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Director's Column

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Spotlight

Library District Updates



The biggest news item we have this month would have to be Delise's early retirement! She has decided that life is short and she would prefer spending her time with family. We

will miss her, but we do wish her the best. What could be better than spending lots of time with your grandchildren?

The application for State Grants in Aid is currently going through the county's approval process. Once I have final approval, it will be submitted to the State Library online. The State of Arizona has changed to a new accounting system which has delayed the payment of checks, so we may not be able to send checks out for another month or more.



The funds for the LSTA grant "Operation Digitization" have arrived, and Ann has started reviewing and updating the equipment list. The original list is from March, so we want to make sure we are purchasing the latest and greatest equipment.

In the meantime, Ann is meeting with libraries to hammer out the details of Operation Digitization's procedures and logistics. She's also been reaching out to local historical societies, as the

State Library's Arizona Memory Project took great interest in the historical significance of the community's personal mementos, and is seeking potential donations.

The grant for "Maximizing Success" is moving along. We are fine-tuning the survey and making plans for the launch.

We have been working with LeCroy & Milligan to refine the questions and responses so that we will be able to compare data across all data sets. Alex has sent LeCroy & Milligan the email addresses pulled from Polaris, which provided a base to develop a sampling plan. For the online survey, the Library District will send out two emails announcing the survey, and alerting people that the participation invitation will be coming soon. Patrons will have an opportunity to opt out, if they so choose. The participation invitation will go out through Survey Monkey (except for those who opted out). Ten days later, we will determine if we have enough responses and likely send a second or third invitation.

We will also have a paper survey available at all sites. The data collected can be inserted into a large envelope and kept secure until it can be delivered by library courier to the Library District office.

We are still tweaking the plan, so please feel free to send us suggestions and/or concerns.



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APACHE JUNCTION Youth Activities & News

One of the main attractions to the Apache Junction Public Library's children's department, Judy Antrim, retired July 31st. Judy was well loved by the public and her co-workers. Judy's love of flamingos, children and books was well reflected in her wonderful career working in libraries, doing story times and children's programs. Judy touched many lives and helped many people without even knowing it.



Judy Antrim, pictured here with her husband Bob, will be missed by many.



Teen volunteers Dustin Smith & Brenna Murphy pose with Princesses from Fairy-tale Events.



All ages learn about the history of paleontology in Kirby Soderberg's entertaining "Dinosaurs Exposed!" show.

For information about the library's programs, visit the Apache Junction Public Library's website at www.ajpl.org or call (480) 474-8555.

CASA GRANDE After Summer Ends

Wow! What a summer! After offering a myriad of programs in the last six weeks, the Casa Grande Public Library closed out our Summer Reading Program with an amazing Super Hero Comic-Con!



About 1,000 people stamped through our doors. Costumed heroes from Star Wars, Cartoon Network, Marvel and the DC universe, and made-up characters participated in games, trivia, had their portraits drawn, arm wrestled the Hulk, and strutted their stuff in a costume contest showdown.



The Casa Grande Dispatch covered the event and people are already asking if this is an annual event.—It is now!

Coming off the success of our Summer Reading Program, the Casa Grande Public Library has amped up its autumn offerings. This season, patrons can expect to see Children's Librarian, Mr. David in the afternoons at the Main Library hosting Tween Tuesday and with Professor Blue during Puppet Time. In addition, Baby Yoga classes will be starting on Fridays at the Main Library for the little ones and their parents. Mrs. Andersen, Vista's Teen Librarian is loading her schedule for after school programs every weekday with gaming, movies, old school games, and drop-in crafts for teenagers. Vista Grande's Adult

Librarian, Miss Davis, is pulling out all the stops for the Literati Book Club Premiere centered around *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern; with a mentalist, black lights, and outlandish costumes! The Main Library will continue to offer its popular technology classes on iPads, eReaders, and Basic Computers.

But that's not all! Starting this fall both Casa Grande and Vista Grande Library will be hosting After Hours events and programs a few times a month to meet the needs of the community once the sun goes down. There will be movie premiere parties, gaming tournaments, trivia on the patio, and other various activities for patrons of all ages.

WAIT!—There's more! Vista Grande Library will be unveiling the first ever MakerSpace in Pinal County provided by an LSTA grant. Our local community can look forward to new hobbyist classes every month. Patrons will have access to sewing machines, Legos, robotics, arts and crafts, iMacs with Skyping capabilities, movie maker software and much, much more!

Keep your eyes peeled for more information as we progress through another fun-filled season!

Contact the Casa Grande Libraries for more information: (520) 421-8710

COOLIDGE Summer & Fall @ the Library

Mini Con was the kick off to our Summer Reading Program this year. It was a celebration of heroes of all kinds and we partnered with several local organizations to make this an event to remember. At Mini Con, all ages could sign up for summer reading but that was just the start. There were several craft and game tables, 3D printing demonstrations, STEAM kits, face painting, and glitter tattoos. We had random superhero trivia, a basic costume contest, a mini Friends of the Library book sale, and the Phoenix Comic Con Street Team partnered with us to help provide a photo booth for attendees. It was definitely an event to remember for everyone involved!

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Mini-Con at the Coolidge Public Library

On October 14th, we are excited to invite Arizona author Lissette Torres to Weekly Storytime. She will read her children's book, "We're Not So Different After All," which is a playful story of acceptance and understanding featuring Maggie Hope, a little girl with special needs. This event will be geared to school age children. On November 4th, history professor and Library Board member, Ralph Swain will do a discussion and book signing of his local history book, "Coolidge." We encourage patrons to sign up for this event in advance by calling (520) 723-6030 or emailing us at library@coolidgeaz.com. The book is due out in October.



Inside the new Florence Community Library

One program that we did for the first time was a Stuffed Animal Sleepover. We invited families with children ages 3-7 to bring a stuffed animal to the library for a Storytime. After listening to the story, children created name tags and sleeping bags for their stuffed animals and then tucked their animals in for the night.



The next morning, the kids came back for a light breakfast and then watched a slide-show to see what their animals did once the library closed. The feedback was so positive from everyone that we are excited to make it an annual event.

On Friday, November 13th, Jan Sandwich will visit the Artisan Village of Coolidge for a musical Patriotic Show for adults. We encourage patrons to sign up for this event in advance by calling (520) 723-6030 or emailing us at library@coolidgeaz.com.

For more information, please contact the Coolidge Public Library: (520) 723-6030

ELOY Computer Classes

The Eloy Santa Cruz Library is offering a series of Basic Computer classes. The classes will be held every Thursday morning at 10:00 am for six weeks, beginning August 27th. The classes will cover basic computer operation, use of computer mouse, Internet Explorer, email and word processing. Whether you are a new computer user or just want to refresh your skills, join us at the library.

For more information, please contact the Eloy Santa Cruz Library: (520) 466-3814

In addition to expanded collection space, the new library has quiet study rooms available for public use. The library also offers a Teen area, a Crafts room, and a Storytime area, as well as AV-equipped program space for guest speakers, the library's monthly movies and book club, and other functions.

The library has a number of programs scheduled for the fall including OneBook-AZ author Sara Fujimura, and a two-part Community & Civic Engagement workshop. September also sees the return of regular library programming such as the Coffee Club, Family Storytime, and the monthly Movie Discussion and Screening.

For more information, please contact the Florence Community Library: (520) 868-8311



Tween Titans had another very successful summer. The kids participated in their own Superhero Training Academy. We had a laser run, target practice, and they created

their own capes and eye masks. We also learned about the moon from the Lunar & Planetary Institute's Explore! Marvel Moon Program. Tweens learned about impact craters and basins on the moon and how these provide insight for scientists on the lifespan of the moon.

FLORENCE New Library Opening Soon!

The Florence Community Library is now at its new location, at 778 N. Main Street, opening to the public in early September. The new library occupies almost 13,000 square feet, more than double its previous size, offering opportunities for expanded services.

For more information, please contact the Florence Community Library: (520) 868-8311

KEARNY Summer Reading Fun

This year's Summer Reading Program theme, "Every Hero Has A Story," included make believe Super Heroes as well as Local Heroes, such as our Police, Fire, EMT's and Air Evac.

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June 4th, was our “Celebrate Your Local Hero Day” with librarian and 4th-6th grade Summer Reading Program teacher Vickie Lechuga. We invited our Police Chief Corso and his crew down for their own special day.



We cannot thank Chief Corso and his crew enough for their response. They went above and beyond the call of duty, by having not only the Police, but the Fire Dept, Ambulance and Native Air Emergency personal come and bring all their equipment for the kids to explore.

On June 10th, Ronald MacDonald made a visit to the town of Kearny. With 120 people in attendance, he was a hit, doing magic tricks, dancing with the kids, and getting them involved in his program. At the end of the program he took pictures with everyone.



Library Manager Janet Danilow and Vicki Lechuga with Ronald McDonald.

For more photos go to the library’s website <https://kearnylibrary.wordpress.com>

SAN MANUEL

Library Flooded after Major Monsoon Storm

Wednesday, July 29th, about 5 P.M. two colossal storm systems approached San Manuel, one from the Southwest over the top of Mt. Lemmon and one from the Southeast along the ridge of the Galiuro Mountains. The storms clashed directly

over San Manuel sending down a torrential rain of 2-4” in less than an hour, an extreme amount of lightning, and small hail.

The streets and alleys of San Manuel quickly became overwhelmed with the deluge of water, mud, and rocks as retaining walls ruptured, street pavement was literally gouged from the earth, and homes and businesses flooded.



Monsoon rains flood San Manuel streets.

Among the buildings flooded was the San Manuel Library as the deluge breached the outside walls and door on the uphill side of the building. Fortunately, since staff had not left when the ankle deep water spread through the building, they were able to remove and unplug electrical connections so that no electronics were damaged.



Flood water in the library’s Teen Room.

Water was removed quickly and fans were brought in to dry carpeting and inside walls. The outside wall has been temporarily repaired. Some books were damaged, but the number was kept to a minimum due to the quick action of the staff. Although no furnishings were damaged, the library was closed beginning Thursday to give the building time to dry out, to clean carpets and outside walkways, and to assure the safety of our patrons. The library reopened Tuesday afternoon, August 4th.

SUPERIOR

Library & School Collaborate for the Summer Reading Program

When JFK Principal Manny Ramirez was unable to find a teacher for summer school, he asked if the library would be

willing to collaborate their summer reading program with summer school. Library Director Josie Campos agreed and the summer school program was saved.

Library Aide, Jennifer Volkert, Bat Girl, and Josie Campos visited at the JFK elementary school promoting the library’s Summer Reading Program, “Every Hero has a Story.”

Kids who went to Summer Reading on Tuesday, went to summer school on Wednesday. Kids who went to Summer Reading on Wednesday, went to summer school on Tuesday. There was a total of 44 kids who participated in the program.

We ended the program with a party at the elementary school lunchroom. Certificates and bags with incentives were given to each participant. The Superior Fire Department and Superior Police Department also handed out prizes to the kids. Hot Dogs, chips and chili beans, and a soda were provided by Red Bear Outfitters. Ice Pops were given out by Woodmen of the World. Members of the Town Council and School Board members also attended the party.

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success. We look forward to working with the School District in the future to provide programs and share resources that will benefit all the children in our community.



Summer Reading fun at the Superior Public Library.

This fall the Library has two great programs for parents and children ages 0-5. The Fun Van! visits the library every Tuesday from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. And story time with Ms. Sharry is on the last Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

For more information, please contact the Superior Public Library: (520) 689-2327

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DUDLEYVILLE

Kids “Flying High” at the annual Summer Reading Program

The kids in Dudleyville learned that “Every Hero Has a Story” during this year’s summer reading program. In addition to story time, games and crafts, we had four special guests: Batgirl, a Hayden Police Officer, Native Air, and the Dudleyville Volunteer Fire Department. We learned how important we all are in making our community safer.



Hayden Police Department’s Officer Colleen enjoys helping everyone in her community.



Dudleyville Volunteer Fire Department’s Regina and Chris demonstrated their fire fighting equipment and talked about fire safety. Afterwards they cooled everyone off with water from the fire truck.



Bat Girl was a big hit with photo ops, an photographed picture and goodie bags.



Native Air Ambulance’s flight crew, Peter, Jim and Bob gave us all a tour of the helicopter. Everyone who sat in the pilot’s seat got silver pilot wings.

We appreciate our guests’ time and expertise in making this an exceptional summer reading program. And a special thank you to Olivia Morales for making the arrangements for our special guests this summer.

To learn more about Pinal County Library District’s services and the public libraries in Pinal County visit us online at:

www.pinalcountyz.gov/library



Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

New Genre Headings from the Library of Congress

Recently, the Library of Congress developed a genre headings thesaurus specifically for works of literature. In order to understand what genre headings are, we need to step back and take a look at subject headings first. Subject headings are what the work is *about*, i.e., murder, married people, snow, etc. However genre headings are used to describe what the work *is*, not what the work is about. So, if we have a book and the subject heading is “murder” and it is fiction, then it will have a genre heading of “Detective and mystery fiction”. If one searches that genre heading in our catalog, one gets a list of 14,931 bibliographic records. Whew! For anyone who likes mysteries, this is a great way to find a lot of them!

Since these are all new headings, we had to take the old ones that we had made as local

genre headings and replace them with the new Library of Congress genre headings. This was quite a big job. The process entailed finding a close match to the new heading, finding all the bibliographic records that contained that local heading and then deleting it out of those records and finally adding the new genre heading to all of those records. Luckily, our system does have a way to batch delete and batch add headings, but it was still quite time consuming. I am happy to report that any new genre heading that is in this new thesaurus has been added to our catalog. The bad news is that the list from Library of Congress was only half of the headings, the other half won’t be ready until sometime in the fall or winter of 2015 (we hope!).

In case anyone is interested, all genre headings are found in the 655 tag and the new ones look like this:

655 7 \$a Dystopian fiction. \$2 lcgft

The letters in subfield 2 stand for Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms.



Here are some of the new genre headings that you will be seeing in our MARC records along with how many bibliographic records contain these new headings:

- Fantasy fiction (6,178)
- Action and adventure fiction (3,017)
- Graphic novels (5,008)
- Horror fiction (2,037)
- Paranormal fiction (3,209)

There are 79 new genre headings in the catalog now and we hope that they will make it easier for everyone to find books in the genres that they enjoy!

Don’t forget, we will be happy to answer any questions or help with any problem records. Happy cataloging!

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Calendar of Events

Mountain Plains Library Association Annual Conference	Cheyenne, WY	Sept 23-25
Internet Librarian 2015 Annual Conference	Monterey, CA	Oct 26-28
Arizona Library Association Annual Conference	Flagstaff, AZ	Nov 18-20