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Guest Column

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Spotlight

J.O.B.S. Training Center

The Apache Junction Public Library is proud to host the J.O.B.S. (Job Opportunity and Basic Skills) Training Center. The Library was awarded an LSTA grant for the J.O.B.S. Training Center in 2010. You may have noticed the large increase recently in MyiLibrary audio books, which are available to all libraries in Pinal County. Many of these items were purchased by Apache Junction with the use of these grant funds. The program will transition into LINKS, Library Intern's New Keys to Success, with another LSTA grant awarded to the Library in 2011.

Some additional benefits of the grant included the creation of a new website at



www.AJjobs.org, for the J.O.B.S. Training Center. The grant funded webpage was developed: 1) to assist the grant

coordinator in quickly finding resources to help the public and, 2) most importantly, to aid library users in their search for information and databases related to their employment needs. The latest job searching information, educational tools, and career enhancement resources are featured on this page.

Topics covered on this site include:

- Employment and Job Search
- Job Skills and Career Development
- Career Resources
- JOBS Training Center class schedule
- Resume preparation packet

The following database links are also available through the J.O.B.S. website:

- Career Cruising
- Ferguson's Career Guidance Center
- Learning Express Library

A collection of books and DVDs were purchased and are housed in the J.O.B.S.

Training Center. The materials cover topics to help the unemployed and the under-employed plus a variety of J.O.B.S. Training Center topics. These materials are available for checkout. The MyiLibrary downloadable audio books are available through our online catalog and can be transferred to your iPod or MP3 player.

A grant-funded instructor was hired to teach a variety of classes. The classes include basic computer skills, ESL, resume writing, job searching and interviewing techniques. Instruction is given using the whiteboard, laptops and other materials purchased with the grant. Many customers take advantage of the one-on-one assistance that is available.

Library staff members refer customers to the J.O.B.S. Training Center coordinator and the webpage. This is especially true of patrons asking for assistance with computers or help with finding information on job searching, employment and related topics.

The J.O.B.S. Training Center's success is evident by the many compliments, emails, and comment cards the library has received. Due to this success, the LINKS grant was designed to train interns in a variety of aspects of customer service and to continue developing the existing grant.

The idea for the project started after attending an LSTA (Library and Services Technology Act) grant workshop. Laura Stone, LSTA Grant Coordinator for the Arizona State Library Archives & Public Records, suggested that everyone should consider what library users really need. The Adult Services Librarian, in collaboration with the Library Manager, identified the need for an instructor who could assist people in computer instruction, all facets of job searching and also give instruction for ESL and GED students. The two ideas were combined into the very successful grant funded J.O.B.S. Training Center.



The Student Research Center provides students in secondary schools with the most appropriate research tools for easily obtaining the information that they seek from their EBSCO databases.

Through the Student Research Center, users can easily pre-determine which content sources (e.g., Magazines, Newspapers, Biographies, Country Reports, Film & Video) will be included with their search. They can also search their databases by topic heading, make use of an online dictionary and encyclopedia, explore the top searches of the day, and even limit their search according to appropriate Lexile reading levels.



The Student Research Center is free to all Pinal County residents. Go to our website www.pinalcountyaz.gov/library then click RESEARCH. You will need a library card to access most databases from home. Contact your local library to get a FREE library card.



Around the County

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ARIZONA CITY

New Parking Lot for Library

Library Receives Grant Money for Property Improvements

The Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records funded a grant for the Arizona City Library. The \$12,500 grant was matched with funds from the Pinal County Library District. The money was used to re-pave the library parking lot. Since Pinal



County owns the library's land, the Public Works department worked with the Library District to complete the project.

The Public Works department removed the existing asphalt, re-graded it, installed a layer of gravel, and then new asphalt. The parking lot will be striped soon. It will have two new handicapped parking spaces as well as plenty of parking for all of the other patrons.

The library is thrilled to make these improvements. "We appreciate the State and County's investment in our community. We believe the patrons will enjoy the safer parking lot," stated Karen Rock, Arizona City Friends of the Library President.

The library was closed for two days during the re-surfacing process.

Arizona City Library Offers Three Summer Reading Programs

The Family Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories" met for seven Saturdays, offering crafts, games, time to read, and other activities. Families with children of all ages were encouraged to attend.



"Twins," kids ages 8-13 were invited to explore their World with "You Are Here." The program included games, crafts, activities, and reading incentives. More than 200 people participated in the two programs.

The library offered its first Adult Summer Reading Program this year. Participants came to a coffee tasting, learning how coffee tastes very different, based on where it is grown. Coffee grown in Kenya, South America, and Asia was tasted and compared. It was a great introduction to an adult reading program.

CASA GRANDE

Reading Programs

The staff and patrons of the Casa Grande Public Library enjoyed an exciting, record-breaking Summer Reading Program this year. From storytimes to henna tattoos, fun was had by all.



June began with a rousing Mad Hatter Tea Party. Participants played musical chairs, created beautiful hats to wear, and, of course, enjoyed cookies and tea. Later that month we welcomed Wildman Phil and his traveling reptile show. We met Scooter the three-legged African-Spurred Tortoise and many other wonderful creatures that day.

Teens learned about the ancient art of Henna, as presented and demonstrated by Purvi Galiya. Each participant even left with their very own temporary Henna tattoo to show off for up to two weeks.

Also in June, we hosted Magical Michael Steele for an exciting show of juggling, illusions, yo-yo-ing, and those tricks that make you go, "Hmm...I wonder how he did that." Finally, we closed out the month

with a performance by Eileen Morgan of Taiko Japanese Drumming. She showed us drums and other instruments from Japan, Indonesia, China, and many other parts of Asia, playing each one to perfection. This interactive performance even included our youngest patrons making beautiful music on wooden frogs that sounded like an evening in the swamp!

July featured only one presentation: the Mad Science Workshop where we created our own crystals and chemical sodas! We also explored the mysteries of the solar system and learned how to build structures of strength from toothpicks and mini marshmallows. July was anything but dull, however, as we Got Crafty, assembled great things at the Lego Club, gathered for some quality Brain Time, and watched lots of free movies! Over 1200 patrons participated in our Summer Reading Program, reflecting a 47% increase in participation over last year.

Fun was had by all this summer at the Casa Grande Public Library!

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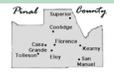
Library Collects for Good!

Throughout the month of July, the library held two simultaneous drives to help out our community. First, we teamed up with PACC911, a non-profit organization made up of hundreds of animal care shelters all over our state, as well as the American Red Cross. We collected items to help out the many families devastated by this summer's wildfires. Collection bins were made available in the library, the police department and at the parks and recreation office. Patrons helped animals and people in need.



The library also helped out local students by taking in back-to-school supplies for local churches to distribute to Coolidge kids. Items ranging from pens and pencils to scientific calculators were accepted. The library is continuing to hold donation drives several times per year for various organizations.

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Coolidge Laptops to Help Residents

The library is currently planning upcoming courses for our patrons using the laptops received from the Pinal County Library District. Classes currently being planned include basic courses on Word, Excel and the Internet, as well as resume writing and job searching. The portability of these computers gives us the ability to teach courses during busier times when public access desktops are usually all occupied. In addition, we may open up scheduled times during the week for students to use the laptops for essay writing and research.

CPL Taking Patrons to Book Festival

Our library is planning a field trip for patrons to an exciting event for book lovers. Although this event, which takes place at the University of Arizona is still months away, planning is already underway. The Coolidge Public Library is arranging for transportation and asking patrons for input on their interest in attending to get an idea of how many people to expect. Sign-up sheets will be made available as early as December for the March 10-11 Tucson Festival of Books.

The upcoming festival will be the only the third, since its creation. Youth Librarian, Alondra Evans has volunteered at the first two events and feels this will be an amazing opportunity for Coolidge residents. The Tucson Festival of Books 2011 had an estimated 80,000 attendees and that number is expected to grow in 2012!

There is so much to see and do at the festival for readers of all ages and of any conceivable interest. There are hundreds of authors already lined up for one of the biggest book festivals in the country. There will be booths for authors to sign books, as well as scheduled speaking appearances throughout the weekend.

Book Club Selection Movie

Another highly anticipated film based on a best-selling book is being released this summer. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett was released August 10th. Since the news of the film, the book (in regular print, large print and audio format) has continually had a waiting list. For those of us who work in libraries, it is great to see others inspired to pick up a book for any reason. The book was a selection for the Coolidge Library Book Club earlier this year.

Book club members are looking forward to watching the movie based on one of their recent reads. Both the book and movie have received rave reviews.

Library Director Receives Award

After reviewing hundreds of nominations over a two week period, VIVMag is delighted to be awarding the *VivMagnificent Woman Inspiration Award* to Adri Saavedra of Coolidge, Arizona.



Founder and VIVMag CMO, Jeanniey Mullen presented the award on Sunday, June 26, 2011 in New Orleans, during the closing party and celebration of the American Library Association's annual conference.

FLORENCE Summer Readers

The Florence Community Library traveled near and far visiting **One World, Many Stories** as part of the 2011 Arizona Summer Reading Program. The program ended on a positive note with more than 900 patrons participating in the Reading Club and attending special events at the library.

The summer's top reader was Miki Ysaurre, daughter of Jerry and Mayumi, with over 475 books read. Other readers of note were: Jesus Fernando Moreno, David Moreno, Savannah Reece, Seth Alvarado, Leo Ponce, Nylee Hamilton, Lisa Cundiff, Jeanie Pitts, Jamie Hoffman, Lexie Hoffman, Aisha Lara, Marianne Johnson, Anthony Miller, Kordell Neal, Kerriauna Paulson, Amelia Kinsella, Austin Wrigley, Aidan Smith, Corbin Smith, Kyle Yeo, Megan Yeo and Jasmine Neal.

Congratulations also to all 31 readers for **Novel Destinations**, 2011's adult summer reading program. Kandi Hartung read the most books this summer, followed by Judy Young, with Marilyn Hall and Markitta Paulson tied for third place.

The Florence Community Library would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in making this program a big success: The Friends of the Florence Community Library, Barro's Pizza, Skateland Chandler, First National Bank in Florence, Arizona Cardinals, Peaceable Kingdom, True Value Hardware in Florence, Phoenix Zoo, Tom & Lynn Smith, Pinal County Historical Museum, B&D Restaurants, Inc./McDonalds, Arizona Diamondbacks, and the Leslie Management Company.

MAMMOTH New Patio Furniture

We've enjoyed a busy summer here at Mammoth Public Library. Our grand finale to the summer reading program was the Teen Lock-in event on August 5. We locked a group of sixteen teens inside the library where they participated in gaming, crafts, and eating Mexican food and treats.



Teens were locked in at other libraries around the country and we all competed in a digital scavenger hunt. To see photos of our event, please visit our website at <http://library.townofmammoth.us>. To see photos from many of the participating libraries, go to librarylockin2011.wordpress.com.

We are in the process of remodeling our patio. We've extended the concrete pad and the new tables have been installed. Still to come: a low fence and a small terraced garden.

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New Patio Furniture

In the coming months we're looking forward to computer classes, our Fall Festival, and a new seed library/exchange.

For more information, please call Mammoth Public Library at 520-487-2026. Mammoth Public Library is located at 125 Clark St. in Mammoth, Arizona.

SAN MANUEL Fall Programs

The library has finished up its summer programs. These included:

- Craft Hour, an extension of the reading program
- Kinect Video gaming, where the young and young at heart enjoyed interactive gaming
- Monday Movie Matinees that included free popcorn
- A visit from First Things First Fun Van, a literacy program for parents and children.



The library also enjoyed a visit from a professional storyteller, who captivated the audience with stories

told around the world.

Fall programs are underway at the library. The Personalized Basic Computer Class will resume on Tuesdays. Classes begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and last until 10:30 a.m. These classes are designed to learn at

your own pace. One-on-one help will be provided so an appointment is required. Please contact the library to make an appointment.

Genealogy classes will be offered each Thursday morning, starting in September at 10:00 a.m. The classes will utilize the genealogy databases that are free to all residents of Pinal County through our library system. You do not need to have your own computer to benefit from this class, as computers are available for public use at the library.

The Book Club meets the last Wednesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. for a lively discussion of the book they've read that month. Refreshments are served. In August the Book Club will be discussing "Grayson" by Lynne Cox, and in October "The Council Of Dads" by Bruce Feiler. Seating is available. Contact the library for more information.

Do you need help doing research or homework? If so, then join us for Database Awareness which will begin in October. Learn about the free databases available to library card holders. You can access many of these databases in or out of the library. These resource rich databases include Learning Express library, Auto Repair Reference Center, Career Cruising, Home Improvement Reference Center, Price It! Antiques and Collectibles, Tutor.com Student Center, and more.

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Join us for Game Day And the Fun Van



Our Summer Reading Program was a success! The program started on June 7th and ended June

30th. Children, Teens and Adults traveled around the world this summer by reading a number of books on different countries, learning about the culture of different people, and the geography of different lands. This summer we had 75 participants. On

Tuesday we had Preschool & Kindergarten, Wednesday was 1-2-3 graders, and Thursday we had 4-5-6 graders. We had a total of 5 teens who participated in our Teen Reading Program and 5 adults who participated in our Adult Summer Reading Program.

One week the participants got to "travel" to India. One of our local high school teachers, who is from India, came and talked to the kids about the foods, money, customs and traditions of the people from India.



During our finale we had two of our patrons come in and give a presentation. One of our patrons is from Malaysia and so she brought some treats for the kids and several artifacts from Malaysia and China. Our other patron brought and shared different articles and photos from his travels to different parts of Europe. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and asked many questions. The finale for the youth programs was on June 30th. Prizes and certificates were presented to all participants and refreshments were provided by our Friends of the Library.

The adult participants will have their finale at the end of August with a potluck dinner and our patron who shared his travels to Europe with the children will also come and give a presentation to the adults plus show some videos of his travels. We are looking forward to that!

In July we started Game Day on Wednesdays from 4 - 5:30 pm. Kids 10 and older can come and play video games. We hope to continue Game Day year round.

The Fun Van, from Apache Junction Public Library, will return to Superior Public Library on August 25, Sept. 1,8,15,22,29.

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All sessions are from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Families with children 5 years old and younger are invited to join us. The Fun Van staff provide educational sessions on literacy for parents and their children. Welcome back Fun Van!

DUDLEYVILLE Summer Reading Program Ends with a Blast

The Dudleyville Volunteer Fire Department came out to celebrate the summer reading program's success on the closing day. Firefighters showed the group of eastern Pinal County residents their shiny fire apparatus, answered questions and then the real fun began with a splash and blast from the fire hose. About 13 young



readers ages 4 to 13 participated in this summer's free reading program.

The children were especially enchanted with the selections this year. When we had story time with the Mo Willems books,



everybody joined in with the 'elephant stomp.' These were enthusiastic kids who loved to take part in the storytelling.

website. Here are the top ten chosen by thousands of readers across the country:

1. *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien
2. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
3. *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
4. *The Dune Chronicles* by Frank Herbert
5. *A Song of Ice and Fire series* by George R.R. Martin
6. *1984* by George Orwell
7. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
8. *The Foundation trilogy* by Isaac Asimov
9. *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
10. *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman

Is your favorite sci-fi or fantasy book on this list? If not go to NPR's website at <http://www.npr.org/series/summer-books> to view the entire list and to read how the nomination process worked.

All of these titles and more are available through your local Public Library

Please visit our catalog at <http://catalog.pinalcountyaz.gov>

TOP 100 SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY BOOKS

This summer NPR conducted a survey to discover what readers think are the top 100 sci-fi and fantasy books. The results were published on August 11th on NPR's Book



Cataloging Corner

by Pam Beerens

RDA Recommendations Announced

Many of you attended the *Preparing Copy Catalogers for RDA* webinar in April, and you no doubt have come across RDA (Resource Description and Access) records when you are cataloging, either records you have downloaded from OCLC or ones already in our database. The next question is "Why do we have these records and what do we do with them?"

In June, the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee issued their recommendations to the three U.S. national libraries (Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library, and the National Library of Medicine). The recommendation is to adopt

RDA, but not until certain conditions are met, including making the RDA instructions more clear, making the RDA Toolkit more understandable and easier to use, and providing more training and sample records. Implementation will not take place until **at least January 2013**. This should give libraries time to learn more about RDA and study the effect it will have on time and resources.

So, what does this mean for Pinal County libraries? The RDA records that were made during the test period will remain, and additional records will be added to OCLC by libraries that were trained. Polaris will be making changes to their software in future upgrades to accommodate RDA.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of RDA, and any other developments affecting the cataloging world.

Please feel free to call or email if you would like the links to any of the reports or have any questions.

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Calendar of Events

Federation Meeting	Vista Grande Library Casa Grande, AZ	September 23
9 th International Conference On the Book	Toronto, Canada	October 14-16
Internet Librarian Conference	Monterey, CA	October 17-19
Arizona Library Association Annual Conference	Tucson, AZ	November 28-30