

# Pinal County Library District Newsletter

## Director's Column

The close of the fiscal year has brought about a flurry of activity in our office, as I'm sure happens in most libraries. This is a busy time for us all, what with finalizing budgets while administering the every day business of running a library. As if that wasn't enough, most of you have also been managing summer reading programs.

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors scheduled the final budget for FY99 for approval on Wednesday, August 10, 1997. The Board has given tentative approval of the Library District budget in the amount of \$329,673. The Online Computer Project has also received tentative approval, with a budget of \$334,039. The Library District has applied for State Grant-in-Aid funds in the amount of \$20,498. The libraries located in unincorporated communities will each receive a \$1000 utilities allocation out of this grant. The remainder will be used to help finance the online project. The Library District will apply for a \$50,000 LSTA grant in the fall. If we are successful, the grant will be

### November-December, 1998

used to finance the Innovative Interfaces central site hardware and software. The following is a very abbreviated version of the FY99 budget.

#### Library District Budget FY99

Personal Services	182,223
Supplies	103,500
Outside Services	19,950
Capital Outlay	<u>24,000</u>
Total	329,673

#### Computer Project FY99

Supplies	166,805
Outside Services	95,139
Capital Outlay	<u>72,095</u>
Total	334,039

#### Library Grants

State Grants-in-Aid	20,498
LSTA	<u>50,000</u>
Total	70,498

The budget for FY99 is very close to the bone. Projected revenues for the Library District are \$335,412. Every available dollar is being applied to the online project and the telecommunications necessary to implement it.

Many of you have expressed concern over the lack of internet access since the contract with APS Cyber Trails fell through. Through the hard work and diligence of a few key people in the County IT (Information

Technology) Department, we may have this problem solved. I am very pleased to announce that the Library District and the IT Department are jointly underwriting the cost of a firewall and direct internet access via a 56k line. The Library District's share of the cost, \$17,969.96, comes from LSCA Technology Enhancement grant funds. The vendors are Alpha Communications (US West) and VanStar, which are both on state contract. As the internet connection becomes available at each library, that library will have the choice of keeping the line used to dial in to DLAPR internet, or of canceling it. Libraries in the southern LATA will be connected after the IT Department has installed T1 lines to County offices and buildings in Oracle and Mammoth. We don't have an exact date as yet, but we are trying to have it coincide as nearly as possible with the projected date for access to the new Innopac online catalog.

Staffing problems continue at the Library District. The good news is we have hired Jessica Tovar, a summer youth employee who began duties on June 3. Jessica has just graduated from Ray High School in Kearny and plans to begin college classes at Mesa Community College in August. In the meantime, she will be helping

out in many areas at the Library District office.

On a less positive note, the candidate for Reference/ Outreach Services Librarian traveled from Honolulu for a secondary interview. After consideration, he declined the position. There are no viable candidates for the Reference/ Outreach Services or Technical Systems Librarian, so both positions will be re-advertised in hopes that the job market has improved. Interviews for a PC Technician begin June 29 and continue through July 2.

## NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

**APACHE JUNCTION:** Once again the AJPL is offering free introductory classes in Microsoft Word and the Internet. They are for all ages and are designed for those with little or no computer experience. These classes are made possible through a grant by the US WEST Foundation.

Storytimes will begin on October 7 and continue through December 2, 1998. Toddler storytimes (2&3 yrs.) will meet from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Preschoolers (4,5&6 yrs.) will meet from 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

September 23 at 3:00 p.m. the library will give a free tour to parents who home school their children. This informative program is designed to show the resources available at the library for homeschool educators.

A special program for potty trained children will be offered while adults are on tour.

Library card sign-up month will be observed the month of September. Children through 18 years who sign up for a new library card or use their library card to check out any library materials between Sept. 1 and Oct. 3, 1998 are eligible for weekly drawings. Prizes will include movie tickets, coupons, and books.

Teen Read Week will be celebrated Oct. 19-25, 1998. In September we will have a contest for young adults to create a bookmark around this year's theme which is "Read - for the fun of it". The contest winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate at Best Buy. The winning bookmark will be printed and distributed Teen Read Week.

November 17 at 7 p.m. Jay Cravath will present a free program about Apache Culture and Music.

December 2 from 1-4 p.m. the AJPL will co-sponsor a program with the AZ Dept. of Revenue. This free program will be for small businesses and will cover tax liabilities related to such.

This year we expect to host the "Sweet Adelines" for our annual Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

**CASA GRANDE:** The Fall Series of Storytimes will be

starting the week of September 15. Nursery Rhyme Time, for toddlers ages 2 - 3 ½ and an adult, meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 from September 15 through November 10. PreSchool Storytime is held Wednesdays at 10:00 for children who are 3 ½ to 6. The 9 week session is from September 16 through November 11. Lapsit, for newborns through age 2 and an adult meets Thursdays at 10:00 from September 17 through November 12.

TAB (Teen Advisory Board) is having its regular monthly meeting on Friday, September 11 from 4:00 to 5:00 in the meeting room. All area teens are welcome to come and be a force in planning programs for the library.

TAB presents Maricopa magician, Micah Adamson, himself a teen, in amazing feats of derring-do especially geared to a teen audience. He will also demonstrate how to do tricks and any teens with tricks of their own to share are welcome, too. The show begins at 7:00 on Friday evening, September 25. Free tickets are available at the circulation desk. Open to area teens only!

BOOK BINGO for kids in grades K - 5 will be played in the library on Tuesday, September 22 from 4:00 to 5:00. Play bingo and win books! Free tickets available at the circulation desk.

The Book Discussion for September - open to all adults who enjoy reading and like to talk

about their habit - will be EMMA by Jane Austen. The discussion is from 11:00 to 12:30; participants should bring their brown bag lunch, beverage provided. Paperback copies of the book are available for purchase at the circulation desk.

Storytimes for toddlers, preschoolers, and babies continue throughout October on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10.

New at the library! "Wednesday Nite Out," a six month series of programs of interest to adults. The first one will be a hands-on Cake Sculpture and Decorating program featuring Albertson's own professional cake decorator, Margarita Maruffo. The program begins at 7:00 on Wednesday, October 7.

TAB will have its regular monthly meeting on Friday, October 2 from 4:00 to 5:00. To culminate the first celebration of "Teen Love of Reading Week," TAB is sponsoring a sleep-over in the library on Friday night, October 23. There will be games, videos, theatrics, food, fun and very little sleep.

Another "New at the Library," for American girls Who Love to Read, "The American Girls at the Library," a series of six monthly programs for girls in grades 2-5. Girls can share in the excitement of colonial history - make marbles, write with quill pens and cranberry ink, practice penmanship (in Greek) - with "Felicity," a girl of spunk and spirit, living in

Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1774. The date is October 14, the time is 3:30 - 5:00; registration begins by phone or in person on October 5.

The library, in conjunction with Planned Parenthood, will be sponsoring a series of three programs for young people and their parents. "Growing Up: What's Happening? (Girls)" for ages 8-14 will be on Tuesday, October 20 from 6:30 - 8. "Growing Up: What's Happening? (Boys)" for ages 9-15 will be on Thursday, October 22 from 6:30 to 8:00, and "How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex" will be on Wednesday, October 28th, from 6:30 to 8:00. All programs are facilitated by Carol Gillin, a retired high school biology teacher, parent and grandparent. This program was very well received in spring of 1998.

**COOLIDGE:** There are two new faces at the Coolidge Public Library. Kerry Hernandez started working for us as a regular part time on August 24<sup>th</sup>, and Martha Ellison, a regular full time employee, started working for us on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Both Kerry and Martha have always been avid library users and we are very happy to have them on our team.

**Won't Wanna Miss'ers:**

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.: Basic Cake Decorating

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.: How To Talk To Your Kids About Sex

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: Growing Up: What's Happening? Ages 8-14

Boys – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Girls – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.: Physical Activity for the Ill or Physically Disabled

**ELOY:** Eloy Public Library has been busy gearing up for the school year. Tiny Tots Program starts September 1, Story Hour begins September 16. Spanish Language Story Time begins September 11.

Beanie Babies will be here for a program on September 26.

National Hispanic Heritage Month may be celebrated with the Mariachi Band from Santa Cruz Valley Union High School performing.

**FLORENCE:** MiKelle Gaines, our tutor, has recently given birth to a baby girl. She was born on August 17<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:40 a.m. Although premature, mother and daughter (MacKenzie Kailey) are doing well.

Jennifer Simons has resigned her position as part-time library aide. Martha Ellison was hired to replace Jennifer, but has recently accepted a full-time position with Coolidge Public Library. We have just this week started training Sherry Dahlke, who will be replacing Martha as part-time library aide.

High School students now come to the library after school to "hang out." Recently we had 1,028 patrons visit the library in one day!

Upcoming programs at the library include:

Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.: **SATs: Strategies and Tactics** – Alex Dorotik, a representative from The Princeton Review, will present an informative program on the best tactics and strategies for taking the SATs which will be coming up in October. He will provide additional information on a variety of test mechanisms as well as how these are used in the college admission process. Registration for this program is recommended.

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.: **The Mexican American Novel: An American and World Voice** – Dr. Manuel de Jesus Hernandez, professor at Arizona State University, will present a program on the Mexican American novel—its history, its establishment as a dynamic literary genre and its future in a demanding, competitive publishing market place.

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.: **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** – Help us celebrate and learn about Hispanic culture with a bilingual story read by Adriana Flores and a performance by our local group, Los Pequeños Dancers.

Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.: **Family History—Roots and All** – Virginia Hawkins, a local family historian, will present a fascinating program on how to begin searching for family histories, genealogies, and pedigrees. Learn how to “dig” for those family roots.

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Heritage Park: **An Encampment**

– The Central Arizona Time Travelers, a family oriented group interested in preserving and presenting living history, will have an “encampment” focusing on interpretations of historical events in the Southwest. We invite you to come to Heritage Park to watch the demonstrations, visit the booths, and enjoy a trip through history.

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.: **National Storytellers Month** – With Halloween so near, come to the library to enjoy storytelling at its finest. Let our storytellers give you a little “scare.” Better bring your flashlight along so you won’t be in the dark!

*KEARNY:* Our Summer Reading Program concluded Friday, August 14 with an Awards Banquet. For each book they read, a ticket went into a drawing that was held at the banquet. The grand prize of a knight's helmet, breast plate, shield and sword went to a 3 year old whose mother read him 131 books during our 6 weeks program. Over a thousand books were read by the participants this year.

From our Teen Night, a CPR class has been scheduled for Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. And the advance art class from Ray High School will be working on a mural to go on the outside wall facing the parking lot of the library. Both activities came from having the teens one night a week at the library during our Summer Reading Program. They enjoyed rock painting, a CPR presentation, a cake decorating

class, and a cartooning class. They are already asking what we will be doing next year!

*MARICOPA:* Linda Wilmeth attended the “Comfortable in Flannel” workshop held at Gila Bend on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We gained new story methods and inexpensive ideas.

Our regular children’s program will begin September 19<sup>th</sup>; the theme is “The Deep Blue Sea!”

*ORACLE:* We have established a committee to review and update our goals and objectives for the Library. Mary Lou Coleman will attend the United Way program on obtaining grants. The Oracle Public Library is eagerly awaiting the completion of our inventory and having automated checkout.

One of our volunteers, Suzan Austin, has taken over a display case and is changing the topic every month. Last month was “Babar” and “Madeline.” This month is “The Southwest.” Patrons are enjoying this new addition to the Library.

*SAN MANUEL:* The San Manuel Library has been sprucing up! We have finished painting the shelves in our new Young Adult/Juvenile reference room. We exchanged the Adult reference room with the YA/J section in the main room. We found that the YA/J section gets a lot of use during the school year so we are building that up and we hope to do even more. The next item is new carpeting for the room

,which will be within a few weeks, making a most enjoyable room for the young people to use.

A memorial fund was started in memory of a friend to our library who is no longer with us. It was decided that we use the fund for three new doors with security locks. This was done, they are installed and painted. On Saturday, September 5 at 10 a.m we are going to have a plaque dedicated and placed on our front door in honor of our friend.

Our summer programs are all through. We averaged 19 children in each of our six Readers of the round table program sessions. We read, had flannel board stories, sang songs, participated in games and had a few crafts. The children loved the theme, the scarier, the better. In our Summer awards reading program we had 53 children sign up and 210 books were read by children in grades 1 through 6. The school incorporates this program into their reading awards programs at the end of the school year. Our Saturday morning reading hour was a disappointment to the Girl Scouts who read but we will keep trying to increase the interest in

this program and keep it going all year round.

We are having a fund raising book sale on September 10 and 11th in the library.

**STANFIELD:** Stanfield Library welcomes our new Librarian: Ms. Delise Christensen. Mary E. Slocum has retired after serving for 9 years. We will greatly miss her; however, she will continue to serve as a volunteer consultant.

New library hours for the school year will be 3:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; Saturdays and school holidays 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Please check out our new WEB SITE: [www.casagrand.com/](http://www.casagrand.com/)  
[www.stanfield](http://www.stanfield)

**SUPERIOR:** Local artist and patron of the library, Irene Moreno, has volunteered to paint the windows in our classroom. She is painting the Sesame Street characters. She has shown us some of her sketches, and they are wonderful! She plans to begin the project in October, when the weather starts to cool off. We will let everyone know when the

project is finished so everyone can come and see our classroom!

The Pinal County M.I.S. Department came and installed the hardware for the online project. We are getting anxious and excited!

## Calendar of Events

September 11 – Systems Committee meeting, 1:00, Pinal County Library District,  
Florence

September 16-18 – 1998 Rural Library Conference, Winston-Salem NC

October 3 – Joint Library Boards and Friends meeting, Apache Junction PL, 10:00-

October 5-7 – Innovative Interfaces Cataloging Training with Ron McRae,  
Pinal County Library District,

October 9 – 1999 Arizona Reading Program Annual Workshop

July 23 - 24 Site visit by Ron Glass, LED, Public Library Consultant for Pinal County  
Library District

July 30 - August 4 Leadership Institute at Snowbird, Utah

August 6 - 8 - WHCLIST 1998 Annual Meeting/ACTivate Conference, Hyatt Regency  
Phoenix

August 14 - Pinal County Library Federation Meeting,  
Apache Junction Public Library, 10:00 a.m.