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Friends of the Esmond Station Library, Board of Directors
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Pima Library Foundation, Board of Directors

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

SUBJECT: Public Services Report – May 2026

Congresswoman Adelita Grijalva visited the newly renovated and expanded Richard Elías-Mission Library, celebrating the reopening of a beloved community space that honors the legacy of Richard Elías. The revitalized library now features an additional 5,000 square feet, expanded spaces for children and teens, enhanced meeting areas, and new community-focused amenities designed to better serve the South Tucson community. Grijalva’s visit highlighted the importance of continued investment in public libraries as welcoming spaces for learning, connection, and opportunity for all. It was also a special treat for staff, who enjoyed the opportunity to meet the Congresswoman and proudly showcase the beautiful new space and all it has to offer the community.

Library Services Manager – Adriana Saavedra

This month, I visited all seven branches and held one-on-one meetings with branch managers. I also had the opportunity to connect with staff at each location and attend the ribbon-cutting following the refresh at Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr. Library. I continued working on hiring efforts to help ensure our branches are fully staffed. Additionally, I completed my Service U training, the celebration was wonderful. Lastly, I worked with staff on hours restoration logistics and staffing needs.

Library Services Manager – Linde Furman

During the month of May, I have worked closely with the Branch Manager of the Eckstrom-Columbus Library, Perri, and her team to help them prepare for a brief branch closure that will extend from the end of May through the end of June. We are very excited about the completion of the project as it will focus on the installation of a new-to-them service desk, which was salvaged from Himmel, and a reconfigure of their staff workspace to provide a little additional room for staff to work together. The new desk is of special interest because it will provide a lot more safety for the library staff, as well as an additional workstation, should they need it, at this busy library.

I also had the pleasure of presenting to the Library Advisory Board in May on updates to branch security.

Library Services Manager – Paula Maez

During the month of May, I supported the Richard Elías-Mission Library with their soft opening of the newly constructed/remodeled Richard Elías-Mission Library. I worked closely with Branch Manager, Hassael, in preparing for the soft opening day, May 4th, helping him make sure staffing and supplies were up to par, and working with other library/county departments to ensure a smooth opening. We also have been preparing for the official grand opening event on June 16th, where we will have the official ribbon cutting ceremony, speakers, music, and activities for the community. Additionally, I worked with Valencia Library to celebrate one of our staff members who will be retiring at the end of the month after almost 48 years of service! We had a large celebration to recognize his contributions to the county and the library. Wade will be missed!

Library Services Manager – Vicki Lázaro

I have been providing 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 supported the organization by participating in meetings with Branch Managers to discuss increased hours and staffing needs, summer programming and Dare to Lead book readings. I attended virtually or in-person the Library Advisory Board Meeting, PRIDE Affinity Team, Nuestras Raíces and Public Service Managers Meetings. In addition, I assisted the Human Resources office as the Hiring Manager for Ajo, River and Murphy-Wilmot's open positions.

I supported our team by watching the Cybersecurity training. And I am taking a course on Udemy along with a couple of my branches on the topic of Emotional Intelligence and Handling Conflict. I celebrated with our staff by attending a retirement party for Wade of the Bookmobile and Irina from Sahuarita Library.

As the point person for Knowledge River Graduate Assistants and interns, I attended the University of Arizona's Knowledge River Anniversary in-person Happy Hour and connected with new friends and promoted what PCPL has to offer Graduate Assistants. With our Nuestras Raíces affinity team, we had a tour of the Sosa-Carrillo House.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott

Dewhirst–Catalina Library – Christine Dykgraaf

In preparation for 2026 Summer Reading Programs, we have redecorated our bulletin boards, started with some storytelling and dinosaur book displays and hung our summer reading banner. We want to generate inquiries so we can brag about the very fun things we have in store for kids and adults alike. Our books and some of the handouts and bookmarks, etc. have arrived and we are waiting for the starter's shot to ring out!

For adults, our gardening and art programs have been the most popular. For kids, we have a bit of renewed interest in the Lego Build! program and our new librarian I will be making some kid-centered programming very soon to complement our summer paid programs, which will include the indoor planetarium, exploding volcanoes, and some technology programs featuring our ready-to-use program kits!

Dusenberry-River Library – Starling Stone

May was a busy month at the Dusenberry-River Library as staff balanced end-of-school-year activities with preparation for Summer Reading programming.

Code Club held its final meeting of the year, culminating in a showcase of youth-created animations judged by staff. We also hosted our first library scavenger hunt, designed in

partnership with the Tween Advisory Council, which encouraged library knowledge and teamwork throughout the branch.

One of the semester's largest efforts was our "Library Influencer Party." Throughout the semester, staff recognized two youth each day who demonstrated positive library citizenship and community-minded behavior. Those selected were invited to help shape the final celebration by voting on activities, snacks, and the featured movie. The program successfully built enthusiasm, encouraged positive behavior, and fostered a stronger sense of ownership and connection among participating youth. The culminating event was well attended and enthusiastically received.

Adult programming also continued to see steady participation. Chair Yoga continues to build a consistent following, and the library will host an upcoming American Red Cross blood drive.

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

Nanini staff have been gearing up for Summer Reading by preparing displays, making flyers, finishing up the Scholastic book inventory, and reaching out to schools nearby. One staff member recently attended Butterfield Elementary School's STEAM Night, and a class from St Mark's Preschool visited Nanini for a special storytime and a behind-the-scenes tour of the library. Storytime presenters are currently taking a very well-deserved break for the last 2 weeks of May while they finalize plans and rest after a busy Spring. Read to a Dog, gaming, Legos, and other regular programs for kids are continuing through the month.

Programs for teens and adults in May included a Hummingbird acrylic painting class, Cactus Pin Cushions, a Tinkercad (Makerspace) program, and a "Learn to Use Cricut Design Space" program.

The Spring Semester English Language Classes will wrap up at the end of May. Intermediate classes will continue this summer, and Advanced conversation classes should resume in the fall. Citizenship classes have seen steady attendance this semester and will resume classes after a summer break.

Oro Valley Public Library – Kaitlyn Sparks

In May, we had many class offerings for adults – yoga, Spanish classes, and art. Participants greatly enjoyed Wildlife in Ink taught by local artist, Jan Fell. Jan was inspired by how bold participants took to working with an unforgiving medium. This was the second month with a new drop-in tech and job help held two Saturdays a month which has received compliments and gratitude.

We've held tween programming every Tuesday since January and it has steadily grown in popularity - our last Tween Chess session had 25 participants! The arts/crafts and makerspace sessions also filled up with many enthusiastic tweens, who are roughly ages 8-13. Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) planned, created, and presented a Summer Party for families as a kickoff to Summer Reading on the last Saturday in May. They've worked hard all year creating teen displays and hosting events for families in the Teen Zone. Their Summer Party was their last big event to finish out this school year of TAB!

We took a storytime break late in May as we prepared for all our Summer Reading events, crafts, and giveaways. Before the break staff had two days special Teddy Bear Picnic Storytimes for Toddlers and Preschoolers with both of our Children's Librarians. We also had a special Potty-Training Workshop offered by the Arizona Diaper Bank, which had fewer participants than our regular Storytimes, but those participants were able to speak with Diaper Bank staff individually and receive specialized advice. Staff felt it was a very important and impactful program to offer to families needing reassurance or guidance in potty-training.

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Perri Pyle

The Columbus staff have been busy this month preparing for a brief branch closure starting on May 24th through the end of June. We are looking forward to the “refresh” that will bring us more staff workstations and a better service desk for us to assist our patrons. We started some of our special programming a little early to accommodate for the closure and welcomed the Portable Planetarium and Small Animal Friends programs for our youngest patrons. The end-of-school year Crafternoon party was a big hit, with pizza and crafts to celebrate our tweens finishing the school year strong and always bringing a positive attitude to the library. Our adult patrons continue to fill yoga classes, book club, and craft programs, including a special Adult Summer Reading tea party to launch the library’s partnership with local organizations for adult summer reading initiatives. We’ll be back in July with more exciting activities and a nice, refreshed workspace!

Quincie Douglas Library – Lois Miller

May has been a busy month at Quincie Douglas Library. We’ve had lots of fun and interesting programs for all ages. Our children’s librarian hosted “Give a Gift Crafternoon”. Kids had fun making perler bead flowers, greeting cards, drawings and more.

Kids also attended two gardening focused programs in May—portable gardens (growing plants in jars), and Nature Stories: Insects and Spiders which will be hosted by the Conservation Department in Pima County.

Teens enjoyed making mason jar candle holders, and adults looked forward to Dolores Haro’s hummingbird painting class.

Regular programming such as the crochet and knit club on Thursdays, and the Garden Kitchen’s Mobile Farmer’s Market continue to be popular.

We just got two new librarians, a teen and children’s librarian, and they are both doing very well and are excited about bringing more great programming to Quincie Douglas Library.

Sahuarita Library – Kelly Wilson

The pending end of school year has brought about a very energetic after-school crowd. Everyone is so excited to move on to their next chapter be it graduation or fun vacation. Our Youth Librarians have been busy visiting neighboring schools for class visits to share our upcoming summer offerings.

We had a great turnout for our Greeting Cards program at Teen/Tween time this month. We had all kinds of cards ranging from Mother’s Day to break-up cards. The youth really enjoyed tapping into their creativity and made some wonderful cards to share. The other Teen/Tween times have been enjoyed by many of our regulars with button making to the Mario Cart end of school bash. Chess Club remains very popular and has a core group of regular attendees.

Our younger patrons continue to enjoy their story times, bi-weekly “Read to a Dog” opportunities and our daily scavenger hunt. They celebrated the end of the year with a water party out on the performance patio to much delight.

We continue our popular adult crafting program, one-on-one tech and job help offerings as well as partner programs like English language, citizenship, and meditation. Our Cooling Space has been well utilized alongside a wonderful community outpouring for our hygiene product drive.

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Risa Jensen-Jones

The Seed Library Demo garden was bursting with life this month. We had a poppy bloom, an artichoke rise up, many Serranos ripened, a random snap pea vine is producing, and the tomatoes are starting to fruit as well. Our Space continues to grow and reach more people, with 56 people in the community served this month. Staff and customers enjoyed this month's Crafternoon where participants handmade jewelry. At the end of the month, we had Dino-rigami where participants put together dinosaurs tying into the Summer Reading theme. The movie program is expanding for the summer so that Adult Programming shows a movie once a month on Wednesdays and Youth Programming will show a movie monthly on Tuesdays.

Santa Rosa Library – Briana Turner

Santa Rosa Library celebrated the end of the school year with a fun party for local children and families featuring pizza, drinks, and games. Staff also partnered with nearby schools and community centers to promote the Summer Reading Program, with many students excited to participate and read throughout the summer.

As temperatures continue to rise, the library has served as an important cooling space for the community by providing heat-relief supplies and resources from the health department. The items quickly reached many residents in need, and the branch has welcomed many new visitors grateful for the services and support the library offers.

District 3 – Supervisor Jen Allen

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Jodi Ohlson

This month was the last time Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca held a meeting before they take their summer break, so there was much to discuss. They generously planned to provide extra funding for our Summer Reading program and funded the start of purchasing prizes for November's 30th Anniversary Fun Fair. They were also amazed by the six-page booklet Librarian I MR created as a guide to all the summer programming we have planned. We are perpetually appreciative of the AMAZING support and generosity of the Friends of the Caviglia Arivaca Library. We are a small and mighty library because of their ongoing involvement in every one of our greatest successes.

We took a pause from programming this month to focus on beginning the arduous task of decorating the library for Summer Reading before two of our three Pages left their positions to pursue opportunities outside of Arivaca. Thanks to their dedication and focus, the entrance to the library looks like it is the entrance to an ancient cave, inviting patrons in to start their Summer Reading adventures. Upon entering, we have Ancient Egypt followed by Dinosaurs, a small display of adult stories about Fallen Civilizations, and a large display of Fantasy titles for the uninitiated. Take a sharp left and it is a gardening display (Dig Deep!) closely followed by images of some of the earliest ancient artifacts found (What happens when you keep digging!) with our Aztec ancestors wrapping up our archeological tour. I am in awe of what staff has created with boxes, brown packing paper, and the desire to create something extraordinary for our community as a parting gift. We are going to miss their artistic talents and dedication to creating exciting environments that inspire curiosity and joy in our patrons, both young and old.

Even as we took a break, we continued our ongoing programs and partnerships. Our Book Club decided to pivot from fiction to non-fiction this month, and we offered our *No Pressure* Fiber Arts drop in every Tuesday. Green Valley Assistance Services visited twice, and the Pima County Health Department spent a day providing materials, referrals, and basic healthcare. We visited San Fernando in Sasabe for their end of year celebrations and were invited to return and visit their summer school students who are all getting special assistance with growing their reading skills. Amidst all this, we offered two mosaic classes which were a MESS of fun.

Flowing Wells Library – Angie Grischkowsky

In May, we hosted four different community groups in our meeting rooms in addition to our partner Literacy Connects, whose spring quarter offerings are the Beginning English Language class and an Advanced English Language conversational class!

Our usual ongoing program offerings include four storytimes per week, Read to a Dog, Job & Computer Help, and Tucson Random Acts of Crochet Kindness (TRACK) - formerly Fiber Arts Club.

This month we also hosted a full slate of special programs for patrons of all ages! For adults we had an Art Talk on Pieter Bruegel, and we hosted the Tucson Repair Café for the second time. This program helps people repair their items rather than replacing them which is both eco-conscious and fiscally responsible, and it has proved to be very popular! For teens and tweens we had Junk Journals, a Beyblade Tournament, and celebrated with an End of School Celebration. And finally, for kids and families we offered Drawing Desert Life and a Musical Storytime, both presented by the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Then we hosted the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona for another Potty-Training Workshop, and a Let's Build! LEGO and block play program.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Clarissa Sandoval

Staff have been hard at work preparing the branch for the Summer Reading Program. Decorations are going up, and the branch is being transformed into a fun prehistoric space for the community to enjoy.

We also had a fantastic turnout for our Portable Planetarium program. It was especially exciting to see interest from a group of tweens, who stayed engaged throughout the entire presentation.

This month's book displays highlighted several important themes, including Mental Health Awareness Month, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and National Pet Month. These displays generated a great deal of interest and encouraged meaningful conversations with patrons.

It has also been rewarding to hear how much our patrons value the branch and staff. One patron shared, "You all are the best!" while another told us, "I don't know what I would do without you guys." Moments like these are a wonderful reminder of the positive impact the library has on our community.

Woods Memorial Library – Chinyere Olumba

This month, three librarians of Woods Memorial staff received an appreciation note for giving a wonderful tour of the library. The "Thank You" notes read, "Thank you, Woods Memorial for hosting us at the library. We loved...that you showed us around! "Thank you! you were so nice!", and "Thank you, for telling me about all the things I can do at the library". Woods Memorial has thanked them for their "LOVE" for the library.

This month we will continue to be a place of sunshine for our patrons with programming, as well as continuing to plan for *Summer Reading*. This month patrons participated in *Movie Saturday* on May. They were able to watch the movie *Raya and the Last Dragon* and have popcorn. The *Bookbike* team was able to ride and hand out 180 books. In the *Maker's Mayhem* program, patrons created a mosaic glass project, a project with Perler beads, and summer door hangers. Patrons also participated in a *Master Gardeners* program. In collaboration with *Literacy Connects*, we offered Computer Basic in English and in Spanish. *Literacy Connects* also provided English language classes.

Lastly, patrons continue to participate in ongoing programs, *Read to a Dog* and the *Amphi Pantera* Food Truck.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station – Mary McKinney

Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library held a book sale this month. Readers were eagerly waiting to fill their arms and bags with books at 7:30am.

Appropriately, the last garden talk of the season was titled Heatproofing Your Garden. Attendees learned effective strategies and proven techniques to help their garden beat the heat. Garden talks are presented by Pima County Master Gardeners from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension.

A member of one of the quilting groups made the staff feel proud when she said, “This is the best library! You’ve really created a sense of community.”

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Heather Tyndall

Joyner-Green Valley Library once again welcomed adult patrons to both recurring and special programs in May. The final docent talk of the Tucson Museum of Art’s 8-month season series was “Cats in Art and Their Companions.” *Arts and Crafts for Adults* participants enjoyed weaving coasters using cardboard looms as well as building bird wind chimes hanging small metal tubes from wood cut-outs for the body and wings and “gems” for eyes. Library presenter Jessica Redhouse led a special craft program in which participants created mini coiled spiral baskets stitched from rope cord and yarn. Opportunities to enjoy arts and crafts didn’t stop with adult participants. School-age patrons, just out for summer break late in the month, also had loads of fun at a *Coloring Art Party with Frank Powers!* where they colored cartoon posters, learned about quick draw cartooning, and created comic bookmarks, among other activities.

Students of our *Digital Literacy* program built on skills they learned in “Mouse/Keyboard Basics” and “Computer Basics” (classes each offered twice in April) when they returned for “Internet Searching” and “Email Basics” in May. By design, the classes are small (usually fewer than seven adults, though we can accommodate up to 10) and each session is taught by two library staff members, an instructor and an assistant. Students gave very positive feedback: “Everything was easy to understand—very helpful,” “Nice, smart teachers,” “Personal help—I’m hard of hearing,” and “Very well instructed, organized, hands-on training, positive, patient, and very well explained topics.” It seems that they will be coming back for more; one patron even requested classes covering additional topics.

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Betsy Langley

Children and families had a unique opportunity to participate in several multilingual Storytimes this month. May 5 was Children’s Day in South Korea and Japan, and we hosted a Korean Storytime on May 7 and Japanese Storytime on May 21. We explored how families celebrate Children’s Day and made a pufferfish craft. We also held an Argentine Spanish Bilingual Storytime to talk about the country’s culture and the history behind Día de la Revolución de Mayo (May 25, May Revolution Day), which commemorates Argentina’s first independent national government.

Our adult Book Club read and discussed *Coded Justice* by Stacey Abrams. We also hosted two family art nights as part of Art Aloud, a four-part series featuring activity stations designed to accommodate a range of interests and skill levels. Activities included doodling, optical illusion art, clay sculpting, watercolor painting, Shrinky Dinks, jewelry making, and button making. After a successful launch, we will continue the program monthly, providing a welcoming, creative space for all ages.

Our 3D printing program is incredibly popular on Saturday afternoons! It’s open to all ages interested in learning design basics in Tinkercad, with participants receiving their completed models. This program is organized and led by teen volunteers in collaboration with the Teen Librarian, supporting both skill-building and peer-led learning. Tween programming is beginning to gain traction at Bear Canyon, as well. During May, we offered Tween PC Gaming to provide

tweens with access to snacks, drinks, and PCs for gaming. During Collage Creations, tweens and teens created collages for Polaroid magnets to take home. Bear Canyon has 11 youth volunteers who are extremely active within the library and are a vital part of displays, 3D Printing, and other programs.

Miller-Golf Links Library – Anna Lawrence

During the month of May at the Golf Links library, we hosted both Toddler and Family storytime once each per week. We also had a weekly tween/teen hangout where participants were able to work or learn new craft skills, listen to music, use the computer, and just spend time. The branch was treated to a visit from a Backyard Farm, meeting quails, chickens, and rabbits! Animals also visited during our Read to a Dog program, which gives children the space to read without judgement.

For adults, our monthly book club read the classic coming of age book, *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Adults also had the opportunity to attend the Chatty Crafters, a program designed to allow people to bring their own crafts and just relax while spending time with other crafters. The branch also hosted the Guide to Gut Health with Dr. Porter, and Welcome to Pima County, a program designed to teach people about the amazing biodiversity in the Sonoran Desert.

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Kathy Konecny

Murphy-Wilmot Library celebrated Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by creating book displays in our adult and children's areas. One little girl spotted the children's book, *White Sunday: A Celebration for Samoan Kids* and exclaimed, "That's me!" She went on to point out other books in the display that represented her family and friends. We are grateful that our collections reflect diverse perspectives and inspire even our youngest customers.

What a generous community we serve! Halfway into the system-wide hygiene products drive, Murphy-Wilmot filled 17 boxes with various donated hygiene products. Even a local business got involved with the Arizona Inn donating 1500 bars of soap to the cause. Together, our community's kindness changes lives.

A mom called Murphy-Wilmot to say that she was out in the parking lot and just realized she forgot her stroller. She really wanted to attend Babytime, but twins and a diaper bag were too much to carry by herself. She was wondering if library staff might be willing to come out to her car and help carry a baby so that the family could still go to Babytime. Wilmot staff were happy to help! Mom and the twins were able to enjoy Babytime, and staff assisted with the return trip to the car as well.

District 5 – Supervisor Andrés Cano

El Rio Library – Lu Guerrero

In May, library staff introduced a new bilingual family storytime, presented every two weeks on Thursday morning. Families danced, sang songs, and enjoyed stories in Spanish and English. Parents lingered after the storytime to ask questions about borrowing the music from the library to listen to at home. Families also stayed after storytime to enjoy the toys and puppets available to them in the children's area.

The library hosted a third-grade class visit, from Tully Elementary Magnet School. Students and some parents signed up for library cards, got a tour of the library, and an introduction to lesser-known library services. Students were able to check out materials during their visit, and many shared their intentions to visit the library during summer break.

This month's book display, BBQ and Salsa, featured cookbooks in observance of National Barbeque Month and National Salsa Month. Some titles included in the display are *How to Grill Vegetables* by Steven Raichlen and *The Backyard Barbeque with Fire and Spice* by Tony Ramirez.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Christine Russell

This month we answered a whopping 447 requests from our customers, including 67 letters from inmates around the state.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library's Children's and Tween team were pleased to help facilitate an all-ages watercolor event presented by the BiblioLotus and Synapse affinity teams. The event was well attended and received. As we come to the end of the school year, we wrapped up our springtime programming with our last Teen Job Help for those seeking summer jobs, final Slime Day (always a super hit), and concluded with both a pizza party and an M&M taste testing event. Our student interns from San Miguel High School finished their year-long term of working at our branch and our teen volunteer completed their stint with us, as well.

Our Space attendees enjoyed guitar music from local musician Grant Bloom and Librarian I Brian brought his drum and joined in the fun. Patrons spoke with staff from the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development who brought snacks, water and other essential items for the hot summer months. We also began giving out disposable and reusable water bottles and other cooling station items from Pima County to our patrons daily.

Martha Cooper Library-Tara Foxx-Lupo

As the semester nears its end, May is a month of engagement with local schools and headstart programs, from outreach to class visits. Teachers and parents are excited to expose their kids to the many activities coming up as we are nearing the launch of Summer Reading. Martha Cooper library hosted multiple class visits this month with groups from John B. Wright Elementary and the John B. Wright Headstart program. Our children's librarian makes sure that these visits are impactful by ensuring kids have a brand-new library card that they can pick up during their visit. During their visits, school groups get to have a tour of the library and a short storytime program.

In addition to class visits, our library staff were invited to participate in Career Day at John B. Wright Elementary. Our staff gave a short presentation on what it is like to work in a library, with some helpful resource links interspersed for those who want to explore the library website and career on their own. We hope these presentations might inspire some possible future librarians!

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage (AANPIH) Month and Martha Cooper Library had a variety of offerings and displays to engage patrons of all ages in honoring these communities. Martha Cooper hosted multiple programs planned and presented by our Bibliolotus team. The team partnered with PBS and the team responsible for creating the film *To Climb a Gold Mountain: A Portrait of Struggle and Triumph*. The film tells three distinct stories of women of Asian descent, from 1850 to present day. Each distinct story demonstrates the struggle and triumph captured in each individual life. The film was followed by a virtual question and answer session with the film's creators. In addition to this event, our location hosted a Chinese Calligraphy program with guest Ping Situ. Ping's mastery of Chinese calligraphy was shared with library patrons as she provided participants with their name written in this ancient script. While waiting, patrons could complete other crafts offered by members of the Bibliolotus team. These important offerings are just a few of the ways Pima County Public Library recognizes and celebrates the heritage and traditions of this community rich in cultural diversity.

Southwest Library – Alexis Ellsworth-Kopkowski

We created a children's display for mental health awareness month (May) with coloring pages and an adult display of local authors that have been popular with our community members.

Southwest would like to thank our community members for donating to the library's hygiene drive. We had two large donations, and one patron came in with immediate need and was able to be served. We had a lo-fi study and relax event that was attended by four patrons. Southwest will be holding this event near the end of each school semester moving forward. Our in-person tech help remains popular, and we are happy to help our patrons. Our Scholastic summer give-away books have arrived and are being organized as we speak. We are excited for our Summer Reading Program to begin.

Valencia Library – Ivonne Ramirez

The month of May brought many celebrations and outreach events to our community. This month, Valencia Library programming staff were at the Santa Cruz Farmer's Market to promote the seed library and library programs and services. We also were invited to visit Pistor Middle School and promoted the summer reading program and other family-centered programs and resources.

Outreach from partner community organizations also made its way to Valencia Library. We have been fortunate to have Marlene Navarro present the University of Arizona Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program during Tween and Teen Time. Everyone's learning about how to read food labels and cook delicious healthy dishes!

Volunteers have played a big role in connecting with the community. Our Children's Librarian Thania has coordinated volunteers from the University of Arizona (UA) to support the monthly Peace Garden Storytime and other projects in support of children's programs at Valencia. The UA students had a great time leading fun and educational maker programs and crafts, and they learned more about their community and how that relates to the work they will do in their future careers. Our Teen Services Librarian Martin coordinated and mentored a consistent group of teen volunteers, who have been creating bright and attention-grabbing displays and decorations that can be seen and enjoyed throughout the library building.

In May, we also feature a display for Mental Health Awareness. The books are various age-level materials, topics, and we also have incorporated flyers and information for supporting the mental health of both young and old.

Valencia Library's front house display features graphic novels, cookbooks, plus fiction and sci-fi titles on the topic of Starwars in recognition of May the fourth, Revenge of the fifth (of May), and Valencia-library's famous Star Wars Party, which took place at the end of May. The annual event brings together STEAM concepts at a variety of activity stations for grade-school children and their families along with some professional cosplayers wielding Stormtrooper uniforms. We had a visit by the Mandalorian at the event. We looked forward to Raising Backyard Chickens program with Emy Kleinkauf.

Finally, at the end of May we celebrated a bittersweet goodbye to our long-time bookmobile driver Wade. Wade has been in the library system for 48 years. The Valencia Library and Readrunners teams are working together with library administration to develop a transition plan for this well-used service, which spans the broader Pima County community. The bookmobile's focus on serving the underserved areas and rural communities stands as one of the core symbols of the library out on the roads of Pima County and in the hearts of our ever-growing community users.

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Pima County Public Library

Murphy-Wilmot Library- Storytime supplies, STEAM Club supplies, Lego Club supplies, Reid Park Zoo presentation, Crafternoon supplies, outreach supplies.

El Río Library – Rodeo Reads

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Mini Coiled Spiral Basket Making, Desert Dangers presentation, Coloring Art Party with Frank Powers!, Family Storytime supplies, Arts and Crafts for Adults supplies, Amado Crafternoon supplies, outreach supplies.

Martha Cooper Library-Afro Brazilian Music Storytime, Color Mediums-Oil Pastels, Toddler Storytime, Family Storytime, Babytime, Teen Hangout

Valencia Library – Family Storytime, Create Club, Teen Time, Peace Garden Storytime, Fiber Arts Club, Adult Crafty Hour, Emily Kleinkauf-Raising Backyard Chickens, Joanna Wilson-Urbina-Storytime, Adult Yoga-Vivianne Uyeda

Quincie Douglas Library – Mason Jar Candle Holders with Emy; Hummingbird painting with Dolores Haro

Sahuarita Library – Greeting Cards with Dolores Haro

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library –

Santa Rosa Library – Yoga Storytime, Dinosaur storytime, End of the school year party

Flowing Wells Library – Pieter Bruegel Art Talk; Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Drawing Desert Life; Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Musical Storytime; End of School Celebration.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Cardboard Safari, Portable Planetarium, Musical Storytime, Storytime with Steph.

Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library- Wildlife in Ink (4-part series), Jasmine Asian Music Ensemble Performance, Yoga for Adults (2-part series), Koi Fish Watercolor & Salt Art (2 adult/teen sessions, 1 tween session), Conversational Spanish for Beginners (3-part series), Paper Automata, TAB Summer Party

Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library-Reid Park Zoo: Zoo to You!

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FROM: Paulina Aguirre-Clinch
Library Services Manager with additional duties assigned

SUBJECT: Circulation and Activity Measures: APRIL 2026

	Apr-26	Apr-25	Percent Change
Circulation and Visits			
Circulation - Physical	150,033	167,063	-10%
Circulation - Digital	318,510	285,236	12%
Gate Count	254,692	262,122	-3%
Website Visits	487,008	491,925	-1%
Active Cardholders			
Active Cardholders	175,197	175,086	0.1%
Total Cardholders	289,038	312,169	-7%
Percent Active Cardholders	100%	56%	78%
Virtual Reference Services			
Chat Service - Number of Chats	742	658	13%
Research Questions	380	356	7%
Phone	1,234	1,348	-8%
Mail	67	102	-34%
Programming			
Early Childhood Literacy Program Attendance	6,419	6,185	4%
Adult Literacy Program Attendance	3,215	3,060	5%
Workforce Development Program Attendance	786	723	9%

Library Advisory Board Activity Report
April 2026

BRANCH	Physical Circulation	Computer Use	Gate Count	Number of Programs	Program Attendance	Attendance at Outreach Events and School Visits	Number of People Using Meeting and Study Rooms
Bookmobile / Books by Mail	639	0	144	0	0	464	0
Caviglia-Arivaca	471	57	631	15	80	45	94
Dewhirst-Catalina	1,654	188	3,472	20	37	40	34
Dusenberry-River	9,699	1,158	8,332	33	457	0	260
Eckstrom-Columbus	4,524	3,190	17,417	37	710	60	1,174
El Rio	1,149	273	1,614	1	17	74	0
Flowing Wells	2,685	1,450	5,118	93	856	170	578
Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo	92	129	1,508	5	153	0	0
Himmel Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joel D Valdez Main	3,938	4,754	27,599	49	1,060	194	596
Joyner-Green Valley	8,643	1,126	9,833	126	1,120	156	714
Kirk-Bear Canyon	7,369	551	7,748	35	418	74	973
Martha Cooper	6,938	1,455	15,287	72	659	0	1,222
Miller-Golf Links	11,079	1,734	10,221	26	500	0	834
Murphy-Wilmot	12,397	3,508	15,684	78	2,106	93	2,234
Nanini	14,487	1,601	13,078	58	1,660	401	492
Oro Valley	17,428	1,499	29,950	79	1,409	0	3,480
Quincie Douglas	3,171	1,731	9,354	63	812	162	475
Richard Elias-Mission	36	8		0	0	0	0
Sahuarita	5,114	1,180	7,956	63	930	464	1,950
Salazar-Ajo	1,121	317	3,248	59	477	0	274
Sam Lena-South Tucson	533	983	4,046	5	30	17	110
Santa Rosa	662	696	10,658	19	214	54	502
Southwest	1,490	467	4,568	2	2	150	0
Valencia	4,644	2,886	9,252	87	1,192	93	1,614
W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station	6,795	561	6,842	20	390	0	737
Wheeler Taft Abbett	10,068	1,454	10,194	68	1,207	47	164
Woods Memorial	8,684	3,133	20,938	53	566	0	433
Web Renewal	4,523	0		0	0	0	0
Adult Services	0	0		184	1,397	193	0
Youth Services	0	0		3	222	2,858	0
TOTALS APR 2026	150,033	36,089	254,692	1,353	18,681	5,809	18,944
TOTALS APR 2025	167,063	34,392	262,122	1,258	17,128	4,945	23,075
Percentage Change	-10%	5%	-3%	8%	9%	17%	-18%

Mission and Himmel Branches closed for the month of April 2026