# Agenda Item 8A



DATE: October 3, 2024

**TO:** Library Board, Pima County Public Library

Pima County Board of Supervisors
Pima County Administration
Friends of the Pima County Public Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Arivaca Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library, Board of Directors
Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library, Board of Directors
Pima Library Foundation, Board of Directors

**FROM:** Holly Schaffer, Community Relations Manager Reneé Bibby, Library Services Manager *Communications and Systems Office* 

### SUBJECT: Communications & Systems Office Report, September 2024

We published a blog about the <u>upcoming Himmel Park Library expansion and renovation</u>, which included information about the project as well as a link to view the 2nd community meeting for those who could not attend.

On September 14, the Library – in collaboration with three University of Arizona scholars – hosted a program at Murphy-Wilmot Library: Misinformation and the Election. All slots filled quickly, but i<u>t's available for viewing online</u>.

September 15 marked El Grito—Mexican Independence Day—and the start of Mes de la Cultura (Hispanic Heritage Month). To kick it off, Samantha N. in the Community Engagement Office authored a <u>blog post about the holiday</u> as well as the ways to celebrate with the library and the materials we offer.

Local author Meg Files took the reins as our newest Writer in Residence. She is offering eight 30 minute one-on-one sessions per week at Quincie Douglas Library and Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library. More information about the sessions (and three workshops she'll offer) is available in this press release. Her residency will run through November 21.

## **MEDIA RELATIONS**

### MEDIA RELEASES

Worlds of Imagination Art Showcase open for submissions Sent 8/23/2024					
Local music performance for all ages at Desert Streams Live! Sent 8/27/2024					
Meg Files to kick off Fall 2024 Writer in Residence program Sent 8/29/2024					
Martha Cooper Library will reopen on Tuesday, September 17 Sent 9/11/2024					
MEDIA OUTCOMES					
Community spotlight: Provid	ing much-needed support				
Mia Kortright	Pima County FYI	8/23/2024			
Pima County library proposal would shrink and move downtown branch, close more locations this year					
Yana Kunichoff	AZ Luminaria	8/27/2024			
Pima County proposes closing several libraries					
Bri Pacelli	KGUN 9 News	8/28/2024			
Facing staff shortage, Pima C	ounty Public Library checks out	t closing multiple locations			
Natalie Robbins	Tucson Sentinel	8/28/2024			
Pima County proposal could	close some libraries by end of y	<u>ear</u>			
Emilee Miranda	KOLD 13	8/29/2024			
Library system refocusing, pla	ans several closures				
Jorge Encinas	Green Valley News	8/30/2024			
We Recommend: Pick up one of these recommended reads from a new voice in fiction					
Ravenous Readers / PCPL	Arizona Daily Star	9/1/2024			
Closing Tucson's main library included in the cost-saving plan					
Charles Borla	Arizona Daily Star	9/3/2024			
Showcase to highlight art by Tucson teen, tween artists					
Newsroom	Arizona Daily Star	9/4/2024			
New proposal could see doors close at three library branches this year					
Conor McGill	KVOA	9/5/2024			
Calling all creatives: Library calls for student artwork					
Karen Schaffner	Tucson Weekly	9/5/2024			

<u>"Nothing's set in stone" PCPL</u> Alex Dowd	still drafting Libraries of the Fu KGUN 9 News	<mark>iture plan</mark> 9/6/2024				
<u>5 new updates about library closures in Tucson</u>						
Yana Kunichoff	AZ Luminaria	9/6/2024				
We Recommend: Comforting reads for little ones starting 1st grade						
Ravenous Readers/PCPL	Arizona Daily Star	9/8/2024				
<u>Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with music, events throughout Pima County</u>						
Newsroom	Pima County Communications Office	9/9/2024				
Tucson streaming service arti	Tucson streaming service artists hitting the stage for free concert					
Newsroom	Arizona Daily Star	9/12/2024				
60 fun events happening in Tucson this weekend						
Gloria Knott	Arizona Daily Star	9/13/2024				
Check out this evening's Desert Streams live show						
Mia Kortright	Pima County FYI	9/13/2024				
Local librarian recognized for	his dedication to youth menta	<u>l health</u>				
Mark McLemore	Arizona Spotlight	9/13/2024				
Desert Streams shining spotl	ight on local artists					
Renee Romo	KOLD News 13	9/13/2024				
Midtown's Martha Cooper Lib	orary set to reopen Tuesday					
Charles Borla	Arizona Daily Star	9/15/2024				
Op Ed: Solving the Library's in	nmediate problems while plan	ning for its future				
Amber Mathewson / PCPL	Arizona Daily Star	9/15/2024				
Healing through the practice of information						
Lindsey Curley / PCPL	Arizona Daily Star	9/15/2024				
We Recommend: Teach kids about the importance of voting with these books						
Ravenous Readers / PCPL	Arizona Daily Star	9/15/2024				
Martha Cooper Library reopens after undergoing renovations						
Newsroom	KVOA News Tucson	9/16/2024				
This local author's debut novel has seen widespread success - and it's set in Tucson!						
Bill Finley	Arizona Daily Star	9/17/2024				
Midtown Tucson library now open after major renovations						
Grace Trejo	Arizona Daily Star	9/17/2024				

# Martha Cooper Library reopens with renovations after two yearsJacqueline AguilarKGUN 9 News9/17/2024Solving the Library's immediate problems while planning for the futureMia KortrightPima County eScoop9/20/2024We Recommend: Vampire novels to get you in the mood for spooky seasonRavenous Readers/PCPLArizona Daily Star9/22/2024

### SAVANNAH MESSAGES SENT TO PCPL CUSTOMERS

All New for you from the Welcome to America Team! • 8/20/2024 • OPEN RATE <b>73%</b>	Audiophiles & Dependables Complex, compelling, admirable, powerful • 8/23/2024 • OPEN RATE 52%	Bright Futures Send us your artwork! • 8/23/2024 • OPEN RATE 64%	Grants & Nonprofits Your September grant opportunities! • 9/1/2024 • OPEN RATE 51%
All Coming up timely and important discussions at your library! . 9/4/2024 . OPEN RATE <b>80%</b>	COHS Your Career Online High School September news! • 9/5/2024 • OPEN RATE <b>83%</b>	Bedtime Stories <b>Stars so far</b> • 9/6/2024 • OPEN RATE <b>71%</b>	All We're hosting a free, all-ages concert! • 9/9/2024 • OPEN RATE <b>67%</b>
All New for you from the Nuestras Raíces Team! • 9/10/2024 • OPEN RATE 72%	PageTurners, Digitarians, Transitionals <b>Reading Vietnam</b> • 9/13/2024 • OPEN RATE <b>71%</b>	All Martha Cooper Library will reopen on Tuesday! • 9/15/2024 • OPEN RATE 53%	All New for you from the Kindred Team! • 9/17/2024 • OPEN RATE <b>60%</b>
Bright Futures An event roundup join us! • 9/20/2024 • OPEN RATE 64%	HIM customers A follow up Himmel Park Library community meeting • 9/20/2024 • OPEN RATE 81%	Open rates vary from industry to industry, but according to current 2022 digital marketing stats, the average open rate for arts/culture/ entertainment (the most comparable to library services) is 17.79%.	



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