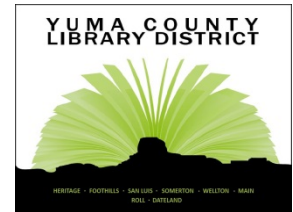


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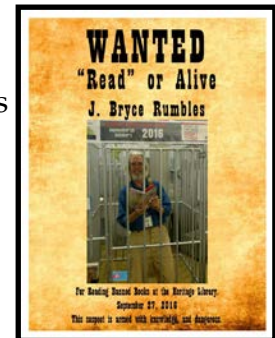
The Main Library hosted an Open House on September 14th, attended by 295 people. The purpose of this event was to introduce our programs and resources to the public. Staff



provided information about our materials and programming, and they gave demonstrations of some of our services. Several vendors provided marketing materials and prizes.

We now offer VRS (*Video Relay Service*) for the deaf and hard of hearing. It allows people to communicate live on screen with a translator. Information on this service was presented at our Open House.

Library Card Sign-up Month was successful this year, with 993 new cards issued district-wide. *Banned Books Week* also drew a lot of interest. Staff and patrons could sign-up to read books in the jail cells, from the “Banned Books” selections, and have their photos taken.



National Friends of Libraries Week gives us the opportunity to thank our three Friends groups for all of their support.

We are currently partnering with the (USCIS) *United States Citizenship and Immigration Services*. They are using the nonprofit room at the Main Library twice a month, to assist patrons with their naturalization paperwork and appointments.

The library is once again working with the IRS to provide *Small Business Tax Workshops* for local business owners. We are working with a local CPA, offering four two-hour workshops during the first two weeks of October and November.

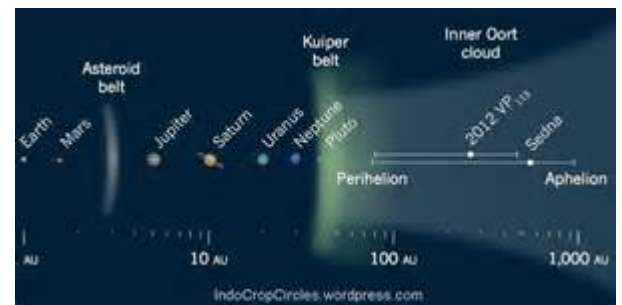
Circulation will soon be putting the *Mobile Circ iPad Air* to use. This will allow staff to scan the books on the shelf, and print out a slip for any items on hold. They will also be able to perform online searches and issue library cards.

Our new program *Un Sueño Diferente/A Different Dream* offers a new hope in the community for parents who have children with autism. Increasing attendance at

Sensory Storytimes has shown the need for this type of programming at all of our libraries. Chris Coolman (LAI at our Foothills Branch) attended the AZ State Library training for providing library programs and services to patrons within the Autism spectrum. His successful efforts with Sensory Storytime have led to plans for additional sessions at Foothills and our other branches. He is currently training staff at the branches in how to present these important programs.

Our astronomy program at the Foothills Branch continues to grow. The stargazing event for the *Perseid Meteor Shower* had the highest attendance of the summer, with over 75 people attending. They came from all around the county, many to the Library for the first time. There were all ages, and all were interested in astronomy. It was 104 degrees at 8 p.m., and people brought lawn chairs, binoculars, and their own telescopes to spread out in the library parking lot to watch the night skies.

In August, Dorey Conway (Foothills Branch Manager) represented the *Yuma RECON Team* and traveled to Carson City Nevada for training. The *National Science Foundation* grant principal investigators led the sessions, where 70 participants, ranging from Yuma to the Canadian border, reviewed the progress of the *Kuiper Belt Occultation Project*. Our findings have been shared with the scientific community, and the official conference book showed Yuma as an example of good observation techniques.



As a part of our Strategic Plan, we will be issuing public surveys to determine patron satisfaction. Surveys will be available in print, in both English and Spanish, at every library from Tuesday, October 18th through Saturday, November 12th.

Two staff will attend the *Guadalajara International Book Fair* in November.

It has been confirmed that Craig Johnson, author of the Longmire series, will be the OneBook Yuma author, and he'll be here in March.

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