Date: December 31, 2015

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

Re: Correspondence from Arizonans Against Drugs and Illegals Regarding the Arivaca-Caviglia Library

In response to the attached correspondence from Arizonans Against Drugs and Illegals, I asked Library Director Melinda Cervantes to review the allegations regarding activities at the Arivaca-Caviglia Library.

As can be seen from Ms. Cervantes’ response, Arivaca’s community newspaper provides free monthly advertising to the library (recent advertising is attached). No taxpayer funds are used for library advertising in Arivaca.

Regarding the allegation that “…library employees may possibly be using the library facilities to further their private agenda…” with respect to People Helping People in the Border Zone, Ms. Cervantes indicates the individual in question works with this organization during nonworking hours, away from the library.

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Attachments

c: Melinda Cervantes, Director, Library District
In response to your memorandum of December 24, 2015, I have confirmed that the allegations about the Caviglia-Arivaca Library and staff are incorrect for the following reasons.

Leesa Jacobson, Manager of the Caviglia-Arivaca Library, has confirmed that *The Connection* newspaper, a monthly, is the only newspaper serving the Arivaca community. Ms. Jacobson went on to say that *The Connection* publishes content covering multiple sides of issues and gives the Library free advertising space each month. The ad attached to this message was placed by the Caviglia-Arivaca Library in the December issue of *The Connection*.

Regarding staff being involved in “People Helping People in the Border Zone” – It’s my understanding that the individual’s work with this group happens outside of work hours, away from the Library. This organization appears to have its own office and hours of operation. [http://phparivaca.org/](http://phparivaca.org/)

Sincerely,

Melinda Cervantes
Library Director
Dear Sir or Madam:

First, we would like to know why the Arivaca, AZ library is using our tax dollars to pay for ads in, and thereby help support, the far left newspaper, the “connection”. This is a small town of approximately 700 people, and advertising can be accomplished at no charge by putting notices in the Library, the Post Office, the Bar, The Community Center and Human Resources.

Secondly, we would like to know why our tax dollars are again being used to support this far left newspaper by acting as a distribution center for this newspaper.

Thirdly, we are led to believe that one of the library employees may possibly be using the library facilities to further their private agenda of closing down the Border Patrol Check Point in Amado. We are told that this individual is a co-founder of People Helping People (in the Border Zone), an organization which gives aid and comfort to the criminal element and possible terrorists (as they do not vet any of the illegals coming into our country) that are flooding across our borders. As you may or may not know, Arivaca has a reputation for condoning drug and illegal running, and the only conceivable reason we can come up with as the reason to close down the check point is to insure an unimpeded pathway into Tucson, AZ.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter:

Arizonans Against Drugs and Illegals

To: Melinda - please respond to me on these allegations that would appear to have no basis in fact I will respond to the Board.

[Signature]
12/24/15
Library News

Everyone is invited to the Friends of the Library Annual Holiday Tea. Saturday, December 12th, 3:00 - 5:00.
Music and Fun!
Refreshments will be served.

I ♥ MY LIBRARY!

This month's BOOK CLUB selection is the Winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize, "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. Wednesday, December 16th, 3:30 at the Library. Call 594-5235 to reserve a copy. Newcomers always welcome!

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Tues. 12 pm to 8 pm  Wed. - Sat. 10 am to 6 pm
520-594-5235