

DATE: March 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

SUBJECT: Deputy Director, Support Services – February, 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 – Limited service to the public was started February 15, 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 mid-year 2021 or earlier.

FY 21/22 Furniture & Facilities Branch Requests: Support Services will be asking for submittal requests for furniture and Facilities items for FY 21/22 from all branches stating March 1st.

Library Service Manager Reports

Administration – Beth Matthias-Loghry, Library Services Manager

PCPL has been working on establishing short-term professional services contracts for our [Feb.- April Writer in Residence Greg McNamee](#). Annually the State Library sponsors the Writers in Residence in Libraries mini-grant using federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The mini- grant covers two writers' stipends. Marge Pellegrino will join PCPL starting in May for three months. Both the selected writers need to exhibit a strong record of accomplishment,

demonstrated teaching experience and the ability to work with patrons of diverse skill levels and backgrounds.

PCPL is using State Grants in Aid funds to fund work with Nonprofit Development Consultant Jan Waukon to have conversations with Library Friends Groups. Pima County Public Library has six Friends groups! The projects will apply insights gained from surveys and focus group meetings with boards and volunteers from Friends of the Library groups and key staff members. The hope is that this project will inform and refine library administrative roles, create connections and alliances among Friends groups, and demonstrate how the library and friends can align, act, and achieve – even in a very disjointed time – as we collaborate to identify opportunities for redesign and learning.

Collection Development/Technical Services/Delivery -

Delivery picked up 5,039 boxes of donations and discarded materials in 2020 from all of the Pima County Public Libraries to take to the Friends of the Library. This number is slightly lower (836 less) than our 2019 count.

CDO/TSV spent three days receiving 10 pallets of materials and shelving those materials at the new W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library to be ready to open on February 16, 2021 for limited service.

CDO/TSV are working on the selection and ordering of the opening day collection for the remodeled Sahuarita Library.

Most of the TSV staff will be attending the Innovative Users Group conference in March. We will learn about technology innovations to improve the circulation of library materials.

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

RBdigital Magazines and Comics have moved to OverDrive/Libby

After RBdigital was acquired by OverDrive, ebooks and downloadable audiobooks were moved over in September 2020. Magazines and comics moved on Monday, January 25, 2021. Just like in RBdigital, there is no wait time. You can read new issues of magazines and comics in the Libby app. All you need to do is download the app and start browsing or searching for your favorite magazines. We have more than 3,000 magazine titles with a three-year backlist of issues. Visit our Magazines & Newspapers page (<https://www.library.pima.gov/magsnews/>) or go to pima.overdrive.com to see what's available.

Library participated in Together We Read on OverDrive

From February 10 to 24, PCPL cardholders enjoyed author Kate Clayborn's witty romance eBook, *Love Lettering*, for free with no waitlists or holds as part of Together We Read, a digital book club that connects readers through U.S. public libraries with the same eBook for two weeks and only requires a library card to get started. This free program is facilitated by OverDrive.

9 Strategies for Successful Reading Blog Post Series

In case you missed it, our Youth Services staff put together a series of blog posts to help parents and caregivers help kids succeed as readers. The 9 Strategies for Successful Reading are intended to help readers develop reading comprehension skills. Read all of the posts and the wrap up on our website: <https://www.library.pima.gov/blogs/post/putting-all-of-the-reading-strategies-together/>

Writer in Residence is in full swing!

Gregory McNamee is our Writer in Residence for Spring 2021. The Writer in Residence page (<https://www.library.pima.gov/writer/>) has all the details for aspiring writers to get help from Mr. McNamee through April 2021.