



Newsletter

Pinal County Library District

May - June 2003

Director's Column

by Denise Keller

The end of the fiscal year is always a busy time, and this year is no exception. Here at the Library District office we have been hard at work on the Request for Proposals (RFP) to get it ready for issue in July. As we have discussed in past Federation meetings, this RFP will invite vendors to present the latest and greatest in integrated library systems.

The Innovative Interfaces product we are currently using is a character-based program that requires a lot of drilling down into, and back out of, a multitude of menus. The vendor will continue to support the product, but there will be very few enhancements. Instead, they will be focusing development on their new product, Millennium, which is a graphical user interface (GUI). An upgrade to a graphical user interface would give us point-and-click access to all functions and streamline operations at the circulation desk.

Issuing an RFP to a variety of vendors, including our current vendor, will give us

an opportunity to survey the market, compare available products, and assess the functionality and costs of available integrated library systems. Depending upon which vendor is selected, the project will include upgrade and/or installation of hardware and software, migration of patron and bibliographic records, and staff training.

We will be sending out the initial draft of the RFP very soon, and I invite comments and suggestions. This is the type of project that requires participation from us all, but especially from the affiliate libraries that will be using the system. Let's make it our dream system come true.



Now that I have reported the good news, here's the less-than-good news. Our affiliate library in Stanfield has closed its doors. The organization which manages the premises,

Seeds of Hope in Casa Grande, have determined that the space would be better used as the new loca-

tion for the Stanfield Free Clinic. Seeds of Hope requested that we remove books and equipment by July 1 so the clinic could begin clean-up and move-in activities. We have retrieved the equipment, including PCs and telecommunication equipment, and a volunteer group packed the books into boxes. They are now stacked in the Library District conference room, awaiting a major weeding project.

We are still hopeful that a building or sufficient space will become available in the area so that operations can resume. It may be possible to locate a trailer or modular building that could be used as a small branch or station. In the meantime, we will be weeding the collection and keeping a look-out for alternatives and possibilities.



Steinbeck Trivia

Oprah has chosen John Steinbeck's *East of Eden* as the first selection for her new book club.

- Steinbeck was born in 1902 in which California town?
 - Santa Rosa
 - Salinas
 - Carlsbad
 - San Diego
- Which book was his first critical and monetary success?
 - Of Mice and Men
 - The Red Pony
 - The Pearl
 - Tortilla Flat
- East of Eden* was not very popular when it was first released.
 - True
 - False
- Steinbeck worked on which major construction project while working odd jobs to support himself in the beginning of his career?
 - The Empire State Building
 - The Brooklyn Bridge
 - Madison Square Garden
 - The Hoover Dam
- Which novel won the 1940 Pulitzer Prize?
 - The Grapes of Wrath
 - East of Eden
 - Of Mice and Men
 - Tortilla Flat

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Around the County

Apache Junction

As I write this most of us are entering the second half of our summer reading programs. Apache Junction Public Library is doing "Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark!" For teens there is "Great Books Make Great Movies." All ages have continuing programs for those who want to keep reading. All youth programs end on July 31, 2003.

Once again our adults have a reading program as well. It is the "Long Hot Summer Adult Reading Club". This program has a game board that is set up to resemble a bingo card and it runs through Labor Day.

Youth Services will begin the month with an American Girls Tea on July 1st. Girls will start their afternoon by decorating a straw hat to wear.

Storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers and Thursday afternoon movies will continue through the month of July.

The Friends of the Library offered two Red Cross Babysitting Workshops in June as the first one filled up so quickly. We now are offering a third workshop on July 11th and 12th. Registration is required and the price is \$47.

We are also offering an extra candy making session for teens due to the popularity of the first one. Other teen events that were very well received this summer were teen chat café with Bradley the Great (a teen age magician), ballroom and swing dance lessons, skin care and make-up basics and teen book discussion.

The final event will be a visit from Ronald MacDonald the last week of July.

Casa Grande

Summer Reading Program Finale Concert. KidPop! w/ Judy Pancoast. Tuesday, July 8th @ 9 a.m. Casa Grande Public Library Lawn
*All summer reading logs must be completed by library closing Monday, July 7th!!!

Keep reading! NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN- winners will be notified by phone if not present to pick up prizes.

Computer Classes

All classes are free, registration is not required, but is recommended due to limited resources. To register for these classes call 421-8710 or email cglibrary@ci.casa-grande.az.us Registration for July classes starts Tuesday July 1, registration for August classes start Friday August 1.

E-mag (Ages 12 - 18)

Do you want your voice heard? E-mag is a way to have your thoughts and opinions heard all over the world. Participants will work as a group on web design and will use creative writing skills to submit articles relating to the every day life of a young adult in Casa Grande, Arizona. Check us out at <http://www.geocities.com/cgemag/>. Previous computer experience required. Fridays 4 to 5 pm.

Basic Excel

Participants in this class will

learn mathematical functions of a spreadsheet and its possible uses.

July 25; Aug 29, 2-3:30pm

Basic Word

Participants will learn this basic word processing system by using multiple hints and tips for typing a document. This class is beneficial to those who have little computer experience.

July 11; Aug 8, 10-11:30am

Basic Internet

Participants will learn the basics of performing internet searching, surfing, and functions of the internet. Participants will also learn web page evaluation.

July 7; Aug 11, 5:30-7pm;
July 23; July 30, 9am

Basic Email

Learn the basics of email writing and management.

July 14; Aug 18, 5:30-7pm

Basic Windows

Participants will be introduced to the Windows 98/2000 operating systems.

They will learn how to manage files, search for files, and

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Supreme Court Issues CIPA Decision

by Shirley Condit

I am sure everyone is aware of the Supreme Court's ruling last week in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) case. I received, via e-mail, the following ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Report on June 25th and would like to share a small portion of it with you:

"On Monday, June 23, in a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court issued its opinion in the CIPA case. In a very narrow plurality decision, the Court reversed the ruling from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and upheld the federal law...

Although not what we hoped for, this decision provides us an opportunity to shed some light on the filtering process, specifically, what is being filtered, according to what criteria, and by whom. We will work with OITP, other ALA units, major filtering companies, and librarians throughout the profession to analyze this decision, determine next steps, and move forward.

Despite this ruling, the responsibilities of librarians to provide access to constitutionally protected materials have not changed. We will continue to support access to information by library users of

all ages."

For updated information from the American Library Association, please visit the following website: www.ala.org/cipa. There has been a lot of press about the new "anti-pornography law" for children, and your patrons may have read or heard news reports about the Supreme Court's decision. Although their ruling may have no direct effect on your library, some patrons may question you about your library's policies. If you have questions or would like to discuss the implications of this ruling for your library, please contact our office.

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other functions.

July 21; Aug 25, 5:30-7pm
Aug 20; Aug 27, 9am

How to Build a Webpage

This class will teach the basics of how to build a webpage using both Microsoft Frontpage and HTML.

July 28, 5:30-7pm

Español

Básico Internet

Esta clase enseñará los fundamentos del Internet. Aprenderán como navegar el Internet y como utilizar varios sistemas de búsqueda.

el jueves, 7/24/03, 8/28/03 5-7pm

MS Word

Los participantes aprenderán lo básico de este programa de procesador de palabras utilizando múltiples insinuaciones y las puntas para escribir un documento. Este curso es beneficiosa a los que tiene poco experiencia de la computadora.

el jueves, 7/10/03, 8/7/03 5-7pm

Books to Film Discussion

and Lunch Bunch Books Discussion. Come to the library and talk about great books, noon time and evening discussion times are open. Come in today to register and pick up your book, call 421-8710 or email at cglibrary@ci.casa-grande.az.us.

Catch as Cat Can by Rita Mae Brown. When Roger Roger O'Bannon is found dead at the Wrecker's Ball, "Harry" Haristeen and feline friend Mrs. Murphy suspect it wasn't gin that done him in. Book Discussion: July 10 12-2 and 6-7pm

Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf Clarissa Dalloway sets out on a beautiful morning; she's shopping for flowers for her party that evening. In the course of one day, Peter, a passionate old suitor, returns from India and Clarissa relives a day in her youth (and her reasons for her choice of a life with the reliable Richard Dalloway). Book Discussion: July 24 12-2 and 6-7pm

Film: (97 min) Vanessa Redgrave July 31, 12-2pm and 5-7pm

Smilla's Sense of Snow by Peter Hoeg. A Small boy is found dead after he fell off a roof. Smilla Jaspersen, a close friend who lives in the same house begins to suspect murder because she knows that the boy was afraid of heights and would not have played on the roof. As she begins to investigate, she is pulled deeper and deeper into a conspiracy that could very well mean her death.

Book Discussion: Aug 7, 12-2pm and 6-7pm

Film: Aug 14 12-2pm and 5-7pm

The Last Picture Show by Larry McMurtry. In tiny Anarene, Texas, in the lull between World War Two and the Korean Conflict, Sonny and Duane are best friends. Enduring that awkward period of life between boyhood and manhood, the two pass their time the best way they know how--with the movie house,

basketball and girls.

Book Discussion: Aug 21, 12-2pm and 6-7pm

Film: Aug 28, 12-2pm and 5-7pm

Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library Monthly Booksale.

Come one come all to the Friends Booksale at the Casa Grande Public Library the third Thursday of every month.

Upcoming dates are: July 17, 4-6pm; Aug 21 4-6pm

Kearny

Our Advisory Board held a meeting on May 29th and reviewed some library policies and discussed personnel issues. They were given some information on the Patriot Act.

We held our first Youth Program on June 18th. We held a Babysitting 101 Workshop and those attending made tote bags to take on their babysitting jobs. One of our local

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Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

I would like to talk a little about ISBN numbers this month. The ISBN number is one of our favorite ways to search for matching records. We use it for the first search in our own catalog, then we use it again if we have to search for a matching record using a bibliographic utility (like *GuiCat*, *BookWhere*, etc.).

The first thing that we must watch out for is a typo. It is very easy to make a mistake when typing such a long number, so, if we do not get a hit after the search, we must try again using a title search, just in case. Another problem that can occur is a system problem. If our system is not set up to find that ISBN number in a different subfield, then, again, we will not get a hit.

Let me explain this problem. There are *valid* ISBNs and *invalid* ISBNs. What is an invalid ISBN? One example is a number that is found on two or more different editions of a title. Some publishers have been known to use the same ISBN every time they bring out a new edition of a title, so we might have ten or more different editions, each with new updated information, but all carrying the same ISBN number. The only one with a valid ISBN is the first edition. All the rest of the editions have invalid ISBN numbers. So what do we do with those invalid numbers? In our MARC *record* we use the 020 subfield a for a *valid* ISBN number. For an *invalid* ISBN number, we will use the 020 subfield z.

Examples:

020 \$a1234567890 (*this is a valid ISBN*)

020 \$z1234567890 (*this is an invalid ISBN*)

One of the problems with using the subfield z has to do with our different systems. Some systems don't allow searching on the subfield z. In that case, you could type it in as your search and you would not get a hit, even though the number is right there in the record. We can ask for that to be fixed, but usually there is a cost involved unless it is done when we first start with a system.

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Oracle Library Celebrates 100 Years

All Photos by Joe Kane



Denise Keller, Library District Director; Ernest Bustamante, District 23 State Representative; Suzan Austin, Oracle Public Library Board President



Chuck Smallhouse talks to Cheryl Chase, District 23 State Representative

Oracle Public Library held an Open House May 17th to celebrate.



The Library began as a reading room in 1903.



Oracle Public Library Board members Verna Campbell and Jean Simminger review history in some of the Library's many scrapbooks



Pauly Skiba, Oracle Public Library Director; Denise Keller, Library District Director; Cheryl Chase, District 23 State Representative

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doctors came down and did some first aid for the boys and girls on June 25th. Our next program will be cake decorating and then candy making, with learning how to play chess as our last one. Our Summer Reading Program will begin on July 10th and run for 4 weeks. Bobbi, our children's librarian is busy making props and stories for the upcoming event.

Superior

Superior Public Library has been busy with our Summer Reading Program.

The program started on June 11 and will end with our finale on July 2nd. We will have a short ceremony to present children with certificates of participation and other prizes. The Pinal County Juvenile Justice Community Advisory Board will

award each participant a "SNO-Board" (16"x"24" dry erase/chalk board).

The idea for the SNO-Board as a learning/fun tool for Pinal County youngsters was spawned by the Pinal County JJCAB. The physical prototype is the creation of James Snow, an Oracle resident.

The SNO-Board has infinite learning possibilities for youngsters. One approach is to award a SNO-Board to each second grade student in a chosen school(s) each year. Teachers and parents can initially suggest ideas of how the youngsters may use the SNO-Board. There are other avenues of distribution open to communities. A while back Mr. Manuel "Manny" Ruiz, Town Council member and member of JJCAB, approached me asking how I felt we could use the SNO-Board at the library. I sug-

gested we give it as a reading incentive for our Summer Reading Program. He thought it was a great idea! We feel that incidental (creative) learning will take place as youngsters emotionally adopt their SNO-Board. Once youngsters find meaning in an activity, their interest soars. The SNO-Board can be constructed by PTO's, senior high or upper middle school students, community volunteers, or a combination of the aforementioned, bringing about community interaction. The SNO-Boards can be personalized for each student and creatively embroidered with permanent paint or wood burning techniques. We will personalize each of the SNO-Boards with the participant's name and the theme of this year's program, "Lights, Camera, READ!" This can serve as a positive contagion that will bring dif-

ferent people of all ages together to express to our youngsters, "You are important to us." We plan to continue with this project each summer and make it a community project by recruiting volunteers from the community to construct the SNO-Boards.

The Pinal County JJCAB can serve as the facilitator to any school in Pinal County who may wish to adopt the SNO-Board or a similar concept. In the future, the JJCAB may be available to offer technical assistance to other CAB's when requested.

After the ceremony the children will watch a movie with popcorn and sodas as refreshments. Children are excited and have been enthusiastic about reading and continuing to read throughout the summer.

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So, my advice to everyone is to use the ISBN as a first search, but if there is no hit then try again with the title.

Coming in September I plan to give some cataloging workshops. The first one will be a discussion of call numbers. We will talk about how they are derived and how to key them into our local system. For the second workshop I would like to discuss matching an item to a MARC record. We will talk about different formats and match points on all of them. For the third workshop I plan to discuss what to do when we can't find a matching record. This will cover mandatory fields and short records. I hope to give each one twice, once on the east side of the county and once on the west side. If anyone has any other subjects that might be discussed in a cataloging workshop, please let me know. I will be in touch with dates, times and places as we get closer to September.

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!

Steinbeck Trivia Answers

1. b. Salinas, CA, the town in which East of Eden is set.
2. d. Tortilla Flat was his fifth published work.
3. b. False. It was published in September 1952, was number one on the bestseller list by November and was the number three best-seller for the year.
4. c. Madison Square Garden. Steinbeck spent 1925 in NYC and returned to California the following year.
5. The Grapes of Wrath, which was banned in Kern County, California well into World War II for it's unflattering portrayal of the area and its people.

For More Information:
The National Steinbeck Center
<http://www.steinbeck.org/>
Center for Steinbeck Studies
<http://www.sjsu.edu/steinbeck/>

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Upcoming Events

Library Card Sign-Up Month http://www.ala.org	September	Nationwide
International Literacy Day http://www.reading.org/meetings/ild/	September 8, 2003	Nationwide
Banned Books Week http://www.ala.org/bbooks	September 20-27, 2003	Nationwide
Teen Read Week http://www.ala.org/teenread	October 19-25, 2003	Nationwide
AzLA Annual Conference http://www.ala.org/teenread	December 8-11, 2003	Phoenix
