

# Pinal County Library District Newsletter

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## *Director's Column*

Recently, the Arizona Legislature passed new legislation concerning libraries and Internet use, ARS Title 34, Chapter 5 (House Bill 2409) which goes into effect January 2000. The legislation stipulates that the Director of the Department of Library & Archives establish rules and regulations with which all libraries in Arizona must comply, as follows:

1. Each library shall have a local library board-approved written policy governing use of its computing resources, including public access to the Internet.
2. Policies shall list the ARS citations pertaining to this law: ARS 13-3508, 13-3506, 13-3507, 13-3501 and acknowledge the library's awareness of, and concern for, a safe educational Internet experience for children despite the unregulated nature of the Internet.
3. The policy must be sent to the Library Extension Division of DLAPR by November 1, 1999.
4. Written notice of receipt and recommendations, if there are any, for change based on the requirement of ARS

Title 34, Chapter 5 shall be returned to the library within 30 days.

5. A copy shall be kept on file at DLAPR. Policies shall be updated annually.

If your library would like some help in drafting a policy, Linda Shaw is prepared to assist. The policy should be approved by local library boards and city councils, then a file copy sent to Jane Kolbe at the Library Extension Division. There are several affiliate libraries that have elected to filter children's terminals and have Acceptable Use Policies already in place. If you are in doubt about the acceptability of your current policy, please call.

The Gates Library Technology Questionnaires are completed and have been forwarded to Ron Glass. The Gates Foundation, established in June 1997 by Bill and Melinda Gates, is intended to enhance access to technology for low-income families. The state-by-state project has slated Arizona (along with eleven other states) as candidates for the year 2000. The completed questionnaires will be used to assess technology needs for each library in the state. The grants provide computers, software, and networking equipment along with training and technical support. The

Arizona Department of Library & Archives will be the administrative agency.

FirstSearch is now accessible by IP address recognition. When you go to the website, the IP address of your individual PC is recognized and allows access without typing in the login and password. This has proven to be so convenient that we are working on changing the EBSCO subscription to direct access, also. In the past, we used a modem to dial in to a CD-ROM tower, which was time-consuming and often failed to connect. IP address recognition enables us to discontinue use of congested phone lines, modems, and our aging CD-ROM tower. Until EBSCO makes the change, we can access the database by using an interim login and password.

The next round of LSTA grants will begin January 2000. Our most pressing need is to get remaining titles into the Innopac. To prepare, we must determine reasonably accurate estimates for the number of titles that still need to be cataloged, how many need only item records, and identify and purge duplicate records. If the grant proposal is successful, it could save us hundreds of hours in database cleanup. Now that's something to smile about!

## REFERENCE & OUTREACH SERVICES

Our big news is...we've got a website! The address is:

<http://co.pinal.az.us/Library/>

From this homepage, you can access several of our affiliates' homepages, calendars of events, our library catalog, and current and archived editions of our newsletter. Also be sure to check out our beautiful new library card graphic, designed by Oracle artist Jenny Kilb. A big thanks goes to Andrew Raastad of Pinal County's MIS department, who worked very hard on the technical end of things to get us up and running.

I am currently providing a Reference workshop at the Apache Junction Public Library. We are meeting for one-hour sessions over the course of 18 weeks. Our "textbook" is the Ohio Reference Excellence Course, developed in 1997 by the Ohio Library Council. It is proving to be a very beneficial course on Reference skills and tools for those new to the library profession, and a good refresher course for those who have longer experience. I would like to provide the course to other affiliates after I am finished with Apache Junction. Please let me know if you are interested.

"Arthur" update: Due to timing constraints, it has become necessary to push back the dates of "Arthur's Library Adventure" to November - January. Arthur's initial appearance will be at

participating libraries' local WIC office in late November, where he will distribute Outreach bags and invite the children to attend his appearance at each library in January.

*Linda Shaw*

*Reference/Outreach Services*

## WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

The Internet Public Library's Frequently Asked Reference Questions page is a great reference site. Topics include:

Books and Libraries  
Business and Consumers  
History and the Future  
People and Culture  
Science (including Internet)  
Words and Phrases

The URL is:

<http://www.ipl.org/ref/QUE/FARQ>

The IPL in general is a good place to start when looking for answers online, so give them a try!

## CATALOGING CORNER

The next Systems Committee meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 6 at the Florence Public Library. We will be discussing the Interlibrary Loan Policy among other things. Please plan to attend. If you have topics you would like to discuss please let me know.

For those of you who have asked for an explanation of the

MARC codes in our records there is an explanation of the MARC codes on the web at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/marc/biblio/graphic/ecbdhome.html>

When entering a new item record please remember to check the 03 field in the Bib record. Your library should be listed there either as the sole library in the county to house the publication or as one of the "multi" libraries who house a copy.

In the item record there is another 03 field called owner. That field simply designates which fund paid for that material or to which library it was donated or if it is a McNaughton book that we are leasing. The field is a one-letter code.

n=McNaughton  
a=Arizona City  
c=Coolidge  
e=Eloy  
f=Florence  
k=Kearny  
m=Mammoth  
r=Maricopa  
o=Oracle  
p=PCLD  
s=San Manuel  
t=Stanfield  
u=Superior

This field and the 05 price fields are important. These are where the INNOPAC looks for this information, not the price/date field.

*Ellen Fallon*

*Technical Services*

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

I will be visiting each library to perform another Y2K check/update on County owned PC's in the next several weeks. For planning purposes, each PC takes about an hour to complete. Please pardon the inconvenience.

*Frank McCue*  
*Technical Support*

## **NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY:**

### ***APACHE JUNCTION:***

We are suggesting that people re-discover their library during "**Library Card Sign-Up Month**" in September. When adults, 18 years and older, apply for a library card or check out 6 or more items they receive an entry for a chance to win a \$10.00 gift certificate from a local grocery store. When children and young adults up to 18 years apply for a library card or use their current card, they receive an entry for a chance to win a \$10.00 gift certificate from K-Mart for back to school supplies or reading readiness supplies i.e., coloring book, crayons etc. People may enter as often as they qualify but only one gift certificate will be awarded to each person. These drawings are made possible by the Friends of the Library.

On September 15, 1999 there will be a **library tour** designed for homeschooled students ages 9 and older. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last approximately one hour. Advance registration is required.

Registration for **Toddler and Preschool Storytimes** begins Wednesday, September 22 at the Youth Services Desk in the library. Storytimes meet each Wednesday beginning October 6 and continue through December 1. Toddler Storytime with Mother Goose is designed for children ages 2 and 3 years accompanied by an adult. It meets on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the children's area of the library. Preschool Storytime is for children ages 4, 5 and 6 years. It meets in the program room on Wednesdays from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. Each child will make a simple craft. We will also continue to offer drop-in storytimes on Friday mornings from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., October 8 through December 3.

On Wednesday, September 22 at 8:00 a.m., the library will be offering a **business mixer and PowerPoint slide presentation** on some of the resources that are currently available at the library. A continental breakfast will be provided. There is no charge but registration is required. The program is geared toward small business owners and those considering such a venture.

Final plans are being made for the celebration of "**Teen Read Week**" which will be the week of October 17, 1999.

The library continues to offer free introductory classes in **Microsoft Word, the Internet and e-mail**. They are for all ages and are designed for those

with little or no computer experience. Each class is one and a half hours long. The classes are made possible through a grant by the US WEST Foundation. There is also a class on using the computer catalog to locate library materials.

### ***ARIZONA CITY:***

Our library-sponsored **GED classes** are in full swing each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. They are held in the Community Center Building next door to the library. We have a couple of students that were referred from Eloy, so that will help us meet the quota that CAC says we must have in order to continue. We have 14 registered and around 10 average per class so far.

Our Board met Tuesday September 6th at 7 p.m. to plan the activities for the fall fundraisers. We have a scarecrow contest for October, and we will be providing space for a Christmas Tree Sale in November and December. There will also be a couple of golf tournaments as soon as the winter visitors get here.

We want to create some new children's programs and a literacy program. We are looking for people to head up these two projects.

### ***CASA GRANDE:***

**Family Fun Day:**  
September 25, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.- Activities for adults and

children, including a live desert animal presentation, a magician, and an Arizona Puppet Theatre Show at 4:30 p.m.

**Casa Grande Public Library  
Grand Opening:**

Saturday October 2, 10:00 a.m.  
- Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of our wonderful new library, located at 449 North Dry Lake Street, Casa Grande, AZ.

**FLORENCE:**

**Storytime:**

For children ages 0-6, Storytime will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., while school is in session.

**Mexican American Cultural  
Heritage Celebration:**

Saturday, September 4, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. - Join the library staff for a bilingual story time. Celebrate with us the colorful and dynamic culture of the Mexican American Heritage.

**Amnesty Week:**

Sunday, September 12 through Saturday, September 18: This week is a great time for library patrons to return their overdue materials to the library. Library staff will waive overdue fines for the return of library materials. We encourage patrons to take advantage of this opportunity to return items to the library and to clear their library fines.

**Ease into E-Mail:**

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., September 18, October 16, November 20 and December

18: Library staff will hold a two hour workshop on one Saturday each month to explain the basics of accessing Hotmail, a free-of-charge server via the Internet. Registration is required. Familiarity with keyboard and mouse applications is recommended. Call the library at 868-9471 to register.

**Curious George:**

Saturday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m. - Oh that Curious George! What an adventurous monkey! He can get himself into such trouble. Please join Curious George and the library staff for an hour of afternoon stories and fun.

**Costumes and Customs of  
Mexico:**

Tuesday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. - In observance of Mexican American Heritage Month, Professor Marianne Newman will demonstrate the cultural influences of Mexico on the Southwestern United States through designs and costumes of this neighboring country.

**Ghost Stories:**

Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. - Join all the ghosts and goblins at the library for a spirited good time. Hairy, scary stories and Halloween treats will be the "ghoul" of the evening.

**Games, Games, and More  
Games:**

Sunday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m. - Board and card games for teens ages 12-18. Join library staff for two hours of skill and

strategy. Put those little gray cells to work.

**Good Times, Hard Times:  
Stories of Florence, AZ  
during the 1930's:**

Tuesday, October 19 6:30 p.m. - John Swearingin, local historian and storyteller, will share his tales, anecdotes, and recollections of Florence during the 1930's.

**MARICOPA:**

The **Maricopa Community Library Board** met September 11 to draft our internet policy pursuant to the new filtering law. Several community residents attended.

**Maricopa Computer Users Club** meets at the local high school on the fourth Tuesday of every month. On August 24, Linda Wilmeth gave hands-on instructions on accessing various websites. Users were very happy to see the new PCLD site and think the calendars are 'cute'. We were able to access EBSCO and FIRST SEARCH without giving out passwords, but some were disappointed when they learned they can't access the sites from home. Net First and Medline were the most popular databases. Several months ago Linda was called on to speak of the library's progress with the

new system, and in closing stated, "your tax dollars at work, thank you." She was told at the August meeting that "it's so great to see our tax dollars at work for things like this!"

For those of you present at the Summer Reading Program meeting at PCLD this spring who viewed "Crafts for Kids Wild About Deserts," there is a whole line of these books available, all in hardcover, some are in paperback. The purchasing information is available on Amazon.Com or you can contact Linda at [linjunwil@hotmail.com](mailto:linjunwil@hotmail.com) and I will fax the information to you. The books are the best I've seen in some time and would be useful for the year 2000 Summer Reading Program.

If you go to yahoo.com and key in "owlmouse," about 4-5 listings down you will see "Make a Farm," "Make a Town," "Build a Castle," and more. Clicking on these will bring the sites up and you can easily download the free software and print out the patterns. The items are easy to do, just color, cut and paste buildings of all sorts. School children can use them to make models for school projects. All the sites use Norton anti-virus check and are deemed "safe" to download.

Linda Wilmeth attended the Arizona Reading Program Workshop in September, as well as a grantwriting workshop held at Florence Community Library. In November she will attend a workshop on fundraising.

### **ORACLE:**

School is back in session, so our Library isn't quite so busy. Our "**Summer Reading Program**" was a great success. The final program was a cowboy cookout - hot dogs, hamburgers and a cowboy singer/storyteller. We had four great summer teachers - Carrie Garcia, Linda Ramsay, Michelle Anazlone and Sandra Spillman. The Library is very busy trying to plan more children's programs for the fall and winter.

We hope the bugs are finally all worked out of our computer system so that we can get busy putting our material in the computer. We are now on a first name basis with "Steve" from the MIS department of the County.

### **SUPERIOR:**

After a vacation in Boston the first week in July and two weeks vacation the last two weeks of July, Josie came back ready to work. We have installed new shelving upstairs and rearranged everything. It is hard work moving all those books. Our books can finally BREATHE on our shelves. With the backlog of books I have to catalog and process, our roomy shelves will probably fill up quite fast! We will start weeding our collection soon in preparation for our **Book Sale** in January.

Our Mayor recently suggested that I look into applying for grant funds to build a new library. I will be busy doing just that!

We are registering 4 year olds for our **Preschool Program**, which will begin on September 15.

Staff is busy putting together a general calendar of events starting in September.

In celebration of **National Hispanic Heritage Month**, we have invited a local patron to come and tell bilingual stories to children and adults alike. The date for this event is September 16.

In October we plan to have a **pumpkin decorating contest**. Prizes will be awarded by the Friends of the Library, and the best pumpkin will be entered in the contest held by Community First Bank. We are hoping that the proceeds from their contest will again be contributed to the Friends of the Superior Public Library.

Plans for the rest of the year have not yet been made, but we are all busy of thinking up ideas! We are all looking forward to the great "**ARTHUR**" celebration and story times at the WIC Office and at our library!

# Calendar of Events

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Contact: ALA Public Information Office

[www.ssdesign.com/prtalkshop/librarycard/tipsheet.html](http://www.ssdesign.com/prtalkshop/librarycard/tipsheet.html)

EDIC Workshop

Prescott Public Library, September 20

AzLA Executive Board Meeting

Tucson-Pima Public Library, September 24

Banned Books Week

September 25 - October 2

Contact: ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom

[www.ala.org/bbooks/](http://www.ala.org/bbooks/)

Casa Grande Public Library Grand Opening

449 N. Dry Lake Street, Casa Grande, AZ

October 2, 10:00 a.m.

Systems Committee Meeting

Florence Community Library

October 6, 10:00 a.m.

Teen Read Week

October 18 - 24

Contact: Young Adult Library Services Organization

[www.ala.org/teenread/](http://www.ala.org/teenread/)

Federation Meeting

Florence Community Library

October 22, 10:00 a.m.

AzLA Orientation Meeting

October 29

Catalog Naming Contest Ends

October 29

AzLA Annual Conference

November 17 - 19