



# PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Column

By Denise Keller



## Spotlight

### Library District Updates

Now that we have completed the budget process, we can look forward to a new fiscal year and perhaps some new projects. Following is the budget as submitted. This is tentative, so changes are still possible.

### FY 2016/2017 Tentative Budget

Fund Balance	\$ 785,642
Revenue	\$ 2,154,032

**Revenue** \$ 2,939,674

Personnel \$ 621,271

Operating Supplies \$ 645,196

Services \$ 277,660

Non-operating Expenditures

\$ 895,547

Contingency \$ 500,000

**Total Expenditures** \$ 2,939,674

At the Library District, we will be completing the two LSTA grants we started last year in May - a Community Survey and Digitization Stations. All participating libraries have received their new Digitization Stations, along with training for library staff. We are eagerly awaiting success stories, in fact, we will need a few for the final report.

The survey phase of the Community Survey project wrapped up

and we are awaiting the final reports from LeCroy & Milligan. They have developed a template for a comprehensive report for the Library District as a whole which will include a literature review on library patron surveys being done by other library districts and organizations. There will be a different report template for the affiliate libraries for which we reached the target sample size and can therefore do some additional statistical analysis. For the remaining affiliates, they will be able to present the findings in terms of frequencies only – the percentage of respondents who chose the different response choices. We are aiming for early June to see the draft reports.

After quite a long search, we have filled the vacant Emerging Technologies Librarian position. Shawn Flecken joined the Pinal County Library District on April 11, 2016. He is already busy managing the web site and social media accounts. He will be working on finishing the LSTA grant for the Digitization Stations and is learning all about the 3D printer. Shawn is very good at helping others to understand complex systems and will be available to help staff and patrons develop a comfort level and interact with new technologies.

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# Around the County

News from the Libraries

## APACHE JUNCTION ASU Interns at the Library

The Apache Junction Public Library was proud to host three ASU Interns from China this past semester.



Standing above is Robin and seated are Shan and Steven. Robin is a computer science major. Shan and Steven are business majors.

The three international students learned about how the library functions from putting away materials, weeding materials, de-processing materials, repairing materials and shifting materials and shelving. Robin, Shan and Steven were able to practice their English, experience an American library and we in Apache Junction were able to ask questions about their culture and life in China.

The AJPL youth department had a lot of fun with the preschool community this spring. We held an Easter Egg Hunt that drew in 200 people and also participated in the national Week of the Young Child by hosting many sensory and dramatic play events each day. On Saturday, May 21 we will also provide patrons of all ages the opportunity to release their inner scientist, technician, engineer, and mathematician at our Family STEM day. Families can explore STEM gadgets, build LED Bugs, Bristle Bots, and Silly Putty, and participate in demos and panels.



Easter Egg hunt at the Apache Junction Public Library

We are really proud of our new website. Visit us at [ajpl.org](http://ajpl.org) to see the changes! Our upcoming event showcase and online program registration are definite highlights.

Upcoming events for our Summer Reading Program include a Minecraft Party, puppet shows, and an American Girl Tea. The adults will have a blast with a Downton Abbey Tea, a Launch Party for new technology, and adult coloring for relaxation (during kids' programs). Lastly, AJPL will celebrate 30 years of service at the current location in July.

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

## CASA GRANDE Fun Programming

So much has happened at the Casa Grande Libraries just this past month!

We opened The Lounge in conjunction with our new partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Casa Grande at the beginning of April. It is a daily after school program for teens held at the library, staffed by the awesome crew of the Boys and Girls Club. It allows the library to be "open" until 6 pm for teens on school nights. The Lounge has been a huge hit! The young adults enjoy the more laid back hangout atmosphere and appreciate the safe environment for their general teenage mischief and shenanigans.

The first Wednesday of April we wrapped up our Literati Book Club "Genre Trippin'" with an EPIC shoot out finale held at our partner The Museum of Casa Grande's Western Saloon! The Deputy City Manager, the Community Services Director, the Recreation Superintendent, our Library Manager and her Police Dispatch husband, and the Vista Grande Library's Adult Services Librarian participated in our wild western skit with hysterical results (All unplanned! And all the better for it!) The best part? The whole skit was filmed and will be available for online viewing soon!



The stars of our wild western skit at the Museum of Casa Grande's Western Saloon.

Then . . .! On April 15th, we had the ribbon cutting of our new Cox Technology Center. Cox generously donated \$25,000 for updated computers in the Vista Grande computer lab. The Mayor and Library Manager were on hand to do the honors along with a representative from Cox Charities. Patrons have raved about the updated lab and we continue to look forward to our partnership with Cox.

The party to end all parties, however, was the Alice in Wonderland Croquet Party. The Children's Librarians from both branches, the Library Manager and three fabulous library assistants from our Main branch held a wonderful croquet party in the neighboring park for all kids on an early April morning. Over 100 participants turned

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out for our first ever croquet party. We now consider this an annual event by popular demand. It's just going to get bigger from here on out!



Casa Grande Main and Vista Grande Library Staff having fun at the Alice in Wonderland Croquet Party!

Contact the Casa Grande Libraries for more information on all of their programs: (520) 421-8710

## COOLIDGE Summer @ the Library

In March, we welcomed a visit from professional Beatles scholar, Aaron Krerowicz. Passing through Arizona on tour, he stopped in Coolidge to present *The Beatles: Band of the Sixties*. Aaron was an enthusiastic and very knowledgeable presenter. Additionally, we have his books, "The Beatles & the Avant-Garde," and "From the Shadow of JFK: The Rise of Beatlemania in America" available for check out.



Aaron Krerowicz presenting *The Beatles*

Other adult program from the last few months include Social Security with AARP, Raising Backyard Chickens, Music Therapy, and a Homebuyers Program.

In March, we were also excited for our annual visit from Ronald McDonald. Since our local McDonalds recently opened after major renovations, it was perfect timing for a visit. Ronald did magic tricks, told jokes, and read "The Book with No Pictures" by B.J. Novak – a favorite of ours!



We have had some really fun and creative story-times over the last few months. We had a camping storytime, in which we dimmed the lights and the kids "roasted" marshmallows while listening to stories about camping. They eventually got to make some real s'mores!



In March, on Read Across America Day, we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with games, crafts, treats, and Dr. Seuss stories. We had a special storytime during National Library Week, in which a librarian read "Library Day" by Anne Rockwell and kids created their own jumbo library cards. We celebrated Día de los Niños /Libros, read "Book Fiesta," and each child made a crown and picked out a book of their own to keep.

With inspiration from the Imagination Foundation and Caine's Arcade, we did an Earth Day Cardboard Challenge for one of our Tween Titans events.



Kids used their imaginations, as well as repurposed cardboard and other recycled items to create regular household items (like the chair in the picture)! The activity helped kids understand how items can be reused and repurposed, therefore also helping them become more environmentally conscious.

## Coming Soon

We have been busy getting ready for this year's Summer Reading Program: Get in the Game & READ! Our Kick-off Party will be Wednesday, June 1st at 2:00 p.m., at the Coolidge Youth Center (660 S. Main St.). We will have big games (like darts, mini golf, checkers, tic-tac-toe, etc.), LEGO blocks, board games, and everyone can sign up for the reading program.

During the summer, we will have something going on almost every day! Visit [coolidgeaz.com/library](http://coolidgeaz.com/library) to view a schedule of events. We will continue to host Fun Van sessions with First Things First, Weekly Storytimes, Tween Titans, Lego Club, and The Code Club for tweens and teens. Other events will include health screenings for children ages 0-5, a special program with the Casa Grande Ruins, a 4th of July Craft, and Mash-up Mondays for ages 9-18. On June 13th at 3:00 p.m., for example, tweens and teens are invited to a Silkscreen T-Shirt workshop with Red Rohall. Registration is required.

We will also host a variety of adult education classes. We will continue to host "Color Your Worries Away" on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., as well as Adult Book Discussion on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Other programs include a 3D Printer Workshop (all ages) with Chris Guerra from the Arizona State Library, Grow the Rainbow: An Introduction to Vegetable Gardening, (for teens and adults)

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with Master Gardener, Deb North, Crime Prevention & Self Defense Tips with Officer Martinez, and Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body with the Arizona Alzheimer's Association. We encourage registration for our adult programs.

For our End of Summer Reading Program, we invite everyone out to the Coolidge Youth Center for Family Science Night: Brain Games with the Arizona Science Center. The event will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Coolidge Youth Center (660 S. Main St).

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

## KEARNY Library Mural Repainted

The Kearny Public Library received its new paint job and landscaping thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers.



In memory of Abby McDougal, who painted the original mural in 2007, we kept the mural but brightened up the colors.

Our weekly crochet class continues to be popular. We meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 pm.



We have projects for beginners and experts, with one-on-one instruction.

In April the Library celebrated National Library Week with activities such as recognizing National Library Workers day with refreshments all day and Triple Movie Day with popcorn. The Friends of the Library sponsored our Annual Poster Contest . We held an Open House on Thursday for the winners and their families.

For more information about activities and programs, please contact the Kearny Public Library: (520) 363-5861

## ORACLE

### New Ramada at the Library

We are getting the Ramada built over the picnic table at the Library. It looks really good and shady.



The columns will be stuccoed and painted the same color as the library, and the roof will be a beige/tan shingle. As you look through the structure you can see a mosaic sundial and there are stepping stones that have the name of the months on them. All of this was done by an engineer quite a few years ago.

The cactus had overgrown the area and we got it all cleaned up. When we finish landscaping this will be a delightful place for the people of Oracle to sit, visit, watch the traffic go by, look at the mountains or use their computers.

Contact the Oracle Public Library for more information: (520) 896-2121

## SAN MANUEL Week of the Young Child

The San Manuel Library hosted The Week of the Young Child in May. Families from 0 to five were treated to free books, crafts, activities, music, and food.



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Several organizations were on site that provided the community with information about early learning opportunities, programs, and services.

For more information on the Fun Van and other programs and activities, please contact the San Manuel Library at: (520) 385-4470

## SUPERIOR Summer Reading

The Friends of the Superior Public Library held it's annual Book Sale in March during the Apache Leap Moun-

tain Festival. Because there are a lot of people, especially visitors from out of town attending the festival, our Book Sale was a huge success. Both local and out of town people supported our book sale and purchased many books. We plan to have another one in August during the Prickly Pear Festival and see if we can sell more books.

Plans are underway for our Summer Reading Program. We will have weekly activities such as games and stories for children of all ages. We are also planning an Adult Summer Reading Program. Our programs will run June 6 through June 30. On June 29th

at 10:00 am we will be hosting Magician Duffy Hudson at our library. He will be presenting his program on Dr. Seuss. Duffy Hudson is a one man show and he is a Broadway and film actor who brings exciting and entertaining characters to life in his presentations. We are looking forward to hosting Mr. Hudson.

Have a Fun and Successful program at your library this summer!

For more information on the Summer Reading Program and other activities, please contact the Superior Public Library at: (520) 689-2327



## Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

### What does THAT mean??

As a cataloger, we often see things on the books, sound recordings, video recordings, games, etc., that pass through our hands. If you look closely at the information you often might find yourself asking "What does THAT mean?"

One of my perpetual questions has to do with DVDs. Occasionally I will see one that is a DVD-R, and I always wonder what that is and why it might be different from a simple DVD. Recently, I was given the answer in an email on the RDA-L cataloging listserv.

Kelley McGrath, the Metadata Management Librarian at the University of Oregon, has given me permission to quote some of her email.

So, what is the difference between a DVD and a DVD-R?

Kelley says DVDs are "... stamped discs, which are mass produced in a factory by a pressing process." A DVD-R is a burned disc in which "data is



recorded using a laser by a computer's CD/DVD drive."

This helped explain the difference to me. The mass produced Hollywood movies are usually stamped discs, while the smaller companies produce a much lesser amount of discs and so it is more cost productive for them to burn those discs.

Kelley continues, "... it is generally possible to tell them apart by visual inspection ... some discs don't say on the label which type they are and it can be a burden on the cataloger to figure it out. Stamped discs are generally a uniform silver on the bottom while burned discs have a purplish or greenish tint.

It is also usually possible to distinguish the part of a burned disc where data has been recorded from the blank part. There are some exceptions, primarily pirated discs that have been burned, but are manufactured to look like stamped discs."

Whether or not you need to know which type of disc you are cataloging, it is still interesting to find out the answer to a question that might arise during the cataloging process.

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

Federation Meeting	Florence Community Library	May 13
Special Library Association Conference	Philadelphia, PA	Jun 12-14
American Library Association Annual Conference	Orlando, FL	Jun 23-28