



July-August 2001

Pinal County Library District NEWSLETTER

Director's Column

At long last, we have a new look to the newsletter, thanks to Cheryl's creative talents. The old format had begun to look dated and boring, so we hope this new look will not only update us, but spark more interest in library events and activities.

Work has already begun on the LSTA grant we received for the McFarland Digitization Project. Henry Padilla, whose family has lived in the Florence area for many years and known the McFarland family, has spent the last two years saving these wonderful photographs and documents in a stable format. Overall, the project has resulted in 450 CDs containing archival quality images, audios and videos. This final phase will enable us to purchase a large storage capacity external disk drive, which

will allow the entire body of work to reside on-line and provide efficient access to the digital files.

Thumbnail photos are available on the web site now to researchers worldwide. We are in the process of creating copies of a special CD which has slightly lower resolution images of selected photographs. Each library in the county will receive a copy. Ellen is creating the original MARC record so that it will be a simple matter to add the CD to existing collections.

At the suggestion of the Pinal County IT department, Frank McCue has started a project to verify that all software in use

by the Library District is properly licensed. He discovered a few minor discrepancies, which have now been corrected. If you find you want to load any additional software to a PCLD-owned PC, please call and let Frank know. We will want to keep copies of licenses.

An electronic batch load is planned for August that will encompass all new titles added to PALS during FY 00/01. This will be the first batch load since 1996. We are included in the ongoing LSTA *CatExpress* project, so we will continue to whittle away on the recon project.

Attention Affiliate Libraries:

REMINDER

Name Us Contest
entries due by July
31. Name the costume
people!

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News Around the County

Apache Junction

Our summer reading program began on May 29 and, as a result, we have been incredibly busy the month of June. We are once again participating in "Extra Extra Read Your Way to the Ballpark", jointly sponsored by the Arizona Republic and the Arizona Diamondbacks. We have had very successful programs. Bobby Freeman, organist for the Diamondbacks, helped us kick off with a rousing performance. For those who could not attend the mid-week event, we had a Summer Reading Festival on Saturday, June 2, complete with hot dog wagon, cookies and drinks in the lobby. There were also games, arts and crafts, face painting and even a palm reader. Other folks who visited for programs were Kirby Soderberg, Arizona's Singing Cowboy, Gary Sprague, and his horse Steel, the Phoenix Zoo and storyteller Jeffrey Sadow. We would highly recommend all of these performers. The last special program will be a "Little House on the Prairie" day on July 17. This was very successful last year and we had many requests for a repeat. Wednesday morning storytimes will be presented bi-weekly for the months of July and August. Thursday afternoon movies will continue through the end of July. Teen book discussions are being held as

well this summer. Attendance is down but the teens did not wish to take a break! Babytime continues on Thursday mornings for those patrons 6 to 24 months. Our teen volunteers are going to celebrate the end of summer this year with an ice cream party rather than the traditional pizza.

Arizona City Summer Reading
July 11-Aug 1; 2-3:30 pm each Wednesday.

GED Classes
Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 pm, beginning sometime in August. Call for more information.

Casa Grande 2001: A Reading Odyssey Travels Through Time and Space continues through July 26

Brian De Welles and his "Starlight Planetarium," July 5, 2:00-3:00, ages 4-6 and adult
3:00-4:00, ages 7 and up

Registration begins July 2. Native American Stick Rattles, craft program for kids in grades 2-5, July 12, 2:00-3:00.

Registration begins July 9. Kid Pop! A Kids Concert with Judy Pancoast, for kids of all ages, 2:00-3:00, July 18

Alien Beauty Pageant, grades 1-5, July 26, 2:00-3:00; registration begins July 23.

"A Taste of Broadway" scenes from "My Fair Lady," "Camelot," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Taming of the Shrew," Monty Python and more. Sponsored by T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board). July 20, 7:30 P.M., library lawn. Playgoers of all ages - families especially welcome - can enjoy theater under the stars while they dine on the lawn (if they bring their own eats!)

Computer Training for

Small Business Owners & Senior Adults kicks off on July 5th. Courses for small business owners include:

Product & Market Search using InfoUSA: July 5 & 12.
Multimedia Production: July 9, 16, 23,30.
Web Publishing: July 19, 26; Aug 2, 9.
MS Access: Aug 6 & 13.
Mail Merge: Aug 20 & 27.

All Small Business classes are from 7-8am

Courses for senior adults include:

What is a mouse?*: July 20 & 24.
Basic E-mail: Aug 10 & 17.

Genealogy: Tracing Your Heritage Using Internet Links: Aug 22,29; Sept 5.
All senior adult classes are from 10-11 am.

*requirement for non-computer users.

Registration is required

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Reference & Outreach Services

I am working on setting up training for Interlibrary Loan. My first step was to survey libraries participating in ILL to ascertain how each of us are handling this process. (If you haven't returned the survey, Please do! If you've lost it, or never received it, let me

know) I am also working on an ILL policies and procedures manual for the Library District. Interlibrary Loan is a great service for our patrons and it works best when we work together. Be on the lookout for more information concerning training.

Tammy Storm, our Ebsco representative, will be at PCLD on July 27 to provide training on EbscoHost. This online, subscription based magazine index has full-text articles and is a great resource for our patrons.

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for all courses! Please contact
Heather Gillespie for more informa-
tion regarding these training
courses.*

Coolidge

Summer Reading Program

We are now just winding down are **Summer Reading Program**. We have a total of 60 participants. These young readers were able to get involved in fun reading, arts and crafts, storytelling, and the making of new friends. We will end our Summer Reading Program with a magic show presented by "Jolly Roger". Everyone is welcomed to come and join us as we end our 2001 Reading Odyssey with magic, puppets, laughter, unbelievable illusions, and audience participation. The fun will begin at 10 am on July 11th.

Computer Classes

Throughout the summer the Coolidge Public Library will be holding computer classes.

Computer Research Skills for Students Every Monday 6:00 pm

Computer Research Skills for Adults Every Wednesday 6:00 pm

Basic Internet with Safety Tips Every 3rd Saturday 10:00 am

(Parent/Child Participant a MUST!!!)

For more information call the Coolidge Public Library at (520) 723-6030. Registration is required.

Friday Afternoon Movies At The Library

The Coolidge Public Library will be showing movies on Friday afternoons. The movie begins at 3:15 p.m. in the Children's Room of the library. So come out to a nice, quiet, and cool place to enjoy a nice afternoon movie.

Back-To-School Supply Drive

The Coolidge Public Library will be holding their 5th Annual Back-To-School Supply Drive July 2nd - Au-

gust 3rd. Donations such as: paper, pencils, crayons, notebooks, etc. may be dropped off at the Coolidge Public Library. Call (520) 723-6030 for more info.

GED Preparation

The Coolidge Public Library will be offering a GED Preparation Program with Ronita Durbin. This program will be held July 18th at 6:00 pm. For more information call the Coolidge Public Library at (520)723-6030. Registration is required.

New Saturday Library Hours

The Coolidge Public Library will be changing its Saturday hours from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm to 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Fall 2001, so please make note of this change.

Pen Pal Program

If you are aged 9-18. (grades 4-12). This is your chance to get into a "writeful relationship" and make a new friend from far away. Libraries in Massachusetts, Ohio, New Jersey, Virginia, Montana, Louisiana, Indiana, North Carolina, Alaska, Washington State, and even Ontario, Canada are sponsoring the other parts of this program. Registration forms are available at the Circulation Desk, so pick up yours today and begin making new friends.

Read-To-Me Program

This fun filled program for preschool age children includes music, stories, songs, puppet shows, flannel boards, and activities based on children literature. Every Wednesday Morning 10:00 am - 10:40 am. This program will begin August 20, 2001. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Florence

Librarian Position open

Myndi has been accepted to the UofA and will be entering the MLS program in the Fall. She plans to move to Tucson and therefore has turned in her resignation. We wish her the best of luck!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Beat the Heat at the Cool Arizona Science Center!

Arizona Science Center Excursion

Saturday, July 21, 12:30PM

The Library is planning a trip to the Arizona Science Center in Phoenix. All ages are welcome; however, a parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 17. Seatbelt restraints will not be available. The bus will leave the Library at 12:30PM and Return at 6:00PM.

Registrations and fees will be accepted June 1 through July 6. All fees must be paid at time of registration.

Arizona Science Center Admission: \$5

Planetarium: \$2 *or* Giant Screen

Theater: \$2 (these are optional)

Visit the Arizona Science Center website at www.azscience.org.

Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, July 17, 6:00PM

Young Library patrons are encouraged to wear their pajamas, bring their teddy bears and blankets to this hour of bedtime stories and snacks.

Clowning Around at the Library

Tuesday, August 14, 6:00PM

Children of all ages are invited to come to the library and let us put a "smile" on your face with clown stories, face painting and fun for all.

How to Start A Home Based Business

Thursday, August 9, 6:00PM

August is Home Business Month, so mark your calendars for this date to attend this presentation given by Bennett Curry from the Pinal County Small Business Development Center and Nedra Quick of Quick Accounting. They will present an informative session

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on the basics of how to start a home-based business.

Research Strategies in the Virtual Library of the 21st Century

Wednesday, August 22, 8:15AM and 9:15AM

William Johnson, M.L.S., Reference Librarian at Chandler Public Library will bring his skills and experience to Florence to show you the best Internet research strategies to make your searching easier and more effective. Program limited to high school students, registration required.

The King's Magician at the Library

Tuesday, August 21, 6:00PM

Come bring your family and friends to this mesmerizing night full of magic and excitement. The King's Magician performs a fantastic comedy magic bird show for all ages. Visit his website at www.kingsmagician.com.

Kearny

This last week of June is the conclusion of our Summer Reading Program. We will have an awards program when those who have made rockets will launch them, weather permitting. Children who attend Friday evening at 7 p.m., June 29th., will receive a frisbee (donated by the American Cancer society) along with their certificate. Fifteen tickets, donated by APS, will be awarded to

the top readers in each age group.

The children will enter the building through a time machine and will be given a maze to solve. The Friends of the Library will be serving ice cream and cake at the end of the program.

A total of 74 children signed up and came to our four different sessions but not all came for the entire four weeks. Each week was a different period in history. The first week was Pre-historic, second week was Medieval, the third week, the Age of Exploration and the fourth week was The Future. Crafts and stories fit the theme each week.

Superior

Our Summer Reading Program for 2001 has come to an end. On Saturday we will have our program finale! We will have a Swim Party at the community pool from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded at this time. We had a total enrollment of 70 children from grades Preschool through 6th grade. Our Teen Program had an enrollment of 10 teenagers. Some of these teens will

serve on our Teen Advisory Group. Many ideas have been shared and discussed and program plans are being made. Teens will participate in different activities at the library through out the year. They are interested in starting a Chess and Checkers Club, Games Night where they can come to the library and play different board games such as Scrabble, Monopoly, etc. They will also come in and help with covering books, straightening shelves, and several other library duties. We look forward to meeting other Youth Advisory Groups and share ideas.

Budget Preparation is upon us once again. We are hopeful at being able to hire a full-time library aide and a relief part-time aide in the event that one of the full-time persons is off. By having another full-time person we will be able to expand our hours of service by being open a few nights per week plus Saturdays. We will also be able to provide more programs here at the library for the community.



Upcoming Events

Sept. 4, 2001	Federation Meeting	Coolidge
Sept. 21, 2001	AzLA Executive Board Meeting	Tucson
Dec. 4-7, 2001	AzLA-MPLA Joint Conference	Phoenix
March 12-16, 2002	Public Library Association Conference	Phoenix