



Newsletter

PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

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A Tale of Community Spirit

HOW A SINGLE IDEA TURNED INTO A TALE OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

If you visit the Oracle Public Library, you might notice new carpet or the fresh coat of paint on the walls. Local residents definitely noticed some rearranging of furniture and book shelves. It is natural that the Library's volunteers, board members and patrons are proud of this recent accomplishment. However, most folks don't know the heroic story behind the September 2005 renovations.

For several years, the Library Board had talked about the need for new carpeting, but it wasn't until they received a generous gift from BHP Copper that the talk became reality. Through the tireless efforts of librarian Pauly Skiba, the Library Board and volunteers, the renovation project took shape. However, the most pleasant surprise was the overwhelming support and participation of library patrons, residents, and businesses in the community.

As a way of offering gratitude to all the participants for the sparkling new look of the library, and perhaps to inspire similar civic participation in other communi-



Before

ties, the Board of the all-volunteer Oracle Public Library wish to share their experience.

When the new carpet was ordered, a check of the underlying floor revealed some asbestos in the old flooring. Instead of just re-carpeting, it was necessary to remove all hazardous material before the carpet

company could proceed. Southwest Hazard Control came to the library's aid with an offer to remove the carpet and floor tiles at no expense to the library. Without this generous offer, the project would have stalled before even starting. BHP Copper offered to dispose of the waste at their cost. In the spirit of great commu-



In Progress

nity service, Southwest Hazard Control also offered to paint the interior of the building.

Three days were allowed for packing up the library, but thanks to 15 volunteers from the Mormon Church in San Manuel and 7 volunteers from Oracle, 14,000 books were packed in about 2 hours. Meanwhile, volunteers were disassembling book shelves, packing up the office items, and labeling the book shelves in anticipation of reconstructing them later. Biosphere II offered to help move the boxes to storage. They sent a large crew who moved everything to an empty building in Oracle. Furniture and bookcases were stored in the back parking lot, with a brief but sincere prayer to the "rain gods" to hold off for a week or two.

Southwest Hazard Control sealed off the building and

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Around the County

APACHE JUNCTION

Happy New Year to All!

After a brief hiatus, **Storytimes** resumed on Thursday, January 5, 2006. No registration is required.

Babytime continues weekly without a break on Thursdays from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m.

Evening Family Storytime! Little ones aged 2 to 6 years may feel free to wear their pajamas to the Family Storytime from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Program Room at the library on Thursday, February 2nd.

Play and Learn, the five-week **Parent/Child Workshop** will be held on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., beginning on February 27 and going through March 27, 2006. The program is free of charge but registration is required.

Calling all Knights and Princesses for "Dragons Dreams and Daring Deeds!"

Elementary students, read for the fun of it in February and March and earn some cool prizes. Happily, this program will take place at the same time as the annual Renaissance Festival.

Book Discussion

The popular adult book discussion

groups continue to meet through the coming months in the Program Room. Just read the book and join us!

On Thursday February 2, at 1:30 p.m., *Gentle Reads...The Way We Are Book Club* participants will be reading and discussing **PS, I Love You** by Cecilia Ahern.

On Tuesday, February 21, at 1:30 p.m., *Dying for a Mystery With a Southwest Flavor Book Club* participants will be reading and discussing **The Visitant** by Kathleen and Michael Gear.

Computer Classes

The ever-popular basic computer classes continue this season. The classes are Basic Internet I and II, E-mail, Word, Online Auctions and Find -it- Fast.

No Tax Forms This Year

The Apache Junction Public Library will no longer be a distribution point for paper Federal and Arizona State tax forms. The library will continue to provide reproducible forms and instructions that may be photocopied at the self-service, coin-operated copy machine. Forms may also be accessed over the Internet.

A Tale cont'd

removed all the asbestos. It took 15 hours to get the carpet, tile, filler, and glue off the floor. The next day, painting began with paint donated by Dunn Edwards.

Just 13 days after packing began, the library reopened for computer users. As books were put on the shelves, sections of the library became available to patrons. Many people assisted in putting books back on the shelves, and special thanks go to them all.

It takes many generous, civic-minded people to accomplish a project like this. The Library Board wishes to thank the many folks who helped in a wide variety of ways. Even those who stopped by to see how things were coming along offered support and encouragement. The library continues to serve the community in the inviting new surroundings, and encourages all to stop by if you are in the area.



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Most Borrowed Books in U.S. 2005

Each issue of the *Library Journal* publishes a fiction and non-fiction bestseller list called "The Books Most Borrowed in U.S. Libraries." Every December *Library Journal* publishes the "Books Most Borrowed" for the year. I thought you might be interested in taking a look at this year's list – perhaps you've missed a good read. The libraries in Pinal County have all of the top 10 books on this list:

Fiction

The Broker by John Grisham
 The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
 The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
 Honeymoon by James Patterson
 London Bridges by James Patterson
 The Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd
 True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
 Northern Lights by Nora Roberts
 4th of July by James Patterson
 Trace by Patricia Cornwell

Nonfiction

Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell
 French Women Don't Get Fat by Mireille Guiliano
 Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed by Jared Diamond
 Your Best Life Now by Joel Osteen
 My Life by Bill Clinton
 Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi
 The Daily Show with Jon Stewart Presents America (the Book) by Jon Stewart
 My Life So Far by Jane Fonda
 The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century by Thomas L. Friedman
 The South Beach Diet by Arthur Agatston, M.D.
 For the most current "Most Borrowed Books" list go to the *Library Journal*'s website, <http://www.libraryjournal.com>, and scroll down – the list is at the bottom of their homepage.

Cataloging Corner by Eileen Jaffe

I thought I would interrupt my discussion of the MARC bibliographic fields to talk a little bit about Authority Control this time. Since there has been no maintenance of authority records and headings in the Pinal County Library District database for many years, there are headings without full MARC authority records, and multiple short system supplied authority records for the same headings. So the District is looking at different authority control vendors, and after one is chosen, we will be sending all the bibliographic records in the database to the chosen vendor for Authority processing. As we move forward with this, all the libraries in the PCLD system will be notified about any changes in workflow that might be necessary.

The goal is to have consistency in all the headings used in a catalog so that searching is simplified. When authority control is not maintained, a catalog becomes confusing. By headings, I mean subjects, personal names, geographic names, etc. For this reason, the Library of Congress has developed a database of authorized records, called authority records, for hundreds of thousands of headings. These records have fields just like bibliographic records, and some of these fields link to our bibliographic fields, such as names, subjects, etc., so that when searching on a specific heading, we find all of the resources linked to that heading.

The first step is to send the bibliographic database to an authority control vendor for complete processing. After that is completed, the next step is to maintain the database by making sure that all the new bibliographic records have headings that match and link to an existing authority record that might already be in

the database, or add a new authority record if none is found. This ongoing service is provided by vendors. The vendor can also supply changes to authority records that are made at Library of Congress. This maintenance can be done from a central location (like the PCLD office).

Let us take, for example, a name like John Smith. We might have a number of books written by this John Smith: Smith, John, 1942-. Then we might also have a few written by this John Smith: Smith, John, 1947-. We need some way to differentiate between them, so we use the year of birth. Sometimes that is not enough and we might have: Smith, John, 1942 Apr. 7- as opposed to: Smith, John, 1942 Apr. 9-. If a person is no longer alive we might see: Smith, John, 1883-1964. Or a middle name or initial might be used, such as: Smith, John C. (John Cauchois). If all the bibliographic records written by someone named John Smith simply used Smith, John, we might have a very large hit list to go through to find the John Smith we want.

Along with that, we have people who have written under multiple names, like Mark Twain. His heading is: Twain, Mark, 1835-1910, but he also wrote books under the names of Samuel Clemens, Quintus Curtius Snodgrass, and Louis de Conte. Because of this, all of these names are included in the authority record in a way that allows the catalog to point to the main name, which is Twain, Mark. In this type of case, there will be a note underneath the name that says: See also, Twain, Mark, like this:

Snodgrass, Quintus Curtius

- See also: Twain, Mark

This only happens if there is a full authority record in the catalog for Twain, Mark. So if we are looking for works by Quintus Curtius Snodgrass, we will find all of those resources, but will also be pointed to Mark Twain's works, just in case we might be interested.

If there is a common word that someone might search that is not an authorized LC heading, there might still be a way to find all the records on a certain subject. Let us look at the word: cooking. For some reason, that is not an authorized heading at the Library of Congress, so it will not be used as a subject heading. What if we don't know that? That is a pretty normal word that anyone might search. If there is an authority record in the database that has 'cooking' in the correct MARC field of the authority record, then we will see something like this in the catalog when we search:

Cooking

- See cookery

This tells us to try searching on the established heading of 'Cookery' for all resources about cooking.

This is a very short, simplified explanation of what Authority processing and maintenance can do for our catalog. If you have any questions about it, feel free to ask.

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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Events Calendar

Library Legislative Day	March 2	Phoenix
National Library Week http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/NLW.htm	April 2-8	Nationwide
National Library Workers Day http://www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwd.html	April 4	Nationwide
ALA Annual Conference http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/2006an.htm	June 22-28	New Orleans

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