

# Pinal County Library District Newsletter

May/June 2001

## Director's Column

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing and adoption of the tentative budget is scheduled for June 20, with final adoption on August 8. The Library District budget includes a new position request for a Library Technician. Book allocations have remained static. The requested budget is as follows:

Personal Services	253,816
Supplies	17,900
Books	110,000
Outside Services	62,000
Capital Expenditures	16,284
TOTAL	\$460,000

The LSTA grant proposal to complete the McFarland Digitization Project has been funded for \$16,300. This final phase will enable us to store all digitized images (currently stored on about 450 CDs) onto an external data storage device. The device will connect through the network hub and allow the collection to be available online.

The 2001 Library Institute is scheduled for May 20-25. This year, we have four participants from Pinal County: Linda Wilmeth (Maricopa Community Library), Delise Christensen (PCLD), Bonnie Lopez (Apache Junction Public Library, and Lynette Hinojos (Coolidge Public Library). This is a wonderful training opportunity valued by many libraries across the state.

### *Computers in Libraries 2001*

I attended the "Computers in Libraries" conference in Washington,

D.C. in March. The Arizona State Library provided a Continuing Education Scholarship of \$800 to help underwrite travel expenses.

Information technology and creative new ways to apply it to our everyday lives is expanding at such a rate that many feel like they will never be able to keep up. This conference went a long way toward addressing those fears, helped us to peer forward into an exciting future, and arm ourselves with information and strategies to make those almost constant transitions from old to new (and new to newer) a little more manageable.

The conference attracted about 2,400 participants for three days of sessions on the newest trends in the information industry. Industry experts and pioneers spoke on many aspects of emerging technologies. Presentations were organized under four tracks, so those interested in a specific aspect, such as wireless technology or IP strategies, could attend successive sessions with the same focus. Or, participants could switch between the various tracks in order to tailor the conference to individual needs.

I attended seminars on a variety of topics, from the design and management of a library home page, to navigation and searching tips, to strategies for protecting public terminals. A fun and fascinating session *Thinking About the Unthinkable* focused on the recent IBM ad campaign that asked the question "How many Libraries of Congress per second can your software handle?" Speaker Rich Wiggins with Michigan State University sent out a plea for open minds, and shared his calculations on the total cost to digitize the Library of Congress. You can see the Power Point presentation for yourself at

[http://www.netfact.com/present/rww-cil-digital-lc-mar2001\\_files/frame.htm](http://www.netfact.com/present/rww-cil-digital-lc-mar2001_files/frame.htm).

An interesting session entitled "Docster" looked at the spectacular success of Napster, and suggested that Napster's distributed file-sharing system could be model for libraries to provide faster and more efficient ILL services. The panel discussed technical, legal, and political aspects and participated in a lively interactive debate with the audience.

*Computers in Libraries* addresses all aspects of library technology in a manner that is accessible to all levels of knowledge. Excellent speakers and a broad range of topics ensure something of interest to everyone. *Information Today* hosts an excellent website with links to many of the Power Point presentations at: <http://www.infoday.com/cil2001/default.htm>. It's well worth taking a look.

Denise Keller, Director

## Reference & Outreach Services

Thank you all for the warm welcome. As you may know, I moved here from Florida and I am thrilled to be back in Arizona where the humidity is not over 80% everyday. And, I am happy to be here working for the Library District. I have been around to most of the affiliate libraries, and what I am hearing most from you is a need for training. I am available for this now. I can provide circulation and ILL training. Also, there is a comprehensive reference workshop available that Linda provided for

Coolidge and Florence last year. If you would like me to provide this 9-12 week program for your library, let me know. I'm also available for weeding help. Weeding increases circulation by making your collection more browsable and relevant for your patrons. If there is any other type of training you'd like, just give me a call.

Ellen and I attended the AzLA Regional Forum in Globe on April 27. Betty, Judy and Judy's husband were also there from Arizona City. It was an excellent forum with presentations on fundraising, customer service, technology and the future of libraries. We also took a bus ride over to the Gila County Courthouse to attend a dedication. Gila County has installed three beautiful plaques for Governor Rose Mofford, Senator Bill Hardt and Representative Polly Rosenbaum. All three honorees have been very supportive of libraries in their roles in state government. Mrs. Rosenbaum who was instrumental in obtaining library services for rural areas, and to whom the Globe Library is dedicated, is most sprightly at 101.

*Cheryl Conrad, Reference & Outreach*

## ***News Around the County***

### ***APACHE JUNCTION***

This year's summer reading program, "**Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark!**" will run from May 29th through July 28, 2001. Bobby Freeman, Arizona Diamondbacks organist will officially open the program on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. There will also be a Summer Reading Festival on Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Through the month of June, there will be weekly programs on Tuesday afternoons and Storytimes on

Wednesday mornings. Programs will include Kirby Soderberg, Gary Sprague (Arizona's Singing Cowboy and his wonder horse Steele), the Phoenix Zoo, Jeffrey Sadow and "Little House on the Prairie" Day.

Movies will be shown on Thursday afternoons through the end of July. The teen program is once again being sponsored by Harkins Theatres. That is entitled "2001 Teen Summer Reading: a Reel Adventure". There will be a Teen Coffee House on May 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 there will be a Teen scrapbooking class. This year we tried some new book discussion groups for adults. Groups for "gentle reads", "mystery", and "real to reel" (books made into movies) each met monthly for four months. Happy Summer Reading to all!!

### ***ARIZONA CITY***

May 2-9-16 **Creative Writing class** given by an Arizona State University Graduate. This is a 2-hour creative writing class helping students write stories, poems, a book, or what ever they are interested in writing.

May 19 - Our **Spring Book Sale** will be held in the library parking lot from 8:00 - 12:00.

May 17 - End of the GED classes until fall.

At this moment the calendar is empty for the month of June. Our Summer Reading Program will begin in July this year.

### ***COOLIDGE***

**Summer Reading Begins June 11th** Get ready to sail the seven seas, chart new terrain or go where no reader has ventured before. **2001: Reading Odyssey** (Arizona Reading Program) is kicking off the program with "**Outer Space Odyssey**" A science-based exploration of what life on other planets would be like using dramatic audio-visual effects. Craft workshop and rocket launch afterward. 3:00pm

Reading program will run June 11-July 11. Children ages 0-14 may register by calling 723-6030.

**Jolly Roger Magic Show** – July 11 \* 10:00am

**Back to School Supply Drive** July 2-August 3

***Donations may be dropped off at the library***

**Discovery Toys \* May 30 \* 6:00pm**

Toys and games that teach, books that excite and software that opens the mind to its fullest potential all presented through the personal touch of product workshop. (Toys available for purchase) Join Laura Abbott as she presents the smartest way to have fun! Call 723-6030 to register.

**Friday afternoon at the Movies**  
**Beginning May 25<sup>th</sup> \* 3:15pm**

**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 way. Libraries across the US are sponsoring the other parts of this program. Registration forms are available at the Circulation Desk, so pick yours up today and begin making new friends.

**Computer Instruction Programs**

**Computer Research Skills for Students**

Every Monday at 6:00pm

**Computer Research Skills for Adults**

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm

**Basic Microsoft Word**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm

**Basic Internet**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm

**E-mail Essentials**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm

**Introduction to P.A.L.S.**

On-going

We also offer classes on: **Beginning Excel, Advanced Internet and Advances Microsoft Word.**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COMPUTER**

**CLASSES! LIMITED SPACE.**  
**Call 723-6030**

*Congratulations to Andrea Bechtel,  
Mother of the Year 2001.*

## **FLORENCE**

### ***New Faces at the Library***

Tonya McDonald and Venita Cox have been hired as Part-Time Library Aides. They replace Maureen Williams and Gayle Foeckler.

### **Restructuring of Department**

The Town of Florence has divided the Community Services Department. The Library and Senior Center are now Departments of their own, reporting directly to the Town Manager.

### **EDIC Collection**

Hoping that the collection will receive more usage, the Pinal County Library has transferred their Economic Development Information Center (EDIC) to the Florence Community Library. This collection of materials will be continuously updated and made available for use by the small business owners and community and economic development professionals.

### **Tutoring Available**

Tutors are available at the Library on the High School campus as well as at the Middle School. This is a FREE service!

### **Story Time**

Every Tuesday 0-3yr olds at 9:30AM; 4-6yr olds 10:15AM  
Story Time includes fun stories as well as occasional crafts.

### **FCL Youth Group**

First Monday of each month.  
4:00PM

This group is for youth ages 12-18. There are book reviews, food, trips, games and good times. Youth Group meetings are not held during School Intersessions.

### **Intro to the Internet**

Third Saturday of each month.  
9:00AM

Library staff will hold a one and a half-hour workshop on the third Saturday of each month to explain the basics of the Internet, also known

as the World Wide Web. This will be for those with very little or no experience on the Internet. Registration is required. Familiarity with keyboard and mouse applications is recommended.

### **Ease into E-Mail**

Third Saturday of each month  
10:30AM

Library staff will hold a one and a half-hour workshop on the third Saturday of 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 highly recommended.

### **Book Discussion Group**

First Tuesday of each month  
6:00PM

All book lovers are invited to come and share their insight into the book of the month.

### **Mom and Me: Mother and Child Party**

Saturday, May 12, 2:00PM

In honor of Mothers Day, all kids are invited to bring their Moms to this special program. We will share crafts, stories and refreshments. Kids go home with "Mother's Day" gift in hand.

### **Amnesty Weeks**

(Two Weeks to Waive ALL Overdue Fines) Sunday, May 13 through Saturday, May 26

This is a great time for library patrons to return their overdue library material. Simply come into the library and ask staff to waive overdue fines. All items must be returned; lost book fees will not be waived. We encourage patrons to take advantage of this opportunity to return items to the library and to clear their fines.

### **Video Basics**

Thursday, May 17, 5:30PM

Master the art of Videography with Nathan Woodbury from Channel 19. Please call to register for this free program.

### **Re-entry Adults Considering Higher Education**

Thursday, June 7, 6:00PM

Barbara Meyer, M.Ed. Student Services Specialist at CAC Signal

Peak will present a program for those adults who are considering going back to school. Even if you are only dreaming about higher education, there will be something for you at this program.

### **Summer Reading Program Kick-off**

"Summerdog the Storyteller"!

Monday, June 11, 5:30PM

As a fun kick-off for the Summer Reading Program, Summerdog the Storyteller who will present a science program with a special lift off. Staff will also cover the basic information and rules concerning this year's SRP, making this is an important program to attend.

### **Summer Reading Program 2001: A Reading Odyssey**

Tuesday, June 12 through Thursday, July 5.

Summer Reading Program registration begins May 14.

This year's program schedule is as follows:

0-3 year olds, Tuesdays, 9:30AM

4-6 year olds, Tuesdays, 10:15AM

7-9 year olds, Thursdays, 10:00AM

10-14 year olds, Thursdays, 2:00PM

### **Arizona Science Center Outreach Program**

Soda Bottle Rocketry

Wednesday, June 13, 10:00AM

Using plastic bottles, water, and compressed air, students learn about aerodynamics as they design, test, modify, and launch rockets to altitudes of 100 feet and higher. For children 7 years and up. Registration required by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Program limited to the first 30 students.

### **SRP Finale—Big Surf**

Saturday, July 7, 11:00AM

For the participants of the Summer Reading Program we are planning a very special trip to Big Surf. So get busy and read those books so you can qualify to attend and have oceans of fun!

## **KEARNY**

The Friends of the Arthur E. Pomeroy Library, Kearny arranged to have "**The Magic of Christopher**": appear at the school auditorium on

May 9th. Students from K through 4th grade were in attendance along with some of our preschoolers and their mothers.

Introduced by our primary school superintendent, Christopher used the Summer Reading Program throughout his presentation.

A **poster contest** was started and will conclude May 11th using the statewide theme.

At **Open House** on May 16th prizes will be awarded to the winners. Posters will be on display at the library for that week.

Starting at 7 p.m., "**Clown Gals of Arizona**" will entertain at the Open House. Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Library.

Plans are underway for our **Summer Reading Program** for the month of June. We are hoping to have four groups including children from 3 year olds through teens with sessions Tuesday evenings, Wed. and Thurs. afternoons, and Friday mornings.

### ***SUPERIOR***

**Our Preschool Program** came to end on May 2 with our Preschool Promotion Ceremony. We had a total of thirteen (13) children participate in our program this year.

Our program starts in September and ends in May. It is a thirty (30) week program. This year our participants missed six weeks of the program when Josie was out on medical leave. Parents and children were very understanding and this was sincerely appreciated. They all returned back to the program enthusiastic and glad to be back. We made them a notebook with activity pages they missed and sent them home for parents to help them. When asked, one of the children said what she had missed most was coming to the library and checking out books. I stressed to them and the parents that they could come and check out books even when there is no preschool. When parents came in to pick them up, they each one told their parents that they could bring them to the library anytime to check out books. I hope they do!

Superior Public Library has received a **gift of 100 new children's books**, ranging from pre-kindergarten through early readers. These books were a donation from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City, interested in fostering early reading, a love of books and encouraging parents and children to read together.

**Summer Reading Program** planning is underway! Registration will be held May 21st - May 31st. Program will start on June 5th and will come to an end on July 5th. We are in the process of getting a storyteller and our program finale will be a swim party at the community swimming pool on July 7th. Children Preschool and Kindergarten will meet on Tuesdays, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Grades 1st, 2nd, 3rd will meet on Wednesdays, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Grades 4th, 5th, and 6th will meet on Thursdays, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Our Teen Program will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We are in the process of forming a Teen Advisory Group. They will help with planning the program for Teens and we will be working with the Town Recreation Department on several activities and events for Teens. Some of the themes we will use each week of our 2001: A Reading Odyssey will be:  
Week #1: World of Dinosaurs  
Week #2: Travel to Egypt  
Week #3: Ancient China  
Week #4: Spanish North America  
Week #5: The Future (Space)  
We are all excited about our Travel through all these different time periods!

## **Calendar of Events**

May 18-19 - AzLA Planning Forum, Tempe Public Library

May 20- May 25 – Paraprofessional Institute, Tucson

June 1 – Pinal County Library Federation Meeting, Gold Canyon Elementary School

June 14 -20 – ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco

July 20 – AzLA Executive Board Meeting, Flagstaff