



Newsletter

Pinal County Library District

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Director's Column

Happy New Year to all, and I hope everyone had a great holiday. Several of the Library District staff took vacation days in addition to the holidays, but everyone is back now and eager to start new projects for the New Year.

By the time you receive this newsletter, PC Characters might already be on their way to your library or local elementary school. This year, the annual programs will feature that "silly old bear," Winnie the Pooh. Patty Freeman and Lynette Hinojos will lead the program with the able help of Jan Custis and Shirley Condit. So far, performances are scheduled at 15 schools and most libraries. Judging by the number of performances, it looks like the group will shatter last year's attendance record.

While most of the funds on the Children in Poverty grant were used to support the PC Characters programs, some was expended on children's books. Children and parents who visit the Pinal County Health Department's WIC (Women Infants Children) offices will find a new facet to

the services offered. Every WIC office in the county will have a small collection of children's books for the kids to read and enjoy during their visits. There are about 35 books in each collection, and include multicultural themes, basic concepts (1-2-3, A-B-C, colors, etc.), early readers, and many Spanish language titles. So far, deposit collections have been placed in Casa Grande, Florence, Mammoth, and Coolidge. The remaining collections are ready and will be delivered at time permits. The project was a collaboration between the Florence Community Library, Coolidge Public Library, and the Library District, and supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

We have been researching possible avenues for improvement in telecommunications for the libraries on the county net-

work. Upgrade of 56k lines to T1, where available, would greatly speed up some tasks. The first phase will be to install T1 lines for Arizona City and Superior. Phase II is planned for next fiscal year, to get at least two more libraries on T1 lines. Slow connections are exasperating for staff and patrons, especially where delays of up to 5-6 seconds occur before a typed character appears on the screen. All upgrade plans will be built into the Library District e-rate application.

It's nearly time for the annual Library Legislative Day at the State Capitol. Every year, the Arizona Library Association sponsors this special and important day to give us all an opportunity to meet our local legislators, thank them for their support in the past, and emphasize how important State Grants-in-Aid funds are to our public libraries. Please consider attending this year, and try to bring a library Friends, Board member, or enthusiastic supporter.

Denise Keller

Winnie the Pooh Trivia

1. The first book, *Winnie the Pooh*, was published in:
 - a. 1905
 - b. 1852
 - c. 1926
 - d. 1899
2. The original stuffed animals upon which the Winnie the Pooh characters were based are housed at:
 - a. Milne's home
 - b. The Smithsonian
 - c. British Museum
 - d. New York Public Library
3. The sign above Pooh's door reads:
 - a. Beware of the Bear
 - b. Pooh Corner
 - c. Mr. Sanders
 - d. Mr. Bear

Extra points: What does the sign by Piglet's house read?

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Around the County

Apache Junction

Storytimes will resume on Wednesday, January 8 and continue through March 12, 2002. No registration is required.

Toddler Storytime with Mother Goose is designed for children ages 2 and 3 years accompanied by an adult. It meets from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

Teddy Bear Storytime is for preschool children ages 4, 5 and 6 years and meets from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Each child will make a simple craft. Adults are welcome, but are not required to attend.

Babytime continues weekly without a break. Each Thursday from 10 to 10:20 a.m. the youngest community members, aged 6 to 24 months, gather for play rhymes, songs and picture books in the youth area. No registration required.

Winnie the Pooh is coming to Storytime! Be sure to mark Wednesday, January 22 on your calendar. That always lovable Pooh Bear is coming for a special 10:00 a.m. storytime! Please note the time, as this will be the only storytime presented today.

Family Place : A Parent Child Workshop. The AJ Public Library is pleased to announce the continuation of

the program for families with children aged 1 to 3 years. The workshop will feature toys, crafts, books and play. Community resource people will be on hand to discuss library services, child development and other parenting questions and concerns. The five week Parent/Child Workshop will be held on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., beginning on January 6 and going through February 10, 2003. The program is free of charge but registration is required. You may register now in person at the Youth Services Desk or by calling that desk at 474-8568. Class size is limited.

Family Place : Next Step. If you have already attended the Family Place program at the Apache Junction Public Library and are left wanting more, Next Step is for you! This program will be held on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, through November 25, 2002. All of the toys and resource materials will be available to you and your child/children. A library volunteer will be in the Program Room with you. Next Step is a good way to stay in touch with the folks you met at Family Place and allow the children to continue to use the educational toys provided. The program is free of charge and no registration is re-

quired. However, you must have attended Family Place in order to participate in Next Step.

Beyond the Book. This is a special program designed to help preschool teachers and day care providers get to know the library better. Learn how to use books to stimulate children's interest beyond reading through the use of creativity, crafts, flannel and magnet boards. Continuing education credits may be earned by attending this session on Tuesday, January 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Class size is limited & registration is required.

Adult Events

Book Discussions

January 2 Diamond Dogs by Alan Watt

January 21 Partner in Crime by J. A. Jance

February 6 Dale Loves Sophie to Death by Robb F. Dew

February 18 Road Rage by Ruth Rendell

Covert Bailey As seen on PBS. Mr. Bailey is a Superstition Mountain hiker as well as the author of the Fit or Fat books. Come enjoy his humor and be healthier! Thurs-

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Interlibrary Loan

Congratulations to all the affiliate libraries participating in Interlibrary Loan on a job well done. We've collectively filled 491 requests since July 1st., 2002. Great job everybody, this couldn't be done without your prompt responses to my requests!! Our numbers are steadily on the increase. Last year at this time we only filled 404. The requests from our libraries has gone up from 688 to 761. Keep those books moving. I know some items may travel around to places they aren't intended to go but most of them have made it home safely. I don't think we've had more than maybe 10 that have had to be replaced. I'd say that's pretty good considering how many books have gone out in the mail. Don't hesitate to call me if you have any "mysterious" ILL's. Sometimes a book might come to you that doesn't be-

long to you. Before you "return to sender" give me a call or shoot me an email with any information included with the book. Most of the time I can track down what the problem is and find out where the book should rightfully go. This can save patrons having to wait longer, extra postage and staff time. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all on your hard work doing the ILL process. Everyone of you are answering my requests so promptly. A special thanks to the unincorporated libraries who have to come up with the postage \$\$ and that lucky volunteer that gets to go to the post office, wait in line during the holiday madness when they could be doing any number of things with their time. That's what I call dedication my hat's off to you. Best Wishes for the New Year.

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Pooh Trivia Answers

1. C. 1926. The second Pooh storybook, The House at Pooh Corner, was published in 1928.
2. D. The real Pooh and his friends are on display in the Central Children's Room at the Donnell Library Center, part of the New York Public Library.
3. C. In the first chapter of "Winnie the Pooh" we find that the sign says Mr. Sanders.

Extra Points:

Piglet's sign says: "Trespassers W."

Around the County cont'd

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day, January 9

Mara & Friends Belly Dancing / Raks Sharki / Oriental Dance. Saturday, January 11, 2 p.m.

Jay Cravath Kokopelli: the Mystery of a Fluteplayer Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m.

Mexican Folklorico Dancers Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.

Computer Classes The Apache Junction Public Library is offering free introductory classes in Microsoft Word, the Internet, and E-mail. The classes are for all ages and are designed for those with little computer experience. Registration for the classes begins the first business day of each month at the library. The Apache Junction Library is located at 1177 N. Idaho Rd. There are a very limited number of PIT Stop classes (Personalized Individual Training) for those who have absolutely no computer experience whatsoever. Call the Library at 474-8556 for more information.

Kearny

Our two children's librarians planned some great story hour activities for the children this past month. Particularly the ones of school age. They played musical instruments, marching around the library while singing songs, read several Christmas stories, and made reindeer ornaments, pinecone ornaments, angel self portrait ornaments and the highlight of the month was a visit from the Jolly Man himself, Santa, on Dec. 19th. He listened to Christmas requests and

handed out candy canes and a special gift from the librarians.

There has been some rearranging going on in Kearny. Since the Pinal Literacy has disbanded the library is utilizing the space occupied by them. We hold our Story Hour programs in there and have recently moved our reference books into that room also, making a more quiet area for research. The Friends bought some new shelving which will house our YA collection which in turn frees up some much needed space for the Juvenile Books.

The Friends Organization held their December meeting on Dec. 10th and they had a Christmas get-together concentrating on the enjoyment of the season. They participated in the Light Parade in Kearny and won the "Best Use of Theme" Award. The theme was "Winter Dreams". The Friends will continue selling See's candy bars and lollipops at the library this coming year. They are planning a workshop on wills, probates, and estates for sometime in January.

We held a Scholastic Book Fair in November and it was such a great success. We earned much credit in books from Scholastic, but most of all the fair brought in more people who became library patrons. This Fair helps us get many good books for our children's collection each year.

Oracle

Several successful "Meet the Author" book signings by

local authors were held recently; the library plans to continue this on an ongoing basis.

A very popular fund raiser is the availability, in the library, of See's candy bars and lollipops. Certificates for, or holiday wrapped, 1 lb. boxes were sold during December.

The library is looking forward to the "Winnie, the Pooh" program from the County Library District in January.

held each Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning January 15.

Central Arizona College, Superstition Mountain campus, is looking at providing us with computers and some computer classes offered for college credit.

This will be in collaboration with Superior High School Technology Dept. and Cobre Valley Institute of Technology.

Superior

The Friends of the Superior Public Library will hold their annual BOOK SALE throughout the month of January. Books will sell at 25 cents for hardcover and 10 cents or 15 for \$1.00 for paperbacks. Come early for the best selection!

Computer classes will continue in both January and February. Basics in Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint will be



Cataloging Corner

I am happy to notice that there are fewer short records being added to our catalog recently. Good job, all! Please remind your circulation staffs to try to take time to add the ISBN number to an author/title fly record, and even the number of pages, if possible. Also, I want to remind all of you to check our catalog first before adding a new record, in order to avoid duplicate records. Even the circulation staffs might do that when an item isn't already barcoded or the barcode isn't attached to a bibliographic record. It is easier than keying in a short fly record. Also, please ask all

those who check items in to watch the screen for fly records that are returned. Those items always need to go to cataloging to have both bibliographic and item information fixed.

I hope 2003 will be a happy and productive year for all.

Don't forget, I will be happy to answer any questions or help with any problem records.

Remember, the MARC record is the engine that gives staff and patrons the tools needed to search the catalog.

Happy cataloging!

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Upcoming Events

PC Characters Unlimited Winnie the Pooh events	January 8-31	Countywide
Federation Meeting	January 10	Florence
AzLA Legislative Day	February 6	Phoenix
Read Across America http://www.nea.org/readacross/	March	Nationwide
