



# PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Guest Columnist

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### Association for Rural and Small Libraries 2009 Conference

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) annual conference was held September 11-13, 2009 at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. As the name suggests, the organization is particularly concerned with issues facing libraries like many of ours, those serving small and rural communities. The reasonable membership fees are based on a sliding scale and start at \$9.00 per year. The theme for this year's conference was Keeping Your Head While Serving The Community.

I found three sessions of particular interest and was able to put what I learned in them to immediate use. The first, presented by Ann Clapp of the Brentwood Library in Tennessee, was called *Better Every Minute: Using bite-sized training sessions to empower library staff and patrons*. The idea is to design a program of 15-minute, self-directed training sessions that cumulatively result in achieving basic staff competencies or patron skill objectives. One of the challenges I face at my library is the lack of time to provide support to patrons who want to improve their computer skills. Using the templates provided at <http://sites.google.com/site/libraryskillbuilders> I can design a program that can be used in conjunction with classroom training and also by individual patrons on their own.

The potential applications are myriad. These can be used for job search support--one bite-sized session for resume writing, one for cover letters, one for interview techniques, and so on. They can also be used for staff and volunteer training. (We could design these for Polaris training, for example.) There are a lot of templates available on the site mentioned above, and

as librarians create more and contribute them, this will become an even more valuable resource. For more detailed information and to view the PowerPoint presentation from the conference, visit the skill-builder site.

The second presentation I enjoyed was *Helping Your Community Get Back to Work*, presented by Raye Oldham and Pam Jaskot of the State Library of North Carolina. We were introduced to a wonderful resource called the Job Search Toolkit that was developed by their library. It is set up as a Wiki, so it continues to evolve as librarians around their state and across the country contribute resources and ideas. You can find the Toolkit at: <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/LD/jobsearchtoolkit.html>.

*Gaming in Libraries* was presented by Dwight McInvaill of the Georgetown County Library in South Carolina. He talked about the funding for and implementation of a gaming program at his library and recommended ALA's Online Toolkit for Building Gaming @ Your Library (<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/LD/jobsearchtoolkit.html>). As you may already know, Saturday, November 14 is National Gaming Day in libraries across the country!

Of course, one of the best things about attending a conference is meeting librarians and board members from around the country. In addition to the social interaction, there is an opportunity to get ideas for solving problems and coping with issues many of us share. And, to be honest, I found myself counting my blessings as so many libraries are struggling to provide services with much less support than we have here in Pinal County.

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## Spotlight

### GreenFILE™ from EBSCO

EBSCO proudly offers *GreenFILE™*, a research database focusing on the relationship between human beings and the environment, with well-researched but accessible information on topics ranging from global warming to recycling to alternate fuel sources and beyond.

Comprised of scholarly and general interest titles, as well as government documents and reports, *GreenFILE* offers a unique perspective on the positive and negative ways humans affect the ecology. Drawing on the connection between the environment and disciplines such as agriculture, education, law, health and technology, it will serve as an informative resource for anyone concerned about the issues facing our planet.

*GreenFILE*'s initial release includes more than 600 titles, including comprehensive coverage – from to volume 1, issue 1 to present – for *Bioscience* (back to 1964), *Conservation Biology* (back to 1987), *Journal of Ecology* (back to 1913) and *Journal of Environmental Planning & Management* (back to 1948). Full text is provided for more than 4,600 articles from open access titles.

*GreenFILE* is free to all Pinal County residents. Accessing the *GreenFILE* database is easy, just go to: <http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/library>, then click on Online Databases for a complete list of our databases. You may need to use your library card to access this database from home. Contact your local library to get a FREE library card.

Your local library also has books for kids and adults, DVD's and music on environmental topics. See page 4.



# Around the County

News from the Libraries

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Finally, I can't help mentioning how astonishingly beautiful I found the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. LUSH! And I saw four bears.



## Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Photo from the National Park Service  
<http://www.nps.gov/grsm>

Next year's conference will be held jointly with the Association of Bookmobiles and Outreach Services. It is scheduled for October 14-16 in Denver, Colorado. The theme is Magic in the Mile-High City.

To find out more about ARSL, to join, or to subscribe to their listserv, visit <http://www.arsl.info/>.



# Around the County

## COOLIDGE

Storytimes and Book Clubs

The Coolidge Library would like to thank all participants, friends, family members, donors, performers and organizations that helped to make the Summer Reading Program a huge success. With over 650 participants and a completion rate of more than 50 percent, library staff was thrilled with the number of visitors we had this summer. We look forward to summer 2010!



Kids and adults watch as an Arizona Science Center member demonstrates the effect of liquid nitrogen on a balloon. Over 300 people attended the End of Summer Reading Party on July 24, 2009.

## Friends of the Library Meeting

The Friends of the Coolidge Public Library will be having a meeting Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 4 p.m. Current Friends members are encouraged to attend, as well as anyone interested in membership. Being a part of this organization gives patrons the opportunity to improve the library through various fundraising efforts, including the library's annual Friends' Book Sale. Members also receive checkout periods of 28 days for all books.

## Book Donations

The Coolidge Public Library accepts donations for our collection and for the Friends Book Sale collection. If you have new or gently used books that you would like to offer, just bring them by the library any time during business hours. In exchange for your donation, you will receive a donation letter for tax purposes. The library cannot accept school text books, Reader's Digest condensed books or magazines.

## Annual Book Sale

Support your library and get a fantastic deal on books. The Friends of the Coolidge Library are once again ready for a busy book and bake sale. Thousands of books will be available for patrons, along with other donated material, such as movies and CDs. Buy books individually or purchase a bag.

Sale takes place Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7.

## Homebound Services

Your library offers services for homebound individuals. Residents who are unable to travel to the library can have books delivered and picked up. Please call the library for details.

## Youth Programs

### Weekly Preschool StoryTime

Bring your kids to the library every Wednesday mornings at 10:15. Kids are welcome to sit and listen to stories and sing-along songs. Occasional crafts and dancing will also be part of this weekly event. The stories and crafts are designed for kids ages 1-4. Youth Librarian, Alondra Montano leads the fun-filled activities. No need to register, just meet in the children's area. Remember kids must be accompanied by an adult.

### Halloween StoryTime

Calling all mummies, ghosts and vampires! Ballerinas, pirates and superheroes! Join us for frightening festivities on Halloween Eve, complete with terrifying tales, creepy crafts and scary snacks. Put on your scariest, cutest or wackiest costume and listen to stories and songs. Don't forget your candy container. Come to the library on October 30<sup>th</sup> for this event. Story Time will begin at 2 p.m. and snacks will be available at 2:30 p.m. Teens are invited to vote for Team Edward or Team Jacob!

### Holiday Reading

The library will be having a short Winter Reading Program for the month of December. We will have reading logs available beginning November 23 and parents will log reading times from December 1<sup>st</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having a holiday reading party and giving prizes to our readers on Tuesday, December 22 at 3 p.m.

### Christmas Pajama StoryTime

5:15 p.m. Monday, December 22  
We will be having a special Christmas StoryTime the Monday before Christmas. You are invited to the library's annual Christmas Pajama Party. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies for all who attend. All kids are invited to the children's area to listen to Christmas stories and songs, followed by a craft. Feel free to bring a small blanket. Pajamas are optional, but highly recommended!

### Book Clubs

Looking for Young Book Club Members  
The library is looking for young readers in order to restart our youth book club, for those aged 8-12, as well as our teen book club, for readers 13 - 17.

Both clubs will meet every month to discuss the selection over snacks. Please visit the library to find out more.

## Adult Programs

### Book Club

Meetings take place at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

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The next book club meets on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Coolidge Public Library to discuss "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold

### Computer Classes

The library's basic computer course have resumed after a summer break. Classes take place every other Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. This class is designed to teach computer users basic terminology, proper use of the keyboard and mouse, essentials of Microsoft Word and an introduction to Internet navigation. Sign-up is required.

### Southwest Plant Expert to Visit Library

Horticultural specialist and author, Mary Irish will be at the library in November to answer your gardening questions and share some information from her seventh book, Trees and Shrubs for the Southwest. As a former director of public horticulture at the Desert Botanical Garden, Ms. Irish has expertise in many aspects of local plants, as well as non-native plants which thrive in the region. Date of visit to be announced soon. Event is free to attend, but sign-up will be required.

### Featured Books

It's time to get creative! The Coolidge Public Library offers a huge selection books to guide you through a wide range of imaginative projects. Whether you need information on wood-working, sewing, decorating or painting, we have something for you. Here is just a small sample of some of the books to get you inspired.

A to Z of Crochet: The Ultimate Guide for the Beginner to Advanced Crocheter edited by Sue Gardener

The Peaceful Nursery: Preparing a Home for Your Baby with Feng Shui by Laura Forbes Carlin and Allison Forbes

Treehouses and Other Cool Stuff by David

Wallpaper Projects: More than 50 Craft and Design Ideas for Your Home by Derek Fagerstrom and Lauren Smith

Guide to Flower Arranging by J. Packers

Let's Get Comfortable: How to Furnish and Decorate a Welcoming Home by Mitchell Gold and Bob Williams

Scrapbook Fundamentals: Your Guide to Getting Started by edited by MaryJo Regier

Exploring Textures in Watercolor: A Hands-On Approach by Joye Moon

Visit the *Hobbies & Crafts* database at <http://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/library> and click Online Databases.

### Upcoming Library Closures for the Coolidge Public Library:

- November 11, Wednesday - Veteran's Day
- November 26 & 27, Thursday & Friday - Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 25, Friday - Christmas Day
- January 1, Friday - New Year's Day

## FLORENCE Book Club

Do you love to read? Would you like to discuss what you read with other people? If so, the Florence Community Library Book Club is for you!

The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the library's Programming Room.

Upcoming discussions include:

November 4, 2009: *Twenty Chickens for a Saddle: The Story of an African Childhood* by Robert Scott

December 2, 2009: *The Piano Teacher, A Novel* by Janice Lee

January 6, 2010: *The Necklace: Thirteen Women and the Experiment That Transformed Their Lives* by Cheryl Jarvis

For more information, please Bonnie Wolfsberg at 868-9471.

## MAMMOTH

### Fall Classes Begin Oct 1st

Lots of exciting things are happening at the Mammoth Public Library this fall.

Thanks to the efforts of volunteer Wanda Rash, on September 24 we began offering home delivery of books and movies to those who are homebound due to age or disability. Wanda says she enjoys the opportunity to meet new people as well as serve the community. We can't thank her

enough.

Our fall classes began on October 1. We're offering an eight-week Beginning Computer Class for Adults and a five-week course on using the library's databases.

In mid-October we'll be initiating a program to support job seekers and small business owners, helping them locate resources and develop necessary skills. Volunteer Lana Jones is heading up this program. What would we do without these terrific volunteers!

On October 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., we'll host a presentation by Sarah Mattson who works in the HiRISE program at the University of Arizona. She'll talk about her work with images of Mars and show us some spectacular photos in 3-D. 3-D glasses will be provided.

Philip Borrego, our library assistant, is planning an x-box tournament for National Gaming Day, November 14. Philip will hold a workshop on Saturday, October 17, to explain how the tournament will work and how to practice to get the best possible scores. In addition to the video game tournament, there will be plenty of board games, card games, puzzles and a treasure hunt. This event is for the entire family.



"Wonderful worms!"

In November, we'll welcome back Wriggler Wrangler Linda Leigh for another of her popular WormShops.

To find out more about any of these programs at the Mammoth Public Library, give us a call: 520-487-2026.



# At the Library

## Air Pollution...Global Warming... Recycling

Would you like to help but don't know where to start? You may find just what you're looking for at your local library!

### Books for the Whole Family

- *50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth* by John and Sofie Javna
- *Easy Green Living: The Ultimate Guide to Simple, Eco-Friendly Choices for you and your Home* by Renee Loux
- *Declaration of Energy Independence: How Freedom from Foreign Oil Can Improve National Security, Our Economy and the Environment* by Jay Hakes
- *The Green Parent: A Kid-Friendly Guide to Earth-Friendly Living* by Jenn Savedge

## A Board Book for Baby

- *Eco Babies Wear Green* by Michelle Sinclair Colman

### Books for Cool Kids

- *A Hot Planet Needs Cool Kids: Understanding Climate Change and What You Can Do About It* by Julie Hall
- *Seven Wonders for a Cool Planet: Everyday Things to Help Solve Global Warming* by Eric Sorensen

### DVD's that Inspire

- *11th Hour* with Leonardo DiCaprio *Planet In Peril*
- *National Geographic: Six Degrees Could Change the World*
- *An Inconvenient Truth* with Al Gore

### Music that makes a Statement

- *Detours* by Sheryl Crow

## SPOOKY READS

### FOR ADULTS

- *A Catered Halloween* by Isis Crawford
- *The Eight* by Katherine Neville
- *Frill Kill* by Laura Childs
- *Halloween Party* by Agatha Christie
- *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield
- *Nightmare Before Christmas* movie

### FOR KIDS

- *Froggy's Halloween* by Jonathan London
- *The Halloween Hoax* by Carolyn Keene
- *Halloween Party* by R.L. Stine
- *Meg Mackintosh and the Stage Fright Secret* by Lucinda Landon
- *The Teeny Tiny Ghost* by Kay Winters



## Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

### CHANGES IN CATALOGING

By the time this newsletter reaches everyone, we will probably be up and running on Polaris, our new Integrated Library System. Along with that, now all the public libraries in Pinal County are sharing the same bibliographic catalog. So many changes happening here in our county! Everyone will need to be patient with any of the problems that arise from the migration and the merge. I feel certain we will work everything out in time.

Another big change we are undergoing is membership in OCLC. OCLC has the very large catalog of bibliographic records that we find when we search WorldCat. Those records are contributed by the member libraries, and some vendors. We use those records when we are looking to borrow something not found in our library. We also lend the items we are attached to in the OCLC catalog to other libraries not in our system. These are the Interlibrary Loans we are familiar with (ILL). Our copy cataloging will be much easier and faster using this large database, but we will have to be more careful about matching

what we hold in our hands to the record in OCLC.

In the meantime, keep using your Book-Where for copy cataloging until we are ready to start using Cat Express, the OCLC product that will allow us to go straight to that large WorldCat database for our copy cataloging. This will greatly simplify and speed up your workflow. When that time comes (and I hope it will be soon) we will make sure you all get the training you will need to use it.

As I write this, we have recently completed our Polaris training, and we are all in the 'between systems' period, waiting to go live on our new system. I know we will all be struggling at first to remember how it works. Be patient, use your training notes and the great Power Point products that Polaris has provided, and we will soon all be comfortable with the new system.

By the time you read this, I hope we are all starting to enjoy the new look of our online catalog and our staff workstations. I am sure that these changes are going to im-

prove our ability to do our jobs well, and the patron's ability to find what they want.

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!



# Libraries Rock!

## - Who we are and what we do

### Clues Across

3. Offering access to expensive tools, libraries \_\_\_\_\_ the playing field
5. Cost of library programs and materials to the patrons
7. Important body language; facial expression
10. Maintaining our local history
16. Responsibility for spending money wisely; ship profession
17. Great format for movie delivery; have many extras
20. How libraries invite reflection, growth and change; when books are opposed
22. Ohio Library \_\_\_\_\_
23. These are still king at the library; our brand
24. Institute of Museum and Library Services
28. A library's goal; S for Super; public, community and self \_\_\_\_\_
29. Blood and Books are useless without it
33. American Association of School Librarians
35. Book about a person's life
36. American Library \_\_\_\_\_
37. Association for Library Collections and \_\_\_\_\_ Services
40. What you read is your business; a fundamental library principle
43. Library and Information Technology Association
44. This freedom we fight for protects ideas

### Clues Down

1. Can't find the answer you're looking for? This department helps.
2. Public Library Association
4. Libraries value their hard work; V for victory
6. Awareness of others' feelings
8. Reference and Users Services Association
9. Core of teamwork, but personal; self image boost
11. Lists to help patrons find new authors based on favorites three words?
12. When library staff are available and assist, they \_\_\_\_\_; Performance coach's action verb
13. Needs an informed public; Jeffersonian ideal
14. Everyone's welcome, a fundamental library principle
15. A necessary evil, that pays and protects; budgets get hung up in
18. Association of College & Research Libraries
19. Clubs that use materials like ValueLine; method to generate wealth
21. By feeding imagination, libraries \_\_\_\_\_ creativity; action verb
25. Difference between search engines and the Library is quantity versus \_\_\_\_\_
26. Library Leadership & Management Association
27. Usually for young babies; libraries are small business \_\_\_\_\_
30. How eyes open the mind; action verb
31. Great fund raisers for libraries (two words)
32. Skill that requires focus, caring and ears!
34. Staff gives positive power, they \_\_\_\_\_; Performance coach action verb
36. Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies
38. Great for long car trips or visually impaired; various formats (two words)
39. Neighbors discussing books (two words)
41. Association for Library Service to Children
42. Young Adult Library Services Association

Answers in the next newsletter!

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## Calendar of Events

Greenbuild 2009 - International Conference & Expo Keynote Speaker, Al Gore Guest Artist, Cheryl Crow	Phoenix, AZ	November 11-13
Arizona Library Association Conference	Glendale, AZ	December 7-8
American Library Association Midwinter Meeting	Boston, MA	January 15-19