

DATE: April 1, 2021

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: Michelle Simon, Deputy Director, Support Services

SUBJECT: Support Services Report – March, 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.

W. Anne Gibson-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 August 2021 or earlier.

FY 21/22 Furniture & Facilities Branch Requests: Support Services asked for submittal requests for furniture and Facilities items for FY 21/22 from all branches starting March 1st. Requests will be sent to Library Service Managers for review and then submitted to Support Services for final review and approval before June 30th.

Library Service Manager Reports

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

Website updates

There have been some website updates this month. The [homepage](#) was updated with a current services bar at the top. [Birth to Five](#) was given a new look to highlight the great blog posts that the Children's Team have been writing. Similarly, the [Diverse Voices](#) page got a refresh. The El Pueblo Library's renaming to honor **Frank De La Cruz** is reflected on the [branch's webpage](#) as well as in the catalog.

New Resource: New York Times Digital Edition

All PCPL cardholders now have complimentary online access to the New York Times Digital Edition. The Library's digital subscription provides current and historical New York Times dating back to 1851, including:

- All regular newspaper content (articles, editorials, etc.) including the New York Times Book Review and Magazine
- All multimedia, including video, photography, podcasts, VR features, and all new multimedia to come
- Spanish and other language versions of nytimes.com
- Personalized access, including email newsletters, mobile apps for phones and tablets, customizable news feeds, and article recommendations based on topics you most commonly read about
- Use NYT from any computer or device, as well as the NYT app on portable devices.

Visit <https://www.library.pima.gov/nyt/> to get access today!

Coming Soon – New Android App AND Mobile Checkout

PCPL has a [mobile app](#) which got an update for iOS (iPhone) users in the fall. BiblioCommons is currently working on upgrading the app for Android users. The new app is beautiful, and we've heard nothing but praise from iPhone users.

We've also entered into a partnership to beta test a new feature – mobile checkout!! Soon, customers will be able to check out their own items using the app, bypassing checkout lines. This convenient feature will go into testing this spring and will be available soon after.