

DATE: February 4, 2021

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
Pima County Public Library Foundation Board

FROM: Michelle Simon, Deputy Director Support Services

SUBJECT: Support Services Report: December 2020–January 2021

Facilities Projects - Ken McDonald, Facilities Administrative Specialist

Sahuarita Library – Construction is on schedule for substantial completion sometime in April. We hope to open to the public in July 2021.

Esmond Station Library – Proposed renaming of the Esmond Station Library to the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library has been approved by the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Currently, furniture and shelving are being installed. Books are arriving and being shelved. We hope to open to the public in February 2021.

Martha Cooper Library - Line and Space continues to work on a construction budget and initial drawings for concept review. Once approved, the concept will inform the creation of construction drawings.

Richard Elías-Mission Library - PCPL has begun the paperwork process to renovate and expand this location. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2022.

Joel D. Valdez – Main Library – 4th floor renovation has begun with an expected completion date of March 2021.

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

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

Limited Services Communications Continue

Staff continue to provide communications about limited services during the pandemic. The team has updated signs as needed at the branches, communicated via email to customers and staff,

kept social media channels updated, and changes the website's Limited Services page to keep up with services changes.

<https://www.library.pima.gov/limitedservices>

Southwest Books of the Year

It's that time of the year again! The annual Southwest Books of the Year publication will be sent out in print and posted on the website. Southwest Books of the Year considers titles published during the calendar year that are about Southwest subjects, or are set in the Southwest. The Southwest Books of the Year panel of reviewers offer up their personal favorite titles of the year, complete with brief reviews. Books selected by two or more panelists become Southwest Books of the Year Top Picks, our designation for the best of the best. Literary Arts Librarian Margie Trujillo-Farmer coordinates this massive annual effort, and Communications & Systems staff create the graphics, do the layout of the publication, get it printed, and post it all on the Library's website.

<https://www.library.pima.gov/southwestbooks/>

Tax Information

Traditionally, the Library has been a place low- and middle-income residents can come for help filing their taxes. This year, since in-person help at libraries is not possible, the Library is working with partners to make sure online and community venues are listed on the website.

<https://www.library.pima.gov/taxes/>

Read Harder 2021 Recommendations

The Ravenous Readers team provide recommendations each year for anyone completing the Read Harder challenge. For this year's challenge, the team has already put together a bevy of recommendations lists. If you're looking for recommendations, look no further.

<https://www.library.pima.gov/readharder-2/>

Pandemic Assistance and Vaccine Information

The Library is keeping up with the latest information that people need to navigate the pandemic, including information about the COVID-19 vaccine. Information is posted on the Library's homepage and social media channels and available here:

<https://www.library.pima.gov/explore/?tag=coronavirus>