

ANNUAL REPORT

*Growing Access,
Cultivating Community*

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 1, 2025 – MAY 31, 2026



LETTER FROM THE

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

This year was one of vision, planning, and laying the foundation for the future of our library system and our city. From completing the design, and soon the construction, of our Library Garden, to taking the first exciting steps in the design process for a future branch library, this year has represented the kind of growth and opportunity library leaders dream of for the people they serve. These projects reflect a shared vision for creating spaces where people can gather, connect, read, and grow together. Although much of this work is just beginning, its impact will be lasting and far-reaching. I am deeply grateful to the City of Apache Junction for recognizing the vital role libraries play in enriching community life, fostering lifelong learning, and creating meaningful public spaces.

Pam Harrison
Library Director



GROWING A DREAM

What began as a dream to create an outdoor reading and gathering space for the community is now becoming a reality. Inspired by the Library's Seed Library program, the Library Garden will bring learning to life through hands-on demonstrations in desert-friendly gardening, seed saving, water-wise landscaping, and sustainable growing practices.

This year marked a major milestone as the project moved from concept and planning into design completion and construction. Once finished, the nearly 20,000-square-foot garden will feature shaded seating areas, walking paths, reading spaces, native landscaping, a greenhouse, seed storage shed, and amphitheater for programs and community events.

The Library Garden reflects the City's continued investment in meaningful public spaces that enrich quality of life and create opportunities for connection, discovery, and lifelong learning for all ages.



READ

Comfortable reading nooks and gathering spaces for all ages



LEARN

Hands-on learning and demonstrations in sustainable gardening and seed saving



CONNECT

Welcoming spaces to meet, share ideas, and build community



RELAX

Peaceful places to unwind, reflect, and enjoy nature



GROW

Native plants and water-wise design that nurture our environment



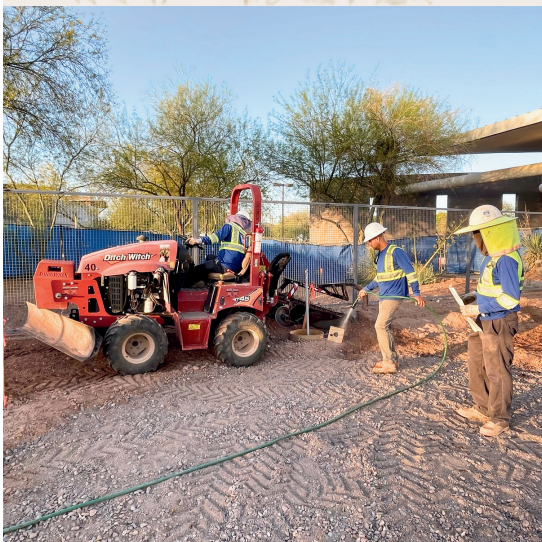
*Rooted in our community.
Growing for generations to come.*

GARDEN CONSTRUCTION



*"If you have a garden and a library,
you have everything you need."*

- Cicero

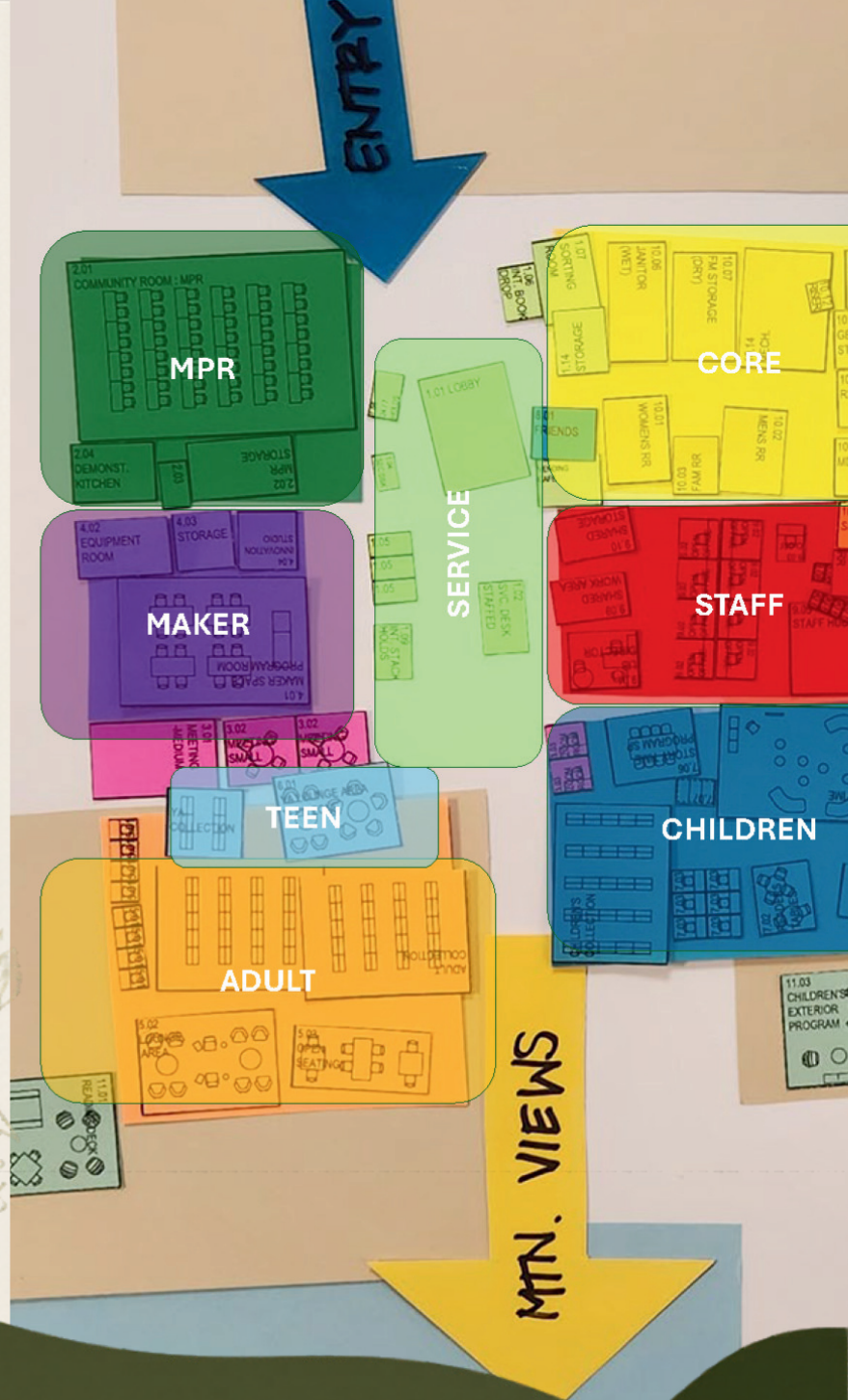


LOOKING AHEAD

THE FUTURE OF OUR LIBRARY

As Apache Junction continues to grow, the Library is taking important first steps toward expanding library services to meet the evolving needs of our community. This year, work began on the early planning and programming process for a future branch library that will extend access to library resources, technology, gathering spaces, and lifelong learning opportunities for residents across the city.

The planning process represents an exciting investment in the future of library services in Apache Junction. Initial discussions and programming concepts are focused on creating a flexible, welcoming community space designed to support learning, connection, creativity, and access for all ages.



More Space
for Learning



More Resources
for All



More Opportunities
to Connect



More Access
for Our Future

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult programs enhance quality of life by offering experiences that inspire participation and personal growth. From educational workshops to creative activities, the library provides welcoming opportunities for adults to engage and discover new interests.



Seed Up Meet Up



Chess Tournament



Paint & Punch



Book Crafts



Fun Van by First Things First



Flute Festival



Biblio Bites

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen programs provide a welcoming space for creativity, self-expression, and creating friendships. Through gaming, art, workshops, and social activities, teens have opportunities to try new things and make the library a place of their own.



Teen Camping Event



LibraryCON teen volunteers



Teen New Year's Event



Teen Advisory Board



TAB VFW volunteering



Teen Green Event



KIDS

PROGRAMS

Kids programs fill the library with imagination, discovery, and hands-on fun. From storytimes and crafts to interactive learning activities and family events, children explore new ideas, build confidence, and create lasting memories at the library.



Play.
Learn. 
Grow.



Preschool Egg Hunt



Storytime



Resolution Copper
Morsel Mining



Biblio Bites Kids



Santa Stories

“ Every child
has a story.
We’re here to
help them write it.”



Color Scavenger Hunt



Culinary Kids



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

We bring the Library to you—meeting our community where they are.



MOBILE LIBRARY

Books, resources, and smiles on the go



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pop-up libraries, storytimes, and fun for all ages



SENIOR SERVICES

Programs and resources that support our seniors



HOMEBOUND SERVICES

Delivering books and connection to those who can't visit us



SUPERSTITION VISTAS/RADIANCE



THE LEARNING CENTER



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



STORYTIME AT RADIANCE

Taking the Library beyond our walls.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**Stronger Together.
Better for Everyone.**

We believe great communities are built on collaboration. Our community partnerships bring people, resources, and ideas together to create lasting impact.



AZ@Work Ribbon Cutting



S'mores and Stories



Paws and Donate



Storywalk® at Prospector Park



Pages Across Ages



Coffee with a Cop



STATISTICS



Library Visits

220,341



Adult Programming
and Attendance

447/4217



Outreach

13,525



Active Card
Holders

22,673



Children Programming
and Attendance

567/18,572



Wi-Fi Use

16,960



Computer
Sessions

25,050



Added to
the Collection

9,245



Family Programs
and Attendance

1047/16,907



New
Registrations

5,812



Volunteer
Hours

4,910.5



Physical
Circulation

330,423



Physical
Collection

83,297



E-Content
Circulation

168,615



Thank you for being part of our story.

CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

STATEMENT OF PROPERTY

Location:	1177 North Idaho Road Apache Junction, AZ 85119 The building resides on the Apache Junction Municipal Government 20-acre complex.
Legal Description:	W 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 16 Township 1 North Range 8 East Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona.
Money:	Received, where derived, how used and expended. See the attached financial statement.

CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 2025 through May 2026

RECEIPTS (June 2025 through May 2026)

GENERAL FUND

Library Fines	\$	906
Charge for Services		24,287
Other Revenues		1,190
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	26,384

DEVELOPMENT FEE FUND

\$ 879,682

LIBRARY FUND

116,969

GRANTS-IN-TRUST

254,485

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 1,277,520

EXPENDITURES (June 2025 through May 2026)

GENERAL FUND

Personnel Costs	\$	1,683,553
Charge for Services		79,224
Commodities		168,965
Capital Outlay		613,936
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	2,545,677

DEVELOPMENT FEE FUND

\$ 289,033

LIBRARY FUND

76,196

GRANTS-IN-TRUST

324,024

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 3,234,929

I, Alexandra Wyroba, Secretary of the Library Board of Trustees, do hereby verify that the above financial statement for the Apache Junction Public Library represents a true and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements for June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

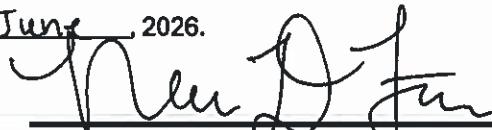


Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of June, 2026.



Naomi D Funk
Notary Public - ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY
Commission No. 689611
My Commission Expires 10/09/2029



Notary Public

Pinal

County

My Commission Expires:

10.9.2029