
DATE: November 6, 2025

TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library
Pima County Board of Supervisors
Pima County Administration
Friends of the Pima County Public Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Arivaca Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Esmond Station Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library, Board of Directors
Pima Library Foundation, Board of Directors

FROM: Tess Mayer
County Librarian

SUBJECT: Director' Report – October 2025

County Librarian Mayer and Deputy Directors Marissa Alcorta, Anthony Batchelder, and Em DeMeester-Lane facilitated three regional All Staff meetings, held at different locations including an online option, the last week of October. Topics covered included a hiring update, safety and security program updates, hours expansion, the annual budget process, and the Community Engagement Manager position. On 10/16, the Deputies and Library Services Managers facilitated an all-day workshop for managers, including site managers for all library locations. The agenda incorporated time for managers to share their preliminary thoughts on the expansion of hours as staff begins to engage in that planning process.

County Librarian Mayer attended the Arizona Library Leaders' Summit Agenda on 10/22, which included updates and discussions about the 2025 priorities for library leadership statewide: Resource Sharing, AI, Digital Inclusion, Continuing Education, and Storytelling, or sharing library impact stories. The forum provided Mayer with a valuable opportunity to meet other public library directors from around the state as well as leaders and faculty at the University of Arizona and Arizona State.

Mayer attended the Arizona Library Association Conference, and it was impressive to see so many staff present at the conference. In total there were seven different presentations from Pima County Public Library staff covering a wide variety of topics: family friendly prenatal storytime programs, tween roll-playing game clubs, literacy and the Children's Peace Garden here in Tucson, bookmobile and outreach service, and providing reference to those who are incarcerated. The collective creativity and expertise of the PCPL staff were showcased at this conference.

County Librarian Mayer, along with five other PCPL staff, attended a conference on 10/21, "Civic Intelligence: For Southern Arizona State and Local Government." The conference focused on AI and its applications and impact on local government. Sessions explored AI governance, security, and the future. Sessions explored AI and applications in emergency response and facilities management, AI education in the workforce, and practical implementation strategies.

County Librarian Mayer attended the October Board meeting of the Pima County Friends, as well as the October Foundation Board meeting. Mayer is excited to participate in a Foundation donor event on 10/28 as well. Mayer and Deputy Director Marissa Alcorta attended a meeting with

International Rescue Committee leadership to discuss recent impacts to access to federal benefits by members of the local refugee community. Branch Manager Tara Foxx-Lupo, facilitator of PCPL's Welcome to America Affinity team, coordinated an information session for the community to take place at Martha Cooper on November 1.

This month, Mayer visited Eckstrom-Columbus, El Río, Martha Cooper, Miller-Golf Links, Murphy-Wilmot, Oro Valley, Sahuarita, Southwest, and Woods Memorial. Mayer enjoyed celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Murphy-Wilmot Branch with Branch Manager Kathy Konecny and the rest of the team there on 10/18 and welcomed a visit from District 4 Supervisor Christy. Mayer returned to Murphy-Wilmot the following week for the annual PCPL Pride team author event with TC Tolbert. TC, a poet and community builder, shared poems and engaged the audience in the process of writing as well as reading a poem. The event was well-received by the full audience.

FY2025/2026 Donations to date:

Deposit Date	RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	In Memory of
7/10/25	Friends Of The Pima County Public Library	70,000.00		
7/15/25	Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library	2,500.00	3rd Quarter Donation	
8/5/25	Pamela S Olson	10.01	Systemwide Donation	
8/8/25	Gail M Rourke	30.00	In Memory of Laurie Smith	In Memory of Laurie Smith
8/14/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	8,143.87	April 2025 Donation	
8/14/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	6,009.16	May 2025 Donation	
8/14/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	16,842.04	Donation - Spring Book and Jewelry Sale	
9/3/25	Estate of Edward H. Robb	20,749.14	Donation - final distribution	
9/9/25	Jennifer J. Stewart	150.00	Children's books for the Miller-Golf Links Library	Victoria "Vicki" Detwiler
9/11/25	Ibrahim A Hassan	8.00	Systemwide Donation	
9/16/25	Maria Volpe	30.00	In Memory of Scott Luomski	Scott Lukomski
9/17/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	5,760.36	June 2025 Donation	
9/17/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	6,768.10	July 2025 Donation	
9/17/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	7,855.65	August 2025 Donation	
9/18/25	Jean A Nickels-Durkee	30.00	In Memory of Scott Luomski - Travel Books	Scott Lukomski
9/23/25	Jean Nerad	50.00	In Memory of Scott Luomski	Scott Lukomski
9/26/25	Frances MacDonald	25.00	Systemwide Donation	
10/2/25	Anonymous	10.00	Staff Appreciation - GLF	
10/9/25	Linda Stover	20.00	Systemwide Donation	
10/9/25	Anonymous	7.10	Staff Appreciation - GLF	
10/10/25	Jenny Lind Ryan	25.00	Systemwide Donation	
10/24/25	John & Peggy Halliday	150.00	In memory of Scott Lukomski - Materials re Music and/or Musicians	Scott Lukomski
	FY26 Cash/Check/EFT donations:	\$145,173.43		
	FY26 Net PayPal donations:	\$160.20		
	FY26 TOTAL donations as of 10/28/2025:	\$ 145,333.63		