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FROM: Em DeMeester-Lane
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Public Services Report – August 2025

This summer has been a very busy one! We've had an exceptional Summer Reading season and I'm very proud of all the hard work that our staff have put into our busiest time of the year. This month we continued to hire, hire, and hire public services. I am pleased to welcome two Library Services Managers to the Public Services Team, Heather Ross and Paula Maez. Additionally, we have restructured the work of Public Services with the recommendations of Beth Whaler, who presented last month. Linde Furman will be moving into a new role that focuses on Safety, Security and Social Services. She will be working to support staff and strengthen training as well as guide our strategies for connecting to social services resources.

I am absolutely thrilled to announce that this month we wrapped up the page hiring process. We were able to make job offers to more than 60 pages who will begin on-boarding in September. The process of bringing back page hiring has been a long journey, and I am so proud of the team of PCPL staff across classification levels that collaborated to get such a significantly sized hire completed. And a very special thank you to Vanessa's Library HR Team for all the work it took to coordinate. Additionally, the Page Task Force hosted a full day workshop for page supervisors in August to help support branches and prepare supervisors for the task of on-boarding and training. We plan on creating a monthly team to offer training and development to page supervisors as we do with Circulation and Branch Managers.

Library Services Manager – Paulina Aguirre-Clinch

This year, and moving forward, one of our main priorities in Public Services is making sure staff feel supported through training. Linde Furman and I are finishing up some work started a while back around the Library's Code of Conduct, including follow-up guidelines (formerly known as suspension guidelines) and an incident assessment guide to help staff when faced with challenging situations. But what we're really looking forward to is bringing everyone together for in-person training on this important topic giving us a chance to connect, share experiences and knowledge, and build confidence as a team.

Library Services Manager – Linde Furman

Another amazing Summer Reading Program has ended! All our branches had an amazing turnout of children and families visiting this summer. As fall closes in, library staff are looking forward to cooler temperatures. Staff have been busy preparing for the start of another school year and have

spent time welcoming students back to their locations this month as they try to take a breath after Summer Reading.

The Trauma Informed Care Team has spent the month awaiting the results of another staff survey we created and rolled out at the beginning of August. We are excited to see what new suggestions staff will have to help us continue improving how we serve them, gain feedback on our efforts so far, and look toward the future of the team and its goals.

Library Restorative Practices for Youth (LRPY) is making a strong comeback after months spent preparing for the reinvigoration of this team. Over the last couple of years, staff have been so stretched thin that they haven't had the space to contribute to re-envisioning and re-establishing this critical team. We are so thrilled to be breathing life back into it and welcoming new members and a new era for LRPY. In mid-August, team lead Katie Westfall held the first meeting we have had in years.

Library Services Manager – Vicki Lázaro

Due to the heat, I have been providing mostly Teams video check-ins instead of in-person visits with the Managers of Murphy-Wilmot, W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station, Kirk Bear Canyon, Dusenberry-River, Santa Rosa and Flowing Wells Libraries. I have been working with Library Facilities to prepare for the short reclosure of the Bear Canyon Library to install a beautiful new customer service desk.

Supporting the organization 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. In addition, I was the Hiring Manager for one of the management level hirings within the organization and was on the hiring panel for another. I also took part in the all-day Page Supervisor meeting, working with the team to design a successful Page community at the library.

Supporting the branches by filling in on the desk at Santa Rosa Library while we are in the process of hiring a new Manager. I am happy to report that the new Santa Rosa Manager will begin on September 8th. Also supporting branches by facilitating staff testing for the Multilingual Pay benefit.

This month also gave us the news of the three new Library Service Managers hired and shifts of current LSMs moving to the Community Engagement Office. Looking forward to the future of the library.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott

Dewhirst-Catalina Library – Christine Dykgraaf

August is a month of transition as it is at most branches; from the fervor of summer reading and programs for the littles to programming for adults and the resumption of crafternoon/homework help at Dewhirst-Catalina Library. Our staff-led programs of rock painting, Legos, and Rainforest Exploration were well attended. (definitely doing the rock painting again!). All of this was in time for our mid-month meeting room renovation to deal with a rise in the floor that unchecked could have become a tripping hazard. Staff are gearing up for program planning for Oct-Dec, the restart of our very popular programs Catalina Gardening Club and A Sense of Place and Time. We are looking toward the fall even as patrons continue to come in praising us for being a quiet, safe, clean, and COOL place to be!

Dusenberry-River Library – Mikel Stone

School is back in session, and Dusenberry-River Library is once again a lively gathering place for tweens and teens. Our tabletop role-playing game program has grown so popular that we've

expanded to include another session. River Readers, our long-running community-led book club, has returned from summer break and is beginning a new season of discussion and connection.

This month we also hosted a family event in partnership with the Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures. A full crowd learned how to craft tiny, air-dry clay donuts, with results that looked good enough to eat. Meanwhile, our Teen Advisory Board is electing new officers and preparing projects for 2025–2026. Their plans include creating a zine library and helping develop a pedestrian safety program designed for younger tweens.

Dusenberry-River continues to thrive as a hub for creativity, learning, and community leadership.

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

Nanini's Storytimes have been taking a break this month following a very successful and busy Summer Reading Program. This annual break allows youth services staff to plan for fall programs. Over 1,000 kids received Loteria boards and free books, and 1300+ people attended our presenter-led programs this summer. Nanini averaged between 6 and 8 programs for youth on a weekly basis in June and July. But just because our programs are paused doesn't mean we aren't busy: our staff are already attending outreach events, with one staff member meeting 212 people at Hendricks Elementary School's Open House in the Flowing Wells district earlier this month.

Nanini's adult services librarian and teen services librarian are working together to modify some of our programs to allow for intergenerational attendance. Makerspace programs will be open for adult registration in addition to teen participants. Program attendees will have the chance to learn how to use the 3D printer and Cricut machine in a one-on-one setting with help from a library staff member. Beginning later this month, the Nanini Social Circle program will be a way for people to meet each other and talk in a low-pressure setting, while working on basic activities like puzzles or coloring books. We are hopeful these new program formats will allow for spirited conversations and even more community building.

Oro Valley Public Library – Kaitlyn Sparks

For the month of August, youth services took a few weeks off to recharge after summer learning and planned our fall semester programs. Once students were back in school, we restarted our programs to full Storytimes. We've seen our children's room is full of students completing homework once again. Our Homework Help program started August 16 and new learners joined us for help with a variety of topics including math and reading.

Adult Services have had a variety of activities this month including art classes and mahjong lessons. Both the art classes and mahjong lessons fill up very quickly. We are fortunate to have a volunteer willing to offer another three-part mahjong session next month and a local artist will be offering art classes in the fall. We have added to our quiet study area for adults. With the remodel of another library location, we were able to get three small tables. These tables are in use regularly and have helped us add more study space with access to a power outlet.

Our Affinity Team Staff Picks display has been gaining popularity with staff regularly refilling the display. This display highlights books that one of the library's affinity teams has put on their staff recommended reading list and books that our staff enjoyed which are written by and focus on people or topics represented by an affinity team.

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Kelly Wilson

This month was bustling at Eckstrom-Columbus. English class is still a sought-after program, as is Computer basics. Both are presented by Literacy Connects. Arizona @ Work Employment services come every Wednesday and assist several people. All day, every day, we get inquiries

about snacks, and it's great to be able to provide. Storytime is downright crowded as the school year picks up. Early childhood programming is a huge hit here. Coder Dojo is now on Thursday afternoons, teaching tweens how to create their own games and animations.

Vote Riders ID Clinic gets wonderful turn out every month, as does the Homelessness Resource Navigator. Pima County Health Department also continues to table here with resources for people in addition. Our GED class (taught in Spanish) is a good fit for this location. Eclectic Readers read two books by South Asian authors, and yoga for adults provided much needed restoration. Artsy Afternoons are likewise gaining steam as an enrichment program for adults. We also had educational programs on renter legal protections and recycling, both done by community partners.

Quincie Douglas Library – Lois Miller

August has been a busy month here at Quincie Douglas Library! We wrapped up our summer reading program with an ice cream party. Kids who had completed their Loteria trackers were excited to be rewarded with ice cream.

We also had fun programming such as “Plant Petting Zoo” led by presenter Anna Vandervere, and “Tissue Paper Suncatchers” led by Emy Kleinkauf. Both programs were very well attended and participants said they enjoyed them very much.

The Garden Kitchen's Mobile Market on Thursday mornings continues to be a big hit. They sell locally grown produce to the community at a reduced price. SNAP/EBT and WIC are accepted as payment.

In addition to these programs, we continue with our regular activities, such as offering snacks to kids, the Lego Club on Saturdays, and our popular Storytimes (toddler and bilingual family Storytimes).

On August 29th we'll have a Recycling 101 Workshop led by the City of Tucson. We are excited to offer the community quality programs and many other helpful resources.

Sahuarita Library – Betsy Langley

The kids are back in school, and the library is in full fall swing with regards to fall programming! Thirty youngsters have been reading to our dogs, Danny, Grace and Molly, on Mondays and Wednesdays. We also kicked off a new Toddler Time this month on Thursdays and it's off to a great start with positive feedback from community members. Tweens and teens have been dropping into our new Thumbs Up Thursday program, as well! We set out art materials and were pleasantly surprised to see youth getting to know each other and working on their own personal creative projects. On Saturday, August 13, we hosted Robyn Nolan's rock painting class with 13 participants and on August 19, we welcomed 47 yogis for a very special Yoga Storytime with presenter, Carrie.

In response to community interest, we launched a new Spanish-language Computer Basics class through a partnership with folks from the Sahuarita Food Bank's Community Resource Center. This five-week session runs August 19 – September 16. As part of this collaboration, we will also be sending a Library staff person over to the Food Bank to offer additional English language classes on their site a few times each month.

Our Book Club read and discussed *Convenience Store Woman* by Sayaka Murata on August 12. We're also starting a new display featuring Sahuarita Staff Picks! We're excited to share our favorite books and films with the community.

Santa Rosa Library – Jillian Cross

August at Santa Rosa means back to school! We are back in full swing with many families coming into the library after school. To celebrate the new school year, we held a Welcome Back Party, where our Tween and Teen patrons enjoyed pizza and drinks while listening to a presentation all about what the library has to offer. Additionally, we highlighted the back-to-school season with a wonderful display featuring books about school for kids of all ages. Tween patrons had the opportunity to work with PCPL Writer in Residence, Logan Phillips during two writing workshops, Youth Writers Jam and Make Your Own Book. Patrons and staff alike loved working with Logan, his workshops were incredibly engaging, and we all had an absolute blast!

Our youngest patrons and their families also got to enjoy an author visit and special presentation about burn prevention and cooking safety from author and burn educator Debbie Karaman. Additionally, August has brought the return of some of our recurring programming, including the CACFP Snack Program, Fun Friday, and Bilingual *Lotería*. For our adult fiction display, we centered on books about books for National Book Lovers Day on August 9th. Lastly, our monthly Craft Circle and weekly Job Help sessions have been popular picks for adult patrons.

District 3 – Supervisor Jen Allen

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Jodi Ohlson

Since the Caviglia Arivaca Library is acting as a Cooling Center, patrons have appreciated the water, electrolytes, and cooling towels that have made the summer heat slightly more manageable. Our older patrons especially appreciated having a sugar free electrolytes option, and the cooling cloths were also met with relieved smiles.

Arizona history is a favorite topic in Arivaca, and this month *Greg McNamee* brought his presentation on *Desert Rats, River Runners, and Grand Canyon Crawlers*. Our Book Group discussed *Ishmael* by *Daniel Quinn* which inspired philosophical discussions about evolution and the hubris of humanity. The Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library purchased *Ishmael* for the Book Group, and now the books will be donated to the system with the intention of creating another Book Group Box to loan out.

This month included regular visits by groups of high school students coming down to visit the border with local humanitarian groups. They were inquisitive about the library being in such a small town, and also very appreciative for the Cooling Center supplies.

This is the last month we will have outside help for our Dungeons and Dragons group on the weekend. Ironically, the numbers of attendees have been on the rise. We are hoping a local Dungeon Master will step up to lead the game. So many are interested in playing, and so few are interested in leading.

Flowing Wells Library – Angie Grischkowsky

With schools back in session we were happy to welcome our after-school crowds of kids, tweens, and teens back to our library. This month we also hosted the following groups in our Multi-Purpose Room:

- Arizona Border Alliance
- Pima County District 3 office hours with Supervisor Jennifer Allen
- Casitas del Valle

In addition to our usual events and English Language and GED Prep classes presented by Literacy Connects, we also held a full range of library events for all ages. We wrapped up Summer Reading on Aug. 2 with our annual Bubble Party on the public patio – always a fun time for families! On the 9th we made Japanese-Style Paper Lanterns with tweens, teens, and adults. On the 16th we hosted a Paul Gauguin Art Talk and on the 23rd we celebrated Shark week by watching

the classic film *Jaws*, part of a new series for adults called Silver Screen Saturdays. On the 28th we held a Renter Education for Neighborhoods and Tenants presentation by non-profit law firm Step Up to Justice, and on the 30th we hosted the Tucson Repair Café as they helped our community to make do and mend for a greener future.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Clarissa Sandoval

We wrapped up the Summer Reading Program and were happy to report we had 96 children sign up. Staff had great time encouraging and interacting with the kids as they finished their activities. With school back in session, the library has transformed into a bustling hub of activity each afternoon. As students finish their classes, many flock to the library to hang out or use public computers.

We have had renewed interest in art exhibits at the Salazar-Ajo Library. Sparrow shared her journey about local earth pigments and building a dome home at her art reception. Having art on exhibit breathes new life into the library's walls.

Using our book and DVD displays to highlight specific genres, authors, or topics, introduce library-goers to new materials they might not have encountered otherwise, fostering a deeper appreciation for the library's diverse collection. They have served as an engaging tool to captivate the interest of our patrons.

Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Library – Sam Hennig

This month for Children's services, in honor of National Aviation Day, we presented an engaging, staff-led program where kids explored the fascinating world of aviation by building and racing their own Soda Straw Jet Aircraft, combining fun with hands-on learning in engineering and aerodynamics. In preparation for the school year, we also launched a new slate of five staff-presented afterschool programs, one for each weekday: Crafternoon (Mon), Board Games (Tues), Game On! (Wed), Gears+Gadgets (Thurs), and Lego Lounge (Fri). These recurring programs are designed to support creativity, social interaction, and STEM-based learning in a welcoming environment.

For the month of August, Teen Services has been working to continue developing our new teens-only programming schedule. We have had growing interest in our 3D Printing Thursday and will be developing a new board of Teen Advisory Board volunteers on August 19th to help with other library programs. This month we also brought on-board our San Miguel student-worker and with her assistance created a new display for the children's area bulletin boards. Teen Services is looking forward to our collaborative program "Movies in the Library" with the tween and children's team on the 28th. As the school year goes on, youth service teams plan to continue to assess the schedule of events and see whether events like Homework Help should be moved to different days to better meet community needs.

In Adult services we celebrated International Bat Night this month with a special program titled "The Wonderful World of Bats," presented by Pima County Natural Resources. Attendees learned about the fascinating nocturnal lives of bats, their unique adaptations, and the critical roles they play in our ecosystem. The evening concluded with a guided walk to the Cortaro Road bridge, where participants observed bats emerging at dusk: an immersive, educational experience that connected patrons with local wildlife. In addition, the adult-services librarian hosted our monthly "Film on Fridays" discussion program; patrons gathered on the last Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *Past Lives*, a thoughtful, emotionally resonant film written and directed by Celine Song. These programs offered our adult patrons both educational enrichment and opportunities for community engagement.

Woods Memorial Library – Chinyere Olumba

Woof! Bring on the dog days of summer, as August has given us the permission slip to be lazy! On the heels of *Summer Learning* and a first few weeks with back to school, Woods Memorial has slowed and returned to regular programming. This August month, Woods started programming with *Movie Saturday* on August 2nd from 1-3pm, with patrons watching *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*. Patrons were also able to participate in *Maker's Mayhem* creating mosaic frames on the 6th from 3-5pm. Tweens and Teens played video games on the 7th from 3-5pm. On August 13th patrons were able to create Perler beads, and on August 14th Tween and Teens were able to watch the Minecraft movie. The continuation of activities with *Maker's Mayhem* and tween and teen activities will continue August 20th, 21st, and 28th.

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, the Homeless Resources Navigator on the 4th Wednesday and the Homeless I.D. Project on the third Thursdays.

Lastly, in August 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 August 25th and Youth Snackivities program through *Community Foodbank of Southern Arizona*, Tuesday through Friday from 3-5pm.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station – Mary McKinney Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library hosted a book sale at the library on August 2.

What better thing is there to do than find someplace cool to read during the summer, and kids aren't the only ones reading! In fact, at the Gibson-Esmond Station Library, adults completed their reading trackers at the same rate as the kids. Keep reading everybody!

Patrons of Gibson-Esmond Station Library sent summer vacation greetings again this year. Postcards from visits to Sheboygan, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Mt. Rushmore Alabama, Florida, New York City, Texas, Sedona, Utah, Yellowstone, and California were sent to the library and displayed on a map in the lobby.

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Heather Tyndall

We're excited to report that the inaugural series of classes in computer basics, part of our new *Digital Literacy* program, was a success! We've limited class size to 10 students to maintain an optimal student/teacher ratio and to ensure each person has their own laptop computer. Each of these first classes (three in July and two in August) had between five and seven participants—a great start for the program while having room for lots of individual attention from the instructor. And new folks have already registered for the next series in September and October!

Although things are typically quiet in Green Valley this time of year, customers braved the heat to participate in several regular branch programs. Devotees of *Mindfulness Meditation* and *Hatha Yoga* seem to attend no matter the weather! *Page Turner's Book Club* met and discussed *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue. Participants in *Arts and Crafts for Adults* designed and made macrame keychains in one session and faux stained-glass pictures in another. *Paws for Grownups* returned to Joyner-Green Valley Library in August following a short break in July for our therapy dogs and their handlers. Speaking of dogs, even the "dog days of summer" couldn't keep the generous members of the Green Valley community from making another strong showing at our fourth American Red Cross blood drive of the year.

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Hassael Cazesuz

August was a lively month at Kirk-Bear Canyon, filled with engaging programs and community connections. Our weekly 3D Print Drop-In sessions continue to grow in popularity, with more projects submitted each week and enthusiastic support from our volunteers. The library also hosted a joyful performance by *Gertie and the T.O. Boyz*, which drew 21 attendees and filled the space with lively music. The Teen Advisory Board, which currently has 10 active members, is celebrating its graduation party this month, marking another milestone in teen engagement.

Our bilingual and sensory programs also saw exciting momentum. Toddler Korean Bilingual Storytime welcomed at least five families, several of whom expressed how much they appreciated the program, while anticipation is high for our upcoming Japanese Bilingual Storytime, with families already reaching out to share their enthusiasm. At our Sensory Program, we met several newcomers who were deeply impressed and eager to return, including a family who drove more than 25 miles to participate, underscoring the program's strong appeal.

Adding to the month's vibrancy, we are excited to showcase *Portals*, an exhibit by local artist Sarah Bernhardt, which has been on display throughout August and will remain until August 30. Looking ahead, Kirk-Bear Canyon will be closed August 22–28 for the installation of a new service desk. We are excited to reopen with a refreshed desk and improved layout that will better support our staff in serving the community.

Miller-Golf Links Library – Anna Lawrence

After the busy Summer Reading season, the Miller-Golf Links library is taking a break from Storytimes in August. The children's department takes this month to plan activities for the next several quarters, giving them space and time to plan thoughtful and fun programs for our community's children. We are seeing the transition into school, so the temporarily small number of programs is beneficial for parents and students as well. This month we will continue to host our usual Read to a Dog program, and all other children's programs will return next month. For tweens and teens, we have our usual weekly hangout time with computers for games and homework, as well as crafts.

Adults at Golf Links in August have had several programs to attend, including Backyard Restoration, which consists of tips and tricks to begin "re-wilding" your space, Mindful Mandala Coloring for Adults, our monthly Voracious Readers Book Club featuring *The Princess Diarist* by Carrie Fisher, and a presentation by Vivan Cullen: Mind Body Connection, a program about neuroplasticity.

Our meeting room in August hosted a high school teacher leadership training, the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting, a Desert Cherokees of Southern Arizona meeting, three different HOAs, and a Tucson Police Department Wellness Day.

District 5 – Supervisor Andres Cano, Chair

Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library – Perri Pyle

In early August we had a special visit from Victor Escobedo, the artist whose works hang on the walls of our library! He visited with staff and told stories of his friendship with Frank de la Cruz that inspired his art. This month we wrapped up Summer Reading with one last push to get books and prizes into the hands of our largest group of kids – the KIDCO kids who visit throughout the summer from the El Pueblo Activity Center. As we begin to look ahead to the fall, we are working on facilities projects that make the space more welcoming and improve the overall look of our corner of the Center. We continue to see a steady stream of visitors seeking relief from the heat, and our wonderful page has been putting together fun, interactive exhibits for all to enjoy.

El Rio Library – Morgen Daniels

El Rio Library is proud to announce our brand-new 'Teen Scene'! We have fully revamped our youth section which formerly included materials for young people aged birth through Young Adult, and created an intentional, separate-from-the-littles space for tweens, teens, and new adults to engage with library materials and programming. We have already noticed an increase in youth interaction with the space, with young patrons enjoying browsing our inaugural teen display "Born to Dilly-Dally, Forced to Lock In," and we are excited to continue to explore how to optimally serve this population in our branch!

Our Family Storytime event on August 7 was a huge hit, with guest reader and local actor Angela Horchem delighting 22 attendees with veritable reading performance chock-full of silly voices and fun audience interactions. Our young participants enjoyed one story so much, they asked to hear it twice in a row! 10 students and instructors from the kindergarten class at the El Rio Early Learning Center, which is also housed in the El Rio Neighborhood Center, attended this program and participated in a library tour and Q&A prior to Storytime. Read to A Dog with Labradoodle Finn remains ever popular, with 21 attendees so far at our programs on August 4 and August 11.

Staff launched the first 'El Rio Reading Survey' on August 18, through which we aim to gain insight into our community's reading habits and library use patterns, and use the info shared to inform our offerings. We will also use the data shared through our survey to create a display with fun facts about our community's reading preferences, so that visitors to our branch can relate to each other and even discover their next favorite read! Participants can complete the survey online or in-person at the branch through the end of the month.

Himmel Park Library – Closed for Remodel

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Christine Russell

Everyone at Joel D Valdez Main Library is ready for the heat to break, but we're glad to be a cool place for our patrons. In the last month our public PCs had 4829 bookings with an average length of 1 hour and 23 minutes, providing over 4400 hours of internet access to the public.

Our Vulnerable Populations Team continues to invite community partners to meet with our patrons including Pima County Resource Navigators; Vote Riders, which provides free help getting a birth certificate or another ID to vote; Pima County Health Department's Mental Health and Addiction division; University of Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center; peer support employees from El Rio Behavioral Health; and El Rio Medical Health. For the Our Space program we invited Martha Underwood to present a jewelry-making workshop. Martha had 15 attendees during the program. Afterwards, attendees of the workshop thanked us and expressed a lot of interest in coming to future programs.

For Children and Young Adult Services, it was a month to reset before school started. The Children's team set up new displays, passive activities, and fun reading incentives for back to school. The Young Adult team spent time re-arranging the makerspace and reorganizing some of our arts & crafts supplies, technology, and furniture to make the space more user-friendly. Our new "Zen Zone" has been frequently sought after.

In addition to these changes, we have welcomed two new San Miguel high school student interns. They will be supporting after school programming in the makerspace, helping with the Our Space program, and, of course, doing some book shelving. We are also hosting a couple of tours from the nearby Paulo Freire Junior High, besides touring the library, we'll be giving a short presentation on the library's digital resources, introducing them to the makerspace, as well as creating library cards for the students.

Finally, the Reference to Those Who Are Incarcerated Team has officially caught up with our backlog! With the help of our newest team members, we've reduced the wait time for our incarcerated patrons to a couple of weeks. We're very excited to see how we can expand the program to continue to serve our community.

Martha Cooper Library-Tara Foxx-Lupo

This month brings with it the end of Summer Reading Program and the beginning of a new school year. After a busy summer, our programming staff took a much-needed programming break for about half of the month, returning to offering programs during the last two weeks of August. This break is a needed respite and a time to look forward and plan for the coming months. One notable change that will take place after the break is shifting our Toddler/Preschool Storytime from Tuesdays to Wednesdays. We hope this will alleviate some of the pressures the branch has experienced on our first open day of each week, especially with the large influx of Himmel users. Our Wednesday Storytime will continue to be offered in two sessions, to ensure access for more families.

As the school year rolls along, our librarians' inboxes are pinging with invitations to school open houses and parent information nights. From John B. Wright Elementary to Catalina High school, our librarians will be out in the community promoting the library and our resources in the coming weeks. Outreach visits usually involve a bit of promotion, a touch of engagement, free books and some fun library SWAG. Staff love the opportunity to get into these educational environments to connect with parents and students. We hope these visits spur interest from our users in our Homework and Reading Help, Gaming Programs, 3D Printing Workshops, Snack Programs and Crafts and Laughs.

Summer English Language classes have been a success, with the addition of an intermediate level class during the same time slot as the beginning group. Due to the continued demand for this level of instruction, we are currently planning to add an intermediate level to our fall schedules starting in September. In other adult news, our collections are flying off the shelves and heading home with the many Martha Cooper users, whether new or established regulars. The library is highly valued by the surrounding community, and our computers and seating are often full, with all three study-room spaces fully booked. All of this is testament to the comfortable, inviting space now available in this corner of the neighborhood.

Richard Elías-Mission Library – Closed for Remodel

Southwest Library – Brianna Velador

It has been a very busy summer at Southwest Library for programming and engaging with community members. The Summer Reading Program started off strong with over 60 participants picking up their Lotería reading trackers and picking free books. There were many exciting programs here in June—*KidzArt Drawing*, *Balloon Animal Making* with Vanya, and the *Drawing Studio Workshop*. Southwest Library staff also hosted a Crafternoon where participants made bookmarks and sliding puzzles. Southwest Library also made a fun Color Our World book display for the Summer Reading Program where youth have been adding their rainbow artwork. Southwest Library's youth volunteer, who has been helping with many projects around the branch, made us a wonderful Color Our World summer booklist that was shared with families. Saguaro National Park visited Southwest Library for *Meet Your National Parks*, which was very well attended. Pima Conservation Lands & Resources also visited for the *Nature Colors* program, where youth painted with natural materials. Southwest Library *Rock Painting* program was very successful, as was staff-led *Crafternoon* where youth designed their own paper airplanes and mini wind helicopters. We topped off the Summer Reading Program with the *End of Summer Movie Party* showing the movie *Rio*. Participants picked up popcorn and prizes, celebrating their Color Our World reading accomplishments. With lots of programming throughout the summer, there has been an increase in families and youth visiting the Southwest Library this summer.

Southwest Library has also held the Summer Snack Program with the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, handing out snacks and weekend meal packs to families and youth ages 18 and under. Families have expressed so much gratitude for this resource during the summer months when youth are out of school.

Southwest Library is also excited to announce that we now have a branch telescope to be added to the catalog for checkout. This is thanks to The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association, especially Jim Knoll, and Thomas Sarko who dedicated the telescope to his family member. Families joined us on Wednesday July 2nd for a *Telescope Celebration and Viewing*, where Mr. Knoll showed how to use the telescope, gave away NASA and space stickers, and fridge magnets. We are excited to continue sharing this with the community!

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Pima County Public Library

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Family Storytime, Amado Crafternoon, Arts and Crafts for Adults
Martha Cooper Library-Storytime, Babytime, Crafts and Laughs
Flowing Wells Library – Making Japanese-Style Paper Lanterns; Paul Gauguin Art Talk
Salazar-Ajo Library – Yoga Storytime, Musical Storytime, Print making & Pounding exercise class

Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library- Guitar with Peter Biedermann, Charcoal Drawing, Watercolor.

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TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library
Pima County Board of Supervisors
Pima County Administration
Friends of the Pima County Public Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Arivaca Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the 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: July 2025

	Jul-25	Jul-24	Percent Change
Circulation and Visits			
Circulation - Physical	169,424	183,747	-8%
Circulation - Digital	313,539	271,743	15%
Gate Count	236,327	242,755	-3%
Website Visits	563,271	536,209	5%
Active Cardholders	177,091	169,219	5%
Total Cardholders	323,935	280,713	15%
Percent Active Cardholders	55%	60%	-9%
Virtual Reference Services			
Chat Service - Number of Chats	701	666	5%
Research Questions	381	380	0%
Phone	1,409	1,699	-17%
Mail	255	312	-18%
Programming			
Early Childhood Literacy Program Attendance	5,421	4,431	22%
Adult Literacy Program Attendance	1,343	1,444	-7%
Workforce Development Program Attendance	811	580	40%

Library Advisory Board Activity Report
July 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	836	0	119	0	0	89	0
Caviglia-Arivaca	374	55	487	17	116	59	122
Dewhirst-Catalina	1,815	256	5,419	30	73	40	84
Dusenberry-River	10,728	608	6,810	22	401	0	383
Eckstrom-Columbus	4,848	3,034	15,498	32	426	0	872
El Rio	1,712	328	1,661	14	152	0	0
Flowing Wells	3,022	1,361	5,017	49	529	0	236
Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo	246	157	1,815	3	70	0	0
Himmel Park	205	0		0	0	0	0
Joel D Valdez Main	5,312	4,795	33,694	32	559	146	870
Joyner-Green Valley	8,039	793	8,126	37	366	206	466
Kirk-Bear Canyon	5,896	452	5,681	19	363	65	534
Martha Cooper	7,515	1,754	15,823	45	583	0	1,549
Miller-Golf Links	13,845	1,763	6,876	32	819	0	1,114
Murphy-Wilmot	16,105	3,851	18,139	73	1,580	300	3,417
Nanini	15,586	1,335	11,642	55	1,787	0	1,467
Oro Valley	19,895	1,484	22,101	43	901	46	739
Quincie Douglas	3,602	1,984	10,605	69	1,737	566	798
Richard Elias-Mission							
Sahuarita	6,350	1,296	6,336	44	621	294	1,326
Salazar-Ajo	1,505	290	2,995	66	368	0	126
Sam Lena-South Tucson	527	1,278	4,441	19	118	66	75
Santa Rosa	626	534	8,713	15	155	103	337
Southwest	1,408	507	4,400	6	98	0	0
Valencia	4,512	2,798	8,578	60	955	42	1,241
W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station	7,367	501	8,839	18	379	75	645
Wheeler Taft Abbett	13,220	1,589	9,509	45	1,139	314	1,482
Woods Memorial	9,353	3,489	13,003	29	278	0	250
Web Renewal	4,975	0		0	0	0	0
Adult Services	0	0		88	696	15	0
Youth Services	0	0		0	173	5,235	0
TOTALS JULY 2025	169,424	36,292	236,327	962	15,442	7,661	18,133
TOTALS JULY 2024	180,301	32,684	218,262	820	14,820	2,282	15,064
Percentage Change	-6%	11%	8%	17%	4%	236%	20%

*Mission and Himmel Branches closed in July 2025