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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 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: Paulina Aguirre-Clinch
Library Services Manager with other duties assigned

SUBJECT: Public Services Report – February 2026

This month we had our quarterly all-day public service manager's meeting. It was held at the Miller-Golf Links Library. We reviewed and discussed key operational updates regarding safety and security, upcoming system-wide initiatives (Summer Reading Program for youth and adults), and system-wide commitments and expectations (elections, workstations, etc.). A special highlight of the day was the "Look What I Can Do" aka Branch Show & Tell, where the Sam Lena-South Tucson, Eckstrom-Columbus, and Caviglia-Arivaca Libraries shared their excitement about an event, program, or service that's making an impact in their community, offering inspiration and practical ideas for everyone.

Library Services Manager – Adriana Saavedra

This month, I met with all branch managers and completed visits across the county. I attended Oro Valley's Lunar New Year staff luncheon hosted by branch manager Kaitlyn, which was a wonderful opportunity to engage with staff.

I attended the in-person quarterly Seed Library meeting. The stories shared by staff highlighted the program's growth and its positive impact on the community. I attended planning efforts for the Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library reopening and continued to support librarian recruitment efforts across multiple branches.

I am happy to report that all my central HR onboarding requirements, including my final full day of new employee training, are complete. I am also scheduled to attend Reasonable Suspicion training to further support staff and ensure we comply with county rules.

Library Services Manager – Heather Ross

This month, I enjoyed having multiple opportunities to visit my branches to meet with managers, work on desk with staff, and attend special events. I was particularly impressed by the Maker Space program at the Sahuarita Library, and the community collaboration, creativity, and hard work that program represented. I also appreciated being able to attend an Our Space program at Main Library, and to see the impressive array of resources (and fun!) provided to its participants, and the kindness and compassion with which those services were provided.

Library Services Manager – Linde Furman

Work continues on the follow-up guidelines training that will be rolled out to staff soon, to assist with decision-making regarding challenging patron behavior and healthy boundaries for our library spaces. The Vulnerable Populations team is currently planning a period poverty drive for our branches in the spring. I have also compiled some security recommendations and changes for our library system that we hope to roll out in March. This includes placing additional security at some locations that have not previously had such support.

Library Services Manager – Paula Maez

This month I had one-on-one meetings with branch managers to review performance goals, discuss staffing and programming needs, and identify opportunities for community engagement. These conversations were insightful and allowed for reinforcement of priorities. I also attended an active shooter training course at the Valencia Library presented by the County's Security Manager John S., which was great and informative.

Library Services Manager – Vicki Lázaro

I provided in-person and Teams video check-ins with the managers of Salazar-Ajo, El Pueblo, Quincie Douglas, Murphy-Wilmot, W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station, Dusenberry-River, Santa Rosa and Flowing Wells Libraries. I helped with desk coverage as needed at El Pueblo-Frank De La Cruz and Salazar-Ajo Libraries.

I supported the organization by attending and/or participating in meetings with branch managers to discuss increased hours, policies and procedure clarifications, programming, disciplinary processes, security and safety assessments, and Dare to Lead book readings. I attended virtually or in-person at the Library Advisory Board Meeting, PRIDE Affinity Team, Page Supervisor Task Force, REFORMA, Nuestras Raices and Public Service Managers meetings. In addition, I assisted the Library's Human Resources office as the hiring manager for the Murphy-Wilmot Children's Librarian I position and the Salazar-Ajo Library Technical Assistant Supervisor and Part-Time Librarian positions. I supported our team by participating in the opening activities of our Service U training for new hires. I celebrated with our staff by attending a going away party for retiree Wayne at Main Library.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott

Dusenberry-River Library – Starling Stone

This month, the Dusenberry-River Library's Tween Services launched its inaugural meeting of the Tween Advisory Council (TAC). During this first session, members discussed priorities for future programming and voted to focus their efforts on developing either a Code Club or a Book Club as their first major initiative. Interest has been strong, and the council is currently at capacity with no additional openings available. The group represents a meaningful step toward youth-led programming and shared decision-making.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) hosted a Valentine's-themed event featuring crafts and candy. Fifty-four youth attended! The program included music, dancing, and hands-on activities, creating a lively and welcoming space for teens to gather and celebrate.

Our community partners at the Yoga Connection returned to offer chair yoga for adults this month. This is the second offering of the series, and both sessions have been at capacity. This has been a great partnership in bringing accessible health and wellness programming to our older adult group and we are planning more in the future!

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

February was full of fun programs and outreach visits at Nanini. This past week staff celebrated Love of Reading by visiting Ironwood, Emily Meschter, and Richardson Elementary Schools in the Marana and Flowing Wells Districts.

Kids and families enjoyed a variety of special programs in February like Valentine's Day and Rodeo-themed storytimes and a showing of Kung Fu Panda. Programs for teens and adults included a Valentine's Cardmaking program with local artist Frank Powers, a design-your-own-tote program with the Cricut machine, and an instructional chess workshop.

Continuous programs like Wednesday afternoon Legos and Gaming, Read to a Dog, Creativity Corner, Northwest Readers Book Club, and a newly added Friday afternoon Chess Club remain very popular. Nanini Library continues to host programs with partner organizations including Story School with Make Way for Books, free AARP Tax Help on Mondays, Intermediate and Advanced English Classes with Literacy Connects, and Citizenship Classes provided by Pima Community College.

Oro Valley Public Library – Kaitlyn Sparks

In February, we had several Lunar New Year Events. We had a Bilingual – Mandarin/English Preschool Storytime presented by Oro Valley staff members and the Biblio Lotus team planned a Lunar New Year Celebration with the Tucson Chinese Lion Dance Troupe and Jasmine Asian Music Ensemble. The Lion Dancers graciously arrived early for an extra performance on the patio before we opened so some of the over 200 people on the waitlist for the indoor performance would get a chance to see them. Around 75 people joined us for the outdoor Lion Dance performance on Saturday at 9:30am!

Our children's staff went to share their Love of Reading with 1st graders at Ironwood Elementary and Preschoolers at Painted Sky this month. We also had a Love of Reading Facebook post for staff to share their favorite reads and a Love of Reading display showcasing books from last year's Southwest Books of Year in anticipation of the new publication, which arrived mid-month. We also had lovely displays for Black History Month, Arizona's birthday, and Lunar New Year.

Adult Services staff were very busy this month with AARP Tax-Aide using the library for tax help. All appointments were filled within the first week of February. We had two Oil Pastel art classes from the Drawing Studio for Adults, which were very well attended, a complementary presentation from a former professor talking about the Sahara Desert, as well as the Oro Valley Historical Society presentation on Earl Linwood Francis and his adventures in Oracle, AZ.

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Perri Pyle

It's February and Tax Season is in full swing at Eckstrom-Columbus! With the tax prep comes the crowds, so our staff have been busy meeting the uptick in visitors with lots of programming and innovative displays. Our Adult Services library associate is a display extraordinaire and has put together a "Blind Date with a Book" option that visitors have been swooning over all month. Adults also have their choice of fun activities between the Electric Readers Book Club, Artsy Afternoons, and monthly Yoga class. For youth, crafting programs like making Valentine's cards, collages, and beaded keychains - plus a revamped Chess Club - have succeeded in expanding their interests beyond computer time and Roblox games. Several staff have also participated in local community working groups formed by the City of Tucson's 29th Street Thrive Zone to contribute to the long-term planning of this area and continue to grow our community connections. We're rounding out the month with the always popular Master Gardeners presenting a program on native pollinators.

Quincie Douglas Library – Lois Miller

We've had a busy February at Quincie Douglas Library! Our Library Program Instructor has extended his hours here, so we now offer job help two times a week instead of once—on Tuesdays and Fridays. We also offer chess, homework and tech help twice a week—on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Customers have mentioned how much they appreciate the extra help that the Library Program Instructor provides.

We've also held a lot of crafting programs this month. Our young adult library associate will hold a resin crafts class on February 27, with presenter Emy leading it. Our children's librarians held a successful Valentine's Day Crafternoon which many children attended. They enjoyed making bracelets, perler bead projects and valentine's cards for loved ones.

Our partnership with the Garden Kitchen is still going strong. They bring the Mobile Market to our library every Thursday morning. Fresh produce and Barrio Bread are sold at low prices to the public. It is fresh, affordable, and locally grown, and SNAP-EBT and WIC are both accepted as forms of payment.

Sahuarita Library – Kelly Wilson

This short month has gone by quickly at Sahuarita Library and was packed full of exciting programs.

We had a huge turnout for our Sonoran Desert Drawing Life program. All ages and family members loved learning how to draw from the desert landscape. We also had a lot of enthusiasm for the small loom weaving program with Jessica Redhouse. The Children's Museum taught some kids how to write haikus and to enjoy the accessible poetry style.

We continue to have great participation in our weekly programming, but this month was all about the 2026 STEAM Maker Fair. Schools and community members all came together for an evening to witness brilliant student creations and take part in robotics, 3D printing, science experiments, jewelry making and art. The library was transformed into a giant, hands on, experiential carnival for the whole community to enjoy. Hundreds of people perused, dabbled, and dove into new skills like contributing to a book sculpture, experimenting with diamond art, embroidery, sewing, different 3D printing techniques, jewelry stamping, making simple robots and coding robots. All ages enjoyed the wonderful student art that was displayed and parents got to see what their students had been creating at school. It was an awesome gathering for all involved.

We have two eight-week programs going on through February. Basic computer classes and Self Stories. Both programs have been attended regularly and are greatly appreciated by the participants.

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Lu Guerrero

February began with the launch of *Our Space* at the Sam Lena-South Tucson library. *Our Space* expands an existing program at the Main Library and provides a welcoming environment for patrons experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. The event fostered connection, increased awareness of available services, and reinforced the library as a trusted access point for support. Participants engaged directly with community organizations including a Pima County Homeless Resource Navigator, Vote Riders, and the Health Department's Community Mental Health and Addiction group.

Staff conducted outreach during Love of Reading Week, where they delivered an engaging Storytime at Ochoa elementary. Staff also participated in a community event at the Museum of Contemporary Arts centered on non-traditional archives, where the Seed Library was promoted as well as other library resources.

Later in the month, the branch will host *Vegetales de Temporada Cálida*, by The UA Master Gardeners. The month concluded with *Small Animal Friends*, an interactive learning experience that encourages curiosity about animals.

Santa Rosa Library – Briana Turner

During Love of Reading Month, Santa Rosa Library hosted engaging programs for all ages to promote literacy and creativity. Library Associate Elma presented a special Storytime series featuring author Alastair Fig, who read from *Don't Be Funny Bunny! A Kingdom Castle Story*.

Children sang along to his original song, Little Brave Heart, and completed a themed paper mask craft activity. Librarian Jillian hosted a cookie-decorating program for tweens and teens, while local artist Dolores Haro led the “Art Rocks!” craft program for participants of all ages.

District 3 – Supervisor Jen Allen

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Jodi Ohlson

The Caviglia Arivaca Library, the Arivaca Stewardship Circle, and the Madera Canyon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are collaborating on a regional reseeding program for native grasses and wildflowers, ala Lady Bird Johnson's Texas Bluebell project. The first iteration of this program was created with the help of Elise Gornish, University of Arizona Professor of Restoration Ecology and our Teen Advisory Board (TAB.) We are excited to be the testing ground for this collaboration. We believe this has the possibility to be replicated throughout the entire country (dream big!) as collaborations between DAR, local university garden co-ops, indigenous tribes, youth groups, schools, churches and libraries.

It has been a busy month for outreach, with staff visiting San Fernando Elementary, the Amado Youth Center, Teen Night at the Arivaca Community Center, the Arivaca Early Learning Center, and the Sahuarita Libraries Makers Fair. The Arivaca Pollinators Project generously donated two more raised garden beds which will allow us to plant additional flowers and food. The Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library have purchased soil for the new planters and mulch for the entire patio garden along with new hoses, irrigation supplies, a birdbath, large pots, and a bunch of native plants. Additionally, Arivaca Human Resource and Arivaca Dancehall has donated leftover perennials and bushes that we will get into the ground after the last frost around the end of next month. There has been a ‘baby boom’ in Arivaca, and the Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library purchased a wonderful variety of early learning and sensory toys that will round out our children’s play area nicely. Also, a kind patron donated a handmade quilt for us to put on the floor for the babies to crawl/roll around on.

Flowing Wells Library – Angie Grischkowsky

For February, being a short month, we sure had a lot going on! This month we had 5 different community groups using our large multi-purpose room, as well as hosting the Career Online High School Graduation on the 21st.

Then there was our roster of library events! Aside from our usual slate of ongoing programs, we also had a J.M.W. Turner Art Talk, a program on Traveling Arizona with the WPA, a Writer in Residence workshop with Margo Stines titled Memory Excavation for the Writer, and we started hosting our Writer in Residence for 8 one-on-one writing workshops each week. All this just for adults!

Offerings for our younger patrons included Friendship Bracelets, a movie screening of Pixar’s *Elemental*, Board & Card Games, and How to Draw Comics and Cartoon Characters, all for teens and tweens.

Children and families were excited to attend a Reading Rodeo with a Miniature Horse on the 5th, and a Nature Stories for Early Learners: Pollinator Play program on the 13th.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Clarissa Sandoval

The staff collaborated to create an engaging Blind Date with a Book display. They carefully wrapped and decorated each book and crafted intriguing descriptive tags to spark interest. Customers delighted in choosing a mystery selection and enjoyed the surprise of discovering their hidden reads.

Many teams from the Pima County Health Department traveled to Ajo to provide a variety of services for our community. Youth & Schools offered youth mental health resources, Clinical services offered blood pressure checks, sexual and reproductive health information and referrals and COVID Health Care Kits. Community Mental Health & Addiction (CMHA) provided substance use prevention and Naloxone and the Vaccine Team administered high-dose flu and covid

vaccines. Our special guest was staff from the Office of Digital Inclusion, which shared information on basic computer skills classes, access to low-cost internet, and access to low-cost computers.

Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Library – Closed for Refresh

Woods Memorial Library – Chinyere Olumba

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."
— Malcolm X

February has been a month of inspiration for Woods Memorial Library patrons. Woods Memorial Library staff inspired book lovers during outreach events at San Xavier Stem Night, Spreading Threads Bookbike, and Cragin Elementary School. Woods Memorial Library also hosted a Black History Month special movie showing of: *Harriet*, *A Cabin in the Sky*, and *Stormy Weather*.

This month at Woods Memorial Library, the *Makers Mayhem* program allowed young patrons to create a mushroom night light, a project that all the children were ooh-ing and aww-ing about. The patrons were also able to make in the *Makers Mayhem* program, Perler beads, and create paintings using techniques like Jean-Michel Basquiat and other Black artist. Young patrons were also able to create art and emerge in stem activities in the Woods Memorial Library's Snacktivity program. Woods Memorial Library's youth team had a Pinata party giving away over 80 books. The Saturday Movie was *Queen of Katwe*. There was also *The Master Gardener Talk*.

Also, in February patrons continued to sign up for Woods Memorial Library's *Read to a Dog, Family & Baby Time*, and participated in computer one-on-one and the *Amphi Pantera* Food Truck program. In collaboration with *Literacy Connects*, we offered *Literacy Connects English Language* classes as well as *Literacy Connects* GED Math preparation.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station – Mary McKinney

At their annual meeting, Friends donated over \$3,596 to the library!

The most recent scavenger hunt activity was a Pokémon theme. This time Eevee lost its evolutions, and the patrons were tasked with finding them. Staff observed four kids, ages four or five, from different families as they joined forces to complete the scavenger hunt together. The library can be the perfect place to make friends and accomplish shared goals!

After staff greeted a teen as she entered, the teen told them that the library has become her "spot." She said that she can feel calm in the library and she can "actually get work done."

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Heather Tyndall

February has been a busy month at Joyner-Green Valley Library! Representatives from the Pima County Assessor's Office held a session geared toward widows, widowers, and persons with disabilities interested in applying for property tax exemption consideration. The Desert Ukes, always a popular group, gave a terrific performance in this month's *Music @Your Library* program. With so many seasonal residents in town, the program, *Arts and Crafts for Adults*, continued its surge in attendance, with participants enjoying the personal interactions as much as creating the crafts. The Pima Council on Aging's *Dementia Education* series continued with two more informative presentations as well as a free Cognitive Screening event at individuals could get a quick indication as to whether they would benefit from a more in-depth medical evaluation. February's Tucson Museum of Art Docent Talk on Edward Hopper and Andrew Wyeth drew a season high of 64 attendees. Participants in this month's Digital Literacy classes learned how to make the most of their customer account on the PCPL website and were introduced to several digital resources available through PCPL's E-Library. Newcomers and regulars alike enjoyed the

special drawing program, “Watercolor: Majestic Mountainscapes,” led by library presenter Jeanette Colini.

February marked the first complete month during which families with young children had a choice of two timeslots each week to attend *Family Storytime*. As a result, total weekly attendance increased while each program wasn't overcrowded. This month's Children's Area scavenger hunt featured the characters of Mo Willems' books, including favorites from his debut title, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Much to the delight of young fans, large, colorful letters splashed across the main Children's Area bulletin board with the message, “Don't let the pigeon design the Bulletin Board!” while featuring the giant head of, you guessed it, the pigeon!

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Hassael Cazesuz

Family Storytime continues to demonstrate strong demand. Toddler Storytime welcomed 40 attendees, and Preschool Storytime welcomed 38 attendees, attendance levels that are becoming the program's new normal. Families build early literacy skills through stories, music, and interactive activities while also forming important social connections. The program reinforces the library's role as a trusted gathering space for young families.

Teens participated in *Valentine's Day Movie and Craft: Twilight*. The program provided a creative and welcoming space for teens and tweens to connect with peers. *The Teen Advisory Board* also met and is preparing to interview Festival invited author Kat Cho at the upcoming Tucson Festival of Books, offering members valuable leadership and literary engagement experience.

Adults attended *Garden Talk: Healthier, More Productive Citrus Trees*. Presented by the Pima County Master Gardeners from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, the session shared practical strategies for improving citrus health in the Sonoran Desert climate, equipping residents with sustainable gardening knowledge they can apply at home.

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Kathy Konecny

Children and tweens are building lifelong skills while delving into science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics at the Murphy-Wilmot Library's new *STEAM Club*. February's activities have included learning computer coding by programming a variety of robots and writing secret codes in a patron-favorite *Spy School* edition of the club. Youth joined us for a delightful performance of Gwen Ray's *Three Wishes Puppet Show*, which was followed by another special edition of *STEAM Club*, where the children and tweens combined inspiration from the performance with engineering and artistic flair to make puppets of their very own.

Meanwhile, adult patrons have been enjoying another exciting season of *Armchair Adventures*. Each week in February, a large crowd gathered to hear about fellow community members' trips to the Galápagos Islands, Wales, Hawaii, and the Canadian Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Participants admired the presenters' vacation photos, exclaimed over stories of driving on the opposite side of the road, and asked questions about the flora and fauna the traveler encountered. A Welsh program attendee was especially pleased to be able to reminisce about home during the session on Wales, even contributing a few extra tips for would-be future visitors. This month the Murphy-Wilmot Library also hosted a visit from the Pima County Assessor's Office, during which community members who were widowed, disabled, or veterans were able to receive information and apply for much-needed relief on their property taxes.

District 5 – Supervisor Andres Cano

Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library – Monica Creps

Our library is continuing its partnership with Kenny Wong from the University of Arizona and his undergraduate Sustainable Built Environments class. This semester focuses on re-invigorating public spaces through community-centered design.

Students recently visited the library to explore its role as a civic hub and are now planning a pop-up exhibition that will feature their proposals alongside artist presentations. The project highlights the library as a space for collaboration, creativity, and public dialogue.

El Río Library – Morgen Daniels

Throughout the month of February, El Río Library is celebrating Black History Month with book displays for each service level represented in our branch (children's, teen, and adult) comprised of titles endorsed by Pima County Public Library's Kindred team, Kindred swag items, and a special edition of our branch newsletter bringing attention to Black History Month and raising awareness of the Kindred team and their impactful and important work in the Pima County community. Our adult display has been so popular, it has already had to be re-stocked twice!

February 5 was a busy and delightful day filled with library joy! First, 18 young visitors and their caregivers joined us for a polar bear-themed Storytime in which we sang songs, danced like bears, and enjoyed stories and rhymes together. Later that afternoon, 6 students from the Pima County Office of Digital Inclusion's *Computer Skills Workshop* taught at the El Río Neighborhood Center and their instructor visited El Río Library to get library cards, tour the branch, and learn about available library resources through a brief presentation. Students were especially excited to learn about the Seed Library program and online test-prep and continuing education resources accessible with a library card.

For Love of Reading Month, Branch Manager Morgen visited two Kindergarten classes to share stories. On February 12, she visited Tully Magnet Elementary School as part of the school's guest reader line-up. She shared a fun story about mixed-up farm animals with 12 Kindergarten students and their teacher and was delighted to share information about El Río Library and fun PCPL stickers with the class. On February 20, Morgen visited the Nosotros Academy Kindergarten class, whose students are Storytime regulars, and read this same silly book with the class's 12 students and instructors.

Lastly, El Río Library staff would like to express their gratitude for all the support we've received in recent months from the staff of Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr. Library, who have been helping at our branch during their home branch's renovation. Thank you!

Himmel Park Library – Closed

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Christine Russell & Betsy Langley

Joel D Valdez Main Library is actively working to increase our community engagement through connections at our neighborhood associations. Since January, we've had staff attend the Pie Allen, Menlo Park, Iron Horse, El Presidio, Dunbar Springs and West University neighborhood association meetings. Each staff member is embedded with that neighborhood to attend each meeting, share a new resource, let them know about our programming, and answer any questions about the upcoming move to the Wells Fargo building. Where possible, the staff member is also a resident of the neighborhood. In January Joel D Valdez Main Library created 265 new library cards, expanding access to PCPL resources. We also delivered 2064 on hold items to our patrons.

These new connections also paid off with the Lunar New Year Celebration at which over 135 attendees enjoyed the Jasmine Asian Music Ensemble and Tucson Chinese Lion Dance Troupe. The event was a collaboration between the Joel D Valdez Main Library's Children's staff and the Biblio Lotus affinity team.

The Young Adult team is continuing its new spring programming schedule by offering special programs once a week in the makerspace. We had a huge turnout for our Custom Totes/Tees program and many youth got the chance to incorporate iron-on patches, paints, stencils, ribbons, and more to canvas bags and blank t-shirts provided by the library. Later in the month, we had a Valentine's Day Party with candy, Valentine's greeting card and button making.

Our Vulnerable Populations team saw many new faces at the Our Space Program. They enjoyed music from Gertie Lopez and colored the Many Nations affinity team's Indigenous Designed Valentine's Day Cards and coloring pages.

Martha Cooper Library-Tara Foxx-Lupo

Tax Help season is underway at Martha Cooper Library, and the program continues to show its value as one of our most important partner programs to date. We are currently helping patrons to book appointments at the end of March, demonstrating the high demand for this essential service in our area and around Pima County as a whole. Staff enjoy having the ability to help customers to book appointments and see how this has improved the program flow and accessibility for many.

We are in the final weeks of hosting our first cohort of the Story School Program in partnership with Make Way for Books. We are excited at the success the program has had, with almost all slots full and a group of engaged families who have been consistently attending. This important early literacy program is yet another example of effective partnership at work.

Love (of reading) was in the air this month, with several school visits to spread book love to the youth community. Librarians gave out free books and read to class groups at schools nearby. We also hosted "Love in the Stacks," a program celebrating the romance genre and featuring local authors Jessica Pryde and Sarah Tarver-Walquist.

Richard Elías-Mission Library – Closed

Southwest Library – Alexis Ellsworth-Kopkowski

For the month of February, Southwest began to offer dedicated one-on-one tech help to our community members. It has been off to a successful start and will continue to be offered every other Tuesday afternoon. For Love of Reading week, staff attended school outreach events throughout the community we serve. Some of which were reading in classrooms, and some were tabling at literacy night events. A huge thank you to our children's librarian who has made some very positive connections with the schools in our area. We also hosted a tween journaling workshop which had several enthusiastic attendees. We currently have displays for the Lunar (Chinese) New Year in the children's collection and Rodeo Days in the adult fiction collection. Our displays are always popular with our patrons who check out our resources from them. Our Valentine's Day related displays in both areas also resulted in many checkouts.

Valencia Library and Readrunners – Ivonne Ramirez

READRUNNERS - Our Readrunners-Books-by-Mail service continues to see a steady increase in enrollment. This month one of the most popular book series for Books-by-Mail customers has been the Love Inspired Series, for which we have seen a high circulation and high number of holds in the Large Type format. Two of our most active patrons have read every Large Type item in the collection, one person has read every Large Type Western book, and the other has read every Large Type Love Inspired book. The Readrunners team and our Technical Services team in library administration continue to advocate and search for new titles to keep up with the demand in Large Type collections. New enrollment for Books-by-Mail has been driven by word of mouth from friends, family, and neighbors. Because the program is for users who are Visually Impaired and Homebound, many of the Books-by-Mail program participants are in their 80s and 90s. The service is well-used and appreciated by the customers, and the Readrunners team continues to work on the sustainability of the program within the library system.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES - This month's Peace Garden Storytime, in partnership with Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, was a celebration of kindness and the Peace Garden's 24th birthday! Families did a Story Walk to read the book, *Plant a Kiss/Siembra un Beso* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. Along the Story Walk path, children collected materials to plant a flower to take home. Afterwards, the families practiced kindness by making cards as gifts for others and participated in

a community tree planting. We received three trees from the Community Food Bank that were grown by students in our Sunnyside community at Desert View High School. Adults and children wrote messages with kind wishes, hopes, and dreams on paper hearts to plant with the tree.

A representative from Ward 5, Council Member Selina Barajas, helped with the tree planting. We also received support from student volunteers from the University of Arizona College of Public Health.

TEEN SERVICES - This month, Teen Time hosted a popular mug-making workshop. Using the connected learning kits and Cricut vinyl cutter, our teen services librarian and tween services librarian engaged young people and parents in this crafty event. Attendees enjoyed the program, and our librarians witnessed a delightful occasion in which two families who knew each other from Valencia's Tuesday Storytimes years back were unexpectedly reunited after many years now in their teens.

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Pima County Public Library:

Murphy-Wilmot Library- Three Wishes Puppet Show

El Río Library – Rodeo Reads

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Tween Crafternoon, Teen Valentine's Day Party, Lunar New Year Celebration, Gertie Lopez

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Watercolor: Create Majestic Mountainscapes, Family Storytime, and Art and Crafts for Adults

Martha Cooper Library-Jessica Redhouse at Crafts and Laughs

Valencia Library – Family Storytime, Create Club, Teen Time, Fiber Arts Club, Worm Composting/Anna Van Devender Nature to You, Storytime in the Peace Garden, Leé con Lele! Bilingual storytime/Joanna Urbina and Maria Gamboa

Quincie Douglas Library – Resin crafts with Emy

Sahuarita Library – Desert Museum Draw the Desert, Jessica Redhouse, small loom weaving

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Small Animal Friends

Santa Rosa Library – 3 Wishes Puppet Show, Art Rocks!, Tie-Dye, Love of Reading Cookies

Flowing Wells Library – J.M.W. Turner Art Talk; Reading Rodeo with e Miniature Horse; Nature Stories for Early Learners: Pollinator Play; Traveling Arizona with the WPA; How to Draw Comics and Cartoon Characters.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Watercolor Painting

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library –

Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library- Deconstructing the Taco, Teen Advisory Board, Valentine's Day Movie and Craft, #Worthy: Understanding Your Worth

Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library- Preschool Bilingual Storytime "Love and Friendship" with Lee Con Lele, Make a Mini Robot Jitter-bug!