



January-February 2002

Pinal County Library District

NEWSLETTER

Director's Column

January brought an unexpected change to our library staff. Ellen Fallon resigned her position as Technical Services Librarian to accept a position as Librarian at the Biosphere 2. This is a dream job for Ellen, since she has a background in botanical libraries. We all wish her the best, but miss her expertise. The new Library Technician, Eileen Jaffe, has assumed many of the daily and monthly tasks while we search for a replacement.



The Grand Opening for the Eloy Public Library was a wonderful success. The highlight was the "human chain," a symbolic event meant to demonstrate community involvement. Everyone present lined up from the front door of the old building to the front door of the new library to pass the last few books

from hand to hand. The event was topped off by a reception in the new meeting room, hosted by Arizona Public Service. The new facility, formerly the Community Center building, now accommodates library shelving, a children's room, a public meeting room, and a technology lab with a capacity for 17 workstations. The new library is most certainly a source of civic pride for the town of Eloy.



A collaborative project is in the planning stages between the Library District and the Superior Court Law Library. The proposal is to add the Law Library holdings to the Library District catalog, which will vastly increase public access to that collection. Development of an LSTA grant proposal is underway to help cover costs in training, supplies, and cataloger time. We are also exploring the possibility of adding selected legal forms to

the Library District web page to facilitate public access.



By now, everyone has heard preliminary announcements about the **One Book Az** program coming up in April. This exciting program can be hosted at your library, along with public libraries statewide. It is hoped that programming like this will bring communities together while highlighting the value of our local public libraries. April 10 is the "Reading Relay," where people across the state will be reading Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal Dreams*. More details will be forthcoming very soon, and the website will go live on March 1.

Denise Keller

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News Around the County

Apache Junction

We were pleased to have the Pinal County Characters bring Franklin the Turtle to life on Wednesday, Jan. 30. They did a great job and we had a very good turnout for this event.

The Family Place Parent/Child Workshops began on Monday, January 7 and have been very well received. We are planning to do another session in April.

Toddler and Preschool Storytimes have resumed and are taking place on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:15 respectively.

Babytime continues to attract new babies, parents and grandparents on Thursday mornings at 10.

On Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., Potpourri Book Club participants will be reading and discussing : Filaree! by Marguerite Noble on February 7

Ferney by James Long on March 7

On Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., Dying for a Mystery Book Club participants will be reading and discussing :

A Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George on January 15

Dance Hall of the Dead by Tony Hillerman on February 19

Critical Judgment by Michael Palmer on March 19

After reading and discussing

books 1 through 3 of the series, the Teen Book Discussion Group will conclude with Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire on Tuesday afternoon, February 19 from 4 to 5:30.

Some of our teens will be working with staff on the library's entry in the annual Lost Dutchman Days Parade to be held on Saturday, February 23, 2002.

Since we are involved with the Diamondbacks/Arizona Republic Summer Reading Program, we will be using the Arizona program "Books and Pets - Your Friends for Life" from February 19 through March 30.

Arizona City

January has been a busy month as we had two fund raisers. A Soup Supper was very well received by the public. We served two kinds of homemade soup, corn bread, dessert & a beverage. We served for two hours at the community center on a Saturday night. Last Saturday we had our annual January Book Sale, which was a smaller sale than normal but we did OK.

On February 20 at 1:00 P.M. we will have our annual Friends of the Library Meeting, which will be held at the Arizona City Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

February 23rd is Arizona City

Western Days. The Library is planning to enter a float again this year.

Casa Grande

The Casa Grande Public Library is pleased to announce that Chris Burnett has stepped into her new position as youth librarian. Mrs. Burnett will be focusing on a wide variety of programming for children of all ages.

Children's Programs

March Events

Nursery Rhyme Time

March 5 – Dr. Seuss On the Loose!

March 12 – All About Me

March 19 – Nursery Rhymes

March 26 – Literature in Motion

Preschool Storytime

March 6 – Dr. Seuss on the Loose!

March 13 – Sneaky Snakes!

March 20 – Nursery Rhymes

March 27 - Literature in Motion

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Playmasters Storytime for Big Kids

(Kindergarten – 2nd grade)

Saturday, March 9, 2002

2 PM, APS Room, Casa Grande Public Library

The Playmasters from Central Arizona College will present a dramatization of Dr. Seuss' work to help us celebrate Read Across

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Reference & Outreach

FRANKLIN the Turtle journeyed all across the county this month with PC Characters Unlimited. Patty from the Florence Community Library and Lynette from the Coolidge Public Library put on a great show with puppets, flannel boards and songs, eliciting enthusiastic audience participation. Jan from the Coolidge Public Library

was indispensable in her technical support and in helping Franklin navigate through the crowds. Linda from the Florence Community Library and Karen and Tisha from the Coolidge Public Library also helped out on some of the programs. The schools and libraries are already asking about next year. If you have a suggestion on which

character should travel to Pinal County next year let us know. Thank you to all the libraries and schools which participated in this popular annual program.

On a personal note, I had a great time and am thankful to have had the opportunity to help bring the joy of reading to so many children.

Cheryl Conrad

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America. Please register for this storytime beginning March 4, 2002 by calling the front desk at the library at 520.421.8710. Space is limited so register early! Hope to see you at CGPL for this fun-filled storytime just for the big kids!

TEENS VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

If you are looking for something to do or just want to hang out at the library, our teen volunteer program is looking for you. This is a great opportunity to gain some working experience. Plus, it looks great on a resume or college application. Please ask for Chris Burnett or give her a call at 421-8710 ext 514.

In Other News...

The Technology Learning Center will be hosting "Web Publishing for Businesses" February 19th through the 22nd from 7:30-9:00 am. For more information contact Heather Gillespie at 421-8710 ext 516.

The Technology Learning Center has scheduled a wide variety of computer classes for the

months of February and March. Some of the classes include: Excel for Businesses, An Employer's Guide to the Internet, Health Search for Teens, Word for Senior Adults, Microsoft Excel for Senior Adults, Teen Teachers, and many more.

In March, a new program will begin entitled "E-Mag: It's More Than a Web Page...It's the Future of Journalism". In this program, young adults will learn the basic components of e-journalism, including web design. As the program continues, young adults will write articles on teen issues and place their written work on the E-Mag website.

Volunteers

We currently have thirteen volunteers at the Casa Grande Public Library. We are in need of volunteers for shelf reading and other library duties and services. If you are interested in volunteering, please ask for an application at the circulation desk.

For more information concerning these events and more, contact the Casa Grande Public Library at (520) 421-8710.

Eloy

Storytime for three to five year olds will be held each Thursday in February from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Monthly puppet shows will also keep the little ones entertained.

Kearny

We here at Kearny Library have had a busy month. Our Friends meeting sponsored two programs. The first one was a presentation on Wills, Power of Attorney, and Trusts. It was held on the 31st of January. On Feb. 5th there was an Adult Cake Decorating class.

We held an adult computer program teaching them how to use the online catalog and it was well attended.

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Cataloging Corner

This is my chance to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Eileen Jaffe and I am the new Library Technician I at the Library District. I will be visiting each of the libraries to meet you all personally and I will also be hosting a few small cataloging workshops. I hope that someone from each library will attend so that we can go over some of the cataloging issues about which you may have questions. Feel free to call me with any questions you might have. The number is: (520) 868-6460. I will be happy to help in any way that I can.

I have a suggestion for you all now that I have been here for a month. Anytime you cannot find a MARC record for an item and you make a short fly record in our catalog, if you can put in a little information besides the title and author it makes it possible to find a full MARC record with which to replace it. Pagination (number of pages), illustrations, centimeters, ISBN number, name of publisher and publication date are all helpful information.

One other suggestion comes to mind. I download records from

the vendors for you to add your holdings, but I do not see the items. Many of these records lack pagination and size. When you see a record without that information, it would be helpful for you to add it. If you don't want to add it yourself, you can always email or fax it to me and I will be happy to do it for you.

Remember, the MARC record is the engine that gives staff and patrons the tools needed to search the catalog.

Happy cataloging!

Eileen Jaffe

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We are still selling raffle tickets for a queen sized quilt that will be raffled off during Pioneer Days in April. The proceeds will be used to purchase shelving for the children's books.

Oracle

January was a month to reorganize the books in the Library, with a few feet of new book shelves we were able to make the Library flow somewhat better from E to J to YA. Lots of arm strength to move all the books.

On Tuesday, February 5th, we were proud to host "Franklin" to our patronage.

Wednesday, February 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Jerre Carter, has arranged for "Lynne Reid Banks" (author of "The Indian in the Cupboard" and other Juvenile books) to come to the Li-

brary for visiting with the patrons of the Library and signing her books. Ms Banks will go to the schools in the San Manuel, Mammoth and Oracle area on Tuesday and Wednesday for writing workshops for children from grades 3rd to 6th. Jerre Carter was able to get grant money from the Arizona Mining Association, After School Program in San Manuel and other interested parties to sponsor Ms Banks.

Superior

In an effort to be more cost effective, hours of operation will change at Superior Public Library beginning February 11th. We will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. This will allow students more time after school and people who work out of town to use the library. We will close from

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch. We will keep these hours on a trial basis in hopes of reducing costs.

Our Preschool Program has come to an end. It is with sadness and at the same time glad anticipation for a start in a new program, that I inform you of the change. Due to the lack of enrollment and budget restrains we feel it is time for a change!

With the Headstart Program and the Preschool Program at the elementary school, our enrollment in our program has been significantly lower. We only had six children enrolled in our program that began in September.

We are looking forward to starting a StoryTime for three and four year olds.

Our new StoryTime program will be held in the afternoon once a week from March through April

and will last for one hour. Each week will consist of a different theme. Parent participation will be encouraged. Our first StoryTime program will begin March 6th from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Our program will consist of finger plays and action rhymes, music, flannel board storytelling, finger puppets, crafts, and occasionally video presentations.

We wish to congratulate Rus and the Eloy Public Library staff and the community of Eloy on their new library!



Upcoming Events

Jan. 28-Feb. 16	Franklin the Turtle Events	
March 3-4	Arizona Convocation	Tucson
March 12-16, 2002	Public Library Association Conference	Phoenix
March 22	Pinal County Library Federation Meeting	Eloy
April	One Book Arizona www.onebookaz.org	
April 14-20	National Library Week	