



## **COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT**

### **September 2019**

#### **NO MORE OVERDUE FINES!**

On May 22, 2019, MCLD stopped charging overdue fines and cleared existing overdue fines from all customer accounts. The community response has been great. We sent emails to those customers whose accounts are now unblocked, inviting them back to the library. For additional details, please visit our dedicated web page at [mclldaz.org/nofines](http://mclldaz.org/nofines).

#### **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

I am excited to report that participation and completion rates are up this year!

82,988 participants registered for the Summer Reading Program! (2018: 81,936)

44% of participants became achievers! (2018: 40%)

Over 1,500 books were donated to local Head Start classrooms as part of the Summer Reading Program.

Participants had the choice to redeem or donate their free book.

Our partnership with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department provided the Summer Reading Program to incarcerated adults. MCSO's Summer Reading Program had over 2,000 completed reading logs, more than ever before.

#### **LIBRARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

MCLD oversees a Library Assistance Program (LAP) to ensure access to library materials for citizens across Maricopa County. Any resident of Maricopa County may obtain a free library card from any public library in Maricopa County upon presentation of current identification and proof of residence. There are Intergovernmental Agreements with all 13 library systems within Maricopa County. The Library Board of Directors increased LAP funding from \$3M to \$3.7M for FY2020.

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) AWARDS**

MCLD was the recipient of eight NACo awards this year. Our staff was recognized at a County Award Ceremony on August 28, 2019.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE MOVE**

Renovations are complete at our Robson Library in Sun Lakes and some admin staff will relocate to the new offices in September. Design of the additional admin space at the White Tank Library is still underway. White Tank Library's reconfiguration/move completion is slated for July 2020.

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