



# Pinal County Library District

# NEWSLETTER

## Director's Column

The Library District staff welcomed our new Library Technician, Eileen Jaffe, who began duties December 17. Eileen comes to us from Seminole, Florida, where she worked as a cataloger at the Seminole Community Library. She has 13 years experience in libraries, nine of which were in cataloging. We welcome her skills and knowledge. Eileen has settled in nicely and is a valued addition to the staff.

As many of you may already know, Viney Jones passed away on December 13. We are all saddened by the loss, for she was unfailingly open-hearted and loving. Viney was Head Librarian at the Florence Community Library for seventeen years until her retirement in 1997. She will be remembered for her love of children, and the wonderful programs she implemented at

the library for summer reading, special events, and Black History Month. She leaves behind many memories that we will all treasure, and an unforgettable contribution to library service in Florence.



Back in October, we submitted an LSTA grant proposal for the *Franklin the Turtle* programs to be county-wide. This project was a collaboration with the libraries, elementary schools, and several Head Start classes around the county, led by the Florence and Coolidge Library. Patty Freeman, Jan Custis, and Cheryl Conrad all put in a lot of time and effort on the grant proposal, and deserve a round of applause. Unfortunately, we were not selected to be funded. We were understandably disappointed, but not defeated. The project is worthwhile, and will go forward. We will necessarily have to scale back some of the plans we made, but the events will still take place. Look for

Franklin the Turtle near you beginning late January and continuing into February.

And now it's time for my annual pitch for Library Legislative Day. If you have never attended before, please consider it this year. Our state legislators are looking at diminished funds in the upcoming year, so it will be important to carry a strong and united message in favor of libraries. Encourage your local library supporters, Board members, and Friends groups to consider attending.

Remember Eloy Public Library has an open house scheduled January 19. The renovated building is across the street and looks great. Hope to see you there!

*Denise Keller*

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# News Around the County

## Apache Junction

On Wednesday, December 12, there was a special holiday storytime for children 2 to 6 years in the youth area.

A Christmas vacation program, "Mother Goose's Christmas" for youngsters will be presented by TAB, the library's Teen Advisory Board on Thursday, December 27, at 1 p.m. in the library lobby. There is a short break in Storytimes while we prepare for Family Place which will commence Jan. 7. Babytime continues weekly at 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

Teen Book Discussion group talked about Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Adult book discussions, meanwhile, focused on Julie and Romeo and Christmas Cookie

## Murder.

We had a special Saturday program on the making of beads which was very well liked. Reflexology, help for holiday stress, was also well received.

Computer classes continue to be popular.

Looking ahead to January - We'll have programs on Feng Shui (1/10 @2 p.m.) and Origami on Saturday, 1/12 from 10:30 to noon. Adult book discussions will be on The Rosewood Casket on Jan. 3 and A Great Deliverance on Jan. 15.

Happy Holidays to all!

## Arizona City

We have extended library hours for the winter months to 8 hours more per week. Every third Tuesday we have children's story hour. The

GED classes are still in progress until mid-December and then resume in January. On December 8<sup>th</sup> we had a "Parade of Homes" fundraiser. Five people opened their beautiful homes for the public to tour. The people did a lot of work decorating as every house was decorated differently. We give a big Thanks to Betty Harding of ReMax Realty who put this all together and to the people who opened their homes for everyone to enjoy. On December 18<sup>th</sup> we will be holding an open house with Christmas goodies for my volunteers and patrons who come in.

## Casa Grande

The Casa Grande Public Library welcomes Chris Burnett from Coralville, Iowa. Mrs.

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# Reference & Outreach

I had the opportunity in November to attend the Public Access Computing Class at the Gates Foundation in Seattle. The State Library generously provided funds for one person from each county to attend and I enjoyed meeting Librarians from throughout the state. It was an intensive training with half of the week

spent on technical issues of the Gates computers and the other half on providing staff and public training and managing public access computers. The Gates Foundation also provided us with two very thick books on Windows NT which I've added to the PCLD professional collection so they are

available for affiliate libraries to borrow.

Thanks to all the Innopac libraries and their enthusiastic Interlibrary Loan staff for participating in ILL training. We are now successfully doing In-County ILL through the online system.

*Cheryl Conrad*

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Burnett has been hired as our new youth librarian. Chris Burnett replaces Stephanie Zaslav, who now resides in California. The Technology Learning Center will be offering the following classes in January.

**Business Technology**

**Classes:** Computer Terminology

A Lawyer's Guide to the Internet

Researching the Internet for Your Business

A Restaurant Owner's Guide to the Internet

**Senior Adult Technology**

**Classes:**

What is a mouse?

Publisher

MS Access

Basic E-mail

**Youth Technology Programs:**

Build Your Own Web Page

Ages 14-18

Teen Teachers

Ages 12-18

Report Search for Teens

Registration is required for all classes.

For more information regarding computer training contact Heather Gillespie at 421-8710 Ext 516.

**Coolidge**

**Coolidge Christmas Block Party**

Sonoran Family Practice and The Coolidge Public Library are once again

sponsoring an evening of arts and crafts, face painting, games, music, fun, celebration, and a visit with Old Jolly St. Nick. This fun-filled event will take place on the evening of December 20, 2001, from 5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. This celebration is going to take place on 100 block of central Ave.

**Friday Afternoon At The**

**Movies** The library shows free movies each Friday at 3:15 in the Children's Room. The movies are suitable for all ages. So come on out and enjoy a movie at the library.

**Homework Help!** Do you need homework help this school year? If so a Library Staff member is available Monday & Wednesday from 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. Call 723-6030 to register.

**Computer Classes**

**Basic Microsoft Word**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm

**Basic Internet** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm

**How To Use Email** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! CALL 723-6030**

**Eloy**

**Come join us on the nineteenth day of the New Year!**

The Eloy Public Library will hold the dedication and

grand opening of our new library building January 19, 2002 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Ribbon cutting, speeches, tours, stories, puppet shows, door prizes and refreshments will round out the day.

During the grand opening, registration slips will be available for the many programs and events that will be held in the coming months. Plans include a writer's group, a book discussion group, calligraphy classes, internet/email classes, and programs for teens. Our new meeting room is already being booked for community events and meetings.

**Kearny**

On November 6th our annual Scholastic Book Fair began. We had the second and third grades from the Kearny primary school visit our fair and the children all had an enjoyable time. We gave each child some stickers and a pencil and those who did not purchase anything had a tour of the library and looked at

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books while the others made their purchases. We took flyers and a tax list to the school in advance so the parents could preview the fair and help their child make choices.

Our Friends of the Library participated in the annual "Light parade" on Dec. 1st. They displayed a liberty bell ringing out freedom to all.

We will have Santa visit on the 20th for our Story Hour.

### **San Manuel**

Peggy Welty is giving lessons on the Gates computers. Adults, mostly seniors, have signed up for the lessons. She begins at the level of her students. Most of the people simply want to know how to

get on the Internet, how to get to email set up, etc. A few want to know how to do research on the Internet. She will continue as long as there is interest. We are looking at schedules through the end of January. We are getting so much use out of our Gates computers. They are in use almost every minute that our library is open.

Our favorite new (to us) authors are David and Aimee Thurlo and Jane Kirkpatrick. We are constantly adding to our Accelerated Reading sections for the two elementary schools in San Manuel.

The annual Christmas Open House and volunteer appreciation was held at San Manuel

Library on Saturday, Dec. 15th. The event is sponsored by the Board of Directors, headed by Eva Wilson. Other board members are Linda Dean, Arlene Roberts, Betty Thomas, and Anita Duffy. They provided the wonderful treats along with coffee, tea and punch.

Volunteers attending were: Dorothy Read, Daisy Willeford, Kathy Smith, Arlene Roberts, Faye Glenn, Kandi Cuellar, Mozelle Truman, Anita Duffy, Lorraine Green, Shari Van Cleave, Barbara DeJaynes, Eva Martinez and John Dean. Absentee volunteers were Wes Truman, Wally Vogel and Peggy Welty.

Honored as Volunteers of the

Year were Dorothy Read and Anita Duffy. Both have worked at the library for many years and have been most faithful in being at the circulation desk when they were signed up to be. Also thanked with certificates of recognition were John Dean and Wes Truman. Both men keep the physical plant of the library up and running, as well as maintaining the facility and grounds. Many others, friends and family, were in attendance, thirty eight in all. They



## **Upcoming Events**

January 11, 2002	Federation Meeting	Kearny
January 19, 2002	Eloy Public Library Grand Opening	Eloy
January 31, 2002	Library Legislative Day	Phoenix
Jan. 28-Feb. 16	Franklin the Turtle Events	
March 12-16, 2002	Public Library Association Conference	Phoenix