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Director's Column

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Spotlight

Library District Launches Zinio

The Library District launched Zinio, a digital newsstand service, in early April. This is an exciting new service that I think our patrons are going to like very much. There are more than 180 magazines to choose from, and all are recreated digitally page for page in full color. Billed as the "world's largest newsstand," there are articles on technology, style, art, travel, crafts, politics, and more.



The Library District web site has a user guide and video to help patrons get started viewing popular magazines such as Consumer Reports, Discover, Esquire, Field & Stream, Family Circle, Good Housekeeping, Men's Health, National Geographic, Prevention, and Reader's Digest. There are magazines for teens and kids, and magazines that cover topics like wood-working, quilting, photography and yoga.

The service is unlimited. Patrons can download as many magazines as they want, and keep them long as they want. Magazines are available for simultaneous use, so there are no holds, no waiting lists, and no checkout periods.

Readers can download and peruse magazines offline and share across devices. Clicking on the article title in the table of contents takes the reader directly to the article. Zinio even enables readers to share important or favorite articles through Facebook and other social media. Some magazines are even more interactive, allowing diagrams, videos, and audio.



We have adapted the Zinio graphics for links on our website on the front page and in the Reader Resource section. There is also a graphic added to the sidebar of our catalog and links in our E-sources section. For the short time Zinio has been live in April, there have been 520 issues downloaded. We expect the excitement to continue!



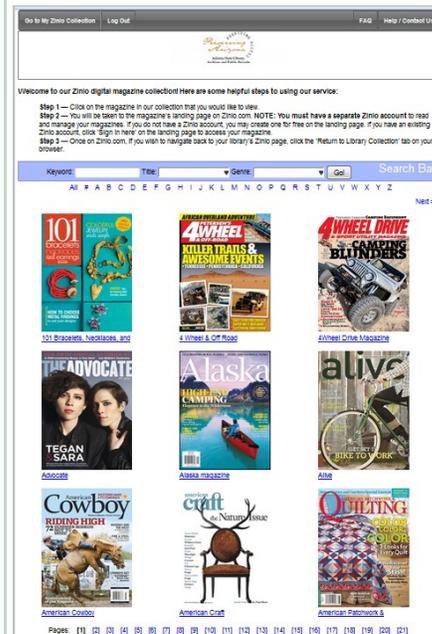
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Zinio is free to all Pinal County residents. Go to our online website at <http://bit.ly/pczlib> then click the BOOKS & MEDIA tab. There you will find the Zinio Magazine icon and a Quick Start Guide. A short video is available on the initial login website.

Contact your local library to get a FREE library card.





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APACHE JUNCTION Star Wars Day



“May the 4th be With You” was celebrated at the Apache Junction Public Library with over 900 attending the Star Wars event. Pictured here with R2D2 are staff members and other Star Wars characters who enjoyed signing autographs, the Yoda soda, making light sabers, coloring sheets, creating Yoda ears and Leia hair buns.



Splash Water, Play was a wonderful time in the Family Courtyard at the Apache Junction Public Library. Families were invited to wear their swimsuits and play with water, shaving cream, and ice using ordinary household utensils to learn, discover and play together.

teens are invited to the 2nd annual Pool Party. A raffle will be going on all summer for teens to include weekly prizes and a BIG raffle that includes a Kindle Fire.



Black light t-shirts at the Casa Grande Library

Adults who sign up for the summer reading program are invited to read or listen to books of their choice to earn their free books and are eligible for a drawing of other great prizes, also including a Kindle Fire. We can't wait for another great summer!



Art in the Apache Junction Public Library is a new service benefiting local artists and library users. The City posts an invitation for local artists in local newspapers. A committee determines which artwork hangs in which city building.

CASA GRANDE Staff Changes and Renovation

The Casa Grande Public Library is excited to be hosting a variety of programs this summer for readers of all ages. In addition to entertaining and often educational programs at both library branches, participants can of course, claim wonderful prizes each week. The final prizes for all ages for completing the program is a free book, most hardback.

Our summer reading kicks off May 31st with the storyteller, Indiana Bones. There will be three performances, the first two being for all ages, the evening performance specially tailored for teens, ages 12-17. The children's program has all of our annual favorites: crafts, story times, movies, and other fun activities. We've also scheduled presentations at both libraries from Wildman Phil. Teens will also have their own activities each week, including PG13 movies, art projects and a video game tournament. To finish off summer reading

COOLIDGE

Coolidge Library Says Goodbye to Program Coordinator

Program coordinator, Alondra Evans said goodbye to the Coolidge Public Library this April. Alondra began her work at the Coolidge Library in 2007, coming back to the community where she grew up. She quickly jumped in offering programs to children as well as adults. She was instrumental in growing the Summer Reading Program from less than 100 participants to over 800, expanding it to include all ages. She led Story Times, craft events, teen events, special speakers, and computer classes. While Coolidge citizens will miss her, the staff wishes her well as she begins the path towards a new career as a nurse.



In her goodbye letter to the community she said, “I have done my best to instill a love of reading to library patrons of all ages. My experiences here have influenced me in immeasurable ways. I realize that the

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past five and a half years have also helped prepare me, as I enter a new adventure.”

Families came to the library to thank her for her contributions at a Goodbye Craft Time on April 5.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Library

Families began the Cinco de Mayo weekend with a Story Time at the library. More than 20 children joined in the celebration. They sang songs, listened to stories, ate snacks, and made maracas. It was a festive time for all. The craft was a huge hit! Several extra Story Times are scheduled as staff gears us for the Summer Reading Program.



New Technology Classes Coming to the Library

The Coolidge Public Library just received notification of new grant funding awarded by the State Library through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Coolidge will receive \$10,250. The library will purchase tablets for upcoming computer classes in the newly created classroom alcove. The program, titled “Social Hour and More” will teach patrons how to use iPads for photo editing, various social computing apps such as Facebook and Pinterest, downloading e-books and audio books, and tutoring apps. Classes will begin in the fall. The staff thanks the County for providing the furniture for the new classroom.

Library Receives Generous Donation

The Coolidge Public Library would like to thank Mary Lou Smith and her family for their generous donation of a playhouse in honor of Lovie Mathis Hall. Lovie Hall was a longtime member of the Library Advisory Board and the Coolidge Friends of the Library. She enjoyed the library very much, bringing in her family to share in her pleasure.

Lovie not only generously volunteered at the library, she was also involved in the community. Always willing to lend a helping hand, she loved to see her community thrive.



The playhouse is a sturdy wooden structure with a colorful yellow cloth roof. There is also a puppet stage window. Children use the playhouse to read and perform impromptu shows with their hands as puppets. Staff will also utilize the puppet stage for upcoming story times.

A plaque in honor of Lovie will be placed on the playhouse, Donated for the children of Coolidge by the John and Mary Lou Smith family in remembrance of Lovie Mathis Hall, a dear and trusted friend.

Another plaque will be placed in the library in honor of Lovie. This plaque will read *In remembrance of Lovie Mathis Hall, a long time member of the Library Advisory Board and the Coolidge Friends of the Library – a person who was willing to speak out, support, and serve the needs of the community.*

FLORENCE

Fun Activities at the Library

Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party

Children and their caregivers enjoyed a birthday bash for Dr. Seuss on Saturday, March 2. Children’s librarian Rita Marquez and office assistant Gloria Moreno set up and organized the event, and staff member Ian Bryant dressed up as The Cat in the Hat. Children of all ages and their caregivers joined in the fun. Stories were read, games were played, and party bags and refreshments were passed out.



Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Party at the Florence Community Library



Author Diana Gabaldon

Diana Gabaldon, author of the best-selling Outlander and Lord John series, visited the Florence Community Library on Friday, March 8, at 1:00 pm.



Ms. Gabaldon spoke to an enthusiastic group of almost 50 library patrons, as she described her journey from scientist to published novelist. She also took time to answer audience questions and sign copies of her book.

Bookmark Contest Awards Ceremony

On Friday, April 12, at 6:00 pm, the library held an Awards Ceremony for the 16th Annual Bookmark Design Contest. This year’s theme was “Communities Matter @ Your Library.”

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10th grader Daylon Aguilar won First Place, with 9th grader McKenna Wright placing second and 11th grader Cheyenna Yost placing third. The winning book-mark is available at the main desk of the Florence Community Library free of charge while supplies last. The library extends its thanks to all students, teachers, and parents who contributed to making the contest a success!



and times of the larger-than-life Richmond, who opened Tracy's Trading Post on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation, where she lived most of her life. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Florence Community Library and was made possible by the Arizona Humanities Council.

Summer Reading Program June 3 - 28 Registration begins Tuesday, May 28 for the 2013 Arizona Summer Reading Program, to be held through the month of June. This year's themes are "Dig Into Reading" for ages 12 and under and "Beneath the Surface" for ages 13 and up. Children and teens who register for summer reading will receive a reading log to record books they read during the summer. Entries in their logs will earn prizes!

Children's Day/Book Day/El Dia de Los Ninos/El Dia de Los Libros

Children's Day/Book Day was created by librarians and educators as a celebration of childhood and bilingual literacy, emphasizing the importance of advocating literacy for every child regardless of linguistic and cultural background.



Local author Lindsay Marshall visited the library to read from her children's book, *Solar System Soup*, which she wrote in collaboration with winter visitor Don Bearwood. Crafts, snacks, and raffle followed the reading.



Author Carolyn O'Bagy Davis

Carolyn O'Bagy Davis, author of the 2011 OneBookAZ title *Hopi Summer: Letters from Ethel to Maud*, presented her Arizona Humanities Council program, "Goldie Tracy Richmond - Indian Trader, Trapper, and Quiltmaker." Davis discussed the life

There will be lots of events during the program. Mondays, children can pick up trivia handouts to complete and turn in for prizes. "Teen Tuesdays" will give teens a chance to show off their skills and test their knowledge on the Wii and Xbox 360. Wednesdays will feature Family Storytime, as Children's Librarian Rita Marquez presents great stories, songs, finger plays, and special guests. Thursdays will "dig up" crafts for children of all ages. Each Friday, the library will close out the week with a family movie, complete with popcorn and drink. There will also be a raffle for special prized on Monday, June 24, and an ongoing "Find the Gnome" Treasure Hunt in which children can find a paper gnome hidden somewhere in the library and bring it to the desk for the day's prize!

SAN MANUEL

Summer Activities at the Library

Dig Into Reading is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program at the San Manuel Library. Registration will kick off with a visit from Indiana Bones, a storyteller who will perform at the BHP Conference Center on June 5 at 1 p.m.

Kids in Kindergarten - 4th grade may participate with the reading countdown, starting on June 12. The Summer Reading Program will run for 4 weeks with activities held at the library on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Activities include movie

matinees, coloring contests, and craft time. Children who successfully complete the program will be invited to a barbecue/pool party to celebrate their "Digging into Reading".



Enjoying a good book in the Teen Room of the San Manuel Library.

The Book Club continues to excite members with its lively, fun discussions.



The Book Club meets the last Wednesday of each month at 10:30 in the library. In June, the Book club will discuss *Prayer for Sale* by Sandra Dallas. July's book is *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and the title for August is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Copies of these books are available for check out at the library and anyone is welcome to join the Book Club.

For program details contact the San Manuel Library at 385-4470.

To learn more about what's happening at your local public library take a look at the Events Calendar on our website:

<http://bit.ly/pcazlib>

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 Description: 1 online resource
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 Summary: It was the year that changed everything...
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 → Publisher, Date: Don Mills, Ont : Mira, 2012.
 → Description: 1 online resource (400 p.)
 → Summary: Fifty-year-old Susannah Nelson returns to her childhood home and to the garden she has always loved, where she discovers that some paths were meant to be taken and others were meant to be buried forever.
 → Subjects: Middle-aged women -- Washington (State) -- Fiction.
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Calendar of Events

American Library Association
Annual Conference

Chicago, IL

June 27 - July 2

Federation Meeting

Casa Grande Union H.S. September 13

Mountain Plains Library Association
Annual Conference

Sioux Falls, SD

September 25-27