
DATE: June 4, 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 – May 2026

The Richard Elías Mission Library reopened to the public on May 4. The grand opening celebration has been scheduled for June 13 and is being planned in coordination with the Elías family. The celebration will include a morning dedication ceremony, activities for all ages, entertainment, and refreshments. Many thanks to the whole Richard Elías Mission team for all their hard work, and to Branch Manager Hassael C. for his leadership throughout this process.

Library staff were delighted to host a visit from Representative Adelita Grijalva representing Arizona's 7th District to the new Richard Elías Mission Library. Staff provided a tour and learned about her experiences in the original Mission building.

The project team from Line and Space and Pima County's Project Design and Construction team met with members of Library leadership on May 7 for a kickoff meeting for the new downtown library location. They discussed the stages in the design process, and coordinated scheduling meetings with staff and the public.

On May 13, County Librarian Mayer attended a Pima Library Foundation Board meeting. President Karen Williams led the team in the discussion of potential weaknesses of the Foundation. This was the last stage of a more holistic discussion that the group will use as a basis for planning. On May 18, Mayer attended the Friends of Pima County Public Library Board meeting and attended the Arizona County Librarians' meeting on May 15.

The County Attorney's office convened a conversation with representatives from the Recorder's Office, Elections, County Safety and Security Manager, John Stuckey III, and the Library to discuss safety and security around the upcoming elections season. The group discussed how to coordinate communication around any concerns that might arise, and how to handle the presence of federal law enforcement including Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents or potentially people posing as such. The Library will have a follow-up meeting focused on safety with branch managers hosting either election activity or early voting activity.

Recorder Gabriella Cázares-Kelly convened a group of people including Oro Valley Branch Manager Kaitlyn S., County Safety and Security Manager, John Stuckey III, and representatives

from County Facilities to review possible locations for a new, drive-up ballot drop box near the Oro Valley Library. The group identified a possible location within the West parking area that will be evaluated by the Town of Oro Valley. Cázares-Kelly is also collaborating with Library staff to solidify a location for a new walk-up drop box near the Salazar-Ajo Library.

Congratulations to the ServiceU class of 2026! ServiceU is an extensive Library new employee orientation that covers information specific to library workers. It is a multi-week curriculum that includes both online self-paced curriculum and in-person and online convenings. It is a great way to build community amongst new employees who are spread out throughout the County, as well as equip people with what they need to know to be successful. Many thanks to staff member Morgen D. who has been coordinating this more recently, as well as Karen G. and Karen B. and members of the Library's learning team. This is a very impressive orientation program, and it is wonderful to see this available at the library to support new employees.

FY2025/2026 Donations

Deposit Date	RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	In Memory of
8/6/24	Bad Check Program	124.30		
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	
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	
9/2/25	Tucson Electric Power Co	4,332.94	Rebate - Martha Cooper EV charger install, FY 2024	
9/3/25	Estate of Edward H. Robb	20,749.14	Donation - final distribution	
9/4/25	Tucson Electric Power Co	16,538.00	Rebate - Green Valley EV charger install	
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 Lukomski	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 Lukomski - Travel Books	Scott Lukomski
9/23/25	Jean Nerad	50.00	In Memory of Scott Lukomski	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 - Music and/or Musicians Books	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 Bently	
11/14/25	Friends Of The Pima County Public Library	58,000.00		
11/14/25	Tucson Electric Power Co	452.82	Rebate - Columbus branch EV charger install	
11/18/25	Lupita Flores	13.79	Employee reimbursement to PCPL for jury duty pay	
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	
1/29/26	Olga Woodall	32.16	Employee reimbursement to PCPL for jury duty pay	
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	
2/19/26	Tucson Electric Power Co	476.00	Rebate - HVAC Maintenance - Flowing Wells Library	
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 \$	
3/26/26	Tucson Electric Power Co	2,446.32	Refund - Columbus Library	
3/26/26	Tucson Electric Power Co	1,354.53	Refund - Wilmot Library	
4/7/26	Friends Of The Oro Valley Public Library, Inc	7,777.46	February 2026 donation	
4/10/26	John W Leggat III	100.00	Reimbursement for re-keying El Pueblo Library	
4/22/26	JanCo FS3, LLC - Velociti Services	541.75		
4/22/26	Friends Of The Kirk Bear Canyon Library	2,500.00	2nd Quarter Donation	
05/15/20256	Mr Stelmadech of Stelmach's Radiator Repair	100.00	Systemwide Donation	
TOTAL		\$361,406.80		