

DATE: April 9, 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 – March 2026

With a new Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, Isai Centeno, beginning on March 11, County Librarian Mayer has focused on his introduction and orientation to the library system. This position supports our departmental Facilities, Finance, and Human Resources teams, and Centeno has spent time getting to know his new teams. Mayer facilitated transition meetings with each of the staff that Centeno supervises directly.

In March, representatives from Library administration met with representatives from the Health department to continue to plan for the heat season interventions partnership for Summer 2026. Representatives from this team, Betsy Camara and Nate Young, met with PCPL branch managers in March to outline what to expect this year and discuss questions. Staff appreciated that the team applied suggestions from last year for this year's implementation.

On March 25, 26, and 27, the leadership team held regional all staff meetings at Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr. Library, Sam Lena-South Tucson Library, and Kirk-Bear Canyon, with an online option as well. Topics discussed included branch hours restoration updates, recruitment, heat season planning, upcoming elections activity at branches, the budget process, and the class/comp process in the County.

On March 11, Mayer attended a Pima County Public Library Foundation Board meeting. President Karen Williams led the team in the next stage of a reflection on the Board's goals over the next year, focusing this time on the Foundation's opportunities as an organization. On March 16, Mayer attended the Pima County Friends of the Library meeting, as well as a gathering hosted by the National Book Foundation about their new strategic plan.

Mayer has been able to resume her meetings with each branch manager, meeting with Mary M. at W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library, Ivonne R. at Valencia Library, and Chinyere O. at Wood Memorial Library.

Mayer had the pleasure of touring the new Richard Elías Mission Library with Library staff, and on a second visit with a few of Richard Elías's family and friends. It's very exciting to see this project come to fruition, and to hear the feedback of people who have memories of the original

building. Members of Library administration also had the opportunity to tour what has most recently been El Pueblo Neighborhood Center's Pima Community College Adult Learning Center building, along with representatives from several staff from Tucson's Council districts.

Lastly, County Librarian Mayer visited the Nuestras Raíces as well as Teen Activity tents at the Tucson Festival of Books and was impressed with the hard work and professionalism of all the staff involved. With the support and leadership of Library Services Manager Alina R., Librarian Samantha N. and Latine Community Engagement Manager Mary P. worked tirelessly to produce ten different author panels/discussions, many of which were standing room only. Community Engagement Manager Tito L. led staff who had volunteered to participate in hosting a wide range of activities for teens visiting the tent over the course of two days. The culminating event, The Golden Hour, a teen poetry reading hosted by Librarian Lindsey C., was a big success with many teens of all ages coming together, some with the support of their families, to share their poetry and cheer each other on.

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	
2/26/26	Kyle R and Dorothy R Warras	\$ 150.00	Scott Lukowski Memorial	
3/5/26	Remi Steienhilan	\$ 20.00	Systemwide Donation - Great Service from Staff (WDS)	
3/6/26	Marilyn McCulloch Palmer	\$ 1,000.00	Systemwide Donation	
3/12/26	Janice Carter and Charl and Alex Roth	\$ 200.00	Childrens Books	
3/19/26	Lu Ann Rouse	\$ 100.00	Systemwide Donation	
3/19/26	Bruce and Kathy Eichhorst	\$ 200.00	audiobooks	
3/26/26	Friends Of The Pima County Public Library	\$ 58,000.00	Donation	

3/26/26	Friends Of The W Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library	\$ 1,596.50	Donation - Book Cart \$	
	FY26 YTD Cash/Check/EFT donations:	\$324,841.03		
	FY26 YTD Net PayPal donations:	\$3,413.23		
	FY26 TOTAL donations as of 3/30/2026:	\$ 328,254.26		