



Newsletter

Pinal County Library District

March - April 2003

Director's Column

Budget time has rolled around again, and this year budget issues are major concerns to libraries around the state. Nationally, we are hearing news about library budget reductions in several states. The pressures of our lagging economy are troubling, but this is also a good time to speak up and remind our funding authorities that libraries are even more important during economic downturns.



The public library is where people can get internet access, search for a job, write a resume, brush up on

skills or pursue higher education, research market demographics, and find census data. And for those looking for a diversion from the pressures of economic problems, there are mysteries, adventures, or romances to read and movies to watch, all for the price of a library card (free). On top of all that, libraries make no distinction in race, color, creed, age, or national background, so the benefits of using a public library in hard economic times are available to all. This last is very important, since minority populations tend to suffer the most during economic downturns.



Network News

One of the central issues we are dealing with at the district li-

brary is to improve the telecommunications network. Part of the difficulty is trying to project what needs will be in two or three years from now. E-rate discounts are a huge advantage, in fact, in FY 03/04, e-rate discounts should amount to about \$23,535, which is a 78% discount. This year, we were able to put Arizona City Community Library and Superior Public Library on T1 lines, and plans are in place to purchase replacement routers in nine locations. Currently, we are still using routers purchased in 1997. Newer routers will probably not increase speed, but they will allow for a more secure network. In the upcoming budget year, funds are set aside to upgrade at least two more libraries to T1 lines.

Coming in April



ONEBOOKAZ

Plainsong
by Kent Haruf



ONEBOOKAZ
For Kids

Joey Pigza
Swallowed the Key
by Jack Gantos

www.onebookaz.org

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Around the County

Apache Junction

Lost Dutchman Days

TAB, the library's Teen Advisory Board put together a float for the annual "Lost Dutchman Days" parade. The theme for this float was "Happy Silver Birthday Apache Junction" as the city is celebrating its 25th anniversary of incorporation in 2003. They did a super job and folks at the parade loved their entry.

Family Place : A Parent Child Workshop

The five-week workshop will be held on Mondays from 9:30 am to 10:45 am, March 3-31.

Visiting Mother Goose

On March 19th, there will be a special storytime by our own Mother Goose's (Liz Burks) cousins from England. There will be a live goose and a live duck for the children to meet.

"Lights! Camera! READ!"

is the Arizona State Reading Program for 2003 and is being presented at the AJ Library from March 3 - April 12.

Letter Writing for Kids

If you are between the ages of 8 to 12 years, you are invited to attend an Amelia Letter Writing Event in the Program Room of the AJ Public Library March 20 from 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

Great Arizona Puppet Theater

The week of April 6 is National Library Week. To celebrate this annual event, the Great Arizona Puppet Theater will present the show, "The Monkey and the Pirate" on Wednesday April 16, at

10:30 a.m. This is a humorous story about a monkey who tends a banana tree on a tropical island and a pirate who also likes bananas!

Teen Chat Café

This social evening out for teens will be held in the library from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Mar 18 and Apr 22.

Beyond the Book

Are there children in your life? This is a special program designed to help you get to know the library resources better. Learn how to use books to stimulate children's interest beyond reading through the use of creativity, crafts, flannel and magnet boards. The program is open to all. Day care providers and preschool teachers may earn continuing education credits by attending this session March 11, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Class size is limited. You may register in person at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 474-8568.

Book Discussion

Our popular book discussion groups are continuing. These are free of charge and no reservations are required. Just come and enjoy! On Thursdays at 1:30 pm., This 'N' That Book Club participants will be reading and discussing in the library study rooms :
A Widow for One Year by John Irving on April 3
On Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. in the library study rooms, the Dying for Mystery Book Club participants will be reading and discussing :
Invasion of Privacy by Perri O'Shaughnessy on March 18
Executive Privilege by Jay Brandon on April 15

One Book Arizona

Join in one of many statewide book discussions of Plainsong by Kent Haruf at the AJ library on April 29, at 2 pm in the Program Room.

One Book Arizona for Kids

Join us for a special event on April 26 at 10:30 am to celebrate the choice of Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos.

Library Programs for Adults & Families

Thursday, March 13, 2 pm
Imaging Arizona : Photographic Survey from its Beginnings to the Present
Thursday, April 10, 2 pm
Arizona Place Names

Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale and sidewalk sale of gift shop items on Saturday, March 15 from 9 to 5. Come and browse!

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& EVENTS.

Casa Grande

Youth Events

Kids Mark your Spring Break Calendars! March Into Movie Mania! REGISTER March 21st, 22nd, 23rd ONLY @ the CIRC DESK to receive a ticket to our movie showings on March 24th from 1 - 3:30 pm and March 28th from 1 - 3 pm. Popcorn and Lemonade will be served. Children under 7 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN. SEATING IS LIMITED to 35 per showing-NO TICKET, NO ADMISSION. For movie title information or other

questions, please call Chris Burnett, Youth Librarian @ 421-8710 ext. 514.

Electronic Databases

The Casa Grande Public Library has a four online databases available to you, the public. Two focus upon health, and another upon business news from national periodicals. Come in and peruse these databases because they've been chosen with you in mind. A recent acquisition is our All-Data.com database. This resource allows any user, while at the library, to access diagnostic features for domestic and foreign autos and trucks dating back to 1982. Users can view diagrams, look up parts' costs, troubleshoot, and even diagnose what's ailing your vehicle via a symptom. AllData also includes manufacturer's notices, such as recalls bulletins and a glossary!

Technology Classes

General

How to Build a Webpage
Monday March 10 6-7:30 pm
Basic Word
Tuesday March 11 6-7:30 pm
Basic Internet
Monday March 17 6-7:30 pm
Intermediate Excel
Tuesday March 18 6-7:30 pm
Basic Windows
Monday March 24 6-7:30 pm
Youth Classes
Library Resources
Tuesday March 25 4-5 pm
WebQuests
Tuesday March 26 4-5 pm
How to Build a Webpage

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Cataloging Corner

I have run into a little confusion about how to determine call letters for some author's names that are a bit unusual. According to our written procedures, we should ignore an apostrophe and use "LAM" as our call number for the name "L'Amour". The same goes for "O'Donnell"; use ODO. "LeClair is not quite the same but, again, simply take the first three letters and use "LEC".

Another issue is when to add an ISBN to a record. Here are some hints:

1. Check that title and author match exactly.
2. Check that publisher matches.

3. Check that date matches.
4. Check that pagination matches.
5. Check that centimeters match.

If your publisher is a subsidiary of the publisher in the record, it is okay. Example: HarperCollins, HarperTrophy, etc.

If you have a different FORMAT from the record; i.e., record is Regular Print, your item is Large Print; record is DVD, your item is VHS; record is Cassettes, your item is Discs, etc., then you CANNOT add your ISBN, you must find a new record that matches.

Both paperbacks and book club editions can be added to regular print records IF:

1. The dates are within a year or two of each other.
2. The publisher is the same.
3. The pagination is within about 50 pages of each other.
4. The centimeters can vary widely.

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!

Eileen Jaffe

Around the County cont'd

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Wednesday March 27 4-5 pm

Spanish Classes

Básico Internet

Thursday March 6 5-7 pm

Básico Ventanas

Thursday March 20 5-7 pm

Programs

Weds. March 5, 6:30 pm

Re-Entry Adults Considering Higher Education with Barbara Meyer of Central Arizona College

Weds. March 12, 6:30 pm

History of Books and Printing with Jody McCuen of Central Arizona College

Weds. March 26, 6:30 pm

Slimming Down Your Grocery Bill with Teresa Verbout of Central Arizona College

To register for programs or classes call 421-8710 or email cglbrary@ci.casa-grande.az.us

Book Discussions

The Iguana Killers by Albert Rios, an Arizona Humanities Council Book discussion.

Thursday March 13, 12-2 pm and 6-8 pm. Dr. Jeff Ross will facilitate the 6 pm program.

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez. Thursday March 27 12-2 pm and 6-7 pm.

One Book Arizona: Plainsong by Kent Haruf. Thursday April 10, 12-2 pm and 4-6 pm. Charles St. Clair will facilitate this event.

Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather

Thursday April 24, 12-2 pm and 6-8 pm. Charles St. Clair with facilitate this Arizona Humanities Council Book Discussion.

Eloy

Martin Rivera, of the Tucson Library, presented a program on January 14th. He captivated the children and their parents with his storytelling and unique musical instruments. This was Martin's second visit to our library and we look forward to having him again.

PC Characters

PC Characters and Winnie the Pooh visited our library on January 30th. We had a nice turnout and the children enjoyed the program. Our thanks to Patty, Jan, Leticia and Shirley.

Headstart

Both the Pinal Gila Headstart and the Eloy Headstart are visiting the library often for storytime. February 14th we played HEART, a Valentine Day version of bingo, awarded prizes and had Valentine treats.

Science Club

Our Eloy Science Club continues to meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm. Fred Daingerfield is keeping our young members busy making very successful rockets. March 8th we will have a day of fun with the movie October Sky and refreshments. Several field trips are in the planning stages to take place during the spring months.

Fundraising

Friends of the Eloy Library are working on two fund raising projects. An ongoing book sale in the library is doing well and a big hit with our winter visitors. The Library Tribute Patio Brick Sale is progressing with the first order for bricks ready to go to the engraver.

Oracle

One Hundred Years

The Oracle Public Library is celebrating its 100th birthday and began the celebration with a potluck dinner for board members and their families on January 27. The year will be dedicated to raising funds for the much needed expansion of the library. A \$100 Club, with a \$100 membership fee, has been formed and many special events will be held for the benefit of the Centennial Expansion Fund.

Tax Help

Free tax counseling and preparation service is provided at the library each Tuesday, through April 8, from 1-4 by AARP Tax-Aide. This is the nation's largest free volunteer run service offered to all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those 60 and older.

Book Discussion

The adult book discussion group meets Wednesdays at 10am; the current selection is "Sea Biscuit" by Laura Hillenbrand.

Superior

Festival Parade

Plans are underway for a parade

entry in our annual Superior Mountain Festival on March 15 & 16. Our entry theme will be "Lights, Camera, Read" which is the theme for our Summer Reading Program.

Open House

Superior Public Library will host an open house during the Superior Mountain Festival. Open house will be on Saturday, March 16th following the parade, which starts at 10 am. to kick off the festival. The library will be open from 11am to 4 pm. We will also be hosting the "Sonora Arizona, 1907-1965" traveling exhibit which was organized by the Department of Archives and Manuscripts, Arizona State University Libraries which acquires and maintains collections of primary and secondary source materials for seven distinctive research collections: Arizona Collection, Chicano Research Collection, Labriola National American Indian Data Center, Joel A. and Irene A. Benedict Visual Literacy Collection, Child Drama Collection, Special Collections and University Archives.

Sonora was Superior's neighbor to the South. In 1907, the town of Sonora, Arizona was founded by Mexican and Mexican Americans who worked for the Ray Consolidated Copper Company. For the next 52 years it thrived; a Mexican American community with roots in Mexico and a future in America. The Kennecott Copper Corporation open-pit mine located in Ray eventually expanded absorbing the town of Sonora in 1965.

The exhibit includes photographs and several facsimiles of artifacts from the Club Sonorense Records, collected by the residents and descendants of Sonora, Arizona. Members of the Club Sonorense will be notified and invited to participate as well as all former residents of Sonora, Arizona. The Friends of the Superior Public Library are sponsoring this open house.

Storytime

In March, we are planning a "Spring Fling" story time with stories and activities for children. In April, we plan to have "Easter

stories in the park" working together with our Superior Head Start Program.

CAC Computer Classes

Central Arizona College, Superstition Mountain Campus, is having classes at Superior Public Library in the computer high-technology field. The first class will be A+ Certification Preparation. This course will be taught to prepare students to receive their A+ Certification. The class will run from March 3, 2003 through May 20, 2003. It will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6-10 pm. It is a 10-credit class course at the cost of \$377.00, which includes the registration fee. Additional charges include \$162.50 for books and \$10.00 for 2 boxes of diskettes. The class will include a maximum of 10 students. Students must have some typing experience.

Due to the computer classes being our hours will change. The library will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 12 noon to 10 pm and Thursday from 9am to 7 pm. This will be from March 3 through

Winnie the Pooh visits Pinal County



Once again, PC Characters entertained the children (and adults) of Pinal County. Patty Freeman, Jan Custis, Lynette Hinojos and Shirley Condit visited 25 schools and libraries, entertaining over 4700 children. This year's theme, Winnie the Pooh, was a big hit.

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Upcoming Events

Read Across America http://www.nea.org/readacross/	March	Nationwide
Federation Meeting	March 28	CAC
One Book Arizona http://www.onebookaz.org	April	Statewide
National Poetry Month http://www.poets.org/npm/	April	Nationwide
National Library Week http://cs.ala.org/@yourlibrary/nlw.cfm	April 6-12	Nationwide
AzLA Executive Board Meeting	April 24	Yavapai County
AzLA Regional Forum	April 25	Yavapai County
Día de los niños/Día de los libros http://cnet.ucr.edu/library/reforma/resources/ninos/dia.html	April 30	Nationwide
