



# PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Column

By Denise Keller

### Library District Updates

Library District staff members have been working hard to help cover our loss of staff. We are down by three positions, so we are definitely feeling the pinch.

The Emerging Technology Librarian position has not been filled yet. Perhaps the holidays affected whether or not people applied. Whatever the reason, there were very few applications. We have decided to re-post the position and hope to see if we can get a larger pool of candidates.



Staff members are working on the Digitization Station project. We have received the equipment, and Alex and Shirley are working together to assemble instructions so that patrons will be able to use the stations. Alex has taken stations to Apache Junction, Maricopa and Florence and provided training for staff members. The remaining five stations for Casa Grande, Eloy, Kearny, Mammoth, and San Manuel will be deployed in the next few weeks.

The survey project is moving along quite well, mostly due to the efforts of Steven Wind with LeCroy & Milligan. He has been doing most

of the work for us, which is truly a blessing while we are so short on staff.

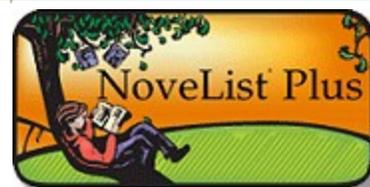
Steven has sent out three waves of invitations to participate through email, the first in early December, then early January. The last reminders went out in early February.

There is usually a big response the first couple of days of a survey's launch and then a tapering off. We have had a smaller response rate with subsequent e-mail reminders. Even so, 4,358 people have accessed the survey through our email invitations. The Library District website has 287 instances of people accessing the survey. We have also received about 300 paper surveys so far.

Steven's team will be meeting soon to look at the number of responses per library to see if we have reached our representative sample target. The survey ends Friday March 4th.

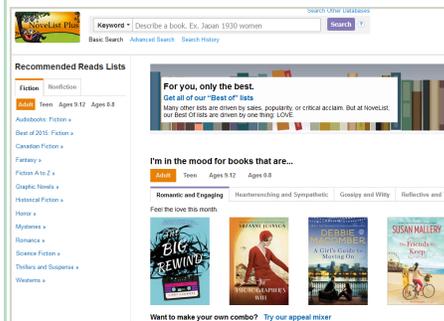


## Spotlight



### What is NoveList Plus?

NoveList is a fiction and non-fiction database with thousands of titles that you can use to search for books that are like your favorites or are in a similar style to your favorite author.



It includes summaries and annotations, the first chapter of some books, Author Read-alikes, Book Discussion Guides, Feature Articles, Award Winners and, an Appeal Mixer to help you find just the right book. NoveList Plus also gives you the ability to create your own personal account so you can:

- Save your preferences
- Organize your research with folders
- Share your folders with others
- Save your search history
- Create email alerts

To find *NoveList Plus* visit our website at [pinalcountyaz.gov/library](http://pinalcountyaz.gov/library) then click the RESEARCH tab. Look for it in the "Books & Literature" section. Contact your local public library to get a FREE library card.



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## APACHE JUNCTION Wonderful Volunteers and Great Programming

The Apache Junction Public Library has wonderful volunteers like Phyllis Niemela pictured here.



Phyllis is President of the Friends of the Library of Apache Junction which has a permanent ongoing book store in the library, Chapter Two. The funds raised by the donations for books, magazines, puzzles and other materials go toward programs and other needs of the library. Many of the FOL members wear the purple smocks to alert browsers they are there to help.

Princesses Merida and Rapunzel from Fairytale Events entertained young and old alike at a very special Holiday Tea Party complete with crowns, cocoa, and cookies in December.



Future youth events include Tunes for Tots, Preschool Engineering, Paint & Juice, and an assortment of exciting activities to celebrate the Week of the Young Child in April.

The winter lecture series has proven to

be a big hit on Tuesday afternoons at the Apache Junction Library. The Arizona Humanities Council speakers were sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Marshall Shore and "Arizona Kicks on Route 66" was a popular lecture!

They are getting rave reviews on their Arizona History topics. The lectures continue through the end of February.

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

### New Makerspace @ Vista Grande

The big news in Casa Grande is the new Makerspace at the Vista Library! The space formally opened to the public with an Open House on Saturday, January 4th. The space features areas dedicated to the arts, math, science, engineering, technology, and multimedia production. The room will function as an open space for collaboration and exploration, and as a space for structured events and programs led by library staff and community members. Check out these pictures from the first watercolor class for kids!

The Makerspace project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Makerspace @ the Vista Grande Library

We can't let the kids have all the fun! We have two book discussion groups for adults, one at each branch of our library. Literati members have been exploring a wide variety of genres this year. In January, they focused on Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough, a biography about Theodore Roosevelt and just look who decided to join us, Old Teddy himself.



This Spring's lineup for adults at the Main Library focuses on the Great Depression and World War II time period. The Lunch Bunch has been dis-

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cluding both fiction and nonfiction titles along that theme. The next novel is *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford and the meeting is Tuesday, March 8th.

The Main Library has been proud to host presenters from the Arizona Humanities Council for a series of monthly discussions sponsored by our Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library. The series has been a popular program, drawing crowds eager to learn more about the roles of Navajo Code Talkers, Arizona's internment camps, and *The New Deal in Arizona*.

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

## COOLIDGE

### Winter @ the Library

In early December, we partnered with Gemini Hospice to offer a workshop on Essential Oils. People in various cultures have been using them for centuries however they have become increasingly popular in recent years. Essential oils have been useful for many as ways to cope with stress, anxiety, headaches, and other medical ailments. We had a great turnout and would love to host the event again in the future.



This past January, we hosted Homebrewing 101. Dennis Mitchell from the Arizona Society of Homebrewers visited the library to talk about the brewing process, equipment, bottling, sanitation, and much more. We had a great turnout and we learned that this craft is actually a lot of work!

We recently partnered with the American Red Cross to host a Community



Homebrewing 101 with Dennis Mitchell.

Blood Drive. It was the first community drive to take place in Coolidge in ten years and we were very pleased with the turnout!



The Red Cross had a goal of 20 pints and with about 27 community members showing up, they reached their goal! We hope that this will be the first of many community drives that we can partner with the Red Cross on.

To celebrate Lewis Carroll's birthday, we had an Alice in Wonderland Tea Party for Weekly Storytime. Children drank "tea" (apple juice) while listening to "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." They made party hats after the story and ate hors d'oeuvres.



Thanks to the Arizona State Library, Public Records and Archives Division, as well as the School of Earth and Space Exploration at ASU, staff had the chance to get the training to teach tweens about Mars. At one of our Tween Titans events, kids learned all about the Red Planet and Mars Rover Curiosity. Based on what they learned, tweens drew a rover prototype and then created their own model to take home.



Model Rover prototype craft.

On February 2nd, we introduced The Code Club to the library. The Code Club is a program geared towards ages 9-18 and provides the opportunity for kids to learn coding and computer programming concepts. Gradually, these kids will learn how apps, computer programs, and video games actually operate.



We thank the Arizona State Library, Public Records and Archives Division for the opportunity to bring programs like this into our library.

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## Coming Soon

We are introducing “Color Those Worries Away,” which is a coloring workshop just for adults. On the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., adults can visit, color, mingle and enjoy a light snack. They are more than welcome to bring their own coloring sheets and supplies to share with others. Coloring is an activity that helps adults be mindful, which in turn, helps reduce anxiety and stress. It’s also a lot of fun!

Pinal County Librarian, Alex Conrad will visit the library on Friday, February 26th at 11:00 a.m. to teach our patrons about genealogy. Many people are interested in researching their family history but are unsure where to begin. Alex will provide some tips and tricks, and go over some of the tools that researchers can use as they begin to fill in their family tree.

On Monday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m., we will host The Beatles: Band of the Sixties with professional Beatles scholar, Aaron Krerowicz. Explore the music of the Beatles in this 60-minute multimedia presentation (part history and part musical analysis) spanning the full 1960’s: beginning with the band’s visits to Hamburg, continuing through Beatmania, and concluding with Abbey Road.

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

## FLORENCE Programming

The Florence Community Library continues to offer regular programs for people of all ages. Some recent highlights include:

### Bartholomew Faire

On December 5, patrons took a trip back in time to see, hear, and learn

about early music with Bartholomew Faire! This musical ensemble was formed in 1996 with the intent of making the arcane and diverse world of early music accessible and enjoyable to all audiences.



Their catch line, “experience the ancient,” beckons the listener to another time and place, and emphasizes the impact that antique music can have on the present moment. The ensemble utilizes a variety of instruments including shawm, oud, and bagpipes to recreate this ancient music.

This project was supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

### Great Arizona Puppet Theatre

The Friends of the Florence Community Library sponsored a visit from the Great Arizona Puppet Theater, a non-profit professional puppet theater founded in 1983. It tours throughout the community with entertaining and educational programs, serving a total audience of 85,000 annually.



The Puppet Theater presented A Monkey Christmas to children of all ages and their caregivers, providing Florence a little holiday Monkey Madness!

### American Masters – Pedro E. Guerrero: A Photographer’s Journey

The library hosted a screening of Pedro E. Guerrero: A Photographer’s Journey. The documentary was shown with permission of THIRTEEN’s American Masters series, and was introduced by Lynn Smith of the Pinal County Historical Society.

THIRTEEN’s American Masters series and Latino Public Broadcasting’s VOCES series joined forces for the first time with this documentary, exploring the life and work of photographer Pedro E. Guerrero. A Mexican American born and raised in segregated Mesa, Arizona, Guerrero went on to have an extraordinary international photography career. He retired to Florence, where he lived until his death in 2012, at the age of 95.

This presentation of American Masters and VOCES was provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and by the National Endowment for the Arts. The Florence Community Library thanks American Masters for permission to screen this program, and the Pinal County Historical Society and Museum for its participation.

### The Crafty Chica

Kathy Cano-Murillo, aka the Crafty Chica, came to the library to present, Creativity, Self-Empowerment, Fulfilling a Dream.



Using creativity exercises, samples, and insider tips, she helped participants

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create an action plan and timeline to achieve their dreams! Cano-Murillo is the founder of CraftyChica.com, an award winning website. She is a former columnist for The Arizona Republic, as well as an artist whose style has been called “Mexi-boho” and Mexican Pop Art. This project was supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

### Valentine’s Craft

Children’s Librarian Rita Marquez presented a free Valentine’s Day craft, guiding children and their caregivers in creating Valentine’s Mailboxes! Children were encourage to bring their favorite Valentines to fill up their boxes. The library’s Accu-cut machine was used to add additional cut-out hearts, and the group used color, paint and even use a little glitter to jazz up their creations!

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

### SAN MANUEL Fun Van at the Library

The Fun Van, which visits the San Manuel Library every Tuesday, fosters a love of books by developing a habit of reading with your child from a variety of quality literature you borrow and return each week. It also teaches parents reading strategies to expand their child's thinking and promotes language and literacy development.



Learn more about the Fun Fan online at: <http://ajpl.org/OLD/van/index.html>

The Fun Van is a free program for parents, grandparents, caregivers and accompanying children ages 0-5 years old. Join us at the library on Tuesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

For more information, about this and other programs, please contact the San Manuel Library: (520) 385-4470

### PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

The Pinal County Library District offers digital products for you to use with a variety of devices such as tablets, eReaders, and smartphones. We have magazines, books, movies, music, audiobooks, comic books, and picture books - all free with a library card from your local public library.

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](http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/library)



# Cataloging Corner

by Jodi Griffith

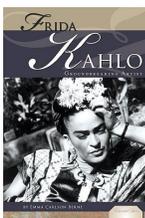
### Biographies

Is there anyone whose biography or autobiography you would be interested to read? Here are a few insights into cataloging which may help you find the next book on your reading list.

Autobiographies and biographies are cataloged differently. If an author writes an autobiography about his or herself, then the book will be cataloged with the first three letters of that author’s last name. For example, *I know why the caged bird sings* is an autobiography that Maya Angelou wrote about herself, and this book is cataloged by the first three letters of Maya Angelou’s last name: ANG.

Biographies, on the other hand, involve at least two parties: the person

who is the subject of the biography and the author who conducted the research and wrote the book.



The biography titled *Frida Kahlo: Mexican artist* contains information about the life of Frida Kahlo, but the author is Emma Carlson Berne. In this instance, the book is not cataloged according to the author, but it is cataloged according to the person who is the subject of the biography. A book about Frida Kahlo is cataloged with the first three letters of her last name: KAH.

There is an exception to this cataloging rule if a biography is written about two or more people. Since the biography titled *Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera*

has two subjects, how should this book be cataloged? A biography with two or more subjects should be cataloged by the last three letters of the author’s last name. The book *Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera* written by Isabel Alcantara would be cataloged with the last three letters of the author’s last name: ALC.

Genre headings such as Autobiographies, Biographies, Diary fiction, and Personal narratives should be included in field 655 to promote further access to non-fiction material about a person’s life.

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

Public Library Association Conference	Denver, CO	Apr 5-9
Federation Meeting	Florence Community Library	March 4
Special Library Association Conference	Philadelphia, PA	Jun 12-14
American Library Association Annual Conference	Orlando, FL	Jun 23-28