



**Pinal County Library District  
County Librarians Report  
November 2, 2016**

Our Emerging Technologies Librarian Shawn Flecken was able to attend the recent Internet Librarian Conference in Monterey, CA October 17-19, 2016 with the help of a scholarship from the State Library. Shawn reported that there were around 600 library professionals--from sixteen different countries--in Monterey for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Internet Librarian Conference. He was energized by the conference and returned with some new approaches to his job and new ideas for projects. Shawn will be writing an in-depth review for the State Library newsletter.

In August, we were able to have our servers upgraded to the latest versions of Windows & SQL Server. This means that we will now be able to upgrade from Polaris 4.1 to Polaris 5.1. We will be scheduling the upgrade soon and are looking forward to the new features and functionality.

We are losing a staff member, Jodi Griffith. She has accepted a position with the Library of Congress as Serials Technician. We are delighted, since this is a dream job for her, but disappointed that we will lose an important team member. How exciting, though, to be there for historic times as Carla Hayden begins her tenure. Jodi has promised to keep in touch, so we hope to hear insider news on occasion!

We were able to file for e-rate discounts on time. I thought there would be a little breathing space, but now PIO has questions which need to be resolved. It just seems like there is no end to e-rate applications and deadlines.

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