



# PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Column

by Denise Keller

Our project to migrate to a new online system has been successfully completed. The new Polaris software is installed and libraries have developed new processes and procedures and all indications are that we are adjusting well. The second project, which was installing PC Reservation, has been a great improvement in services all over the county. Patron sessions at public workstations are now automatically timed, which frees staff up for other tasks. We can now venture forward with new plans. The Library District is busy with many projects for 2010, and we are hopeful that these will improve library services for all.

A copy of our bibliographic database is currently at a vendor for Authority Control record clean-up, which will eliminate most of the problems caused by our recent data migration. That should be finished in March, at which time we will send the database out again, this time to OCLC. They will perform a (free!) bibliographic reclamation project, which will synchronize our holdings with WorldCat.

Big changes are in store for the library's wide area network. We will install a DS-3 in Florence, on which all library T1's will terminate. This will essentially create a library specific WAN separate from Pinal County's network. Plans to improve public access bandwidth include second DSL lines for most libraries except Superior, which will have a local T1 for internet access (DSL is not available in Superior). I will be ordering new routers for seven locations: Oracle, Kearny, Mammoth, San Manuel, Superior, Arizona City, and my office in Florence. E-rate applications for telecommunication discounts have been filed for all lines, which will secure discounts from 75-90%, depending on location. That translates to a savings of about \$89,125 for FY 2010/11.

We have started the recruitment process for a new Technical Services Librarian, which was Alex's old position. We are

looking for someone with expertise in library web services and websites, and knowledge of new trends related to virtual library services, programs and collections. I am envisioning our web sites with interesting new services, including things like blogs and podcasting. Having a staff member dedicated to helping us develop and use social networking tools will keep us all moving forward and put us in a position to benefit from current technologies. It is important that our libraries stay current with changing technology so that we remain vital in our communities.

We are currently investigating turn key software by AWE that will replace the programs on the existing kids PCs. This is the company that makes ELS (Early Literacy Stations), and they have recently made the software available by license rather than bundled with a PC. We have a demo copy and are preparing to test it before deploying to kids PCs around the county. I'm sure many will be delighted to change from our current clunky programs that seem to crash so often.

February was budget development time, and it kept us very busy for the month. Looking forward, the Library District budget will see a decrease of about 21% due to lower property assessments, but it looks like we can make cuts in areas that will not affect services. I am hopeful for a great year ahead of us!



## Spotlight

### NoveList

The *NoveList* database is an excellent tool for fiction lovers. With its many features, *NoveList* will help you to answer that eternal question, "What will I read next?"

Here is a brief summary of some of *NoveList's* features:

**Author Read-alikes:** If you've read everything by your favorite author, *NoveList* has the solution. These articles are developed by librarians who are experienced in Readers' Advisory work and are familiar with the authors they write about.

**Book Discussion Guides:** These discussion guides are designed to prompt interesting discussion with a book group. Individual readers can use these guides to expand their experience of a book they have read and enjoyed.

**Recommended Reads:** These lists cover a wide variety of genres and topics at all reading levels. They are compiled by experienced librarians and literature specialists.

**What We're Reading:** Each month, a few librarians, writers, or contributors to *NoveList* will share their favorite authors and tell about some of the books they have recently enjoyed.

**Award Winners:** *NoveList* maintains a number of high-quality award lists, crossing a tremendous range of genres, subject areas, and reading levels.

*NoveList* is free to all Pinal County residents. To access *NoveList*, just go to: <http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/library>, then click "Online Databases" for a complete list of our databases. Contact your local library to get a FREE library card.



# Around the County

News from the Libraries

## ARIZONA CITY

### Summer Reading

The Friends of the Arizona City Library dedicated the newly renovated Children's Room on Saturday, November 28. A special room was decorated for the children's collection this past summer. Books are shelved at children's height. Children have their own furniture and toys as well. Now children have their own place to play and read at the Arizona City Library. In recognition of his untiring work for the Library, the Friends named the room "The Bob Kahler Children's Room."

Bob Kahler was a past board president and faithful volunteer. On any day that the library was open, Bob was helping. Karen



Rock, current president, said that "he greeted everyone who came in the door." He was a walking dewey system. He knew exactly where to look for books on any subject and specialized in locating misfiled books.

Bob also handled everyday building maintenance – from changing light bulbs to mopping up floods. He was even known to give patrons rides to doctor appointments.

The new children's room was only a vision when Bob lost his battle with cancer. The books had previously been shelved in a smaller adjoining room. There was not any space for storytime or summer reading activities. Thanks to the County Library District's generous support, the children now have a warm and inviting room made just for them.

The community came out for a nice ceremony and reception. Bob's wife, Judy, and their son's family from Texas were able to attend the dedication and reception.

## COOLIDGE

### Storytimes and Book Clubs

#### Annual Book Sale

We would like to thank all visitors, patrons, staff, Friends of the Library members and volunteers who helped make the November Book/Bake Sale a success. Patrons were able to support our library and get a fantastic deal on books and delicious homemade treats. Thousands of books were made available for patrons, along with other donated material, such as movies and CDs.

#### Homebound Services

Your library offers services for homebound individuals. Residents who are unable to travel to the library can have books delivered and picked up. Please call the library for details.

#### Winter Reading program

Thanks also go out to those devoted adults who signed kids up for the Winter Reading Program, as well as the readers themselves. We enjoyed handing out presents to those who completed the Winter Reading



Program. This program was a way for kids to earn some great toys and games and keep their minds sharp during the school's holiday break. Readers had to read, or have someone read to them for an average of 10, 20 or 30 minutes per day, depending on their grades. The Coolidge Public Library had 50 participants through the winter program and we are very proud that 23 completed their required reading time to earn a holiday prize.

Congratulations! Here is a list of our winter readers:

Nicki Zerilli 3, Bella Seitanidis 3, Jacob Villwok 7, Hannah Johnson 12, Alexandra Rodriguez 4, Analisa Herrera 4, Ketzia Johnson 9, Olivia Rodriguez 3, Alicia

Volm 3, Eli Johnson 13, Emma Rodriguez 7 mo., Selena Rossel 12, Hallie Gleeson 4, Madison McGinnis 12, Lanessa Collins 4, Josiah Gleeson 1, Kiana Villa 7, Devon Collins 2, Gabe Hallett 2, Michael Villa Jr. 3, Austin Schroeder 3, Angelina Seitanidis 1, and Grace Villwok 9.

#### Doggie Story Time

Last year's special dog visitors came back for another Story Time on Wednesday,



Fable

January 27 at 10:15 a.m. We listened to stories and sang songs about dogs, followed by a fun canine craft!

Doggie visitors were there to show off their tricks and teach you how to train your dogs,



Stranger

too. Visiting dogs are certified Canine Good Citizens! We had treats for doggies, kids and parents.

#### Adult Book Club

Meetings take place at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

- Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson: March 9th at 5:30 p.m.
- The Help by Kathryn Stockett: April 13th at 5:30 p.m.

## MAMMOTH

### Library Makeover

The big news at Mammoth Public Library is that we've had a makeover of our interior space!



A New Look

We had the old carpeting and tile removed and new carpeting installed. We painted the walls in light colors and moved the computers from the middle of the room to along an exterior wall. And then we waited for the shelves.

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The shelves had been ordered but a delay at the manufacturer meant we had to re-open before they arrived. The computers were up and running and we had a selection of books and movies available on carts. When the shelving arrived, it was beautiful and it has made our jobs much easier. The shelves in the middle of the room are on casters so we roll them to the periphery to make room for programs. It's a wonderful way to maximize our limited space.



We couldn't have done it without the help of our outstanding volunteers and the sup-

port of the Pinal County Library District



Trusty Volunteers

and the Town of Mammoth. Public Works fit our needs into their already busy schedule. Thanks to you all!

## MARICOPA Winter Reading Program

The library is hosting a Winter Reading

Program from January 11 to March 13. Participants with a library card can choose to fill out paper logs or keep track of their hours read entirely online for a chance to win prizes such as a digital camera, Xbox 360, or Nintendo Wii!

### Friends of the Maricopa Public Library Events

- January – Short Story Contest: ended January 25
- March – Used Book Sale: Date to be Determined
- March 13 – Writer Workshop with Conrad Storad
- Featured Artist Exhibit: Date to be Determined



## Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

### ZMARC

As I write this today the plans for training to use the Z39.50 OCLC software in Polaris are already made. By the time you read this, you will already be searching for new materials not in our catalog using the OCLC database. I know that this will allow you to add your new materials and get those out to the patrons much more quickly.

Along with this new method, we are also changing how we do authority control in our database. This is very new for most of you, but I have been managing our name, subject, and serial authority records for years by sending all new bibliographic records out daily to a vendor and then loading and checking those new records they send back to make sure they link to the headings correctly, and that the name headings actually match the person in the bibliographic record. So, let's talk about headings today.

You all know that an author goes in the 100 field and an editor or illustrator or translator goes into the 700 field. These names all have an **authority record** that is linked to the name. These records reside in an **authority database** that is linked to our bibliographic database. This authority

database has all the authority records in it that are linked to our bibliographic records. The idea is to have one authority record for a person's name, and any time that a new bibliographic record is added with that person's name in one of the 1xx or 7xx fields, the name will link with that authority record. That way, when someone searches in the public access computer for that name, it will show up only one time with the number of bibliographic records that contain that name listed with it. The same method is used for subject headings, genre headings, and serial titles.

Now, where it gets complicated is when a new heading of any kind is added to our catalog in a bibliographic record. At that point, Polaris asks us if we want to create a new authority record for that heading. Right now, that is all that we can do, and we should do that. We are in the process now of having our whole database fixed by an authority control vendor. When it is reloaded and our databases are re-indexed, we hope that a large majority of the multiple headings will be fixed. Since this work is done by machine, there will always be a percentage of headings that slip through the cracks that we will have to fix manually. From the time that our databases are returned, we will then be using a Polaris product called **ZMARC**. This product

allows us access to the **Library of Congress Authority Database**, so if a new bibliographic record is added with new headings in it, we will be offered the choice of a matching heading from the LC database. Since this LC database contains the best and largest number of authority records, we will have good choices.

There will be some training involved for you all that Pam and I will do after we get our training, but you can be assured that checking all new headings daily will become part of our work flow here at the office, so you won't need to worry overmuch about mistakes you might make.

All of these changes will improve our database, which will improve searching and finding what both staff and patrons want.

Don't forget, I will be happy to answer any questions or help with any problem records.

Remember, the MARC record is the engine that gives staff and patrons the tools needed to search the catalog.

Happy cataloging!

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## Calendar of Events

Public Library Association 13th National Conference	Portland, OR	March 23-27
Computers in Libraries 25th Annual Conference	Arlington, VA	April 12-14
Mountain Plains Library Association Conference	Oklahoma City	April 19-21