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Guest Column

By Joyce Baker



Spotlight

LOCAL LIBRARIAN HELPS SET UP LIBERIA'S FIRST CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Arizona City's Librarian, Joyce Baker, is going to Yekepa, Liberia in June to help prepare and catalog books for a children's library. There are no public libraries in the entire country and there has never been a children's library. Students at schools in Gilbert and Chandler collected more than 10,000 used books and teaching materials to help the Liberian children.

Yekepa is a remote village at the base of the Nimba Mountains, about an eight hour drive from the Liberia's capital, Monrovia. After a 14-year civil war, educational resources are very limited.



In many cases, five children share one photo copied textbook. Teachers are often barely a lesson ahead of their students.

Gilbert mom, Sheri Wang, was shocked to hear of the lack of materials available to



the teachers and students in this country. Determined to help somehow, she organized a book drive. More and more people became involved and before long, backpacks, supplies and teaching tools were all donated to begin to rebuild the education opportunities in this remote village.



Joyce is going with her husband, a counselor, to teach Liberian nationals basic counseling

techniques. However, she plans to help prepare the books for circulation while she is there.

Several teachers are traveling to Liberia in July to train the teachers in a basic phonics program for the classroom. Forty teachers and education majors at the local university are enrolled in the seminar. Some are walking six or more miles to get their materials. The university administration has reported that the new buzz words around town are "reading" and "phonics".

This is very exciting news for those traveling from Arizona to bring reading to this little West African village



Some children Joyce and her husband met in the Congo on a previous trip.

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Around the County

News from the Libraries

ARIZONA CITY Story Time

Arizona City Library has recently introduced a weekly Preschool/Toddler Story Time. Children join together in several action songs, hear numerous stories, and color a picture every week. Parents are encouraged to participate too. Several families have made Story Time their Monday morning tradition.

Children are learning coordination skills with a bean bag song and a drum stick



song. They also learn body parts with songs like "Everybody Knows I Love My Toes." When Story Time is over, children often stay to color and pick out some books for home. Parents enjoy the free time to visit with each other or browse the library.

COOLIDGE Author Visit

NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR MICHAEL BUCKLEY VISITS COOLIDGE

On Friday, March 12, Coolidge patrons had the opportunity to meet successful author, Michael Buckley. He talked with library visitors about the various jobs that he had held prior to becoming an author. Mr. Buckley also shared some of his inspiration for characters from his *Sisters*



Mr. Buckley discusses the idea behind *N.E.R.D.S.*, his most recently published book about some unlikely heroes - a group of middle school spies.

Grimm series, which is now on its eighth book. His visit was insightful and entertaining.



Adults and teens wait in line to have their books signed by Michael Buckley

After reading a portion of *N.E.R.D.S: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society*, Mr. Buckley talked about having not been such a popular kid in school. His characters fit that mold, but still shine in this great story.

EASTER STORYTIME & EGG HUNT

Coolidge Library kids listen to *Here Comes the Big, Mean Dust Bunny* by Jan Thomas. This was a special evening StoryTime event at the library just before Easter weekend.



After the stories and songs, kids headed out to the patio for an egg hunt.



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 with the songs. Occasionally crafts and dancing will 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.

Summer Reading Program

The Coolidge Public Library is getting set for the 2010 Make a Splash - READ! Summer Reading Program. Readers of all age groups are tracking their reading progress to earn some great incentive prizes this year. Sign-up starts June 1 and will continue until the end of June.

Special Events

Monday, June 14 at 2 p.m. – Worm Drive the Musical (at the Teen Center)

Tuesday, June 22 at 5 p.m. – Project W.E.T. Family Water Night

Tuesday, July 13 at 2 p.m. – Ventriloquist John Nolander (at the Teen Center)

Thursday, July 15 at 11 a.m. – Coolidge Fire Department Water Show

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teens can also win some cool prizes this year with Make Waves - READ! Participants track their own progress, but still need to be signed up by an adult. Readers have to read 10 books this summer to complete the program and earn a bonus prize.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Reading programs are not just for kids! This year, the Coolidge Public Library is excited to announce that we are giving our adult patrons a chance to take part in the Summer Reading Program too. Join us for:



In addition to the monthly books available through our book club, we are offering adult book lovers a chance to take home some incentive prizes. Those who complete some reading requirements also earn a bonus prize!

You can sign up starting in June. Readers' requirements range from reading books in a particular genre to picking a book that was published in the same year of their birth! This is a challenge from the Coolidge Library for all the adults in our county. Let's show the "youngsters" in this community the importance of reading!

BOOK CLUB

Join us for our monthly book club meeting. Meetings take place at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

- June 8th: *The Toughest Indian in the World* by Sherman Alexie
- July 13th: *What the Dog Saw and Other Adventures* by Malcolm Gladwell
- August 10th: *The Sparrow* by Mary Russell

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FLORENCE

Annual Bookmark Contest

The 13th Annual Bookmark Awards Ceremony took place at the Florence Community Library on Friday, April 9, at 6 pm.

The following students received prizes and certificates:



1st Place Winner

Ximena Carrillo

6th Grade Skyline Ranch

2nd Place Winner: Jordyn Martinez
8th Grade Florence K-8

3rd Place Winner: Kayla Jakubowski
11th Grade Florence H.S.

Honorable Mention: Lilyana Torres, Alissa Jo Brehm, Madisyn Welser, Juliana Becerra, Kayla Furman, Jana Martin, Angelica Garrido, Angelica Reza, Alex Bruin, Luis Juarez, Haleigh Turner, Andrew Vath, and Juan Perez.

National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and celebrated by libraries across the country each April. The Florence Community Library traditionally takes part in the festivities by hosting an annual bookmark contest. Participating children design a bookmark using the theme for National Library Week. The 2010 theme was: "Communities thrive @ your library."

More than 600 contest entries were displayed at the library through the month of April. The winning bookmark was professionally printed and copies are available at the main desk of the Florence Community Library free of charge while supplies last.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

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:

June 2: *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry

July 7: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

August 4: *Sea of Poppies* by Amitav Ghosh

For more information, please contact the Library at (520) 868-9471.

2010 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS & ADULTS

Make a Splash @ the Florence Community Library!

The Florence Community Library invites children to "Make a Splash@ Your Library" and participate in the 2010 Summer Reading Program. The program is open to young people, preschool through age twelve, with programs, prizes, storytime, and more! Join us for the kick-off "Pool Party" on Friday, May 28th at 5:30 pm.

Make Waves @ the Florence Community Library!

Teens: Do your summer plans include reading a good book? Then come to the library and sign up for the 2010 Summer Reading Program, "Make Waves @ Your Library!" Keep a log of what you read and win some "wet and wild" prizes. Special weekly programs begin on Tuesday, June 8th at 5:30 pm.

For more information on Children's and Teen programs, please call Rita Marquez at (520) 868-9471.

Water Your Mind -Read!

Why should kids get to have all the fun this summer? Adults ages 18 and older are invited to "Water Your Mind - Read!" this summer at the Florence Community Library and explore the world of water, books, and more. Get in touch with your creative side! Please call Jasper Halt at (520) 868-9471 for more information.

MARICOPA

Summer Activities

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Maricopa Public Library is getting ready for our 2010 Summer Reading Program "Make a Splash—READ!"

The program will run from June 1st to August 7th with early registration beginning in May and is open to anyone with a Maricopa Public Library card. Participants can choose to record the hours they read with paper logs or they can register online where they will also be able to rate books, write book reviews, and read other participants' reviews.

Children and Young Adults will receive an incentive prize for every ten hours they read up to thirty hours. Participants who meet the program goal of reading thirty hours will be entered in the grand prize drawing. Once they reach the thirty hour goal, they can keep reading for more chances to win.

The grand prizes for this year's winners are an Amazon Kindle for adults, a Playstation 3 for young adults, and a Bicycle for children!

MOVIE DAY AT THE LIBRARY

Join us on Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th at 10 am for a viewing of Finding Nemo.

On Friday, July 16th and Saturday, July 17th at 10 am we will be showing The Little Mermaid.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Maricopa Public Library has been



open for almost an entire year!

Come to the library on Saturday, June 12th between 11-3 for some fun activities to celebrate our 1 year anniversary.

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ORACLE

“Most Fun” at the Oaks Festival

Oracle Public Library’s float won the “Most Fun” float award at this year’s 25th annual Oaks Festival – the theme was Silver Streams, Rivers of Gold. The festival



included a parade, car show, rides, food, music and entertainment, and an arts & crafts show.

The library’s Summer Reading program will be held in conjunction with the Oracle Senior/Community Center. The Senior/Community Center will furnish the space and we will bring in the volunteers and materials to use for the reading program.

We are planning a great time with a lot of volunteers helping to increase the fun that the children will have doing all the interesting projects, listening to stories, browsing-reading stories about all the animals in the streams, lakes, ponds, oceans that make a big "SPLASH!" In addition to the program for younger children, we will also have a program set up for children in the intermediate grades to work with a volunteer to increase their reading skills with prizes for the various levels that they accomplish.

The Oracle Public Library, like all libraries, has been extremely busy with our patronage tripling in the last year. We are fortunate to have so many new books on the shelves and of course one of the greatest draws to the Library is all the new DVD's.

SAN MANUEL

Dr. Seuss’ Birthday



Things have been very eventful at the San Manuel Public Library! The activities started off

with the celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

Story Time with Toddlers was a great experience with Dr. Seuss stories, a short activity, and a take home snack. The library also hosted a Dr. Seuss drawing and coloring contest. Prizes were awarded to winners. Their work decorated the library for the month of March.

The library recently held its Annual Book Sale and Open House. Everyone in attendance had a great time and satisfied customers walked away with plenty of books. The public also enjoyed delicious baked goods provided by the volunteer staff. Newcomers and patrons alike took pleasure in a stroll through the library to view upgrades and additions that have been made since last year’s Open House. Many people shared their enthusiasm on the renovations to the library and the new material.



The library celebrated its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony. Volunteer staff and their families were treated to light refreshments in the library. All enjoyed a night with the library staff.

Technology use at the library is on the rise. Teens and adults alike are enjoying the usage of computers, video games, and DVD checkouts. Due to the upgrades, the library is seeing more new faces.



Teen Room

With summer fast approaching, our staff is busy getting ready for the summer reading programs. This summer we will be hosting

two summer reading programs, one for children and one for teens. Also, the library will host a special performance in June. It will be highly anticipated, as last year’s performance drew a huge crowd.

The library is constantly striving to plan more events for the community. We are always looking for volunteers to help increase the programming provided.

ONLINE MEETING SOFTWARE IS A HIT

On Friday, March 12, the Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) of the Arizona Library Association held a meeting. What was different about this meeting was that it was conducted entirely online using GoToMeeting. The Arizona Library Association (AzLA) has purchased a license and TSIG was the first group to test the software. This allowed more members to attend from across the state without the need to travel. The next TSIG meeting in June will also use GoToMeeting.

GoToMeeting provides a complete set-up that is easy to access. One person sets up a meeting and provides login information to the others. Attendees communicate by using a microphone and speakers, or headset. It is also possible to connect by phone (long distance) or by typing your questions and responses. There is an area on the screen for presentations.

The AzLA license is currently being used for Interest Groups and other Association business meetings. Meetings are set up through Nancy Deegan at: nancy.deegan@centralaz.edu

More information and a free trial are available at www.gotomeeting.com

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THE MOST BORROWED BOOKS

Each month the *Library Journal* publishes a "Most Borrowed Books" list that compiles data from libraries nationwide.

Here's a sampling of what library users across America are reading this spring.

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

The Worst Case by James Patterson

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown

The Last Song by Nicholas Sparks

Caught by Harlan Coben

I, Alex Cross by James Patterson

Split Image by Robert B. Parker

Pirate Latitudes by Michael Crichton

Bed of Roses by Nora Roberts

U is for Undertow by Sue Grafton

Kisser by Stuart Woods

Big Girl by Danielle Steel

True Blue by David Baldacci

Push by Sapphire

Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime by John Helleman

The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine by Michael Lewis

The Kind Diet by Alicia Silverstone

Going Rogue by Sarah Palin

The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin

All of these titles are available through your local public library. To find these books and more, visit our website at: www.pinalcountyaz.gov/library



Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

CATALOGING UPDATES

We are all now using the Polaris Z39.50 software to search for bibliographic records in OCLC and download them into our local catalog. From the feedback I am getting, I know that everyone is very pleased with this method since it allows you to add your item immediately and get your resources out to the shelf very quickly. What a wonderful improvement this is. I imagine by this time most of you are no longer using BookWhere and as the renewal for that program will be coming up shortly, we will probably all decide to let it go. I will be in touch with each of you soon to find out what you want to do about it.

We are also using the Polaris authority control program as I mentioned in the last newsletter. Pam and I are doing this work and it is going well. We are checking every single bibliographic record that is added to our catalog and making sure the authority records match the headings in the bibliographic records, and link to all the other bibliographic records with that same heading. We are finally also receiving the

Library of Congress authority record updates weekly and we are adding and resolving any conflicts in those.

Our last big project that is still on hold due to one final problem that hasn't yet been resolved is the reclamation project with OCLC. I think by now most of you understand that OCLC is the name of the very large database of bibliographic records to which all the member libraries contribute. That is how you are able to find your records for your resources there. It is also how we do InterLibrary Loans (ILL). Ideally, our OCLC agency code is attached to every OCLC record to which we own a copy. That is how other libraries know to ask us for a loan of that copy. To be up to date, we need to make sure that our agency code gets fixed to all new resources and deleted from resources we no longer own. This has become more complicated with the addition of Apache Junction and Casa Grande libraries to our catalog, since each has its own agency code which is different from our Pinal County Library District code and we want to keep it that way. The first step in this process is to send our database to OCLC and they will add the proper

codes to records and delete those that need deleting from records in the OCLC database. This will make ILL processing smoother for everyone. After that, every 3 months we will be sending our database back to both load and delete codes in OCLC. Don't worry this will not affect our catalog at all—no downtime! What we send is actually just a copy of our database. I hope by the time this newsletter goes out the reclamation project with OCLC will be either started or finished.

I know that all of these changes since migrating to Polaris and being joined by Apache Junction and Casa Grande libraries have gone far to improve our cataloging and also the patron experience.

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	All Public Libraries	June - July
American Library Association Annual Conference	Washington D.C.	June 24-29
Technical Services Interest Group Meeting	GoToMeeting	June 25
Accessing and Using Economic Census Data workshop	Arizona State Library	August 27
Pinal County Library Federation Meeting	Mammoth Public Library	September 17