

Pinal County Library District Newsletter

September/October 2000

Director's Column

On August 2 the Pinal County Board of Supervisors adopted the final budget for FY2000/2001. The Library District budget total is \$521,503. Book allocations have been increased and \$11,000 has been set aside for the purchase of furniture for the Gates PCs and printers. The loan from the General Fund to help purchase our online system (originally \$140,000) still has a \$70,000 balance due. The following condensed version of the FY2000/2001 budget also includes \$70,000 to pay off the loan.

Budget FY00/01

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| Personal Services | 213,920 |
| Supplies | 134,326 |
| Outside Services | 76,257 |
| Capital Outlay | <u>97,000</u> |
| Total | \$521,503 |

Library Grants

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| State Grants-in-Aid | 23,000 |
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By now you should have received checks for State Grants-in-Aid. These funds may be used for a variety of projects such as programming and outreach, collection development, and other delivery-of-services expenses. Libraries located in unincorporated communities may elect to use a portion of their grant to help offset utilities

and interlibrary loan postage expenses.

GATES GRANTS

Congratulations to everyone on their successful Gates applications. Every library in Pinal County was approved and funded. Three libraries submitted successful appeals, and will receive four workstations instead of the original two allotted by the Gates Foundation. This means that county-wide, our libraries will receive a combined total of 40 PC workstations, 14 laser printers, and 6 content servers. That is over \$170,000 worth of equipment.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the "Before Your Computer Arrives" workshop on September 14 at the Casa Grande Public Library. A big "Thank you" goes to David Snider and his staff for graciously agreeing to host the workshop.

LSTA

Discussions have continued on LSTA grant possibilities. Replacement of aging equipment is important, but we have also been sending out inquiries to learn more about our options for authority control services. There are several vendors offering a variety of services, so at this stage we are collecting

information for comparison purposes.

Basically, authority control services automatically identify obsolete headings and replace them with current headings. Establishing a single form for a name or heading under an authority record brings together in one place all the works of an author, editions of a work, series titles, and subjects. By using *see* and *see also* references, the patron is guided to whatever materials they are seeking. Some services include updating and correcting subject and author headings, providing new authority records as needed, regular authority file maintenance and ongoing authority control.

Once the major updating is completed, the ongoing maintenance is not prohibitively expensive and saves us countless hours of tedious work. The benefit to our catalog is that standard headings and cross-references are kept current, which ultimately benefits our patrons in catalog searches.

We are still researching the topic and educating ourselves on how to proceed. In the meantime, new ideas and possibilities are welcome. Please be thinking of possible projects for your library.

Denise Keller, Director

Reference & Outreach Services

I attended the wonderful REFORMA conference which was held in Tucson on August 3-6, 2000. The conference focused on library services to Spanish speaking populations, and was quite inspirational and informative. Topics included: "Serving Latino Communities: A How-To-Do-It-Workshop for Beginners;" "From the Margins to the Center: Services to Underserved Latinos;" "Meeting the Needs of Linguistically Diverse Children;" "The U.S. Hispanic Experience through Literature;" "Hot Topics in Intellectual Freedom;" "Building Bridges with Spanish-Language Fiction and Picture Books;" and a strategic planning session on the "digital divide" as it affects the Spanish speaking community. I will be more than happy to make copies of the handouts from any of the workshops I attended for anyone who is interested.

I have just finished re-classifying and inventorying our Professional Collection here at the District Office. These items now display in PALS as "Pinal County Professional" and are available for checkout to any affiliate libraries. We're receiving new items all the time, on all kinds of public library "issues."

The San Manuel and Oracle public libraries are now circulating! Training was

conducted at both sites during the months July and August. Eight of our eleven Innopac libraries are circulating now; only three to go! Barcoding is continuing at Arizona City, Kearny and Mammoth; all are short on staff, so we hope to bring them up as soon as possible.

Patty Freeman, Sandra Mendoza, Rus Ketcham and myself will be presenting a program at AzLA this year on our experiences with receiving the "Arthur" grant from WGBH. We plan to discuss what worked, what didn't, what we learned, and the overall impact of the program. If you're planning on attending AzLA this year, we'd love to see you in the audience!

*Linda Shaw
Reference/Outreach Services*

Cataloging Corner

SELECTING THE BEST BIB FOR YOUR ITEM RECORD.

When you are attaching item records and barcoding in our INNOPAC you may notice some records with an FX8a in the 049 field. These records have come from OCLC and indicate that we are now listed as one of the libraries with a copy of that material. The FX8a in the MaRC 049 field is the holding code for Pinal County Library District. When selecting a bib record for a new item record give priority to

these bibs with FX8a in the 049 field.

The 049 field comes automatically when a record is downloaded using CatExpress. Eventually we will use the lack of this FX8a code in the 049 field to determine which records we need to send to OCLC in the future. Since they charge for putting our holdings into their database we want to be as accurate as possible.

Example: Look at one of the bibs we have gotten from CatExpress. If you need a title, try "Flow of Art." On the left there are line numbers. Ignore them. Next to them are the MaRC field tags. These tags don't change the way a line number can. The 100 field will always be the author, the 245 field will always be the title, the 300 will always be the description, and the 049 will always be the OCLC holding code for the library. If the code in the 049 field is anything but FX8 it should be deleted.

For an explanation of any MaRC field see:

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/ecbdhome.html>

*Ellen Fallon
Technical Services*

News Around the County

APACHE JUNCTION:

Hi! Hope everyone survived Summer Reading. We did - barely! Had a great response and a very busy summer.

We have some special incentives, provided by Wal-Mart, for **Library Card Sign-Up Month**. Two lucky children will win a bicycle. Young adults will have the opportunity to be in a drawing for a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift certificate. In addition, the first 175 young people (up through age 18) will be given a limited edition collectible millennium Frisbee. There will be drawings for gift bags for all age groups, as well as grocery store gift certificates for adults. To be eligible for any of the prizes mentioned, one need only use a library card or obtain a new card. The more the card is used, the more chances you have to win!

Toddler and Preschool Storytimes will meet each Wednesday beginning September 27 and continue through November 15, 2000. Something new this fall will be Babytime for infants aged 6 - 24 months on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 10:20 a.m.

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a **Youth Book Exchange** in the lobby of the library on Saturday, September 16. "Outgrown" books may be swapped for others free of charge. Books to be exchanged must be suitable for ages from infancy through 18. This event will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be a workshop on Monday, September 18, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the library. **"Kids Voting"** is a program which enables young people to learn about the election process and actually participate at the polls with their parents or their class. Homeschool parents and charter school teachers are especially encouraged to attend. The curriculum will be discussed.

Teen Mystery Party will be held on Tuesday, September 19, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Pizza will be served.

The **Teen Book Discussion Group**, started last year, continues to meet. We will be reading "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle and discussing it on Monday, October 16 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the library program room. Books are available for checkout at the library.

Teen Chat Cafe is back by popular demand. It will be held in the library lobby on Thursday, October 19 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Feel free to be prepared to share some favorite poetry or passage from a book or something you wrote. (Not a requirement.) Refreshments will be served. A "Chicken Soup" book for teens will be given as a door prize.

ARIZONA CITY:

Tuesday & Thursday evenings: **GED Classes** are held from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

2nd Monday of each month - **The Genealogy Club** meets at 7:00 p.m., anyone is welcome!

We are holding a **raffle** to raise money for new paint as we rearrange the library, along with some remodeling to make room for our computers.

Oct. 4 - Nov. 1, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: **Mother Read** training program - limit of 10.

Oct. 10 - **Mother Read** program: Georgie Filman and Arlys Bright will be at Eloy Head Start.

Oct. 14 at 6:00 p.m. - **Elvis in Hawaii Luau and Concert**. Tickets are available at the Arizona City Library and Community Center for \$15.00 in advance per person. This includes a show, dancing, and door prizes. There is limited seating for this event, which benefits the Arizona City Library and the ACHPOA.

COOLIDGE:

Read-To-Me began on August 30; this is a fun-filled program for pre-school aged children which includes music, stories, songs, puppet shows, flannel boards, and activities all based on children's literature. Held Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The library is holding its First Annual **Children's Book Week Bookmark Design Contest**.

Flyers have been passed out to children in grades K-12 to use their imagination and design a bookmark to illustrate the theme: "Fuel your Mind." The first place bookmark will be reproduced and distributed during Children's Book Week.

Interested patrons may register for the **ongoing computer classes**: Basic Microsoft Word, Basic Internet, How to Use Hotmail, Advanced Microsoft Word, Advanced Internet, and Beginning Excel. Call 723-9559 to register.

September 21 is "**Read to Kids Day**." We will visit Head Start on that day.

"**How to Get Started on Homeschooling**," an informative program for parents, will be discussed on September 21 with Socorro Luna and Dawn Urton, at 6:00 p.m.

The library staff is also planning on participating in this year's **Calvin Coolidge Days** on October 14.

FLORENCE:

New Staff:

Linda Craft and Maureen Williams have joined the staff as Part-Time Library Aides. Welcome Aboard!!!

Reference Training:

During the months of August - October, all Library staff members will be attending weekly training sessions conducted by Linda Shaw from the Pinal County Library District. The Reference

Excellence Workshop, designed by the Ohio Library Council, is intended to help staff on the job in answering reference questions on a world of topics. The workshop has two components. The first section deals with reference service and includes information on the reference interview, skills for working with patrons, and ethics. The second section deals with reference sources and includes practice questions on a variety of print and Web-based Reference sources. These classes are designed to improve reference skills and increase staff's knowledge of available library resources and services.

Summer Reading Program:

This summer the children who participated in the Summer Reading Program read a total of 59,878 minutes! The overall first place reader was Mary Rose Brickley who read 10,175 minutes. The second place reader (Tyler Evanson) read 8,271 minutes and third place (Trevor Evanson) read 6,487 minutes. Participants who read at least 500 minutes and attended 3 classes were qualified to go to Sunsplash on July 1st.

3M Security System:

Although we received notification that the grant we applied for through 3M was unsuccessful, we are currently requesting quotes from various vendors in order to go ahead with this project. Purchase and installation of a security system was approved in this year's budget.

Space concerns:

We are currently planning for the rearrangement of some collections in the library in order to make room for the Gates Foundation computers as well as to accommodate additional shelving.

FCL Youth Group:

Meetings: September 5, October 10, November 1, December 6, January 3 at 3:20 p.m.: The FCL Youth Group is a group of Young Adults, ages 12-18 that has regular meetings sponsored by the Library. Discussing books, eating, playing games, and having competitions with other libraries, hanging out, going places, and watching movies are all a part of the fun.

Book Discussion Group:

September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, and January 2 at 6:00 p.m.: Registration is required for each group/book discussion. Groups are limited to 10 participants and will be based on the following books: September: *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden; October: *The Red Tent* by Anita Damant; November: *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham; December: *Sugar Land* by Joni Rodgers; January: *Gardens in the Dunes* by Lelsie Marmon Silko. This list is subject to change.

Phoenix Zoomobile:

T.B.A: Be sure to watch for your favorite animals at the Florence Community Library. The Phoenix Zoo Zoomobile will be presenting a program for all to enjoy!

Legends of the Stars:

Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.: Join Brian DeWelles of Starlight Planetarium Productions at the library while he brings the night sky to life in a portable planetarium dome. He will share with us the myths and legends of constellations. This is sure to be a "star filled" night in Florence.

Positive Grandparenting:

Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m.: Dr. Marie Abrams, a professor at CAC, will provide practical information on how grandparents can play a supportive role, with or without the parent present. She will discuss topics such as power struggles and how to avoid them, discipline problems and activities for you to do with your grandchild.

Become a Part of Something Big!
Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m.: A representative from **Big Brothers and Big Sisters** of Western Pinal County will be at the library to share information about how to become a part of this organization and show the youth in this area how much you care. Big Brothers and Big Sisters is a one-to-one mentoring program that needs you.

Teen Read Week

October 15 to 21: "Reading Rocks" is the theme of this year's National Teen Read Week. All teens are invited to participate in Book Trivia. At the beginning of the week there will be an entry form with 10 trivia questions from popular Young Adult books. Entry forms and rules will be

available at the library during this week. Fill out the entry form with correct answers and be entered to win cool prizes. Don't be left out, start reading now. Entries must be received by Friday, October 20. Winners will be posted at the Library on Monday, October 23rd.

El Cuento = The Story:

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.: Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library with renowned Storyteller Martin Juan Rivera, Sr. He will be sharing Bilingual stories suitable for all ages!

Ghost Stories:

Tuesday, October 24, 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.

ORACLE

Oracle Public Library is proud to announce that we will be processing the new "Pinal County Library District" patron cards starting September 5, 2000. We are very excited about finally getting to be computerized at the Oracle Public Library. It has taken a lot of hours from some very talented volunteers to get the computerization of the Oracle Library ready. We are all very proud of our volunteers for sticking to getting the work done for this great event. On Saturday, September 16, 2000 we will hold an **Open House** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to greet people, process

cards and show our patrons how it works. The Oracle Public Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held Saturday, September 9, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Library. We will be having election of new board members in September, all patrons are invited to vote on those running for election.

SAN MANUEL

San Manuel library used the reading logs, bookmarks, posters provided by the **AZ Reads Program** and also ordered T-shirts and book bags with the "Read from Sea to Shining Sea" logos. We advertised on local posters and in the local newspaper, a summer reading program. We had no special days or arts and crafts groups, just **READ!!** Over 100 children visited the library and enrolled in the project and over 800 books were recorded as read. This took a lot of work on part of parents, grandparents, and even a few great-grandparents. Many of the children are pre-readers who **LOVE** having books read to them! This is truly the beginning step of reading for life! Gordon's IGA, Chris Tru- Value store, and Mel's Drive-In donated sodas, candy, and ice cream cones to add to the prizes of books, T-shirts, a few toys (donated by library volunteers), and book bags. Every 3 weeks, a drawing was held and 1/3 of the prizes were given out.

We are working with the local elementary schools to provide

some of the books they use for an Accelerated Reading program. We suggest parents check out the book their child is currently reading, read it also--with the child if needed--and discuss the

book. We find that many of the books are new to some of the parents and they like to be with the material their children are reading. Also some parents are

pleased to find that their child is reading an old favorite of theirs.



Calendar of Events

September 8 – Pinal County Library Federation Strategic Planning Meeting, 9:30

September 14 – Before Your Computer Arrives” Gates Workshop, Casa Grande Public Library, 9:30

September 22 – AzLA Executive Board Meeting, Tucson

October 6 – County Librarians Meeting, Arizona State Library, Phoenix

October 20 – Pinal County Library Federation Meeting, Maricopa