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TO: Library Board, Pima County Public Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima County Public Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Arivaca Library
Board of Directors, Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library
Friends of the Esmond Station Library, Board of Directors
Pima County Public Library Foundation Board

FROM: Michelle Simon, Deputy Director Support Services

SUBJECT: Support Services – July 2020

Facilities Projects - Ken McDonald, Facilities Administrative Specialist

Sahuarita Library – Facilities Management has obtained the permits for Sahuarita and should be issuing the notice to proceed to the contractor before the end of May. Construction will take approximately 1 year. Artist [Chris Lasch](#) is working with our designated community panel in the design phase of the library's public art.

Southeast Library – Southeast Library is still on tract and scheduled for completion in August. The Library and Facilities Management will take about 2 months after that to get furniture, books, etc... into the building. The Southeast Library (this working name is temporary) is located in Vail, AZ on a corner of the acreage slated to become Esmond Station Regional Park, east of Empire High School and just off of Mary Ann Cleveland Way. The 8-9,000 square foot building is expected to cost around \$4.5 million, funded from the Pima County Public Library's general operating budget. When finished, it will become the 27th library in the Pima County Public Library system, and serve the people who live in or near Vail, Littleton, Corona de Tucson, and Rita Ranch. The architect is [BWS Architects](#) and the contractor is [Division II Construction](#).

Martha Cooper Library - We have a designer on contract now, Line and Space LLC. The public art process has begun as well.

Caviglia-Arivaca – We have a fully executed Right of Entry ("ROE") for Wallen Communications to install a microwave antenna on the Arivaca Library in order to improve that location's networking capabilities and telecommunications services.

FY 20/21 Furniture & Facilities Branch Requests: Support Services is reviewing the submitted requests for furniture and Facilities items for FY 20/21 along with special requirements to meet COVID-19 safety issues throughout the library system. High priority items will be accomplished first.

Library Service Manager Reports

Administration – Beth Matthias-Loghry, Library Services Manager

Writer in Residence on Zoom --For five years, Pima County Public Library has participated in the Arizona State Library's Writer in Residence at Libraries project. Through the project, we

hope we hope to support writing productivity, and will inspire connection and mentoring around the writing process. In addition, thanks to our current writer Jennifer J. Stewart we are successfully navigating the WIR project in virtual spaces, specifically on Zoom. Participants have appreciated the one on one time with Jennifer and her supportive attitude and how “Just getting feedback from a published author is invaluable.” Jennifer’s consults are popular and her work and play shops filled up quickly. Do you know an aspiring writer? Jennifer shared the highlights from her workshop on writing children’s books in a blog post [here](#) with information about how you can request her free marketing guide.

ELAA classes to resume online this fall -- After a summer hiatus Literacy Connects and PCPL continued Library Sponsored ELAA classes online as well, these will not be connected with specific branches but will marketed through the PCPL partnership with LC, and primarily to previous ELAA/Library participants through a translating text app called [TalkingPoints](#). Literacy Connects reports that the summer pilot they ran was highly successful – engaging 42 teachers, who managed smaller classes to great success – this was a flipped classroom approach, with more individual at home assignments and, shorter more intentional class time, and more options for individualized tutoring with instructors, in addition to class time. The teachers loved it, and while, most students preferred the interaction available in past in-person library classes, they felt that the online classes and individualized appointments helped them to cover a lot of ground.

“I am really happy that the classes are not being cancelled due to this ongoing pandemic. Learning with an online platform has allowed me to continue learning English and how to use zoom. Our teachers have been very helpful and patient while guiding us on how to connect and use this tool. Learning online has been very convenient and great practice for me. I do not have to drive and it has been beneficial. Of course I miss the physical classes but this online version works just as well.” **Student from Turkey**

CARES expanded -- Finally, PCPL applied and received a CARES Expanded award. This funding is from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and passes through the Arizona State Library. The CARES Expanded grant is to support digital network access, and support Internet accessible devices in response to the Coronavirus. Pima County Public Library (PCPL) will serve students in grades 6-12 in the Sunnyside school district by integrating digital hot spot loan services. Students will be able to check out a Kajeet Hotspot, a portable device that will allow them the Internet coverage they need to complete schoolwork or assignments remotely.

Communications and Systems Office – Jen Maney and Reneé Bibby, Program Managers

Website Changes

There have been a few recent website changes.

Black Lives Matter: <https://www.library.pima.gov/blacklivesmatter/>

Pima County Public Library has a statement, resources, and books lists about Black Lives Matter on our website.

Recursos en español: <https://www.library.pima.gov/recursosenespanol/>

This page gathers together Library and online resources for Spanish speakers that help them learn, find financial help and jobs, get government assistance, find legal help, and better understand their health.

Fine Free: <https://www.library.pima.gov/finefree/>

PCPL is now fine free! This page explains what fine free means to library customers.