



# PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Column

By Denise Keller

### Library District Updates

The Library District recently launched an online Impact Survey to help us understand how our patrons use and benefit from free access to computers and the Internet at the library. Including every public library in Pinal County, there are 389 public access computers, wireless Internet at all locations, and staff available for assistance for all residents.



The results of the Impact Survey were interesting and very informative. A whopping 72% of the respondents said they used a public access computer or the library's wireless network during their visits to their local public library. Here are some additional highlights from the survey.

- The largest percentage, 49%, used library computers to research health topics.
- 43% of respondents reported that they were researching employment needs or applying for a job.
- 42% were using library computers to communicate with family and friends and using social networks.
- 31% of survey respondents were learning about diet or nutrition.

- 27% of respondents researched educational topics or completed homework using public access technology.

Even more interesting, 67% of respondents had access to the internet at home, yet still chose to use the public library computers. Often the added benefit of a librarian or library staff member available to help and answer questions was the influencing factor.

We will be sending out reports detailing the results for each library, along with the Comprehensive Report, Highlights Report, and a slideshow showing major survey results.

Our newest employee, Jodi Griffith, started work on August 11th. Since Pam Beerens left in late April, Eileen has been working very hard to keep up with the cataloging work load. Jodi Griffith will be working with Eileen and learning about our catalog. Jodi moved here from Indiana, so we expect she will need a little time to adjust to our hot weather.



## Spotlight

### CHILTON LIBRARY

Get the detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs. The **Chilton Library** features:

- Maintenance and specification tables that provide the unique data you need for each specific vehicle.
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures supported by close-up graphics which give you the ability to determine your next move with expertise and confidence.
- Vacuum diagrams to simplify troubleshooting.
- Wiring diagrams to help explain system operation.
- Close-up photographs and illustrations for visual support.
- A print button which allows you to easily print out what is needed.



The **Chilton Library** is free to all Pinal County residents. Go to our website at <http://bit.ly/pcazlib> then click the RESEARCH tab. Look for it in the "Automotive" section. Contact your local public library to get a FREE library card.



# Around the County

News from the Libraries

## APACHE JUNCTION New Youth Librarian

Pam Standhart joined us on July 7 as the new Supervisory Librarian in Youth Services. Pam comes to us with 17 years of experience in school and public libraries and is excited to join the Apache Junction Public Library team!

Summer Reading surveys showed that kids loved this year's prizes and programs. Over 300 attended Hogwarts Summer School and enjoyed potions, herbology, Butter Beer and Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes! Activities and a visit from the Dread Fleet Pirates also drew in over 300 attendees for Pirate Day in July. Popular events for younger children included Kinder Prep pre-literacy workshops presented by New Directions Institute and Library Bingo which drew in over 50 participants.

Big family day events are also planned for the fall! You won't want to miss the Third Annual Star Wars Reads Day on October 11. There will be free books for kids 17 years and younger (while supplies last), and you can meet your favorite Star Wars characters from the Dune Sea Garrison and the Mandalorian Mercs! Activities for both of these special days begin at 1:30pm.

Programs for kids will be in full gear beginning in September. Storytimes for infants and preschoolers will be on Thursday mornings beginning September 18, and special events for this age group will include Splash Water Play, Sing with Your Baby, Brain Boxes, and Kinder Prep.

School-age kids can participate in a variety of programs both after school and on Saturdays including: Paws 2 Read, Family Legos, and Create a Creation, as well as new STEM-based programs like the Crazy 8s Math Club and STEM Saturdays.



Calling all superhero fans! Join us for this fun, family event on Saturday, September 6th starting at 1:30 p.m. Meet superheroes from the Arizona Avengers and Justice League of Arizona. Enjoy fun activities and crafts for kids and meet heroes from the Apache Junction Police Department and Apache Junction Fire District.

**BE A HERO: Donate Blood!** The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be on-site. To register for an appointment call 480.474.8578, visit the library or the website [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) (sponsor code: AJPL).



Salt River Project, SRP, interactive display has been an enhancement to many events at the Apache Junction Public Li-

brary. The display allows children to determine the easiest light bulb to provide energy plus has water safety tips and other brochures, giveaways and information on saving energy and money for the homeowner.

For more information visit [www.ajpl.org](http://www.ajpl.org) or call 480-474-8555.

## CASA GRANDE The Pop-Up Arcade

"Mr. David", as the littlest patrons call the Children's Librarian at Vista Grande, strives for interactive glee. Melding his background in the entertainment and tech industry with his hobbies in puppetry, comics, and video games, David Brown is constantly on the lookout for a way to engage the children. It is the latter interest in videos games, which spurred his latest idea.

Inspired by his visit to Tucson's Maker-House, Brown installed two jumbo-sized joy-stick controllers in front of his office window. The controllers are huge by design; on one hand it is a practicality to prevent the joysticks from mysteriously disappearing from the library. On the other hand, the oversized items add a sense of whimsy to the set up. A television screen fronted with a castle motif is pushed up to the window from the inside of his office. He has a choice collection of classic arcade games such as Pac Man, Sonic the Hedgehog, Super Mario Brothers 3, and a few more. The arcade only makes its appearance when children's programs are not in session.

He cites the goal for young patrons to wander over and realize these are different games than what they are used to.

"Hopefully, their parents might exclaim, 'Hey! I used to play this as a kid!'" and proceed to show the kids how to beat the game." The pop-up arcade encourages parent-child connection and assists with bonding over a shared experience. Since installing the moveable arcade two months ago, numerous children have wandered over and shared this great experience with their parents and each other. "I like it because it doesn't require a lot of time on my part and yet it is a fun way to serve the kids."

"Mr. David" is known as the voice behind Professor Blue and friends, the Muppet-esque puppets famous amongst the story-time set at Vista Grande Library. He is continuously introducing technology to the children with such products as the MaKey Makey and a demonstration of the Pinal County Library Districts's 3D printer.



There is some speculation that an interactive musical tree might be making an appearance at Vista Grande in the upcoming months. So while Brown is plotting the Next Big Thing to bring to Vista Grande's youngest demographic, he'll set up the arcade for the kids, knowing some of their insatiable curiosity and wonder is being satisfied by the likes of Pac Man and Sonic the Hedgehog.

## COOLIDGE Summer @ the Public Library

The summer was busy, yet exciting with a variety of both fun and educational events for all ages! We had several special guests visit Coolidge this summer.

David Harbster, an award winning scientist, professor, and known as "Dave the Scientist" from the Wallace and Ladmo



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show, visited the library for “A Sense of Wonder.” Children had fun with hands-on learning while being introduced to a variety of basic science concepts.

Jungle Jill visited the Performing Arts Center here in Coolidge and she brought along some fun friends! With her, she had a variety of jungle birds and some amazing reptiles. Up close, kids learned about animals like the sulcata tortoise and the kookaburra.

We were happy to have Ann Leonard, Emerging Technologies Librarian with the Pinal County Library District, visit to teach tweens and teens about 3D printing technology. She explained some of the amazing ways 3D printing is changing the world, and provided a demonstration for all.

Michael Dixon from the Mobile Vinyl Recorders visited from Tucson to teach tweens and teens the science of sound and the history and evolution of recorded sound. The kids used only a record and a few other household items to create sound. In conclusion, he let everyone record themselves on a record for the library to



Listening to music with just a record, paper clip, pencil, and cup.

keep. Staff and volunteers from the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument visited to teach kids about the Ruins, as well as the science of archaeology. Kids used an old fashioned pump drill to make beads for necklaces.

Students from CAVIT’S Cosmetology Program came over to teach teens and adults about the chemistry of hair. Patrons learned how different products, environmental factors, and even foods can impact their hair. Everyone was given the chance to ask questions about their own hair and was given a complimentary service at the school.

For the last combined Teen/Tween program, we hosted a T-Shirt Tie-Dye event for everyone.

Our End of Summer Reading Party was a hit with our special guest, Jeb Earl the Magician! Jeb’s program focused on both magic and science to coincide with the summer’s theme. The audience loved him and he had everyone laughing the entire time.

### Coming Soon

Award winning children’s author Conrad Storad will visit the library on Saturday, September 20th from 10 -12 for a workshop on writing and presenting non-fiction to students. The session is a beginner’s guide for teachers, parents, and grandparents who work with young writers and readers, both the enthusiastic and reluctant variety. The session offers tips for writers of all ages.

Richard Rosales from APS will come to the library at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 25th. He plans to discuss ways residents can save both money on utility bills and energy in their home.

In October, we will host two Affordable Care Act information sessions for patrons. Maria Villalobos, the Lead Regional Navigator with Sun Life will visit on October 15th at 4:00 p.m. and October 24th at 11:00 a.m.

## FLORENCE Library Events

Florence has recently been named Arizona’s “top city on the rise.” Library programming remains on the rise at the Florence Community Library, with 2014’s



Summer Reading Program ending on a high note and an exciting Fall programming season soon to start!

Summer Reading: Arcel E. Lopez was the top children’s reader for “Fizz!Boom!

Read!,” the 2014 children’s Summer Reading Program. Florence’s youth read a combined total of more than 33,000 minutes this summer. Thanks to our community partners, exciting prizes were available for the top readers. Arcel received a tablet, a book, and a prize bag. Sarah Colter, the library’s top teen reader, received Harkins Theatre tickets for four, a book, and a prize bag.

Moms’ Hands: This Fall sees the start of “Moms’ Hands,” a free multi-generational “adult” craft time. The August program focused on setting up a scrapbook page. Participants received a hands-on demonstration of the Cricut Expressions and Accu-cut machines. Kaylon Horn, the lead “mom” managing the program, and Children’s Librarian Rita Marquez shared creative ways to create a scrapbook, and provided a list of supplies to complete a scrapbook at home. The group will continue to meet monthly, as a supplement to the library’s regular Storytime program.

STEAM Kits for Libraries: The Library was selected to participate in the Arizona State Library’s “STEAM Kits for Communities” program. It has been widely documented that STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) programs can enhance a child’s engagement in the learning process. The library received 15 interactive kits, intended to encourage self-initiated learning, critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving.



For very young children, the library intends to incorporate the kits into regular Storytime and Moms’ Hands programs. For tweens, a “STEAM Camp” will allow participants an opportunity to engage with the materials. The library also hopes to coordinate with teachers at the high school to find ways to present STEAM programs to students.

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**3D Printer Demonstration:** August 15th patrons were treated to a demonstration of Pinal County's new 3-D printer. Ann Leonard, guided patrons through the steps to create and print an object. At the end of the hour, participants were able to view the cup that had been printing as they worked, watched, and listened. Florence extends its thanks to Ann, as well as to the Pinal County Library District for making this program possible!



Earl demonstrating his un-burst-able bubbles

**Teddy Bear Picnic:** The library celebrated the end of summer with a "Teddy Bear Picnic" on August 26. The spotlight story of this free event was "The Teddy Bears' Picnic," by Jimmy Kennedy. Children and their caregivers were encouraged to bring their favorite teddy bears and join Children's Librarian Rita Marquez for an evening of "beary" good stories, dress-up, games, crafts, snacks, and drink.

Day," on June 26. We had 20 attend, along with a number of adult helpers.

There were water games such as "Frozen Feet" where they had to pick up marbles with their toes while standing in ice filled water. Additionally there was "Pinaqua" which was a water balloon filled "piñata", playing in the sprinklers, as well as other water based games. We finished off with pizza, ice cream, and root beer floats,

**Writing Workshop:** September programming concludes with "Writing Historical Fiction," a ONEBOOKAZ workshop. Donis Casey, author of the Alafair Tucker mysteries, will visit the Library. She will discuss recreating historical periods in order to "give the reader an experience," sharing tips about: setting the stage to take the reader back in time; providing delicious little details of life that will make the story ring true; capturing the attitudes of the historical period; and using the resources of the time period to help develop the story. This workshop is made possible by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State.



Kearny 2014 Summer Reading Finale

while Library Assistant Vickie Lechuga handed out goodie bags to all the attendees and summer reading winners.

For more information about Florence Community Library programs, please contact the library at (520) 868-8311.

## KEARNY

### Summer Reading Water Fun

Magician Jeb Earl made a visit to the Kearny Public Library with a special science themed show in honor of this year's Summer Reading Program theme: Fizz, Boom, Read. Incorporating science into a magic show kept the kids entertained while learning!

Kearny Public Library held its Summer Reading Program finale event, "Water Fun

learning experience, taking home the 2nd iPod Shuffle as her prize.

We had two great programs for the kids. David Flynn out of Tucson is an artist/blacksmith with a portable work station. The kids loved him and they all got to take home metal souvenirs.



David Flynn artist and blacksmith

If anyone is interested in using Mr. Flynn next year just contact me for his information.

Ann from Pinal County Library District came out and did a 3D printer demo and it was great also. The kids saw a slide show presentation to learn all about this newly available technology. They were amazed with the printer and all that was made right in front of them. Ann raffled off two great designs that were made on the printer.



Blue rabbit created with the 3D printer

## MAMMOTH Summer Reading & STEM Games

We had a great Summer Reading Program this year. We had 50 kids in all that signed up for the program! That was a HUGE increase from last year when we had about 12. We did a reading contest online using raz-kids. This was the program we purchased to teach our Tutoring With Tablets program. The kids loved it. The winner of the contest got an iPod Shuffle.

We had a bird watching contest that was a lot of fun. The kids checked out Monoculars, and had a month to view and catalog as many birds as possible. The winner had 44 birds listed. She took a trip to the Reid Park Zoo in Tucson and had a great

We have our assistant librarian back to work after maternity leave. She had a baby girl in May.

We received STEM games from the Arizona State Library. We also have a grant in process from the Saddlebrook Outreach program for additional games and technology. We are putting together a STEM fair for our kids 8-18. We are hoping that this takes place within the next month.

Everything is going great at the Mammoth Public Library!

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## SAN MANUEL Summer Fun at the Library

In June, Kent Fletcher and Ann Petty, Capstone Pinto Valley Mine representatives, brought a big surprise to the San Manuel Library – a check in the amount of \$2,000! The money donated to the library will help offset monthly expenses and provide additional programs. The library would like to thank Capstone Pinto Valley Mine for its generosity.

The Summer Reading Program blasted off at the San Manuel Library with a journey through the universe. The presentation included a slide show, hands-on activity and a peek through a telescope. Children in the program read more than 6,300 minutes and participated in a coloring activity, which was displayed in the library.

The program ended with a splash at the San Manuel Pool, where participants who met their reading goals, along with their families and staff were honored with an Eegees party.



Swim Party at the San Manuel pool.

In July, the Book Club invited special guest Cathy Hufault, author of “Death Clouds on Mt. Baldy: Tucson’s Lost Tragedy,” to participate in the discussion. Other

members of the tri-community were also invited to participate. The discussion included a slide show of actual footage and re-created events, a lively narrative of the story, and a question and answer session. Refreshments were served.

A new digital service program is now being offered at the San Manuel Library. Make an appointment with our tech specialists, Nathan or David, and learn how to download free apps provided by Pinal County Library District. If you are interested in free music or movies, you will want the Hoopla app. For those interested in free e-books or magazines, the 3M Cloud Library and Zinio apps are must-haves. Bring your laptop or mobile device to learn how to access these free digital services with your Pinal County Library card.

The library will host "Paint a Pumpkin" on October 20 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Come paint a pumpkin as your favorite book character. Pumpkins and supplies will be provided at the library - all you need to do is narrow down your favorite book character and let the creativity take over! All pumpkins will be displayed in the library until October 27. Remaining pumpkins will be donated for home decorations.

Contact the San Manuel Library for more information: 520-385-4470

## SUPERIOR

### Summer Reading at the Library

Our 2014 Summer Reading Program got underway on June 4th. Thirty children

participated in our program from Preschool to 6th grade on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Our part time staff person, Jennifer Volkert, helped with the programs.



Mentos experiment!

We had a great turn out for the finale on Thursday, June 26th. Participants received their awards and prizes. Resolution Copper gave each of the children who participated a build your own “Soda Can Robug” kit. They also donated two cases of water for the children. The Friends of the Superior Public Library, Inc. provided refreshments. Ann Leonard, Emerging Technologies Librarian from PCLD, demonstrated the 3D printer.

The Superior Sun gave us front page coverage and a short article in the July 2, 2014 issue. We would like to thank Reporter and Council Member Mila Besich-Lira for covering our program.

Plans are underway for teachers in grades K - 6 to bring students in their class to visit the library and check out books. An orientation will be given to students on how to use the library and what resources are available to them. Visits will start in September after Labor Day Holiday. Each class will visit once each month.

Contact the Superior Public Library for more information: 520-689-2327



## Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

### Staff Update

By now I am sure everyone is aware that Pam Beerens, our county cataloger, has moved on to a new position with the Gila County Library District in Globe. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.

For the last few months I have been working hard to keep up with all the cataloging issues for all of the libraries in our county until we could hire a second cataloger. It

has been very difficult and I still have a backlog of both books and media items sitting on carts waiting for cataloging.

We are thrilled to welcome Jodi Griffith to work with me here in the PCLD office. Jodi comes from Indiana and has interned at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., so she comes with knowledge of the MARC record. Jodi is busy learning about Polaris and how to manage both the bibliographic and the authority databases, along with learning how to convert AACR2

records to full RDA records. For now, Jodi will be cataloging all the books while I am cataloging all media items.

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

Remember, the catalog 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

Association for Rural and Small Libraries 2014 Annual Conference	Tacoma, WA	September 3 - 6
Federation Meeting	Casa Grande Union High School	September 12
Internet Librarian 2014 Annual Conference	Monterey, CA	October 27 - 29