



Newsletter

PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

March-April 2004

Director's Column by Denise Keller

Weather bulletin from Seattle: there was some rain, but way more sunshine than might be expected. February 24 to 28 was the Public Library Association Conference. Approximately 8,600 librarians and exhibitors converged on downtown Seattle for several days of excellent programs. Novelist and Pulitzer-Prize journalist Anna Quindlen kicked off the conference by sharing her life-long love of reading and books. We were also treated to a short address by Bill Gates Sr., who extolled the virtues of libraries and emphasized that public libraries had played important roles in his life and his son's. The biggest laugh was when he commented that Bill Jr. is "only 48 years old, but reading at the 50 year-old level."

I was able to attend many wonderful sessions, but the best was easily the Saturday morning presentation by Nancy Pearl, Seattle librarian and the now famous model for the librarian action figure. She started the session by a gentle "sshhhh" which was

received with a big laugh and applause. She related how she had grown up in a dysfunctional family in Detroit, which prompted her to take refuge at her local library. There she discovered the world of books, along with her future profession. She mentioned that she even dreams of her childhood library, which prompted one dinner companion to tell her "get a life!" Her latest book, *Book Lust*, is the best way to discover all her favorite books and recommendations. By the way, the ALA Graphics store reported the action figure as the best selling item.

The closing session speaker was author and poet Sherman Alexie. Mr. Alexie is a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian who has written many books and received several awards. He proved to be a funny and entertaining speaker, with such a sharp wit that it can become a little uncomfortable. He forced us to reconsider our stereotypical views of Indian life and helped us to re-think our attitudes on race rela-

tions, politics, life on the reservation, and much more. Overall, Mr. Alexie was a great speaker, and great choice for closing a wonderful conference. The handouts and notes from the sessions I attended are available for those interested. Most of the information is also available on the PLA website, www.pla.org.

PLA was great, but the big news back home is our Request for Proposals. It has been issued, so we are officially launched. In the next two months, there will be much to accomplish. The due date for vendor responses is March 25. My staff and I will immediately set to work compiling the information from each vendor into a shorter, more manageable document. We will have time to make individual evaluations, identify a workable schedule for demonstrations, and then meet for a final time to see if there is agreement on the best system for us. In the meantime, I will be working on a detailed evaluation form to help us arrive at a good selection.

Online Access to Historical Insurance Maps Now Available by Shirley Condit

The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records has subscribed to Digital Sanborn Maps and it is now available at all libraries in Arizona. These historical maps, some dating back to 1867, show details of street blocks and building numbers including numbers used at the time the maps were made and previous numbers. At their website, <http://sanborn.umi.com>, you can browse Arizona maps by city and date. You can also view, download and print the digital image of every map. For an excellent history of the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps go to: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/snb-intr.html> (The actual history begins about halfway down the webpage.) Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps are of special interest to historians and those doing genealogical research.

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Around the County

APACHE JUNCTION

Plant-a-Seed Read!

This is the Arizona reading program for 2004 for our young school age readers in grades K through 6. This will take place in the spring from March 15 through April 24 at the AJ library. Check at the youth services desk for more details.

Great Arizona Puppet Theater is coming to town!

In honor of National Library Week, the Great Arizona Puppet Theater will be presenting the show,

"Goldilocks and the Three Bears" on Wednesday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the library. The program is appropriate for preschool children and older. There is no registration required for this wonderful free event.

Teen Chat Café

This great teen night out continues on Tuesday, April 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come, bring a friend or two and have a good time. There is no charge and free refreshments will be provided as well.

Teen Book Discussion Tuesday, March 23, 2004 teens will be discussing *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Apache Junction Public Library. The book, which won both the Newbery Honor and the Coretta Scott King Honor medals, blends the fictional account of an African American family with the factual events of the violent summer of 1963. No special registration is required. Just read the book and come prepared to voice your thoughts and/or take in the different perspectives

offered by your peers. Free refreshments will be provided.

Library Team

Yes, it is time to start thinking about the summer reading program! Teens interested in volunteering and earning a letter of recommendation may pick up an application at the youth services desk in April. All applications must be returned to the same desk by Saturday, May 8, 2004 at 5 p.m. Teens 12 and older, entering seventh grade and up are welcome to apply.

Adult Book Discussions

Here and There Book Club meets the first Thursdays at 1:30 at the library. On April 1st, the selection is *Women of the Silk* by Gail Tsuklyama.

Dying for a Mystery Book Club is held on the third Tuesdays at 1:30 at the library. The choice for April 20th is *Last Scene Alive* by Charlaine Harris.

CASA GRANDE

Try CGPL from home!

Log on and check out Casa Grande Public Library from home! Do you want to know what you have checked out? Do you want to put your name on a hold list for the latest best seller? Or renew your library materials? You can do that from outside the Library now. Just log on to <http://www.cqlibrary.org/polaris>. Search the catalog. Check your account. Use the tabs across the top of the screen to guide you or come to the Library for a lesson. You need your Casa Grande Library card and your pin number. Don't know your pin, library staff can help you.

Technology Classes

Basic Word: Apr 6 and 20 at 5:30 p.m.; Apr 9 and 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Basic Excel: Mar 23, Apr 13 and 27 at 5:30 p.m.;

Mar 26, Apr 2, 16 at 10 a.m.

Basic Email: Apr 5 at 5:30 p.m.; Apr 8 at 10 a.m.

Basic Windows: Apr 12 at 5:30 p.m.; Apr 15 at 10am

Basic Internet: Mar 22, Apr 19 at 5:30 p.m.; Mar 25,

April 22 at 10 a.m.

What is a Mouse?: Mar 24, Apr 7 & 21 at 10 a.m.;

Apr 1, 15, & 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Genealogical Resources: Mar 29 at 5:30 p.m.; Mar 31 at 10:00 a.m.

How to Build a Webpage:

Apr 26 at 5:30 p.m.; Apr 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Computer Maintenance: Apr 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Basic Windows in Spanish: Mar 23 and Apr 27 at 10a.m.

Wednesday Night Out

The Life of Pauline Cushman. Actress, Union Spy during the Civil War, and the closest thing Casa Grande had to a police force in its early years. Come see Sue Eberle and her living history presentation of Pauline Cushman. This presentation is part of the City's celebration of its 125th anniversary. Come celebrate with us. March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Meet the Author at Your Library: Romance Author Laurie Campbell

Campbell is a best-selling, award-winning, Arizona author of several books: *His Brother's Baby*, *Romancing the Holidays*, and *Home at Last*, just to name a few. April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Cowboy Poetry with Jere Cook. Celebrate National Poetry month with local resi-

dent Jere Cook will help relive the past with his own brand of Cowboy Poetry. April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Desert Landscaping. Learn all the tips and tricks of landscaping in your garden and find out what the Arizona weather can do to help or hurt. Rick Gibson, County Extension Director for the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension of Pinal County. Apr 21 at 6:30 p.m.

History of Cooking. Learn about the evolution and history of cooking with this expert from Central Arizona College: Gayle Haro, M.Ed., CCE, ACF, Hotel & Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts, Signal Peak Campus. April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Lunch Bunch Book Discussion: the fourth Thursday of every month at noon. The Library makes these books available for you to use. When the Emperor was Divine. March 25

One Book Arizona: *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. Apr 8
Ghost Warrior by Lucia St. Clair Robson. April 22

Family Storytime

All ages are welcome to join Youth Librarian Rose Bebris for a half-hour of stories songs and fingerplays.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

School's Out Cinema

It's an early dismissal day and you have nothing to do? Come to one of the great movies in our family film series this spring. *Popcorn Provided!* April 14 at 2 p.m.
Super Saturday Crafts Creative crafts for children of all ages. Parent/Caregivers are encouraged to assist younger children. Registration IS required, although

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walk-ins will be accepted on a space available basis.

Shooting Star Wands: March 27 at 2 p.m. Earth Sun Catcher: April 24 at 2 p.m. Wednesday Words: Join the library's book discussion group for teens 12-18 years old. March 31 at 3:30 p.m.

MARICOPA

Becoming incorporated October 15, 2003, Maricopa has created Advisory Committees for planning and zoning, public safety/public works, grants, parks, recreations and libraries. The Interim City Council may soon be step-

ping down to make way for elected officials. Land has been donated for a new city center about 2 miles east of where the city now lies and funding for building has been given under grant and interest free loans. At this time we know the library will be in the department of Parks, Recreations and Libraries. No departments have been actually created. The library is excited in the negotiations towards becoming a city library.

SUPERIOR

Storytimes will resume on Wednesday, March 31,

2004, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2:00-3:00 p.m. Children in the Headstart Program and the elementary Preschool students will be invited to attend. No registration is required. A different story and activity will be presented each Wednesday.

We are once again participating in One Book Arizona. We will hold our book discussion on Thursday, April 22 during National Library Week. Readers have been busy reading their novels, "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel and "The Warm Place" by Nancy Farmer.

Basic computer classes will be held Tuesday mornings, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, beginning April 6, 2004. Classes will be on Basic Word, Basic Excel, Basic Publisher, Basic PowerPoint and Basic Internet.

Staff and members of the Friends of the Library are busy making plans for activities during National Library Week. Meetings will also be held between Town and School officials and staff discussing the possibility of combining libraries, making them a shared-use library for the community.

Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

Physical Description Fixed Field :
Sound recordings

In all non-book MARC records we are required to include a Physical description fixed field. This field is tag 007 in your record. It is made up of codes that are mainly used by the computer system for information. The two formats that we mainly see with this field are sound recordings and video recordings. It is also used in electronic resources such as CD-ROMs. I am going to only discuss sound recordings this month.

Examples:

Cassette: ss lunjlc ce

Sound disc: sd fungnn ed

For a sound recording, there are 14 positions in the 007 field:

Position 0 contains the code for the General Material Designation (GMD), an "s" for a sound recording.

Position 1 contains the code for the Specific Material Designation (SMD). It will be either a "d" for a sound disc, or an "s" for a sound cassette.

Position 2 is always a blank space.

Position 3 has the speed, which is usually 1.4m per second for a CD and coded "f", or 1 7/8 ips for a cassette and coded "l".

Position 4 is the configuration of playback channels, which could be "m" for monaural, "q" for quadraphonic, "s" for stereophonic or "u" for unknown.

Position 5 is groove width, and it is always "n" for these formats.

Position 6 is dimensions. It will be a "g", 4 3/4 in. for a CD and a "j", 3 7/8 x 2 1/2 in. for a cassette.

Position 7 is the tape width. It will be "l", 1/8 in for most cassettes, and "n" not applicable for all CDs.

Position 8 is the tape configuration. Standard for cassettes is 1/4 (4) which is coded a "c" and again, "n" for CDs.

Positions 9, 10 and 11 are always blank spaces.

Position 12 is for special playback characteristics. For cassettes it is usually a "c" if it is Dolby or an "n" if it isn't. For CDs it is usually an "e" for digital recording.

Position 13 is Capture & storage technique. For a cassette it is usually an "e" and for a CD it is often a "d" for digital storage.

You might wonder why this could ever be important. We now have enhancements for our public displays of icons that resemble a book, or a sound recording, or a video recording. Our OPAC takes the information at the moment from the second position of the Leader, but that can't distinguish between a cassette and a CD, and this is becoming an issue for our patrons. In the future, the icon will be determined by the information in position 1 of the 007 field. As systems become more sophisticated, we don't know which codes will become important in the future. For this reason, we try to continue to adhere to the cataloging standards.

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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Events Calendar

AzLA Executive Board http://www.azla.org/	March 25	Lake Havasu
Regional Forum http://www.azla.org/	March 26	Lake Havasu
OneBookAZ http://onebookaz.org/	April	Statewide
Federation Meeting	April 2	Eloy
Arizona Book Festival http://www.azbookfestival.org	April 3	Phoenix
National Library Week http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/	April 18-24	Nationwide
National Library Workers Day http://www.ala-apa.org/nlwd/	April 20	Nationwide