



**Pinal County Library District
County Librarians Report
September 13, 2019**

The Library District is completing the implementation of a suite of new software from Communico. Foremost is an improved online events calendar system, called Attend. The new calendar will allow staff at affiliate libraries throughout the county to directly post their programs and events. The public-facing calendar interface will feature several improvements, including the ability to view events by location, age group, and/or event type. Patrons will also be able register for library events through the new calendar site. We are also working with Communico on a new PCLD smartphone app. The app will work with iOS, Android, and other popular operating systems, providing users with access to the library catalog, digital book services, our collection of research databases, and more. The new calendar is expected to go live in mid-September; the PCLD app is currently in an early testing phase, and will be released later this year.

The Fiber Optic Broadband project has been approved, and is in progress. Libraries are a part of the consortium so it will be necessary to have a "Confirmation of Intent to Participate" letter from each library along with an Intergovernmental Agreement so that the fiber optic lines can be built out to each library.

We have started a project to provide Mobile Printing for the libraries. There are a few steps to take before that can happen. IT staff will be replacing old public PCs and upgrading them to Windows 10. When that is done, we can finally upgrade Envisionware so that it will be possible to add the additional software for Mobile Printing. The project is moving along, just moving slowly.

Denise C. Keller, County Librarian
Pinal County Library District