



Newsletter

PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Director's Column

by Denise Keller

All of us at the Library District office have been busy with a variety of projects. Looming large on the horizon is the Library Facilities Needs Assessment. I am sure by now that everyone has December 12 marked on the calendar as the day for our kick-off meeting. Laura Isenstein with Providence Associates will be here to explain the process and work with us to plan a schedule. My original forecast was to complete the project by the end of the calendar year, but it is looking like we won't be done until March or April of 2007. This will be the first time we have attempted a project like this on a county-wide basis, so we want to do it right.

As many of you know, our new County Manager, Terry Doolittle, has done some reorganizing of the reporting structure in the county. The Library District is now a part of the Health & Human Services Division. This has been an excellent move for us because it has put us into closer

relationships with other county departments. Opportunities for new partnerships and projects abound. As an example, I have been involved with the planning for a Health & Human Services Summit scheduled for January 26, 2007. The one-day conference will focus on providing practical techniques and partnering opportunities for Health and Human Service providers in our county in order to build sufficient capacity to meet the future demands of a growing community.

Our access to online subscription databases grew in October to include *Heritage Quest* and *Ancestry Library Edition*. The Library District has negotiated county-wide access to both databases on behalf of the public libraries in the county. *Heritage Quest* combines digital, searchable images of U.S. federal census records with the digitized version of UMI® Genealogy & Local History collection. This is an essential collection of unique material for both genealogical and historical researchers, with cover-

age dating back to the late 1700s. There are images from the 1790 - 1930 U.S. federal censuses, 20,000 book titles, including family and local histories and primary-source documents such as tax lists, city directories, and probate records. *Ancestry Library Edition* has coverage of the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada and other areas. Our local genealogy buffs will be delighted with this wonderful online resource.

Please call us if you have questions. We are ready to help!

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Around the County

APACHE JUNCTION

Once again the Youth Services Department is coordinating the **Battle of the Books** with the five elementary schools in the city. The final "battle" will take place on Wednesday, November 8 in the auditorium of the AJ High School.

Adult Book Discussion On November 21, the mystery club will meet at 1:30 to discuss *The James Deans* by Reed F. Coleman. This book features private eye Moe Prager who is hired by a senator to investigate the year old disappearance of one of his interns. Although the police have explored the mystery meticulously, Prager still manages to uncover new evidence. Just when you think everything has been figured out, this author twists things around and throws you head first into a surprise ending you never would have guessed.

Friends of the Library***Book Sale***

The Friends of the Apache Junction Public Library are holding their semi-annual book sale December 2nd through December 9th, 2006 in the South Wing (former Senior Center) of the library lobby. Don't miss this tremendous sale of bargain books. New and used books, hardbacks, paperbacks, an-

tique books, children's and young adult books will be for sale cheap! Most used books are priced at 50 cents to one dollar, new hardbacks up to three dollars, new paperbacks up to one dollar. Antique books are one dollar each. Children's books are 25 cents. Looking for a holiday gift? Many of the books and other materials for sale are new or gently used. The gift shop will be open with jewelry and other gift items. Space is limited this year so new books will be brought out DAILY. Shop early and often!

Stamping Event

Thursday afternoon, December 5, there will be a holiday rubber stamping program for elementary school aged children aged 9 to 12, from 4 -5 p.m. Space is limited and sign-up will be required.

Holiday Storytime

Holiday Storytime will be held in the Youth Services area on Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m. This special program is for children ages 2 through 6 years.

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, December 7th.

CASA GRANDE

The following programs will be at the Casa Grande Public Library in November and December.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Wills and Estate Planning
Mon. Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Independent Films
Mon. Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Lunch Bunch Book Club
Thurs. Nov. 17 at 12:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 13 at 10:30 p.m.

Gift Wrapping
Mon. Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Movie
It's a Wonderful Life
Mon. Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computers I
Fri. Nov. 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Fri. Dec. 1 at 9:00 a.m.
Tues. Dec. 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Computers II
Tues. Nov. 7 at 5:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 5 at 5:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Digital Cameras
Tues. Nov. 14 at 5:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Around the County cont'd

Basic Excel

Fri. Nov. 17 at 9:00 a.m.
Tues. Dec. 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Pitstops

Sat. Nov. 25 at 9:00 a.m.

eBay Beginnings

Tues. Nov. 28 at 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Lapsit Storytime

Wed. Nov. 8 at 10:30

Preschool Storytime

Tues. Nov. 7 at 10:30

No storytime week of Nov.
12th

Drop in Craft

Mon. Nov. 13 at 4-5:40 p.m.

Teen Mystery Theater

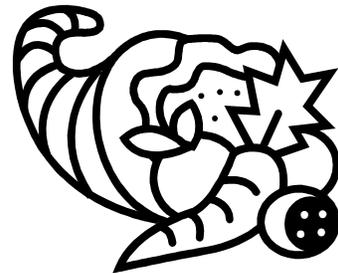
Wed. Nov. 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Early Release Movie

Wed. Dec. 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Storytime

Wed. Dec. 20 at 5:00



Cataloging Corner by Eileen Jaffe

Instead of discussing the next MARC field, this time I am going to tell you all about the wonderful conference I attended in Mesa, AZ the last weekend of October. It was the Online Audiovisual Catalogers conference (OLAC). There were 198 catalogers attending, and 107 of them were first time members of OLAC, as I am. Perhaps for most of you reading this, what I am about to say won't be so exciting, but for me, it was thrilling to be in a room with so many catalogers.

The first morning I attended the keynote address by Jennifer Bowen titled Developing RDA (Resource Description and Access). For those who are not yet aware, we have a set of rules called Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd ed. (AACR2) which is not going to be able to guide us in the future of digital cataloging, with all the new formats appearing. So, there is a committee made up of members from the United States, Canada, and Great Britain that is working on a new set of rules called RDA. Jennifer Bo-

wen, aside from being Head of Cataloging at the University of Rochester and Head of Technical Services at the Sibley Music Library, Eastman School of Music, is also the American Library Association representative to the Joint Steering Committee which is developing RDA. She talked about the many issues facing the committee and about some of the possible changes. She also told us they have moved the final date of publication to 2008, so we won't have to be concerned about changes until then.

The video recordings workshop I attended was excellent. Did you know that DVDs first appeared in Japan in 1996, and then in this country in 1997? Therefore, if you have a DVD with a single date on it anywhere that is before those dates, you can know that it is not the date of publication for that DVD. The map cataloging workshop was also chock full of information, answering a number of questions I have had about some of the more obscure MARC fields for maps.

One of the most enjoyable talks was given by Rebecca Lubas, President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Libraries. She spoke of her week long trip to Kosovo, in Serbia, to do non-print cataloging training for the National Library of Kosovo. Her descriptions of conditions in the province, and the libraries she visited were extremely interesting. It seems the catalogers of Kosovo have many of the same issues that we work with in this country.

I am very grateful to have been given the chance to attend this exciting conference, and meet so many excellent catalogers.

Happy cataloging!



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Events Calendar

AzLA Conference http://www.azla.org	Nov 14-16	Mesa
Federation Meeting	Jan 12	Coolidge
Teen Tech Week http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw.htm	Mar 4-7	Nationwide
National Library Week http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm	Apr 15-21	Nationwide

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