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Director's Column

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Database Spotlight

Since our Library Facilities Needs Assessment kick-off meeting in December, we have continued work on the project behind the scenes. Consultants Laura Isenstein and Jim Alsip requested additional data regarding library statistics, most of which staff were able to supply from existing sources on hand. This included circulation statistics for the last 5 years, current staff, detailed information on collections,



and stats on programming and electronic usage. Data on population projections and the explosive growth will be factored into the evaluations. All this has been forwarded to the consultants, and they will be plugging the data into spreadsheets. Site visits have already taken place in Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Florence, Sacaton, Eloy and Arizona City. Site visits for Oracle, San Manuel, Mammoth, Kearny, and Superior are planned for the last week of March.

The next phase will be planning for public meetings to provide additional data about the needs and expectations in each community. We

want to arrive at a fair and complete assessment of libraries in the county as they exist today so that we can plan for facilities that will serve the needs of patrons well into the future. This will be the opportunity for public input, to accommodate different points of view as to what services should be offered, which ones are of greatest importance, what kind of technology is needed, and what type of facilities are desired. The consultants will hold either a "Town Hall" meeting or focus group, whichever is most appropriate in each community. In addition, the consultants will be interested in meeting with the staff and with Boards/Friends of each library to understand their perceptions of how the community is changing and what challenges they face in being responsive to the community.

We have some exciting challenges and opportunities coming up in the near future. I am looking forward to attending as many of the events as possible.



Rosetta Stone Online Language Learning Center

Recently the Rosetta Stone Online Language Learning Center became available to all Arizona public library patrons through a collaboration between the Maricopa County Library District, the Arizona State Library and the Arizona Department of Adult Education.

Any person with a library card can register an account with Rosetta Stone and gain access to courses in English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Russian and Spanish. The courses can be accessed from any internet-connected computer, although the free Shockwave browser plug-in must be installed first. There is a QuickStart Guide to help get users on their way to learning their new language.

Rosetta Stone uses an immersion method of language learning using photographs of words and actions instead of translations. There are 3 units in each language course and each unit has ten lessons and a review. There are five types of activities in each course: Listening & Reading, Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing.

Rosetta Stone is for language students, travelers, people learning English as a second language and anyone else who would like to learn another language.

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Apache Junction

Lost Dutchman Days Parade

Ten of our Teen Advisory Board and three staff members walked in the annual parade on February 24th. This year's theme was "Let Freedom Ring." Library participants wore blue jeans and red or white shirts and carried an American flag. Some marchers rang bells while others carried books behind the banner proclaiming "Freedom to Read." Everyone had fun while promoting the library.

Library Team

Yes, it is time to start thinking about the summer reading program! Teens interested in volunteering and earning a letter of recommendation may pick up an application at the youth services desk in April. All applications must be returned to the same desk by Saturday, April 30, 2005 at 5 p.m. Teens 12 and older, entering seventh grade and up are welcome to apply.

Special Display at Library

In honor of National Library Week, celebrated April 15th to 21st this year, the Apache Junction Public Library will have a special display of personal letters for the entire month. Numerous people have been contacted and asked what a library has meant to them. AJ Library has received responses from many notable people, ranging from children's authors Judy Blume and Laura Numeroff (*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*) to Vice President Dick Cheney, Governor Janet Napolitano, and City Manager George Hoffman.

The Library is a very popular place in this city. Come and learn what libraries have meant to other people whose names you just might recognize!

Open Mic Saturday at AJ Library

One Saturday a month is Open Mic Day at the Library. It's your chance to share your written work or the work of a favorite author with other writers. Registration is not required.

The date for this month is Saturday, April 21, 2007. The stage is open from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Stop by the South Wing of the Apache Junction Public Library!

This program is hosted by the Apache Junction Writer's Club.

Exciting Times Ahead

The library expansion/renovation is slated to begin some time in the spring of 2007. Will keep you posted as things progress.



Casa Grande

Upcoming adult programs at the Casa Grande Public Library include:

OneBookAZ

Thursday, April 26, 12 noon

Independent Film Showcase

The City of Casa Grande Public Library offers a series of independent films to the Casa Grande community, films that would otherwise be unavailable on the local theatre screen. These films are chosen carefully to create a diverse series of thought-provoking and award-winning independent films. Come join us on the second Monday of every month to watch a quality film and then join in our discussion of the film.

Mon. Apr. 9 at 5:30

Mon. May 14 at 5:30

Something Like Happiness (Winner of 8 Czech Lions)

Written & Directed by Bohdan Slama.

Monika, Tonik and Dasha grew up together in the same housing project on the outskirts of a small industrial city. Now the childhood friends are adults, each struggling with feelings of desire and loneliness, longing and failure. Monday, May 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the APS Community Room.

Lunch Bunch Book Discussion

Brown Bag it to the library for great book discussions every month. The Lunch Bunch is a book discussion group that meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at noon to discuss great literature.

Each month, the book will be a selection made by the group itself. The Library makes these books available for you to use. The books will typically be made available one month prior to the book discussion. Only ten copies are ordered at a time so be sure to pick up your books early.

Thursday, May 24th at noon
Ahab's Wife by Sena Jeter Naslund
Sena Naslund's epic work of historical fiction, honors that aphorism, using Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* looking glass into early 19th-century America. Through the eye of an outsider, a woman, she suggests that New England life was broader and richer than Melville's manly world of men, ships, and whales. This ambitious novel pays tribute to Melville, creating heroines from his lesser characters, and to America's literary heritage in general.

Upcoming youth programs at the Casa Grande Public Library include:

Easter Egg Hunt

Wed. Apr. 4 at 10:30

Lapsit Storytime

Please join Youth Librarian Julie Lash for a half hour of stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays. This program is generally suitable for ages 1 - 3. Registration is not required, but please be on time. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To make it a happy experience for everyone, please observe the following guidelines that are listed on the library's website:

http://www.ci.casa-grande.az.us/library/library_youth_services.php

Wednesdays, April 11-25, 10:30-11:00am

S.P.A.R.C. (Students Participating in an Advisory Reading Committee)

Keep an eye out for special programs (puppet shows, etc.) and newsletters put out by SPARC throughout the summer. This group of young adults meets once a week to discuss books, ways to improve the library, and programs for the public. If you are between the ages of 13-17 and would like to join S.P.A.R.C., please stop by the library and fill out an application, or call Julie Lash at 421-8710 X. 5140, for more information.

Drop-In Craft

Kids of all ages can stop by the library and complete a craft project to take home. Parents/caregivers are required to assist their children. Crafts generally take about 15-20 minutes to complete. No registration is required. Monday, April 9, 4-6pm

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Summer Reading Program

Find out what is going at your Library this summer when you join the 2007 Arizona Summer Reading Program, "Get a Clue @ Your Library." This program is open to young people, preschool through young adult, with programs, prizes, and more. Those who register for the summer reading program will receive a Reading Log to record the books they read during the summer. Entries in the Reading Log and Game Card earn the participants prizes! Registration begins Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the City of Casa Grande Public Library. Reading logs and Game Cards can be redeemed for prizes the week of July 23-27.

You MUST register for the Summer Reading Program at the City of Casa Grande Public Library. You will only receive your program materials upon registration at the library.

Kick Off The Summer Reading Program With A Magic Show!

(*Special Program-you must register separately for this!)

Only 35 children will be able to attend, as well as 5 adult chaperones. Call Youth Librarian, Julie Lash at 421-8710 X. 5140 for more information and/or to register. Please note that there are TWO times available on Monday, June 11th. Please choose only one time to attend.

Location: The City of Casa Grande Public Library APS Community Room

When: Monday, June 11, 2007
Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m. OR 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Fee: Free, but you must register!

Upcoming Technology Classes at the Casa Grande Public Library include:

Genealogy Online

Tuesday, May 22, 5:00pm

Digital Cameras

Tuesday, April 10, 5:00pm

Friday, April 13, 9:00am

Basic Computers I

In this 2-hour class, participants will learn how to use a computer mouse, typing skills using Microsoft Word, and how to interface with their Windows computer. This class combines What is a Mouse?, Basic Windows, and Basic Word.

Tuesday, April 15, 5:00pm

Friday, April 20, 9:00am

Basic Computers II

In this 2-hour class, participants will learn how to use their web browser, searching the Internet to find information, and how to set up and use an email address. This class combines Basic Internet and Basic Email.

Tuesday, April 24, 5:00pm

Friday, May 4, 9:00am

Pitstops

These 30-minute one-on-one sessions will cover any software questions patrons may

have and/or allow time for patrons to take the self-paced 'What is a Mouse' tutorial.
Saturday, April 28, 9:00am
Saturday, May 19, 9:00am

E-Bay Beginnings

In this 2-hour class participants will learn how to set-up an account, search e-bay, place bids, and place items for sale.

Tuesday, April 3, 5:00pm

Friday, April 6, 9:00am

Friday, May 11, 9:00am

Basic Excel

In this 90-minute class, participants will learn the mathematical functions of a spreadsheet and its possible uses, whether it be running a business, managing home finances, or keeping track of inventory.

Tuesday, May 8, 5:00pm

OneBookAZ April 2007

OneBookAZ for Adults:
Going Back to Bisbee
by Richard Shelton
<http://www.onebookaz.org/>

OneBookAZ for Kids:
Weedflower
by Cynthia Kadohata
<http://www.onebookaz.org/kids/>

Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

Local call number fields

Many times libraries put call numbers that they use in a separate field. These locally assigned call numbers are found in a 09X field. These fields are:

- 090 Locally assigned LC-type call number
- 092 Locally assigned Dewey call number
- 096 Locally assigned NLM-type call number (National Library of Medicine)
- 098 Other classification schemes
- 099 Local free-text call number

Sometimes you will notice these fields in a MARC record that you are copying

from another library. There are often both 050 and 090 fields in one record, and 082 and 092 or 099 fields in one record. Most of us in Pinal County use Dewey numbers, so we would be likely to see an 082 and an 092 or 099 field. If they are different Dewey numbers, it is wise to check the Dewey Decimal classification books and decide which you want to use. You do not want to delete the 09X fields that you do not use since many library automation systems use these tags for call number indexes and these could be confusing for patrons. If a tag is indexed by an automation system, this means that it can be searched in the public access computers.

If you are interested in seeing all the information about these fields, or any other MARC field, you can go to either of these two web addresses:

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/ecbdhome.html>
<http://www.oclc.org/bibformats/en/>

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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Calendar of Events

Summer Reading Program Workshop	PCLD office, Florence	April 13
10th Annual Arizona Book Festival	Phoenix	April 14
National Library Week http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm	Nationwide	April 15-21
National Library Workers Day http://www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwd.html	Nationwide	April 17
Library Legislative Day	Phoenix	April 19
Federation Meeting	Casa Grande	April 20
AzLA Regional Forum	Payson	April 27