

DATE: December 4, 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's Report – November 2025

The Deputy Directors and Library Services Managers continued the planning process supporting restoration of branch hours through another conversation with Branch Managers at Woods Memorial on 11/20. During this meeting, the team discussed the criteria guiding decision-making around which locations would change to a 6-day schedule from a 5-day schedule, adding either a Monday or a Saturday to the existing schedule. They also discussed associated steps in planning and preparations. These future changes are contingent on approval of a forthcoming request to the Board for additional positions.

County Librarian Mayer attended the November Board meeting of the Friends of the Pima County Library and took a wonderfully thorough tour of the Friends of the Pima County Public Library processing center and store located on Country Club. She also participated at the beginning of a retreat that included representatives of both the Pima Library Foundation as well as the Friends of Pima County Library coordinated by Foundation staff that explored their relationship as distinct organizations. Mayer attended Friends of the Oro Valley Library and Bear Canyon Library meetings as well, to meet the members of those boards. Mayer attended a special tea hosted by the Friends of W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library, celebrating the contributions of W. Anne Gibson, who greatly contributed to the creation of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library.

Staff from Districts 2 and 3, as well as Supervisor Allen, met with County Librarian Mayer to share background about their districts as well as discuss the state of the library system. Mayer looks forward to a tour of the future location of the Joel D. Valdez Main Library with Supervisor Cano, his team, and Library Advisory Board members representing District 5.

This month, Mayer visited Frank De La Cruz - El Pueblo Library, Eckstrom-Columbus Library, Dusenberry-River, Kirk-Bear Canyon, Martha Cooper, Oro Valley, Flowing Wells, W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station, Woods Memorial, and Nanini branches. Mayer has yet to visit Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr., Santa Rosa, Himmel Park, Caviglia-Arivaca, Dewhirst-Catalina, Joyner-Green Valley, and Salazar-Ajo, at which point she will have visited every location in the system.

Mayer attended a special Día de los Muertos storytime program held in the Children's Peace Garden on November 1, featuring author Cynthia Harmony. Activities such as crafts and water

bottle “bowling” were set up around the space, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Mayer also attended an online program produced by the Nuestras Raíces author event featuring Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Mayer had the opportunity to attend an inspiring event produced by Supervisor Cano and his team, the first in the Love of Lectura series featuring author and former Representative Lorenzo Sierra and his partner, Rhonda Cagle, discussing Sierra’s memoir, *Fight Like Hell*. Attendees received a copy of the title, courtesy of the Friends of the Pima County Library.

FY2025/2026 Donations

Deposit	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	Victoria "Vicki" Detwiler
9/11/25	Ibrahim A Hassan	\$ 8.00	Systemwide Donation	
9/16/25	Maria Volpe	\$ 30.00	In Memory of Scott Lukowski	Scott Lukowski
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 Lukowski	Scott Lukowski
9/23/25	Jean Nerad	\$ 50.00	In Memory of Scott Lukowski	Scott Lukowski
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 Lukowski	Scott Lukowski
10/30/25	Friends of the Kirk Bear Canyon Library	\$ 2,500.00	4th Quarter Donation	
11/4/25	Kayla E Barnett	\$ 100.00	Gift Plates - In Memory of	Jan Bentley
11/14/25	Friends Of The Pima County Public Library	\$ 58,000.00		
	FY26 YTD Cash/Check/EFT donations:	\$205,773.43		
	FY26 YTD Net PayPal donations:	\$33.50		
	FY26 TOTAL donations as of 11/17/2025:	\$205,806.93		