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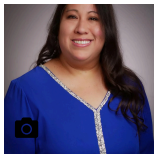
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FLORENCE — Pinal County closed out the old year with 93,339 active library card holders and is expected to top 100,000 in 2026.

“Every visit, every checkout, every interaction and conversation helps us grow stronger as a county,” Library Director Gloria Moreno said in a year-end message to patrons.

The library district’s goals for the new year include expanding its outreach team and outreach services to better serve all libraries, with an emphasis on the Copper Corridor communities of Kearny, Superior, San Manuel, Mammoth and Oracle.

“We are excited to continue strengthening our community engagement and expanding outreach to ensure every resident, regardless of location, can benefit from what libraries in Pinal County have to offer. As always, your feedback helps shape our direction,” Moreno said.

The district will also provide training and workshop opportunities to staff at branch and affiliate libraries. “Change is constant and these opportunities help to enhance service quality, boost staff skills and confidence and foster a culture of learning,” Moreno said.

“Serving a region as widespread as ours is both a privilege and a responsibility, one we strive to meet every day with innovation and deep commitment to community connection,” Moreno said. “Libraries are living, breathing reflections of the communities they serve, and this year has reminded me once again just how vibrant our libraries in Pinal County are.”

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