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Guest Column

By Alex Conrad



Genealogy research will soon get a boost. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is set to release the 1940 United States federal census on April 2, 2012 at 9:00 AM EDT.

For the first time, digital images of the census will be available for free on the NARA website itself. They will also be available on FamilySearch and Ancestry at no charge.

What will researchers find in the 1940 census? Like previous censuses, the 1940 census will include the address, name, relationship, sex, race, age, marital status, school attendance, birthplace, citizenship and occupation of all household members. New questions reflect the fact that the nation had just come through the Great Depression. They include where they lived in 1935, whether they were employed in government work such as WPA or CCC, and their annual income in 1939.

For persons enumerated on lines 14 and 29 of each census form, or about 5% of the population, supplementary questions were asked. You can discover their mother tongue, veteran status, social security status, usual occupation and the birthplace of their parents. For women who had ever been married, they were asked if they had been married more than once, their age at first marriage and the number of children born to them.

Due to U.S. law, no one has access to these images until April 2, so indexes have not yet been created. Several organizations are banding together to produce indexes as quickly as possible and anyone with a computer and some time can help. FamilySearch indexing is recruiting volunteers.

Find out more at: <http://the1940census.com>

Until the indexes are created, finding your ancestors will be tricky. If you want to start using the census images right away, you will need to narrow your search down to an enumeration district. First, find your ancestors in the 1930 census, available in the library at <http://ancestrylibrary.com>. Then you can determine in which enumeration districts your ancestors are likely to be found in 1940 by using the utilities on this page: <http://stevemorse.org/census>

More information about the 1940 Census, including how to start your research now to prepare for April 2, is available at <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940>.



Census worker in the field, 1940.



Census worker using IBM Type 1 mechanical key punch, 1940.



Spotlight



Ancestry® Library Edition

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U.S. collections with sources such as federal and U.S. censuses; birth, death, and marriage records including the Social Security Death Index; U.S. border crossing and trans-ocean ship records.

Canadian collections has sources from the Census of Canada; and other records, such as the Drouin Collection (1621-1967).

U.K. & International collections offer censuses for England, Wales, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and Scotland; China, Germany, Russia and more.

Military collections includes records from the colonial to the Vietnam era.

Multimedia collections delivers files ranging from family and gravestone photos to postcards and newsreels.

ANCESTRY® LIBRARY EDITION is available at your local public library and is free to all Pinal County residents.

You will need a library card to access our other genealogical databases from home such as Heritage Quest and America's Obituary's and Death Notices. Go to our website at <http://bit.ly/pcazlib> then click RESEARCH. Contact your local library to get a FREE library card.





Around the County

News from the Libraries

APACHE JUNCTION Community Events

Spencer Paden was honored by the City of Apache Junction January 3rd for 25 years of service.



He was appointed to the position of Library Director after having served as Library manager & Acting Library Director.



Shanti the Therapy Dog and her trainer will be visiting the library in hopes that children will read to her in the cozy books area on Saturday mornings.

ARIZONA CITY Arizona City Library & Eloy Public Library Join in Centennial Celebration

Arizona is celebrating 100 years of Statehood this year. Arizona City and Eloy are commemorating this milestone by collecting pictures that tell Pinal County's history.



Toltec School Christmas Program - 1969

Do you have pictures to share? The pictures can be from, or about any time period, including modern times, especially ones that capture Arizona's culture or history. Photos of parades, celebrations, school events, community events, construction projects, old vehicles or farming

equipment would be useful.

Of course, you'll keep your original pictures. With your signed permission, library staff will scan the pictures and save a digital copy. The digital copies will be shared two ways: 1) Photos will be uploaded to the Arizona Memory Project website at: <http://azmemory.lib.az.us>. – people from all over the world will view photos of life and cultures in this community; 2) The Santa Cruz Valley Historic Museum will display a slide show of the photos at the Sunland Visitor's Center in Eloy.

Share your story! Bring your pictures to the Eloy Public Library (100 E 7th St): Mondays-Fridays 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. or to the Arizona City Library (13254 S Sunland Gin Rd): Mondays-Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

CASA GRANDE Springtime Events

Spring is a busy time for the City of Casa Grande Public Library! With a variety of programs at both branches (Main and Vista Grande), there is something sure to interest everyone. At the beginning of February, the Vista Grande Library was proud to host Barbara Penn-Atkins, the author of *70 is the New 40*, a book about retirement transition and also Jim Szabo from the Heard Museum. He gave a presentation on ancient Southwestern Pottery.

Special Storytimes are offered at both branches. Brain Time and Digital Storytime are offered at the Main Library. Brain Time utilizes Brain Boxes and provides an opportunity for parents to help their children develop healthy learning patterns. Digital Storytime uses a NOOK Color to share stories with kids and their parents. Sensory Storytime is offered at the Vista Grande Library and is designed specifically for children with sensory processing issues.

The Main Library celebrated Arizona's Centennial Birthday with a special Birthday Party and Valentine's Day program on February 14th at 10:30am. Local Police Officers and Firefighters were on hand to deliver valentines to the kids and each participant create their own birthday card for Arizona which will be displayed in the Children's Area of the library.

The Main Library will also offer special programs during the week of spring break, such as Puppet Theatre, LEGO Club, and a spring break movie. This will be in addition to the regularly scheduled storytimes (at Main and Vista Grande Library) and the library's teen craft program which is held at the Len Colla Recreation Center.

In April, the annual Easter Storytime and Egg Hunt will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd, in Peart Park. Kids are invited to bring a blanket to sit on and their Easter basket.



A short story is performed and then the Egg Hunt begins! Cookies and juice are also provided for all those in attendance. Toddlers are invited to cool off with "Waterplay for Tots" on Friday, April 27th at 10:30am at the Main Library.

COOLIDGE Author Visits

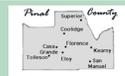
Local Author Visits

Newly published children's author, Dani Miller, visited the Coolidge Public Library on January 20. She read her book titled, Paxton and Mali Find Their Boat. After the



reading, she signed copies of the book for parents and grandparents. The reading/signing was followed by a boat craft for our young patrons. Dani Miller lives in San Tan Valley with her husband, Steve and their son, Paxton, who was an inspiration for this book. This is the first book of a series for Ms. Miller.

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Annual Doggie StoryTime

Our special dog visitors are scheduled to return for their fifth StoryTime! Visit us Thursday, April 5 at 4:00 p.m. to listen to stories and sing songs about dogs, followed by a fun canine craft! Doggy visitors will be there to show off their tricks and provide great information for kids to safely interact with all kinds of dogs. Visiting dogs are certified Canine Good Citizens! We have treats for doggies, kids and parents. No sign-up is necessary.



Fable is a Siberian husky and German shepherd mix who loves treats, kids and stories. She is almost six years old and has been training since she was a tiny puppy. At only seven months of age, she passed her first Canine Good Citizenship test! After being certified again as an adult, Fable has proven that she is sweet and smart!



Stranger is a rescued hound dog mix. He is about 7 years old and is one of the most lovable dogs you will ever meet. He wants nothing more than to have people pet him and he absolutely loves kids! He doesn't know too many tricks, but he really likes to come to the library and listen to stories. When he visits, it is the only time we'll tell you it's okay to talk to a Stranger!

Tucson Festival of Books Trip

The Coolidge Public Library is providing low-cost transportation to this year's Tucson Festival of Books. The festival takes place on Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11. The Cotton Express will be picking up patrons at the library on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m.

AZ Humanities Council Speaker Scheduled to Appear Friday, March 22 at 4 p.m. Before retiring from the Arizona Historical Society, Jim Turner worked with more than 70 museums in every corner of the state. He is co-author of the 4th-grade textbook *The Arizona Story*, and his pictorial history book, *Arizona: Celebration of the Grand Canyon State*, contains more than 530 images. Jim moved to Tucson in 1951, earned a masters degree in U.S. history from the University of Arizona, and has been researching and teaching Arizona history for more than 35 years.

Jim will be joining us at the Coolidge Public Library with his engaging narration, *The Gunfight at the OK Corral: Fact, Fiction, and Finances*. This may be one of the best-known, yet least understood event in the history of the Wild West. On October 26, 1881, a thirty-second shootout blasted its way onto the pages of history and gained worldwide notoriety. Drawing on original resources and professional research, this presentation explores characters, from the major players—the Earps, Clantons, and Doc Holliday—to editors, authors, outlaws, and capitalists. Snacks and drinks provided.

KEARNY Tea Time

The Kearny Library Tea Party is turning out to be a bigger enterprise than we had ever anticipated. Eight ladies came to the first one in October, in November our group grew to fourteen, and in December we had ten ladies & one gentleman. Gayle Carnes, from our local newspaper, took pictures for the Copper Basin Newspaper.



Kim served two Tisanes - dried fruit and herbal leaves - which were a big hit. We showed everyone the Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center on the E-Sources website, as well as some of the other databases, as many didn't know they were available. At least three in attendance (including the gentleman) were not library patrons, but were invited by someone who had attended before. This was particularly exciting, as this is the whole purpose of these activities.



The Friends of the Library are working with library staff to transcribe some historic records so they can be sent to the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records. Years ago, the library received pages of records about the people buried in the old Ray/Sonora Cemetery when it was moved to Kearny in the 1950's. These records have already been used by a couple from California to find their Aunt who died at the age of ten in Ray. To find out more about the "Arizona Memory Project" go to <http://www.lib.az.us>

An interesting trend is happening with our Story Hour. Most of those now attending are home schooled. In December we had eight kids (seven home schooled), and we know of at least three more families in town who home school their children. These families visit our library at least twice a week. As a result of this trend, we are gearing our Story Hour activities for Pre-K and older. We are looking into additional ways to provide help and encouragement to our Home Schooling parents and their families.

MAMMOTH Fun at the Library

Fun things are happening at Mammoth Public Library! Here's a glimpse at what's going on . . .

In early February we held our semi-annual sale. People filled boxes and bags with DVDs and books at great prices. If you missed this one (or just didn't get enough) look for our next sale in August or September.

We celebrated Arizona's 100th birthday with a party—complete with balloons and cupcakes. We made bolo ties with Arizona state seal sliders; drew pictures of the flag, saguaro blossoms, and the comic cactus wren; watched videos about Arizona; worked an Arizona jigsaw puzzle; and played Pin the Brand on the Cow using old time brands from the Mammoth area. We also enjoyed playing our new Grand Canyon Adventure board game. Although the weather outside was cold and rainy, we stayed cozy inside with laughter and friendship.

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Mammoth Public Library's Centennial Celebration



We are thrilled to present magician Craig Davis on Tuesday, March 20, at 2:00. The show will be during spring break and kids of all ages (0-110) are welcome. A look at the Davis Magic website (davismagic.com) will give you an idea of what to expect. (Unfortunately, the magician's beautiful assistant won't be able to join us.)

Also this spring we'll plant our small community garden in the library patio area. Along with tending the garden, we're going to set up a seed exchange. Gardeners of all ages are invited to save seeds and exchange them for other varieties. We hope that as time goes by we'll develop a collection of seeds for plants that thrive in our environment. There will be an informational brochure to help participants get started.

For more information about any of these programs, contact Mammoth Public Library at 520-487-2026 or stop by 125 Clark St. in Mammoth. We're in the basement of Town Hall

MARICOPA Read to the Dog

Why read to dogs? Many children find reading difficult to learn because of their fears. Children often have a lack of confidence in their abilities to read. They can be intimidated and worried about making mistakes, which causes them to become nervous while reading. Animals are terrific reading companions because they create a relaxed and safe environment. Dogs are never judgmental.



Read to the Dog is open to children with a library card who wish to improve their reading skills. Please contact the Maricopa Public Library at 586-2926 for more information about this and other programs.

ORACLE New Computer Carrels

Our computers and laptops are in heavy demand. Wish we had more room for more computers. Oracle Library will be having their semi-annual Book Sale on April 28, 2012 in conjunction with the Oracle Oaks Festival. We have a volunteer who is gathering information on the collectible books and we offer the collectible books at two-thirds the price at Amazon at the book sale. The last book sale, we raised the most money for the Library since we have been having book sales, thanks to the Oracle community for their donations of books for this event.



Picture of computer carrels at Oracle Public Library...before the crowd arrives.

Our Arizona Centennial Display in the Library has caused interest in reading more

about Arizona, even the DVD's that the state sent are being checked out. People will truly appreciate living in this great state of Arizona after reading/watching this material.

SAN MANUEL Spring Programming

New Spring Programs

Crochet & Conversations is a new addition to our programming. Whether you are an expert at knitting and crocheting, or would just like to learn, we would love to have you come in and share your current or unfinished projects.



Free patterns will be available through Pinal County databases such as "Hobbies & Crafts" To access these databases you will need your library card. Please bring your own yarn, needles, or hooks. Refreshments will be provided. Crochet & Conversations will be held every Wednesday afternoon starting February 8th at 1:00 PM. For information contact the library at 520-385-4470 or visit us at 108 W. 5th Avenue.

A Personalized Intermediate Computer Class is also an addition to our programming. The class offers advanced computer skills such as file management. This includes creating and organizing files and folders, downloading and uploading to the internet (You Tube), and using social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Skype. Personalized Intermediate Computer Class will be offered as an option to continue learning after completion of Personalized Basic Computer Class and for patrons who are seeking to expand their computer skills. Appointments are required. Classes will be held in April.

Spring Break Events

Movie Matinees will begin March 19th and continue through March 23rd. Matinees will be held in the library's Teen Central.

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Showings begin promptly at 2:00 PM. Popcorn and a juice box will be provided by the library. For movie titles contact the library.

Coloring Contest will be held in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday beginning March 3rd and will continue through March 31st. Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to participate. All participants' coloring sheets will be displayed in the library.

Kinect Video Gaming will be available for all ages beginning March 19th through March 23rd. Gaming will be hosted in Teen Central. All gamers must provide their library card to check out games.

On-Going at the San Manuel Library

- Story Time with Toddlers is held every second and fourth Friday of each month from 10:30-11:00 a.m.
- Book Club is held the last Wednesday of each month from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Personalized Computer Classes are held Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Appointments are required.
- Genealogy Classes are available Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Appointments are required

Is your favorite on the list?

Fiction

- *The Litigators* by John Grisham
- *The Affair* by Lee Child
- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- *The Marriage Plot* by Jeffrey Eugenides
- *The Best of Me* by Nicholas Sparks

Non-Fiction

- *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
- *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson
- *Bossypants* by Tina Fey
- *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand
- *Killing Lincoln* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

All of these titles are available through your local public library.

<http://bit.ly/pcazlib>

BOOKS MOST BORROWED

Every year Library Journal publishes the books most borrowed in U.S. public libraries. Here is a sampling from their 2011 list.



Cataloging Corner

by Pam Beerens

Not All "Print on Demand" Publishing is the Same

The development of digital printing technology has made print on demand (POD) publishing a popular alternative to offset printing, for a variety of reasons. However,

some libraries are learning that the old adage "caveat emptor – let the buyer beware" should be kept in mind when ordering. There is a wide range of POD books and publishers.



Self-published books

Many authors today choose to publish their own books, and there is a growing list of self-publishing companies ready to offer their services. Some of the more well-known are Amazon's CreateSpace, iUniverse, Xlibris, and PublishAmerica.



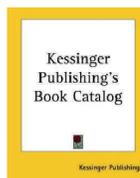
Self-publishing allows authors to control the design of their books and produce smaller quantities as needed, without the

overhead costs of large publishing firms. Often our libraries receive copies of self-published books from local authors. Self-published books usually do not contain illustrations, but the author can choose to use a full-color image on the cover.

Facsimile reproductions

These can be a great way to obtain copies of rare books, if the quality is good. Just be sure you know you are ordering a reproduction. Some mainstream publishers produce copies that include full-color photographs and covers.

Kessinger Publishing specializes in rare reprints. The quality is usually good, but may depend on the quality of the original. Covers are simple, including the title, author and sometimes the original date.



There is always a chance of getting a bad photocopy. A recent book we received from Nabu Press has a very nice cover, but contains grey copies, printed from a digital copy, from a college library in California. A search of Amazon shows other versions of this title. The one that can be viewed has a simple cover, but clear copies inside.

Other reprints

Anything in the public domain is fair game for publishers. One example is collections of Wikipedia articles bound together.

These may contain information that is otherwise hard to find, but the quality can vary widely. Print may be reduced to a very small size or pictures may be stretched. They may or may not be identified as being from Wikipedia. These collections are often quite expensive.

Some publishers to watch for are Hephæstus Books and VDM Publishing, with its many imprints, including Alphascript, Betascript, and Fastbook. Hephæstus has also been found to publish books as "Novels by" certain authors, but instead of being the novels, they are a collection of public domain articles about the novels.

This is a just a small sampling of the possibilities of POD, both good and bad, and the growing number of publishers. The important thing is to watch closely when ordering materials. Just because an item is available from Ingram, Baker & Taylor, or Amazon doesn't guarantee that it is the best quality. Compare publishers. Use Amazon or Barnes & Noble websites to "look inside" when possible, and be sure to note which edition you are actually viewing. Just keep an eye out for anything questionable and you should be able to avoid problems.

I will be happy to answer any questions or help with any problem records.

Happy cataloging!

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Calendar of Events

Federation Meeting	Ak-Chin Community Library	February 24
Public Library Association Biennial Conference	Philadelphia, PA	March 13-17
Computers in Libraries	Washington, D.C.	March 21-23
Electronic Resources And Libraries	Online & In-Person Austin, TX	April 2-4
American Library Association Annual Conference	Anaheim, CA	June 21-26