



PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Director's Column

By Denise Keller

The Arizona State Library has been remarkably successful in winning grants that benefit libraries statewide. They have recently received a grant through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) for "Arizona Public Computer Centers" for a total of \$1,278,528.

The Pinal County portion will be a total of \$198,000, with a match from the Library District of \$39,600. This will put laptops in 10 libraries so that patrons can access valuable e-resources and help us provide training in 21st century skills. Patrons will have access to laptops that enable a mobile training environment fostering community outreach to vulnerable populations.

The State Library was successful with a second BTOP grant, "AZ Job Help @ Your Library." This project addresses the escalating need of vulnerable Arizona residents facing job loss, career changes and other economic challenges by creating Arizona Job Help Centers in libraries statewide to provide access to relevant resources & training.

Pinal County will have a Job Help Center at the Eloy Public Library, with 10 computers reserved for job-seekers. The laptops/desktops will have software for resume writing, ESL, tutorials on job searching, and free government information. In addition, every public library in the county will have one dedicated Workforce Station with PC, fax/ scanner/printer. The goal is to provide job seekers and entrepreneurs with assistance, targeted resources and longer periods of uninterrupted computer time to complete job searches, resumes, and unemployment forms.

August was the launch of our newest online services, [Tutor.com](#) and [Ask A Librarian](#).



Patrons county-wide have access to live online tutoring for all students and adults through [Tutor.com](#). K-12 and college students can get help with homework, studying, projects, essay writing and test preparation in every subject, including algebra, statistics, chemistry, physics, social studies and English. Adults can get help with resume writing, GED prep, and academic support. All sessions are online and one-to-one with a live tutor. Any community member with a library card can access the new online services from the library or right from home. The service includes a real-time writing center and 24/7 access to worksheets, videos and tutorials in just about any subject. The live, online tutoring and resume writing service is available every day from 1:00-10:00 p.m.



Now that many of our libraries must balance increased demand with reduced budgets, staff and hours, [Ask A Librarian](#) provides a cost-effective way to provide 24/7 access to a reference librarian. The service is staffed by fully trained librarians who can help patrons online, providing residents needed reference support. All Pinal County residents with a library card can connect to a librarian for help with research or reference challenges. All that's needed is a Mac or PC with an internet connection—in the library or at home. Both services are completely free to any Pinal resident with a library card. To access these services please visit the library's website at: <http://catalog.pinalcountyaz.gov>.



Spotlight

Kids Search

[Kids Search](#) is designed specifically for elementary and middle school students. The Kids Search interface combines a state-of-the-art search engine (powered by EBSCOhost®) with a child-friendly design that is powerful and fun to use.



Kids Search makes it easier for students to look for their favorite subjects. Important features of Kids Search includes:

- The ability to search by topic, subtopic, or keywords
- The ability to sort results by relevance, as well as by date; the option of filtering search results by source type
- The ability to add search results, images, or links to searches to a Folder.

[Kids Search](#) is free to all Pinal County residents. To access this database, go to www.pinalcountyaz.gov/library then click "Online Databases" for a complete list of our databases. Contact your local public library to get a FREE library card.



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APACHE JUNCTION

Singing Cowboy



Arizona Singing Cowboy and his trusty horse Dusty will be at the library Saturday, October 16 at 10:30 and Thursday, November 4 at 10:30. These family literacy programs are sponsored by Target.

Play and Learn is a five week program for your 1-3 year old child. Each week an expert in an area of child development will spend one on one time with you while your child plays.

Water Play was such a success we are bringing it back September 2nd. We invite children birth to 5 years old to wear swimsuits for this wet program in the Family Courtyard.



Tuesday Teen Events The third Tuesday of each month from 5-7 p.m. Check the Teenspace Webpage for details.

Tricky Treat Halloween Scavenger Hunt Saturday, October 30 from 10-11:30am for ages 2-11. Sponsored by the Library's Teen Advisory Board.

P.I.T. Stops are Personalized Individual Trainings on the computer. Please call the library to make a reservation with a



Computer Lab Assistant for a 30 to 45 minute session to help you with computer basics, like using a mouse or Basic Internet, Basic E-Mail, Microsoft Word or eBay.

Reservations for computer classes and P.I.T. Stops are available by calling the library at 480-474-8569 or stopping by.

Join us for our **Non-Fiction Book Discussion** which meets the first Tuesday of

the month at 1:30pm AND our **Dying for a Mystery Book Discussion** which meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.

Visit the Apache Junction Public Library's website at <http://www.ajpl.org> for details and a complete list of all our programs.

ARIZONA CITY

Story Time Kids Create Their Own Newspaper at Arizona City Library

Middle-school aged children took over the Arizona City Library on Thursday afternoons this summer to take part in the new "Tween" Summer Reading Program. They made crafts, played games, and enjoyed each other's company as they explored the theme, "Make Waves at Your Library."

For their final project, they made a newspaper. The newspaper's content was either chosen or written by the Summer Reading Program participants. The content included planning ahead for a vacation to California, "Mica's Tips on Being a Tomboy," "Jonathan's Tips for Star Wars - The Force Unleashed on PS3, Fashion Tips, puzzles, jokes and poems. They were very proud of their finished product and were excited to see that patrons could pick up copies of it at the library.



They concluded their summer reading activities with a movie party.

More than 150 patrons attended the two summer reading programs offered by the library. Thanks to Lisa Korenstein for making the Saturday family reading program available. Joyce Baker, Arizona City's Librarian coordinated the Thursday program.

CASA GRANDE

Fall Programs

We've wrapped up another summer of fun programming for children and teens. We had nearly 1,600 attendees at our youth programs over the course of the summer, which is more than twice the



Summer Reading Fun

number as last year. Families enjoyed having more programs at two locations this year instead of one.

This fall we're excited to present several new programs and special events:

September is "National Get a Library Card Month!" so we are hosting a Library Card Sign-up Party at the Vista Grande Library for residents to see what great things the library has to offer. You never know what local celebrities you might run into while you're here...

The Main Library is offering a new monthly evening story time, where participants are encouraged to come in their pajamas and share bedtime stories and lullabies.

Sometimes the best thing about reading is sharing it with a friend. In this spirit, we offer Teen Reading Buddies. Hand-picked teens will read favorite stories to children and help younger readers practice their own skills.

After the success of our Water Play Fun Day and Music For Lil Ones programs during the summer, we are hosting these toddler events again this fall at the Main Library.

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In an effort to keep tweens reading for fun, we are hosting two book groups this fall for children ages 9-12 at the Vista Grande Library.

COOLIDGE

Keepers of the Wild Benefits from Library Volunteers

During the first week of August, Alondra Montano, of the Coolidge Public Library, visited Keepers of the Wild, a



Destiny, Alondra and Anna in front of the Sanctuary sign off Route 66

sanctuary in northwest Arizona. Along with niece, Destiny Galvan Montano, of Phoenix and library volunteer, Anna



Destiny prepares to enter the monkey house.

Aguayo, the three animal lovers donated 8 to 10 hours daily over six days. They cut up fruits and veggies for primates, raccoons and reptiles. They cleaned up "monkey houses," which, according to Anna, "might as well

be called monkey bathrooms!" There was lots of cleaning to be done and because the animals were not familiar with them, relatively little animal interaction.



Alondra holds an 8-week old bobcat brought in by AZ Game and Fish

However, the reward of being surrounded by these amazing creatures made the trip worthwhile. Destiny would smile each morning when she could hear the call of the only lion of the sanctuary.

Keepers of the Wild staff and volunteers care for exotic animals that have been

hurt, abandoned, neglected or abused. Some of these defenseless creatures had little room to move around, were kept in almost complete darkness or were forced to sleep, eat and relieve themselves in the same area. Keepers offered them a home with constant care.

The three volunteers were able to provide the sanctuary with some much needed supplies to continue their good work. This was courtesy of generous library patrons as well as friends and family of the volunteers.



A skunk and coatimundi share a meal of fruits, veggies and bread.

Working to help these animals was so rewarding that a return trip is being planned. The sanctuary's founder, Jonathan Kraft and staff send their gratitude to the wonderful people of Pinal County who donated items. Keepers of the Wild is a non-profit organization and all proceeds go directly to helping these fantastic creatures. Go to keepersofthewild.org. If you wish to visit Keepers of the Wild for a tour,

Worm Drive

Library patrons in attendance were also able to hold these wiggly critters after the show. The Worm Drive Musical was the first event for the Coolidge Public Library's summer program.



Farmer Ron and Farmer Gavin sing about the wonders of worms.

We also had a great turnout for our two movie and popcorn days. Following the Make a Splash theme, we showed The Little Mermaid and Finding Nemo and had over 50 people for each film! Kids

of all ages also experienced a water show from the local fire department, a ventriloquist and an educational water night at the park.

Summer Reading Finale

Thanks are in order for all participants of the Summer Reading Program and those who signed them up for it. This year we had over 600 kids and teens participate. Almost 200 readers qualified for a bonus prize and we had a very tight race for Top Reader. The Coolidge Public Library also had a successful first year of offering an adult reading program, with 110 participants! Congratulations, Readers!

StoryTime Has Resumed

The library's weekly, Preschool StoryTime is back. After a very busy summer, our story and craft hour had been postponed until after the volunteer week at the sanctuary.

Computer Classes Start August 30

Coolidge will resume its basic computer class, which was kicked off in 2009. We offer instruction for any patrons wishing to increase their knowledge of computer use. This course is designed to teach users basic terminology, proper use of the keyboard and mouse, essentials of Microsoft Word and an introduction to Internet navigation. County workers who feel a need to improve their skills are welcomed to attend, too.

United Way Water for Life



Thank you to all patrons who donated bottles and gallons of drinking water to help people in need during Arizona's very hot summer. As part of the United Way's Water for Life drive on July 15-17, the library accepted donations of clean drinking water on behalf of the organization. The United Way picked up the water for distribution throughout Pinal County.

Cell Phone Drive

We will be holding a cell phone drive for the month of September. This is part of an ongoing effort to help our commu-

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nity, our nation and our planet. The Coolidge Public Library is working with Verizon Wireless, as part of their Hope-Line program. This program puts wireless services and equipment to work to assist victims of domestic violence by collecting phones and equipment.

The equipment can be in any condition and from any service provider. Phones are refurbished or recycled, and funds raised from their sale go to help victims. Verizon Wireless donates wireless phones and airtime, and provides funding and other contributions to non-profit domestic violence shelters and prevention programs across the country. Verizon Wireless also concentrates on protecting the environment by collecting spent rechargeable batteries for recycling. The Verizon Wireless Cell Phone Battery Recycling program is an easy way to help conserve the earth's natural resources. Through HopeLine's recycling efforts, more than 200 tons of electronics waste and batteries have been kept out of landfills.

FLORENCE

Family Storytime Begins

The Arizona Reading Program "Make a Splash" ended positively with over 1,200 participants in Reading Club and attending events at the library. The library and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated and contributed in making this program a big success!

Generous support and donations

Friends of the Florence Community Library, Tom & Lynn Smith, Pinal County Historical Museum, Florence True Value Hardware, B&D Restaurants (McDonalds), and Ronald McDonald, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix, Zoo, Arizona Cardinals, Harkins Theatres, Peaceable Kingdom Press, Copper Basin YMCA, USA's Skateland Mesa and COSTCO in Gilbert.

September 1st Family Storytime begins on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The library

invites children of all ages and their caregivers for a half-hour of stories, fingerplays and fun every Wednesday. A craft, snack and drink will be offered on the last Wednesday of the month.

Adult Book Club meets at 6 p.m. and will discuss *I'll Never Be French (No Matter What I Do)* by Mark Greenside

September 16th Fellowship of the Books (Teen Book Club) meets at 2:45 p.m.

October 6th Adult Book Club meets at 6 p.m. and will discuss *Return* by Victoria Hislop. Fellowship of the Books meets at 2:45 p.m.

October 22nd Starlab at 5:30 p.m. Come and be a part of this interactive astronomy program.

KEARNY

Summer Reading at the Library

Our program began on the 24th of June. At this gathering, we had 26 children. We read a story entitled "Memoirs of a Goldfish" then we made a crystal garden, learned a song about the water cycle, heard some riddles about water and handed out our reading challenge for the program. We all enjoyed a snack of gummy fish.



The second week we made "sand castles" out of croutons, played a paper fish game and had the little ones make shark

hats. Third week, we read the *Toy Boat* and had a rain gutter regatta with boats the children made themselves.



The last week we had water games in the park topped off with pizza furnished by the Friends of the Library and chocolate/caramel sundaes.

Awards were given for completion of the reading challenge. We had 15 children who got awards. All the children were given gift bags.

MAMMOTH

RUSA Award

Mammoth Public Library Director Diana Stirling is a contributor to *American Countercultures: An Encyclopedia of Nonconformists, Alternative Lifestyles, and Radical Ideas in U.S. History*, a work that was recently honored as an outstanding reference source by the Reference and Users Association, a division of the American Library Association. *American Countercultures* was edited by Gina Misiroglu. Stirling's contributions were entries on R. Buckminster Fuller, Esalen, and the Gray Panthers.

We kept the kids busy this summer at the Mammoth Public Library!



In addition to our three weekly programs, we were delighted to meet Wildman Phil, who introduced us to some truly amazing creatures. We also joined

the San Manuel Public Library in hosting a workshop with artist Red Rohall, who taught us how to design and print our own t-shirts.

Now that the kids are back in school, we're planning for the fall. Our Wednesday game time was such a hit this summer that

we've decided to continue with it. (By the time National Gaming Day rolls around in November, the kids will be all practiced up!) We're also hoping to start an early literacy series with the help of interns from the Early Childhood Education program at ASU.



Silkscreen Workshop

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Water Balloon Olympics Winners at Mammoth Public Library

We've started a new session of computer classes for adults on Thursday mornings. And starting in October we'll host another of the popular Arizona History Series programs. Included in this fall's lineup are a talk by author and historian Cathy Ellis on Anton L. Westgard, and a presentation by former director of the State Historic Preservation Office, Reba Grandrud, on how we can preserve our historic properties and heritage in Mammoth.

ORACLE

Oracle Public Library is proud to present "LIGHT" into the Library.

The Library's windows and doors were out of date and the windows had been covered with acrylic. It was impossible to clean between the layers and we couldn't see out the windows. During the renovation, we had the bottom half of the windows bricked up and new glass installed on the top of the bricks. The patrons are delighted as they now can sit in the reading area and have natural LIGHT!



Old Doors

The old front doors were not ADA compatible and when the hinges started sag-

ging, patrons had a hard time opening the doors. The hinges couldn't be replaced since they were of 1968 origin and new safety glass couldn't be replaced in the slots for glass inside the doors.



New Doors at the Oracle Public Library!



New Windows too!

Thanks to the Pinal County Library District the Oracle Library has been updated with a drinking fountain installed, new windows and doors and all in Oracle say a big "Thank You."

Our summer reading program, which concluded on August 4th, was a big success. We gave out lots of prizes to the kids and they all loved them - especially the inflatable frogs. We also had a drawing for a "Family Pizza Party" at the De-Marcos Italian restaurant in Oracle.

Oracle, like many other communities in Arizona, is feeling the effects of the downturn in the economy. As a result, patronage in the library has more than tripled in the last year. Our volunteers are very busy every day and most days we have two volunteers for each three hour shift. The Oracle Library is open 46 hours a week with volunteers and now we have members of our community asking if we could please be open on Sunday!

SAN MANUEL Summer Success at the Library

The library's summer water themed programs ended with a splash Monday, June 26th at the San Manuel Swimming pool. Participants, staff and their families were treated to a completion pool party and a barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs.



The volunteer staff registered 89 participants ranging from 3 to 17 years of age for the summer reading programs. Reading incentives included new books, novelty toys, free swim passes, gift certificates from local eateries, video gaming certificates to use in the library, and extended computer time passes. The library also acquired two new aquatic pet frogs. The frogs were named, "Kool," and "Awesome," these names were drawn from a name suggestion box from library patrons.



This year's summer programs included Movie Matinees, Craft Hour, Story Time, Coloring Contests, a Silk

Screen T- Shirt Workshop, and a visit from Wild Man Phil.



Wildman Phil visits San Manuel Public Li-

The library circulated 1,241 children and young adult reading material items from

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June through July alone. The youth also enjoyed video gaming this summer with 535 check outs that included Wii, X-box 360, and PlayStation Portables. Our goal was to encourage children and young adults to read during these summer months, and our mission was accomplished.

The library will begin planning for its' fall programming. Planned events will include a Book Club discussion group, adult Basic Computer classes, and Story Time with Toddlers.

SUPERIOR Library News

Summer Reading Program went fairly well. Due to limited staff we structured it differently this year. Kids registered as they came to the library and a reading log was given to them. They checked out books and each time they returned their books and checked them back in they received a stamp next to the title of the book they read. The kids seemed to enjoy it and some kids came in every day to check out books and return the books they had read so that they could receive their stamp. The program started on June 7th and continued through July 30th. On August 3rd we had our finale with a party. Certificates, book bags with prizes and reading incentives were given to participants and we held a drawing for T-shirts and tote bags. I feel all participants were winners. Their summer reading will really pay off when they go back to school!

Plans are underway to have *Wildman Phil's* live animal show at our library during the fall school break sometime between the end of September through first week in October.

We will be recruiting volunteers and plan on having training for volunteers soon. In the meantime we are trying our best with one person staff. I have been blessed with a dedicated volunteer who has come in everyday since staff layoffs in January. She comes in every day and

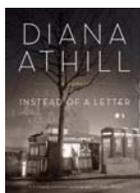
helps shelve books and relieves me at the circulation desk when needed. Tony, who was laid off, also comes in and volunteers a couple of hours a day when he can, which is pretty consistent. The town has agreed to have him cover for me while I am on vacation so that we don't have to close the library. By the way, the young lady who comes in every day is Tony's sister. She has been a big help to me!



LIBRARIAN NANCY PEARL PICKS 'UNDER THE RADAR' READS

As a librarian and a reader, my goal is always to ferret out (and introduce other readers to) books — both fiction, poetry, and nonfiction — that are sometimes not easily found. I call these sorts of books — variously — "under the radar" titles, or "hidden treasures."

Those two phrases put together describe the books below, which make for wonderful reading during the dog days of summer and beyond.



Instead of a Letter

by Diana Athill
Over the past decade or so, Diana Athill has written a series of well-reviewed accounts of her life as an editor and writer in London.

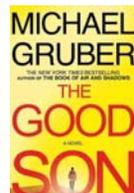
It's hard to see how any inveterate reader wouldn't devour them with joy...



Finding George Orwell in Burma

by Emma Larkin
When I was scouring bookstore and library shelves for books to read in preparation for writing my new book, *Book Lust To*

Go, I came across Emma Larkin's fascinating *Finding George Orwell in Burma*. I was taken (as many readers before me have been) by her discussion of how Orwell's three best-known novels were a metaphor for most of 20th-century Burmese history...



The Good Son

by Michael Gruber
The Good Son is one of those few and far between thrillers that, in addition to providing the requisite thrills, is both complex, intelligent and gives us a fully developed cast of characters...



Blood Harvest

by S.J. Bolton
Before she published *Blood Harvest*, S.J. Bolton wrote two mysteries. The first (*Sacrifice*) was terrific; the second (*Awakening*) was even better; and *Blood Harvest* is, not to put too fine a word on it, outstanding...



Miss Hargreaves

by Frank Baker
Frank Baker's *Miss Hargreaves* is a perfect exemplar of my as yet unnamed proposed new genre. It is, according to the blurb on the

back cover, one of the first in "a new library of books from the early twentieth century chosen by readers for readers..."



Under Heaven

by Guy Gavriel Kay
Like many of his earlier novels (including *The Lions of Al-Rassan*, *The Last Light of the Sun*, *Sailing to Sarantium* and *Lord of Emperors*), this is historical fiction at its

absolute best. It's gorgeously written and, though thoroughly researched, wears its scholarship lightly...

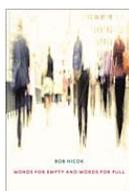
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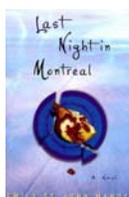
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Words for Empty and Words for Full

by Bob Hicock

What I most appreciate about Hicock's poetry is its conversational tone and ways he has of turning the world inside out and making me think about it in unexpected ways. When I'm immersed in reading these poems, I feel as though the poet is talking to me about his own feelings and observations, and something more: the universality, and yet singularity, of those feelings...



Last Night in Montreal

by Emily St. John Mandel

I had the good fortune to come across Mandel's first novel, *Last Night in Montreal*, while browsing at my

local library. I was so entranced by it that I immediately headed out to my favorite independent bookstore to buy my own copy. And when, shortly thereafter, I read Mandel's brand new second novel, *The Singer's Gun*, I was wowed by it, too.



The Lotus Eaters

by Tatjana Soli

This is — not to mince words — a devastatingly awesome novel. It's one of those books that I didn't want to put down — I resented everything else that I needed to do in my life, because I didn't want to stop reading it...

To read excerpts from these books and more of Nancy Pearl's enticing reviews and commentary visit www.npr.org/books.

Nancy Pearl has written several books for book lovers such as: 1) *Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment and Reason* 2) *Book Crush: For Kids and Teens* 3) *Book Lust Journal* and 4) *Book Lust to Go: Recommended Reading for Travelers, Vagabonds and Dreamers* to be published in October 2010

If you're a book lover, try Nancy's blog: <http://nancypearlbooks.wordpress.com/>

These "Under the Radar" Reads are available through your local public library.



Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

Edition statement

Now that we have all settled into using Polaris, OCLC, etc., I think I can go back to explaining the MARC fields that we see in our records. The last tag we looked at, back in July of 2009, was the 246 tag. This time I will explain the 250 tag which holds the edition statement.

An edition statement can come from pretty much anywhere. In a book, we usually see it on the cover, or verso, but I have been known to find one in a preface or forward, also. The common form will be something similar to a number and then the word edition; i.e., first edition, 2nd edition, etc.

Along with the word "edition" we also find some other words that convey the same idea, such as "version" and "issue". In the MARC record we always abbreviate edition and change the word to a number. Some examples:

- 250 \$a1st ed.
- 250 \$Bblu-ray version.
- 250 \$Llimited issue.

Sometimes the cataloger will add an edition statement when none is available just to make it easier for the patron. This type

of statement will be enclosed in brackets:

- 250 \$a[Large print ed.].

On some resources, the edition statement is in the form of a date. We find this regularly on serial records:

- 250 \$a2010 ed.

Sometimes we will see both types of statements on one resource. At that point we can decide which we will use, or even use both:

- 250 \$a1st ed., 2010 ed.

When we move on to non-book edition statements things get much more confusing. As catalogers we may have decided that a patron will be better served by adding information that isn't actually an edition statement; i.e., widescreen, full screen, blu-ray version, abridged, unabridged, PS3, Wii, etc. This isn't always covered by the cataloging rules, but usually an argument can be made that these words do convey a type of edition.

Be careful with Spanish language books since they often use a printing date that

looks like an edition statement on the verso. Those can be quite confusing and you just need to use judgment and make sure everything else matches.

One important point to remember is that when we are matching the item in our hand to a record we have found we must look at that edition statement since it is a good match point for us. We don't want to add our item that is a 4th edition to a record that is a 1st edition!

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

Accessing and Using Economic Census Data workshop	Arizona State Library	August 27
Social Media and Your Library	Florence, AZ	September 10
Pinal County Library Federation Meeting	Mammoth Public Library	September 17
Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference	Denver, CO	October 14-16
Internet Librarian Conference	Monterey, CA	October 25-27
Arizona Library Association Annual Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	November 15-17