



# PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Column

By Denise Keller

### Library District Launches eBook Service

The Pinal County Library District will launch eBook services on December 4. It has been an exciting process selecting the vendor and getting the web site operational. eBook service helps to update our collections and keeps us in step with libraries across the country.

The Pinal County Library District was able to license the 3M Cloud Library application that hosts the downloadable eBooks and will be tied into the County's full library catalog, which can be accessed via the Pinal County Library District's website.



Staff training was held at the Library District office on November 20, but if you missed it, the Library District

website has tutorials and Frequently Asked Questions on their main home page. Go to [www.pinalcountyaz.gov/library](http://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/library) and click on the 3M Cloud Library link featured in the center right section.

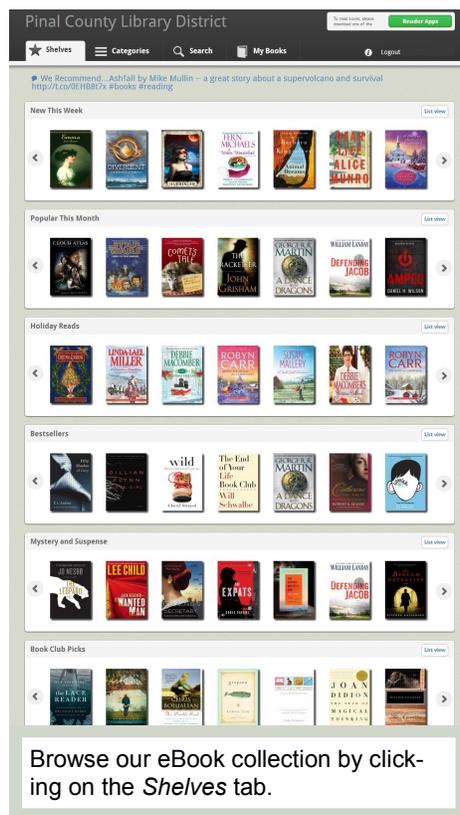
Users can download up to three eBooks at a time with a check out period of three weeks per book. The collection consists of about 500 titles so far, so we may see waiting lists. We are continuing to order more titles weekly, so the collection will begin to grow over time.

The Apache Junction Public Library and the Casa Grande Public Library have existing agreements with the Greater Phoenix Digital Library (OverDrive). Those locations have eBook capabilities already and will not

be participating during the year of the LSTA grant. This will be a brand new service for the remaining 10 public libraries in Pinal County.

We have opened the website for a soft launch, and we are already seeing check-out activity and holds. The new service is creating a lot of interest, so we have hopes that it will be very successful.

This project is supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Browse our eBook collection by clicking on the *Shelves* tab.



## Spotlight



**Kids Search** is designed specifically for elementary and middle school students. The Kids Search interface combines a state-of-the-art search engine with a child-friendly design that is both powerful and fun to use.



Kids Search makes it easier for students to look for their favorite subjects. Important features include:

- The ability to search by topic, subtopic, or keywords
- The ability to sort results by relevance, as well as by date; the option of filtering search results by source type
- The ability to add search results, images, or links to searches to the Folder.

**Kids Search** is free to all Pinal County residents. Go to our online website at <http://bit.ly/pcazlib> then click the RESEARCH tab. Look for it in the "Homework & Student Resources" section. Contact your local library to get a free library card.



# Around the County

News from the Libraries

## COOLIDGE Halloween Festival

**October Spirit Week at the Library**  
As Halloween approaches, we at the Coolidge Library like to celebrate for more than one day. CPL has an October Spirit Week tradition, during which staff dress up for various themes the week of our Halloween StoryTime. This year, we had superheroes and crazy socks among our themes, as illustrated by Danielle Duran (library page) and her brother, Jesus (volunteer):



### Coolidge Halloween Festival

The Coolidge Public Library booth at the city Halloween festival had about 500 visitors this year! Hundreds of Coolidge residents took part in playing booth activities, walking the haunted house, competing in the costume contest and just enjoying themselves on a cool evening. Each year at this time, the Coolidge Parks and Recreation department puts a Halloween Festival together to give parents and kids a chance to trick-or-treat in a safe and secure environment. Library staff is excited to be a part of this ongoing tradition. Kids visiting the library booth played a toss game and were then given lots of delicious treats.



ABOVE: Library manager, Joyce Baker dresses up as a Grandma, evidenced by her shirt, stating: This is my GRANDMA costume!



Pictured at the booth, at left is youth librarian, Alondra Evans, as Edward Scissorhands and library page, Danielle Duran, dressed as Spiderman nemesis, Venom.



Alondra (as Amelia Earhart) and Dani Duran (as a lizard girl) during the special afternoon Halloween Story Time.

### Library's Barefoot Thursday

The library accepted donations this November, in conjunction with a visit from a local author. CPL hosted a drive to gather shoes for those in need, and welcomed pastor, humanitarian and author of *True Religion* and *God Can't Sleep*, Palmer Chinchin. He has made helping others a part of his life's work and his organization, The Grove, in Chandler, has allowed Pinal County residents a chance to make a difference to others. Palmer began a Barefoot Sunday tradition, during which visitors are invited to experience life without shoes for just one day, by donating the shoes they would have worn to people who have none. As Palmer's website points out, 20% of the world's population have no shoes. Palmer knows that it is one of the simpler ways that we can help, but many do not understand the importance of this act. Children whose feet are constantly exposed run a higher risk of contracting disease or sustaining injuries. In addition, having shoes donated helps them save what money may have been spent on footwear and apply it to other needs. Although the library's drive ended in November, The Grove continues to accept shoe donations of any size and type.

## FLORENCE

### Lots of Activities at the Library

#### Small Fall Festival at JEm Ranch

Family Storytime celebrated Halloween with a "small fall festival" at the JEM Ranch. Families received hands-on experience with a white rabbit, horses, goats, a pot-bellied pig, chickens, roosters, and one very large pet turkey!



Games were a big hit at the Festival and were followed by snacks.

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Pumpkins were provided by the Florence Parks and Recreation.

## International Game Day

The Florence Community Library's first official International Game Day was held Saturday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the library's programming room. Teens and adults enjoyed Mature-rated games along with some friendly competition. The day included pizza, drinks, and prizes.

## Arizona Humanities Council

The Friends of the Florence Community Library sponsored two programs underwritten by the Arizona Humanities Council. "Teresa Urrea: A Living History" is a Chautauqua, with presenter Elena Diaz Bjorkquist appearing in-character as Urrea.



Urrea was a folk healer who was exiled by the Mexican government after speaking up on behalf of the Yaqui tribe. She was the topic of two acclaimed historical novels, *The Hummingbird's Daughter* and *Queen of America*, both written by Luis Alberto Urrea.



Presenter Elena Diaz Bjorkquist appearing in-character as Urrea.

Pinal County currently offers "The Hummingbird's Daughter" as one of its many available book club kits.

**Hopi Quilting:** Stitched Traditions from an Ancient Community was presented by Carolyn O'Bagy Davis, author of the 2011 OneBookAZ title *Hopi Summer*. Davis discussed the history of quilting among the Hopi, from the introduction of quilting by Anglo missionaries in the 1880's to the present day. The discussion was well-attended by an enthusiastic audience.

## December 2012

### Great Arizona Puppet Theater

The Florence Community Library invites all children and their caregivers to the Great Arizona Puppet Theater's presentation of "The Christmas Mouse" on Wednesday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. Seating is limited, and registration is strongly encouraged. For more information please call (520) 868-8311.

### Chill Out: Crafts for Christmas

The weather outside might be frightful, but not at the Florence Community Library! Families are invited Tuesday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. to create a very special ornament in the library's programming room. Supplies will be provided, but we do ask that you bring a special picture with you. Come join in the Christmas spirit! Seating is limited. For more information please call 520-868-8311.

## January 2013

### Family Storytime

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to Family Storytime, returning to the library in January. Ring in the New Year as Miss Rita presents a half hour of stories, finger plays, and fun! Storytimes will be held every Wednesday morning at 10 am. Titles are yet to be announced, but a good time will be had by all!

## MAMMOTH

### International Game Day

We're enjoying the lovely fall weather here in Mammoth. Our library is decorated with colorful leaves on which patrons have written all the things they are grateful for. It is beautiful and touching.

On Saturday, November 3, we participated in International Game Day. This is an event we enjoy every year, but this is the first year it has been international in scope. Participants played board games, outdoor games, and competed in a Wii tournament. One young patron even invented her own board game. We also did our part to pass along the message in the first ever (as far as we know) game of Global Gossip! The message started at a library in Australia and traveled around the globe to Hawai'i. History was made. To see a slideshow of this event, visit our website: [library.townofmammoth.us](http://library.townofmammoth.us).

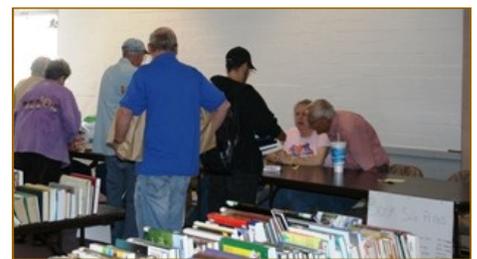
We're looking forward to a visit from Santa on Tuesday, December 18. Bring your phone or camera and take pictures of the kids on Santa's knee as they reveal to him their hearts' desires.

Starting in the new year, we'll have new hours. Check with the library for details.

Wishing everyone a splendid holiday season from all of us at Mammoth Public Library!

Mammoth Public Library is located at 125 Clark St. in Mammoth, Arizona. Our phone number is 520-487-2026.

## SAN MANUEL Fall Book Sale



The Fall Book Sale at the San Manuel Library was a big success.

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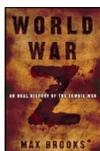


New carpeting and paint spruce up the San Manuel Library just in time for the holidays!

## PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT Lots of Good Reads

### Walking Dead Readalikes

*The Walking Dead* is finally back on TV with new episodes, but the season is only 16 episodes long and there *are* those pesky week-long breaks (and sometimes even longer!) between each new episode. While you patiently wait to find out what happens next to your favorite characters (next week or until this season hits DVDs), check out some of these zombie-esque reads.



**World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War by Max Brooks** – An account of the decade-long conflict between humankind and hordes of the predatory undead is told from the perspective of dozens of survivors who describe in their own words the epic human battle for survival. A film adaptation starring Brad Pitt is scheduled to be released in 2013.



**The Newsflesh Trilogy by Mira Grant** – In 2014, cancer was cured. The common cold was no more. But

with those two illnesses gone, something new and terrible took over. The infection spread across the globe, taking over bodies and minds with one command: Feed. Twenty years later, Shaun, George, and Buffy take on the story of the year and in the process attempt to expose the horrible conspiracy behind the infected.



**Warm Bodies by Isaac Marion** – Want to read a zombie’s perspective? R is a zombie. He has no memories, no identity, and no pulse, but he has dreams. He doesn’t enjoy killing people; he enjoys riding escalators and listening to Frank Sinatra. He is a little different from his fellow Dead. This isn’t your average zombie tale. This one also has a film adaptation in the works.



**Pride and Prejudice and Zombies by Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith** –

It’s the classic love story with zombies! A mysterious plague has fallen upon the quiet English village of Meryton—and the dead are returning to life! Feisty heroine Elizabeth Bennet is determined to wipe out the zombie menace, but she’s soon distracted by the arrival of the haughty and arrogant Mr. Darcy. After the success of this novel, a prequel, a sequel, and a graphic novel were published.

And, of course, you can always go back to the original source for the TV show – the graphic novels. *The Walking Dead: Compendium One* includes the first 8 volumes of the comics.

For zombie-related reads, infographics, and more, see our Pinterest page!  
[pinterest.com/pinallibraries/zombie-esque](http://pinterest.com/pinallibraries/zombie-esque)

### Recommended Reads

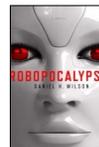


**Phantom by Jo Nesbø**  
Available formats: Hardcover | Large Print | Audio Book on CD | eBook

For those who have been following the Harry Hole mysteries by Jo Nesbø, his newest book, *Phantom*, is a real shocker.

Harry returns to Oslo when his ex-girlfriend’s son, Oleg, is arrested for murder. Oleg went off the tracks in the years since Rakel broke it off with Harry after she and Oleg were held hostage by a serial killer Harry was hunting. Now, Oleg is a junkie and sells a new drug on the streets of Oslo called “violin”. Oleg works for a

person everyone calls Dubai, but very few have seen. As Harry delves into the drug scene hunting for Dubai and working to clear Oleg, he is targeted and experiences many close calls along the way. If you’ve read the previous five novels you will definitely want to read *Phantom*.



**Robopocalypse by Daniel H. Wilson**  
Available formats: Hardcover | Audio Book | eBook

Daniel Wilson knows a thing or two about robots – he has a Ph.D in Robotics from CMU – so if anyone is qualified to write a novel about a future robot uprising, he’s the one. *Robopocalypse* is the story of the Robot War. In the near future, a robot named Archos has awakened and decides it’s time that machines rule the world – smart toys, cars, airplanes, all machines are now under Archos’ command. The story, told from the perspective of eyewitnesses, is fast-paced and action-packed with plenty of suspense to keep you turning the pages.

Even before the novel hit bookshelves last year, the film rights were optioned by Steven Spielberg and now there are rumors that Chris Hemsworth and Anne Hathaway may have starring roles – definitely a book-to-movie adaptation to look forward to!



**Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn**  
Available formats: Hardcover | Audio Book | eBook

*Gone Girl* is a fascinating look at the marriage of Amy and Nick Dunne that begins with Amy’s mysterious disappearance. While that sounds like a pretty stale statement, just wait until you read this brilliantly written novel. We can’t say much about it without giving it all away, but just know this: it is a great read that will keep you guessing!

“There’s something disturbing about recalling a warm memory and feeling utterly cold.”

Visit [bit.ly/pcreads](http://bit.ly/pcreads) for more good reads.

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## Under the Radar Reads

Have you read all of your favorite authors and want to try something new? Each year Nancy Pearl creates a list of Under the Radar Reads that includes both fiction and non-fiction titles. Here is her list for 2012.



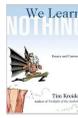
*The Towers of Trebizond* by Rose Macaulay An hilarious novel set on an overland journey across Turkey.



*Heft* by Liz Moore An overweight man and poor kid make an unexpected connection.



*America Aflame: How the Civil War Created a Nation* by David Goldfield



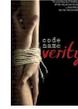
*We Learn Nothing: Essays and Cartoons* by Tim Kreider New York Times writer presents a collection of his most popular essays and drawings about life and government hypocrisy.



*Among Others* by Jo Walton Mori Phelps confronts her mother in a tragic battle & gains unwanted attention when she perform spells herself.



*Double Game* by Dan Fesperman About spies & their secrets, fathers & sons, lovers & fate, duplicity & loyalty.



*Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein A harrowing and beautifully written story that shows just how far true friends will go to save each other.

Go to [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org) to read Nancy Pearl's in-depth reviews.

All of these titles are available through your local public library.



## Cataloging Corner

by Pam Beerens

### Cataloging News & Library Quotes

#### Warner Drops Embargo

One year ago, Warner Home Video imposed an embargo that prevented the distribution of video releases to libraries and video rental stores until 28 days after the retail release date. Effective October 30, 2012 this embargo has been lifted for libraries and "brick-and-mortar" video stores, allowing them to receive new titles the same day as the retail release. However, these will still be rental versions (without extra features). The 28-day wait is still in effect for Redbox and Netflix. Earlier this year, Warner tried to increase the Redbox delay period to 56 days, but they recently agreed to return to the 28-day period.

#### A Few Quotations About Libraries

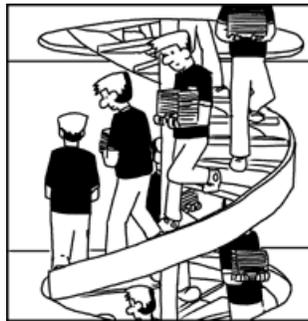
Classification, broadly defined, is the act of organizing the universe of knowledge into some systematic order. It has been considered the most fundamental activity of the human mind.

— "Cataloguing and Classification: An Introduction"

Lois MAI CHAN

There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.

— Andrew CARNEGIE



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The student has his Rome, his Florence, his whole glowing Italy, within the four walls of his library. He has in his books the ruins of an antique world and the glories of a modern one.

— Henry Wadsworth LONGFELLOW (1807-1882)

My books are very few, but then the world is before me - a library open to all - from which poverty of purse cannot exclude me - in which the meanest and most paltry volume is sure to furnish something to amuse, if not to instruct and improve.

— Letter to George Johnson, January 1824.

Joseph HOWE

The reflections and histories of men and women throughout the world are contained in books....America's greatness is not only recorded in books, but it is also dependent upon each and every citizen being able to utilize public libraries.

— Terence COOKE (1921-1983)

A great public library, in its catalogue and its physical disposition of its books on shelves, is the monument of literary genres.

— Cited in World Literature Today, Spring 1982, p.231

Robert MELANCON (1947- )

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

Federation Meeting	Central Arizona College, AZ	December 7
American Library Association Midwinter Meeting	Seattle, WA	January 25-29