

DATE: March 5, 2026

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 – February 2026

Congratulations to Isai Centeno, the Library's new Deputy Director of Finance and Administration beginning on March 11, 2026. This position supports our departmental Facilities, Finance, and Human Resources teams. Isai joins the Library from the County's Finance and Risk Management department where he served for over eight years. He has held positions in both government and the private sector and holds degrees in Business Administration.

Branch Managers engaged in a thoughtful process with Library Services Managers about the criteria used to determine which locations should add either a Monday or a Saturday to their schedule. They considered circulation, proximity to schools, overall usage, proximity to other 6-day locations, and a distribution of additional hours across the County with eye towards equity of access. They also discussed what staffing levels would make the additional days possible, and this addition of staff was recently approved, allowing the Library to move forward with implementation of changes.

This list of locations identified includes:

Dusenberry-River Library - adding Saturday
Flowing Wells Library – adding Monday
Joyner-Green Valley Library – adding Saturday
Kirk Bear Canyon Library – adding Monday
Martha Cooper Library – adding Monday
Quincie Douglas Library – adding Monday
W. Anne Gibson Esmond Station Library – adding Saturday
Wheeler Taft Abbett Library – adding Saturday

The next steps in the process will involve bringing a team together to plan for all the operational changes required as well as staff impacts and communication needs. A timeline for implementation of these changes will be established through this process.

On February 24, County Librarian Mayer had the opportunity to discuss Pima County Public Library with Supervisor Rex Scott on his "Inside Pima County" podcast. In early February, representatives from Library administration met with representatives from the Health department

to debrief on the heat season interventions partnership from last year and began planning for Summer 2026. The team will convene for a follow-up meeting in March. On February 11, Mayer attended a Pima County Public Library Foundation Board meeting. President Karen Williams led the team in the first stage of a reflection on the Board's goals over the next year, focusing this time on the Foundation's strengths as an organization. Mayer attended an Arizona State County Librarians forum which included Library Directors from across the state and representatives from the Arizona State Library.

County Librarian Mayer and Facilities team member Leslie W. led a large group of people throughout the Joel D. Valdéz Main Library on February 6. The group included potential respondents to a public invitation by the City of Tucson to participate in a Request for Information process regarding the reimagining/redesign of the current site of the Main Library.

On February 26, public services managers convened for an all-day workshop, covering such topics as updates to safety/security, a LibAnswers training (the digital module used to manage reference questions), and a leadership training discussion. The Library Services Managers participated in a refresher training on the Reasonable Suspicion process.

FY2025/2026 Donations

Deposit Date	RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	In Memory of
7/10/25	Friends Of The Pima County Public Library	70,000.00	Donation	
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
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	Jan Bentley
11/14/25	Friends Of The Pima County Public Library	58,000.00	Donation	
11/18/25	Nancy Ray	1,000.00	Systemwide Donation	
11/18/25	Wendy Lukomski	100.00	Books	
11/26/25	James (Jim) C Lee	5.00	Volunteer Appreciation	
11/26/25	Janice Igarashi	50.00	Systemwide Donation	
12/2/25	Philippa Mulford	100.00	Systemwide Donation	
12/23/25	Shelby Zwick	250.00	Systemwide Donation	for Nanini Library, in memory of Donna Zwick Davis
12/30/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	6,330.64	September 2025 Donation	
12/30/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	15,135.67	June - October 2025 Book Sale Donation	
12/30/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	7,033.15	October 2025 Donation	
12/30/25	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	6,163.49	November 2025 Donation	
1/2/26	Lee Anne Peters	100.00	Friends of the Pima County Public Library	
2/19/26	Carnegie Corporation of New York	10,000.00	Systemwide Donation: Carnegie Libraries 250	
2/19/26	Friends Of The W Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library	2,000.00	January 2026 Donation	
2/19/26	Friends Of The Kirk Bear Canyon Library	2,500.00	1st Quarter Donation	
2/19/26	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	7,033.15	Dec 2025 Donation	
	FY26 YTD Cash/Check/EFT donations:	\$263,574.53		
	FY26 YTD Net PayPal donations:	\$3,085.98		

	FY26 TOTAL donations as of 2/24/2026:	\$ 266,660.51		
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