



# COCHISE COUNTY

## Library District Report

*September 2019*

Libraries in Cochise County had a busy and productive year in 2018-19. After two years of incremental progress, the Cochise County Library District and member libraries implemented One County, One Card in May 2019. This allows residents to use a single existing library card at all twelve public libraries countywide, and the change has been very well received.

Several member libraries saw big changes and successes during the year. Longtime Willcox Library Director Tom Miner retired in May, handing off the leadership of the Elsie S. Hogan Library to staff member Michelle Cooley.

In June, Bisbee's Copper Queen Library was recognized with the EBSCO Excellence in Rural Library Service Award at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, DC. Arizona State Librarian Holly Henley and Cochise County Librarian Amadee Ricketts were on hand to celebrate with Copper Queen Library Manager Jason Macoviak.

The rural branch libraries also had a good year, implementing several grant projects and improvements.

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### FAST FACTS:

Cochise County Library District operates branch libraries in the rural communities of **Bowie, Elfrida, Portal, Sunizona, and Sunsites.**

The Library District provides support services for member libraries in **Benson, Bisbee, Douglas, Huachuca City, Sierra Vista, Tombstone, and Willcox**, including a shared online catalog and a courier service.

Systemwide, the Library District circulated 595,986 physical items in 2018-2019.





The branch libraries in Bowie, Elfrida (left), Portal, and Sunsites all offered fun summer reading programs this year, making the most of the “Universe of Stories” theme.

In Elfrida and Sunsites, the libraries served more than 600 healthy lunches in partnership with Pearce Elementary.

The branch libraries added new children’s and bilingual materials with a generous grant from the Troller Fund, held at the Community Foundation for Southern AZ.

The grant also supported summer reading activities and improvements to children's spaces.



The branch libraries hosted 25,717 visits from the public in 2018-19, and a record 23,163 computer and wifi sessions.



This high demand means that everyone at the Library District is excited to implement the LSTA-funded Mobile Technology Lab grant in autumn 2019.

***Respectfully submitted, Amadee Ricketts***

