




# Pima Library Foundation

BENEFITING THE PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY





The Pima Library Foundation (PLF) works to raise the necessary funds for programs, projects, services, facilities and strategic priorities that enhance our Pima County Public Library and that go unfunded by tax revenue.

Our mission goes beyond immediate needs. We also strive to grow our endowment that will ensure the vitality and excellence of our Library for generations to come. Together, we can cultivate a thriving community resource that nurtures learning, creativity, and connection for all.



The Pima Library Foundation (PLF)  
is a 501(c)3 Organization.

It was founded in 2000.

The organization funds Library programs  
not covered by tax revenue.

Although some projects continue for multiple years,  
there are always additional areas needing support.





# PLF is different from the Pima County Public Library

The Pima County Public Library's mission is **to transform lives by educating, inspiring, and connecting people**. They strive to achieve this by providing a variety of resources, programs, and services, and by being a central hub for learning, information, and community interaction.

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inspiring, and connecting people.*





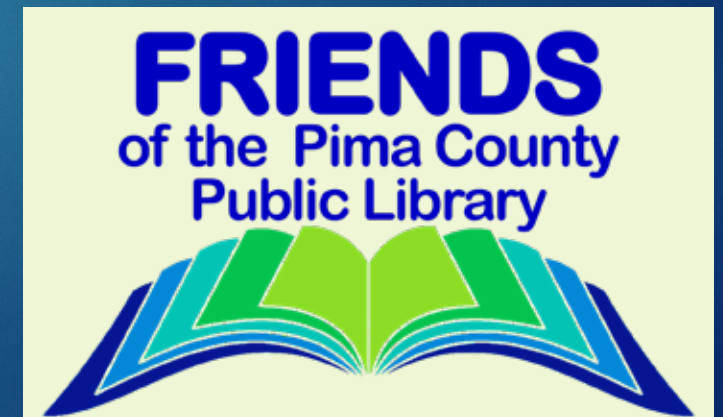
# PLF is different from the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Pima County Public Library celebrate and promote a literate community by supporting and funding enhanced library programs and services provided by the Pima County Public Library system.

## **Their mission is to:**

- Support the Library and promote literacy
- Raise funds to enhance library services and programs
- Promote love of reading/love of learning
- Re-circulate materials in an environmentally responsible way

[pimafriends.com](http://pimafriends.com)



## Fiscal Year 25 Projects

- Career Online High School
  - 15 scholarships
- Mobile Hotspots
  - 25 Mobile Hotspots
- Scholarships for Library staff graduate students at the U of A



## PLF has successfully funded a variety of initiatives, including:

- **Early Math Readiness** (*helping children from birth to age five build foundational math and reading skills*)
- **Sahuarita Library Outdoor Performance Patio** (*a 1,000-square-foot covered venue serving over 30,000 residents*)
- **Workforce Investment/Development** (*an innovative program designed to expand employers' approach to workforce development and empower individuals in a changing job market*)
- **Code Club** (*providing opportunities for learning computer coding*)
- **Ready, Set, School!** (*offering activities that boost children's executive brain functions and learning skills*)
- **Homework Help** (*providing free, personalized tutoring for Pima County learners of all ages*)



# Career Online High School

- To date, the Pima Library Foundation has funded 130 of the students who have graduated from the Career Online High School program.
- Career Online High School is a nationally accredited high school diploma program for residents of Pima County 22 years and older.
- In addition to earning a high school diploma, students also earn a career certificate in one of ten in-demand career areas.
- The cost of a scholarship is \$1300 per student.





*"I'm sincerely so grateful for the opportunity! As a single mother, not having graduated high school "on time" has severely impacted my life and ability to work. Having the option to not only graduate and receive a real diploma – on my own time I might add, which is huge considering I currently have a toddler at home 24/7– but to also receive a certificate for the career I'm interested in, has given myself as well as my children so much hope for the future. Doors are going to open for me I never would have thought possible without this program, and for that I am eternally thankful!."*

*— Career Online High School Graduate*



# Mobile Hotspots

- Mobile Hot Spots can be checked out of the Library and provide 24/7 access to the internet with unlimited data on a fast, secure network.
- Hotspots create digital equity by providing access to the internet for people who may not have internet service at home.
- Through the use of Hotspots community members have a way to access online resources like skills training, health information, homework help, and job boards.
- Hotspots cost \$260 each.



*"It helped me a lot to connect [online]. It helped me a lot because taking classes helped me to have confidence in myself."* \* — Mobile Hotspot User

\* Adult learners using Mobile Hotspots to connect to English classes with Literacy Connects.





# Scholarships

- Applicants must be employed by the Pima County Public Library and accepted by the College of Information Science at the University of Arizona as either a full or part time student.
- Though not a requirement, many of those who have received a scholarship in the past have remained in Pima County and have held leadership positions within the system. Among others, these include **Amber Mathewson**, PCPL's previous Executive Director, and **Karyn Prechtel-Altman**, former Deputy Director of the Pima County Public Library.



*“At the time I received the scholarship, I was a young mother who would never have been able to afford tuition on my own. Thanks to the scholarship I received from the Friends of the Green Valley Library, I graduated from library school in 1995, and that set into motion my career which has culminated in becoming the Director of Pima County Public Libraries. The investment they made in me change the trajectory of my life. It is an honor to give back to the community through my public service in the library.”*

**— Amber Mathewson**



# How to Help

- Share about the Pima Library Foundation with others.
- Help us build our Board of Directors.
- Support the Foundation financially.
- Stay in touch!

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