets: The Friendly Chupacabra / El Chupacabra Amigable; Sticks and Tones; All About Rabbits! With Live Rabbits; Portable Gardening Sampler; Cyanotype Printing.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Acrylic Painting/Agela Solis, Sewing School/Lori Jo, Mini Pinatas, Yoga Storytime & Family Storytime/Bonzai Studio

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library – Portable Planetarium, Yoga for Kids, Comic Strip Creation, Puppet Show, Koi Fish and Watercolor, Small Loom Weaving, Kidz Art, Story Characters Come Alive, Explore Music and Instruments, Balloon Creations

Woods Memorial Library – Mini Birdhouses, Jitterbug Stem, Small Loom Weaving, Yoga Storytime, Button Making Rabbit Storytime, Resin Craft, Planetarium, The Friendly Chupacabra, Balloon Animal Class, Plant based tattoos, Watercolor, Jewelry Class

Friends of the Arivaca Library-Snacks for 3 weeks of Story School, Breakfast Taco Bar, Soil and Clay for Water Summit, New toys for Children's section, 20 new books for Early Learning Center.

Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library- Kidz Art, Recycled Jewelry, Portable Planetarium (x4), Magician George McSly, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Lee Con Lele Bilingual Storytime (x2), Red Herring Puppets, Acrylic Techniques for Intuitive Painting, Reid Park (x2), Creative Hearts (x2), Chess Instruction, All about Rabbits with Live Rabbits!

Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library- Reid Park Zoo, Lauren Rae Ard's Portable Planetarium, McSly's Magic Show, Jessica Redhouse's Bento Bags, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

DATE: August 7, 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 W. Anne Gibson-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: Em DeMeester-Lane
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Circulation and Activity Measures: May 2025

	May-25	May-24	Percent Change
Circulation and Visits			
Circulation - Physical	169,919	185,837	-9%
Circulation - Digital	303,611	271,054	12%
Gate Count	246,298	213,321	15%
Website Visits	535,543	550,357	-3%
Active Cardholders	175,664	166,014	6%
Total Cardholders	316,486	279,356	13%
Percent Active Cardholders	56%	59%	-7%
Virtual Reference Services			
Chat Service - Number of Chats	600	733	-18%
Research Questions	365	357	2%
Phone	1,305	1,753	-26%
Mail	283	182	55%
Programming			
Early Childhood Literacy Program Attendance	5,655	5,332	6%
Adult Literacy Program Attendance	2,025	1,390	46%
Workforce Development Program Attendance	650	454	43%

Library Advisory Board Activity Report
May 2025

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	576	0	127	0	0	0	0
Caviglia-Arivaca	372	69	525	16	106	31	93
Dewhirst-Catalina	1,925	295	3,931	22	37	40	30
Dusenberry-River	11,294	803	7,527	35	445	0	434
Eckstrom-Columbus	4,268	3,519	15,989	40	551	58	910
El Rio	1,738	287	1,695	5	21	0	0
Flowing Wells	2,809	1,546	14,014	58	825	149	419
Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo	202	123	1,796	0	0	0	0
Himmel Park	7,715	852	7,884	16	297	36	84
Joel D Valdez Main	4,452	4,215	28,329	34	388	517	719
Joyner-Green Valley	8,230	874	8,142	29	287	185	426
Kirk-Bear Canyon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martha Cooper	4,340	1,426	11,996	72	736	52	1,580
Miller-Golf Links	14,990	1,656	12,195	15	504	0	642
Murphy-Wilmot	19,684	3,484	19,198	71	1,522	176	1,810
Nanini	15,793	1,530	12,009	66	1,621	20	1,997
Oro Valley	21,015	1,393	26,427	52	824	0	5,599
Quincie Douglas	2,969	1,696	9,196	73	981	121	601
Richard Elias-Mission							
Sahuarita	5,929	1,057	7,541	46	663	135	1,830
Salazar-Ajo	1,085	294	3,204	69	357	0	77
Sam Lena-South Tucson	525	1,161	3,968	19	99	0	64
Santa Rosa	492	574	10,083	20	200	0	516
Southwest	1,637	358	4,236	0	0	8	0
Valencia	4,360	2,345	6,897	67	634	65	894
W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station	7,176	441	7,364	22	555	0	888
Wheeler Taft Abbett	12,823	1,650	10,641	60	939	29	496
Woods Memorial	8,493	2,896	11,384	30	332	0	451
Web Renewal	5,026	0		0	0	0	0
Adult Services	0	0		105	827	50	0
Youth Services	0	0		31	205	453	0
TOTALS MAY 2025	169,919	34,544	246,298	1,073	13,956	2,125	20,560
TOTALS MAY 2024	185,837	32,436	213,321	1,017	12,627	3,245	13,202
Percentage Change	-9%	6%	15%	6%	11%	-35%	56%

*Mission Branch closed in May 2025

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FROM: Em DeMeester-Lane
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Circulation and Activity Measures: June 2025

	Jun-25	Jun-24	Percent Change
Circulation and Visits			
Circulation - Physical	171,097	180,301	-5%
Circulation - Digital	307,682	254,666	21%
Gate Count	234,968	218,262	8%
Website Visits	533,647	526,913	1%
Active Cardholders	176,684	168,288	5%
Total Cardholders	320,475	277,337	16%
Percent Active Cardholders	55%	61%	-9%
Virtual Reference Services			
Chat Service - Number of Chats	632	666	-5%
Research Questions	345	377	-8%
Phone	1,373	1,621	-15%
Mail	315	226	39%
Programming			
Early Childhood Literacy Program Attendance	5,490	5,372	2%
Adult Literacy Program Attendance	312	381	-18%
Workforce Development Program Attendance	484	372	30%

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Bookmobile / Books by Mail	617	0	144	0	0	98	0
Caviglia-Arivaca	270	52	524	19	193	36	157
Dewhirst-Catalina	1,720	277	4,060	27	43	40	38
Dusenberry-River	11,433	626	7,062	30	490	0	544
Eckstrom-Columbus	4,511	2,955	14,818	24	486	0	920
El Rio	1,602	334	1,681	10	181	0	0
Flowing Wells	2,561	1,197	7,555	40	587	0	357
Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo	248	137	1,576	2	47	0	0
Himmel Park	7,729	850	7,022	15	258	52	159
Joel D Valdez Main	4,823	4,600	30,551	26	570	104	1,002
Joyner-Green Valley	8,107	921	8,927	38	673	116	817
Kirk-Bear Canyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martha Cooper	4,856	1,374	14,457	50	502	0	1,571
Miller-Golf Links	15,428	1,727	8,737	27	861	0	1,127
Murphy-Wilmot	18,390	3,618	19,235	63	1,618	0	1,415
Nanini	15,172	1,486	12,058	60	2,114	67	1,839
Oro Valley	20,698	1,367	22,823	78	1,512	0	502
Quincie Douglas	3,122	1,980	9,258	66	1,338	0	523
Richard Elias-Mission							
Sahuarita	6,531	1,086	6,593	52	1,042	0	1,809
Salazar-Ajo	1,087	254	2,804	74	447	0	151
Sam Lena-South Tucson	504	1,168	3,662	17	124	0	46
Santa Rosa	632	419	8,113	19	157	74	242
Southwest	1,502	427	4,834	4	60	0	0
Valencia	4,746	2,391	7,396	52	981	151	1,520
W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station	8,003	539	9,350	19	627	0	1,146
Wheeler Taft Abbett	12,669	1,646	9,891	43	868	35	1,236
Woods Memorial	8,665	3,381	11,837	18	495	0	457
Web Renewal	5,471	0		0	0	0	0
Adult Services	0	0		4	36	0	0
Youth Services	0	0		0	139	893	0
TOTALS JUNE 2025	169,919	34,544	246,298	1,073	13,956	2,125	20,560
TOTALS JUNE 2024	180,301	32,684	218,262	820	14,820	2,282	15,064
Percentage Change	-6%	6%	13%	31%	-6%	-7%	36%

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