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TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library

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FROM: Marissa Alcorta
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Public Services Report – August 2024

Library Services Manager – Paulina Aguirre-Clinch

August has been a busy month covering vacations at various branches, especially on Saturdays. It has been nice to see our libraries bustling on the weekends. I had a patron come up and say thank you for being open on Saturdays.

The administrative team worked tirelessly finishing up the proposal for the future of libraries. The draft of this year long strategic planning has been presented to the Board of Supervisors. As we continue to plan and organize for the future, the administrative team held a two-day workshop with branch managers to talk about upcoming changes and get feedback.

On a different note, my colleague and I presented a session on code switching and cultural humility in libraries as part of work to build and encourage an anti-racist organization.

Library Services Manager – Ken Zambos

This month, Pima County Public Library will once again invite University of Arizona's Knowledge River students to participate as Graduate Assistants at the library. Through coordination with the University of Arizona, I have arranged for a student orientation at the end of August, which will be the start of their nine-month experience within the library. We will be hosting four students, and their experiences will include working directly with the public at various library locations, and will also include program related work, in support of grant initiatives and team support within the Seed Library and the Trauma Informed Care team.

Library Services Manager – Alina Rowe

For the month of August, I helped organize and attended the Managers Retreat. I had the opportunity to provide coverage for the El Pueblo Branch and the Southwest Branch. This month I was able to attend the in-person Trauma Informed Care, Many Nations, and Nuestras Raíces team meetings. Our Americorp and Goodwill partners offered me the opportunity to be on an interview panel to recruit youth workers for the library. I was able to meet with my managers as a team and in our monthly one on one meetings. This month I was able have conversations with

some staff members about the “Libraries of the Future” white paper memo that was sent to the Board of Supervisors. At the end of the month, I attended the All-Staff Meeting.

Library Services Manager – Em Demeester-Lane

This month was a busy one! Much of my work centered around preparing for a two-day retreat with managers. At the retreat I presented work that I've done with Reneé Bibby and Victoria Salaijko to standardize scheduling into one tool using a scale formula so we are able to objectively discern if a branch is short staffed. Further, I worked this month on a presentation of our Staffing Model Tool which will help managers understand how much staff time they have available each week to planning programming sustainably and their locations. In addition to this work, I presented a webinar to colleagues around the state with Manager Linde Furman on Trauma Informed Care practices for library workers. I was able to cover the desk and visit a couple of my branches which was a treat as always. Finally, I have been co-leading drop-in sessions over Teams with library staff to help them navigate difficult situations with customers who are children and young adults.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott

Dewhirst–Catalina Library – Christine Dykgraaf

With no paid presenters possible, patrons enjoyed a lot of passive programming in August at the Dewhirst-Catalina Library. On various days we hosted a matinee, Legos, board and card games for all ages, watercolor painting for all ages, and train time. The most popular event by far, however, is the staff-led Catalina Garden Club to which 7-10 people now routinely attend. In August there was much ado about worms and worm farming and composting! Things got dirty.

Book displays feature back to school themes, kindness, and severe weather (a nod to the monsoon season). Homework Help and Reading Help return August 20th.

Being a cooling station has been a positive experience with some people seeking a cool place and many just discovering that the library is such and staying a bit longer reading in house. Covid Tests and cooling items like the refillable water bottles and sunscreen have been flying off the shelves and people express their gratitude.

Dusenberry-River Library – Mikel Stone

With the end of summer of learning, we at Dusenberry-River Library take a moment to breathe and then we launch right into to serving the back-to-school crowd. These days our branch fills to near capacity every afternoon, with the afterschool crowd, our older regulars and our young families all coming together as one, sometimes noisy, community.

In anticipation this new school year we have been preparing innovative and youth-friendly programs. We have the crowd pleasers: pin-back button making, friendship bracelets, banned books club, and ice breaker games, and new this year we have our out-of-this-world, one-shot role-playing games for tweens (very popular) and our much-anticipated “draw off” with artist Adam Rex. It's going to be a big season!

August also marks the return of much our community-hosted adult programming, and this month we welcome back the River Readers Book Club (in their 20th season), Rillito River Writers, and Paperworks, all of whom provide respectively, book club, writers support, and crafting for our older community members.

While the weather outside is still hot and sunny, here at Dusenberry-River Library we have all the signs of Fall starting to show themselves.

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

Nanini had another super successful Summer Learning Program with kids and families filling the room's capacity for most programs. Programs included Hansel and Gretel by Red Herring Puppet Show, Zoo to You and the Reid Park Zoo, Beautiful Bats presented by Saguaro National Park and Desert Reptiles brought by Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Anyone who came for the program but couldn't get in was still welcome to stay for a craft in the children's area.

We hosted 12 motivated teen volunteers this summer who helped register more than 1,000 kids up for the Summer Learning Program. Volunteers were able to gain social skills in a professional environment while helping library staff manage the crowd. They also assisted kids in families in putting crafts together and choosing free books from the giveaways.

Nanini was a site for the Primary Election on July 30th, with 422 people casting ballots and 243 dropping off early ballots. Election Day will most definitely bring even more voters.

Oro Valley Public Library – Kaitlyn Sparks

In August, the American Center for Culture and Ideas gave a presentation on The Language of Art and Meaning, which was very well received. One audience member said, "you MUST have this presenter back to talk about art; they were fantastic." We continue to see great attendance at our other adult programs such as Chess Club, Mahjong Club, and Oro Valley Writers' Forum, which are all led by community volunteers. Our one-on-one technical help continues to fill up weekly with library staff assisting patrons with their devices and library services; customers we are unable to schedule, we refer to the Oro Valley Parks & Rec Gadget Guidance workshops.

With students going back to school, our children's room is predictably busy once school gets out and in the mornings around Storytimes. Our three storytimes for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool have been completely full since starting back up mid-month after a short break. We are also hosting Story School two days a week for families with children 0-5, which is presented by Make Way for Books. We celebrated our 12 teen volunteers with a potluck week to thank them for all their help over the summer before they went back to school. A few of those teens will be joining us after school or on weekends during the school year!

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Kelly Wilson

This month has been eventful at COL as we've expanded our community partnerships to include a local food pantry helping people dealing with food insecurity and have started working closely with Owl and Panther to better support immigrants within our communities. Patrons have expressed a great deal of gratitude when the library can offer tangible help and provide resources in languages they understand (such as our databases).

Chess club resumed this month and has been combined with Read to a Dog. Regulars who have been coming for over a year have been advanced to be co-teachers in the program and have great skill in teaching younger players, some as young as five. The business of chess club has helped make the reading portion even more low pressure as kids can play a game of chess, then read to the dog, then play more chess. We also have Story School this month through our partnership with Make Way for Books. This will help our youngest patrons. Parents are grateful for this opportunity to help prepare their children for the kindergarten experience.

This month we had Yoga, and it was a success. Several patrons mentioned they look forward to it each month. They expressed excitement for future yoga classes. This is a unique opportunity to combine exercise, community culture and diversity, and socialization. It is something our patrons greatly value and the registration fills up quickly.

Quincie Douglas Library – Lois Miller

Quincie Douglas Library was honored to offer many impactful services to the community in August. Chief among those was the support offered to those economically or otherwise disadvantaged. The need for assistance was intense.

We provided information about and referrals to community resources. These resources were for such needs as housing assistance, low cost internet, pet food, medical assistance, legal services, food pantries, and childcare to name a few.

We served as a cooling center. One person stated it was taking weeks to get her home air conditioning repaired due to the high demand this time of year and she was grateful to be able to bring her kids here for some respite from the heat and humidity. During the first two weeks of August, there were ten days when the temperature was over 100 degrees.

We provided many forms of education. In August, we hosted Make Way for Books Story School, an early literacy program for children five and under. Quincie Douglas library also hosted very successful and popular GED classes and basic computer literacy classes in Spanish.

Every day, without fail, we helped someone in their efforts to obtain employment. Many come in under a great deal of stress, not knowing where to begin and often not familiar with technology. After we helped them write a resume and apply for a job, they left feeling relieved and more in control of their lives. It is so satisfying to be able to help those in need!

On the fun side, Quincie Douglas Library hosts a knitting and crocheting club every week. This pastime has made a huge comeback and is an official trend in 2024. We have people of every age and gender join us and talk excitedly about their creations. Young people, especially, are driving this resurgence as they put their own spin on it from unique home décor to wearable designs. One enthusiastic patron informed us a group of knitters is called “a cozy”. How fitting!

Sahuarita Library – Betsy Langley

We welcomed the National Parks Service for a special presentation on Bats on August 14 with 51 participants! We've also been partnering with the Children's Museum for to offer several free engaging STEM programs this month, including Noisy Science, Messy Science, and Amazing Murals. Families were excited for Family Storytime to resume on Tuesdays. Babytime is also very popular, and we tried out a new Toddler Build program that we're hoping to continue on a monthly basis. Read to a Dog still brings in lots of young readers to practice their skills.

The Sahuarita Book Club read and discussed *In the Time of Our History* by Susanne Pari on August 13. English Language Classes taught by volunteers from Literacy Connects is wrapping up their summer session on August 26.

We have new art up on our gallery walls! Emma Sezzi and Adriana Walker have put together a mother-daughter exhibition with beautiful acrylics and mixed media pieces for the community to enjoy through August and September.

We're continuing our partnerships with local asocial service providers to offer drop-in help. Valley Assistance Services is here on Thursday mornings and they can help with rental/mortgage/utilities assistance, benefits, including AHCCS and SNAP, as well as workforce, senior and transportation programs. Folks from COPE Community Services are available on Friday afternoons to share information about their services, including behavioral health, medical and youth and family programs.

The Branch Manager has been serving on a local Better Together Coalition that aims to improve economic development in the region. We've broken down into subcommittees to try to support

efforts within Pima County's Prosperity Initiative. Library staff are thinking about ways to support digital equity in the community, and we currently offer One-on-One Tech/Computer/Job Help on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Sam Lena–South Tucson Library – Lu Guerrero

In August, the library resumed Afterschool Snacktime, in partnership with the Community Foodbank of Southern Arizona. Staff received food safety training, and our site distributes provided snack packs to youth, Monday through Friday. Code Club and Storytime attendance has dwindled, and staff are in the process of pivoting to more relevant youth programming.

A young customer visited and asked if staff could put her illustrated book about St. Patrick's Day on our shelves for other customers to check out. Upon her sweet request, staff told her and her mom about the library's Story Sketch program, where children's stories are edited into YouTube videos with narrations and music. Her story was submitted, and the family was ecstatic after seeing the final result, expressing much gratitude to see her creativity come to life.

Santa Rosa Library – Heather Severson

As Summer Learning draws to a close, Santa Rosa Library is celebrating a vibrant comeback after our two-month closure. The library hosted 22 events, with almost 500 participants.

SRO Staff partnered with early childhood centers such as Pio Decimo Center and Head Start, as well as recreation parks such as Santa Rosa Recreation Center. Additionally, the Community Food Bank provided snacks and other food items for children and their families. SRO invited presenters from different agencies, including The Garden Kitchen, Arizona Health Net, Pima County Environmental Air Quality, and Make Way for Books.

Since the library started providing ACT One Culture Passes, we have received positive feedback from families who appreciate the passes. These passes have enabled them to visit various cultural venues and enjoy quality family time together. One particular comment came from a patron who mentioned that he was unaware of the Cultural Passes offered by the library. He expressed that these are valuable resources for families, and he was very thankful because they help save money when taking his family out. Another positive comment from a parent mentioned that it was so incredible that the library provided the passes. She said they help a lot and that she tells her friends about them. Our regular postal delivery person expressed surprise and delight upon learning of the Culture Passes, and will be back to visit as a patron to share a fun cultural excursion with his family.

The library was closed for two months before the start of the Summer Learning program. Consequently, many families were unaware of the library's reopening, which resulted in low attendance at the beginning of the program. To address this, SRO Staff initiated outreach efforts to inform the community about our reopening, and these efforts were successful in increasing attendance.

Storytime, Magic Show, Arizona Desert Museum, and outreach visits were very successful. Programs had high attendance, and families enjoyed their time at the library. Children were happy to receive free books and participate in Summer Learning programs.

Parents returned to the library to show how their children completed the reading tracker and requested another tracker to continue the habit of reading during the summer.

The Food Bank sent a videographer to SRO a few weeks ago to [film some footage](#) to help acknowledge funders for the snack and breakfast programs. Staff members Michaela G. and Cindy S. did a fantastic job supporting this effort. SRO participated in the USDA's federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) breakfast for youth from birth to 18 through the

summer. SRO Staff welcomed students after their first day of school on August 1st with resumption of our regular snack time for kids, which will be presented daily throughout the school year.

A regular patron, a retired teacher, expressed appreciation for the Santa Rosa Library and staff. "My wife and I love this library, and we love all of you. You are all kind and compassionate and you do great work. It was really rough when you were closed for a couple of months. We're glad you're back."

District 3 – Dr. Sylvia M. Lee

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Jodi Ohlson

August has been a challenge for patrons and Arivacans alike with lots of rain, washes running hard and late into the night, and rising temperatures making it a challenge to act as a Cooling Center for our community. On the other hand, the desert is fluffy and lush due to the rains with flowers and fairy duster blooms erupting from the thick with green desert floor, and the joyful chaos that is Summer Learning has quieted down enough that we can plan for the fall.

Our two new electric charging stations are being used, and several patrons were excited enough to start looking at their all-electric vehicle options. Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) has moved their meetings to Saturday since they are all in high school now. We have a small and enthusiastic group! On Wednesday's, Project Azul is working with TAB to provide three hours of 1:1 computer assistance. They have been offering this service for a while with few attendees, but this month people have been waiting at the door before we open. Every Wednesday has been busy, busy. TAB also assisted with the installation of a new Pollinator Garden at the Old Arivaca Schoolhouse this month.

Flowing Wells Library – Angie Grischkowsky

Our patrons love the library! Flowing Wells staff made a new library account for a lady and went through the standard spiel of the most popular things we have to offer – culture passes, seed library, no fines, automatic renewal when possible, downloadable collections, etc. After hearing all this she said, "This is amazing! I'm really happy to be here."

Another patron stopped at the service desk to tell us how much he enjoys our reserve system, and that he uses it to get Large Print books from all over the library system. He went on to say that he thought Covid killed the desire to read in a lot of "the old-timers," but that it's coming back and he's so glad we're here. We are happy always happy to help!

In August we saw spikes in attendance for both our Baby Storytime and Toddler/Preschool Storytime, enough that we are considering offering more storytimes in the future. Read to a Dog also continues to be popular with our three celebrity dogs offering kids the chance to practice their skills. In August our children's librarian also partnered with several community resources to offer a Child & Family Resource Fair in time for back-to-school.

Speaking of back-to-school, to celebrate the end of summer break our teen services librarian held Deception in the Library, an after-hours event for tweens and teens. The registration list was more than full for this popular event, and luckily the librarian planned for a few extra so we were able to accommodate everyone who wanted to join in!

August was also the second half of summer quarter for the Beginning and Intermediate English classes help by Literacy Connects. In September the English classes will be on break, and fall quarter will begin in October. Finally, we had TEP present a Home Energizer Workshop at the end of the month. Attendees learned about all the recommended tips and tricks for saving energy in the home and lowering those electricity bills. Everyone also received a free Energy Efficiency Kit, courtesy of TEP.

What a great month!

Salazar-Ajo Library – Daniela Buchberger

Staff of the Salazar-Ajo Library supported the ribbon cutting event of the CoolTainer at Walker Park Community Center. The community welcomed the books and resources about library programming provided.

The library hosted the Pima County Health Department for the first of multiple Mobile Health Unit events offering health resources for the community. The Community Health Worker started tabling at the library connecting community members to local resources.

Lego Club has moved to Monday afternoons at the library and has gained momentum. Many of the younger community members are finding a space to imagine, build and connect with each other. Lego engineers have discovered that library cards are another way to extend their Lego Club experience by borrowing Lego themed books.

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library – Sam Hennig

Children's Services at Wheeler Taft Abbett have had a very momentous month this August. Our children's librarian retired and we implemented a pause in story times that was part of our overall plan to transition services over to a new children's librarian. We had her farewell story time on August 1st that was well attended. In the pause between staff-lead services, we have started providing passive programming in the form of a word seek treasure hunt. This program encourages literacy by having children write out the shapes on letters that they see attached to the objects they are looking for; they also have to use all the letters they find to create a five letter word. We also used the break between story times to advertise a program that will roll over into September called "Storybook School" run by Make Way for Books. We filled out registration for attendance to our program within the first few days of advertising and were able to boost attendance of sessions at other nearby branches. Coordination of our Read to A Dog program was passed to the adult services librarian and has continued through August with no interruptions.

August has been a busy month for Young Adult Services at Abbett. We provided outreach to the Lemay Academy during their orientation days to let parents know about the afterschool programming schedule that was planned. We also reached out to contacts made last years at Marana High School and Mountain View High School to send monthly newsletters in advance of the MUSD school year starting. We have kept the same afterschool programming schedule that we developed last school year set for this school year. That schedule consists of a Tween and Teen program every afternoon 3-4pm except on Thursday when the Tween and Teen Program is 2-4pm. We saw greater participation in our afterschool events this year in every session based on the consistency of that programming schedule over the last two years; the average number of participants has been no less than 10 people. Teen Advisory Board has returned to their school year schedule on Wednesdays, 5-6pm, and we have recruited our first shelving volunteer from that pool. Teen Advisory Board's first major project of the year has been helping providing passive programming for their peers and youngers in the form of a scavenger hunt. The passive programming has almost consistently averaged 8 people per afternoon. We look forward to having our first teen presenter program at the end of the month to discuss "Better Sleep Habits". This presenter is the first in a planned series of programs aimed at teens to provide "Adulting" skills.

Homework Help has also enjoyed an increase in participation as the school year has returned with an average of 4 people per session. We have recruited a second volunteer to assist in homework help on Thursdays and Fridays.

Adult Services had a fairly quiet month. Adults attended a genealogy class and a Master Gardeners program. Our Adult Services staff have begun planning an adult volunteer program at our branch and we have already onboarded 3 adult volunteers this month to assist with shelving and library programs.

Woods Memorial Library – Chinyere Olumba

“August is the annual permission slip to be lazy!” On the heels of *Summer Learning*, Woods Memorial slowed it down for the month of August as we are revving up for the upcoming months. But Woods Memorial in August did continue to have its *Baby Storytime* from 11:00am- 12noon on Friday that reached a total of 104 patrons. We also continued to have the *Read to a Dog* on Wednesday's and Saturdays reaching 47 patrons, also in August we showed the movie, *The Perfect Game*, which falls under our *Movie Saturday* programming, and we also had our *Nourish and Flourish: MyPlate for MyFamily* program that was from 4:30pm -5:30pm on the 14th, the *Spanish computer classes* and *English classes with Literacy Connect*. And close to the end of month on August 26th, is our community outreach day with the *Amphi Panteras Food Truck* and the *Community Workforce Development Resources Navigator*.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station – Mary McKinney

Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library held a book sale at the library on August 10. Attendance was high, bags were full, and patrons are already anticipating the next one!

The *Snooping for Snoop* activity was a fun success and capitalized on the excitement of the Olympics. Patrons were invited to find 12 images of Snoop Dogg (plus one Snoopy!) throughout the library.

Tweens and teens made boba slime during the *Crafternoon* on August 22.

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Heather Tyndall

After a three-week hiatus while the instructor was away, *Gentle Yoga Practice* returned to Joyner-Green Valley Library in August. This weekly, drop-in program, conducted in our large meeting room, has been so popular that we've had to cap the number of participants at 30 people—yoga mats and stretching bodies need a lot of floor space!

Arts and Crafts for Adults continues to draw a group of enthusiastic “regulars” who clearly enjoy both the crafting and the social interaction. One returning participant, who had attended the button bracelet making program at Joyner-Green Valley Library in June, shared that she spread the fun by hosting her own button bracelet making gathering for friends in her home!

Joyner-Green Valley Library continues to support one of our community partners, the Green Valley-Sahuarita Volunteer Clearinghouse (GVSVC). The organization held a workshop here in our large meeting room in August entitled, “Getting Great Volunteers.” It is part of a series of three workshops GVSVC is offering this fall. “Training and Coaching Volunteers” is scheduled for late September, followed by “Retaining Volunteers” in early November. Joyner-Green Valley Library is pleased to be able to provide space for these events as well as to promote GVSVC's work in our community.

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Christine Russell

Staff and patrons were ready for back to school at Kirk-Bear Canyon Library this month with programs to stay out of the heat and get kids excited about the school year. Every Saturday we had our *August Heatwave Cinema*, featuring classic films, old and new, including Jimmy Stewart in *Harvey*, *The Princess Bride*, *The Hunger Games*, and *Big Hero 6*, the Oscar winner for Best

Animated Feature. We rounded out the month with our monthly *Lego Club* followed by a showing of *The Lego Movie*. Everyone enjoyed some popcorn and entertainment.

We also had a new program for tweens called *Mad Scientists' Workshop*. The program, run by our Children's Librarian, focuses on learning about natural phenomena and creating related art. This month we had Poisonous Plants, and Tracks and Scat. The kids were excited and we're excited that this may be an ongoing series.

We also had a focus on health this month, with a visit from the Pima County Mobile Health Clinic and their partner Vaccination Clinic. Then we had a successful blood drive partnering with the American Red Cross.

Miller-Golf Links Library – Anna Lawrence

After the immense popularity of our Summer Learning program, the children's department at the Golf Links library is taking a break for August. They will return to regular story times and programs starting in September!

Tweens and teens this month have a few events to look forward to, including a hangout with games, chatting, and studying, the monthly Book vs Movie club, this month featuring *Little Women*, and a button making workshop, with an opportunity to design and create original buttons!

The Voracious Readers book club will meet and discuss *Radium Girls*. Our tech and education classes continue as well with the Tuesday morning computer class, one on one job and tech assistance on Monday afternoons, and GED prep classes with our partner Literacy Connects on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Kathy Konecny

The League of Voters hosted the Board of Supervisors District 4 Candidate Forum at Murphy-Wilmot in August. Candidates Vanessa Bechtol and Steve Christy drew a crowd of 65 people. Many customers expressed appreciation that the forum was conveniently offered in their local public library.

District 5 – Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, Chair

Frank De La Cruz-EI Pueblo Library – John Muñoz

For an extra special Bilingual Family Storytime this month, the Cooper Center for Environmental Learning presented a puppet show and storytime. Both featured animal friends from the Sonoran Desert and taught kids more about what they can do to keep those animals safe. The visit was in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Camp Cooper (UA College of Education), and its continuing mission to increase ecological understanding and deepen feelings for nature.

Himmel Park Library – Heather Ross

Monsoon season is well underway in Southern Arizona, making it the perfect time to broaden our community's knowledge of weather phenomena. On August 21, Himmel Park Library looks forward to hosting Meteorologist Ron Holle for *Flashes of Brilliance*. This presentation is based on a book that Mr. Holle coauthored, called *Flashes of Brilliance: The Science and Wonder of Arizona Lightning*. The talk will explore why lightning occurs, how it forms, and what makes Arizona's lightning unique. We hope attendees will come away with an increased appreciation of and respect for lightning. Perhaps some might even be inspired to check out Mr. Holle's book, which is in Pima County Public Library's collection, to explore further.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Linde Furman/Lorenia Diaz

Main Library staff have been hard at work with planning for a reimagination of our location. Staff were recently informed that our library will close for a time period in anticipation of a new location with a smaller footprint that is more embedded in our downtown community. PCPL administrators are on a quest to find the right space, whether it's in the same building on the first floor, or in another building downtown. Main staff appreciated the transparency of PCPL's administration in providing this news to them. This also enables Main Library managers and PCPL leadership to bring our staff into ongoing planning conversations to ensure their voices are heard regarding decentralizing some of the services that the Main Library has historically offered, and spread some of those services out across our library system.

While a date has not yet been solidified for the next phases of Joel D. Valdez Library's future, some staff have already participated in focus groups and teamwork to contribute ideas to building our path forward together. Right now, we continue business as usual, with many community members coming through our doors to enjoy our programs and collection. We celebrate the Main Library staff and their contributions to our community and continued dedication. We look forward to the possibilities to serve in new and innovative ways as we begin to dream of what our new downtown space may be.

Southwest Library – Melissa Salazar

With the start of the new school year, great things are happening at the Southwest Library. We now have a new Children's Services Librarian, Brianna Velador, who comes to Southwest with much experience working and programming for children's services. Although we did not have storytimes this month, we did participate in the Community Food Bank's At Risk After School Program, designed to give meals to students 18 and under with a packaged meal to help mitigate food insecurity. We also had Homework Help and GED help everyday from 2:45-5:00 pm.

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Pima County Public Library

Salazar-Ajo Library – Whatever Wednesdays – Family Movie, Perler Beads, Bracelet Making, Pompom Animal Creations, Family-Storytime, Lego Club

Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library- August Heatwave Cinema, Mad Scientists' Workshop, Sensory Program, Lego Club

Friends of the Green Valley Library (Green Valley & Sahuarita)-Arts and Crafts for Adults



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FROM: Marissa Alcorta
 Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Circulation and Activity Measures: July 2024

	Jul-24	Jul-23	Percent Change
Circulation and Visits			
Circulation - Physical	183,747	189,157	-3%
Circulation - Digital	271,743	248,258	9%
Gate Count	242,755	185,837	31%
Website Visits	536,209	397,316	35%
Cardholders			
Active Cardholders	169,219	155,387	9%
Total Cardholders	280,713	301,935	-7%
Percent Active Cardholders	60%	51%	17%
Virtual Reference Service			
Chat Service - Number of Chats	666	685	-3%
Research Questions	380	341	11%
Phone	1,699	1,969	-14%
Mail	312	284	10%
Programming			
Early Childhood Literacy Program Attendance	4,431	3,612	23%
Adult Literacy Program Attendance	1,444	1,048	38%
Workforce Development Program Attendance	580	327	77%

Library Advisory Board Activity Report
July 2024

BRANCH	Physical Circulation	Computer Use	Gate Count	Number of Programs	Program Attendance	Attendance at Outreach Events and School Visits	Number of People Using Meeting and Study Rooms
Bookmobile / Books by Mail	508	0	121	0	0	0	0
Caviglia-Arivaca	422	80	472	20	154	0	83
Dewhirst-Catalina	1,872	290	4,659	20	70	40	13
Dusenberry-River	11,372	725	8,132	17	383	0	0
Eckstrom-Columbus	5,341	3,109	16,696	31	380	207	808
El Rio	1,360	236	1,443	13	73	0	0
Flowing Wells	3,095	1,179	5,958	35	615	0	420
Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo	119	194	1,320	8	267	0	0
Himmel Park	9,191	1,115	9,062	15	202	36	158
Joel D Valdez Main	6,072	4,728	28,670	44	530	0	1,018
Joyner-Green Valley	9,025	923	8,920	32	256	33	368
Kirk-Bear Canyon	10,831	518	10,615	22	527	0	2,538
Martha Cooper	0	0		0	0	0	0
Miller-Golf Links	13,691	1,579	11,983	24	432	0	515
Murphy-Wilmot	17,581	3,669	18,762	53	1,343	163	1,846
Nanini	15,989	1,399	12,931	40	1,170	0	1,454
Oro Valley	21,512	1,395	26,397	37	651	0	2,521
Quincie Douglas	2,825	1,948	10,677	55	1,030	25	946
Richard Elias-Mission	0	0		0	0	0	0
Sahuarita	6,936	1,161	6,153	47	724	0	1,383
Salazar-Ajo	1,196	311	3,270	116	618	40	249
Sam Lena-South Tucson	582	1,112	4,285	17	213	0	295
Santa Rosa	280	570	7,449	11	119	56	247
Southwest	1,516	440	4,942	26	14	0	0
Valencia	4,926	2,716	7,988	45	557	0	783
W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Stat	8,588	397	10,718	20	343	0	921
Wheeler Taft Abbett	13,849	1,498	8,693	30	293	28	313
Woods Memorial	9,646	3,169	12,439	19	183	0	318
Web Renewal	5,422	0		0	0	0	0
Adult Services	0	0		90	648	0	0
Youth Services	0	0		0	0	1,727	0
TOTALS July 2024	183,747	34,461	242,755	878	11,795	2,355	17,197
TOTALS July 2023	189,157	29,934	185,837	674	9,062	3,927	10,955
Percentage Change	-3%	15%	31%	30%	30%	-40%	57%

*Mission and Martha Cooper closed July 2024