

## **426.9 Flowing Wells Branch Library Expansion**

**Location:** 1730 W. Wetmore Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705 (Flowing Wells - Ruthrauff, Romero and Wetmore).

**Scope:** A 7,000 square foot expansion and remodel. The expanded facility will provide an information commons with public access computers, wireless device lending, a 1,500 square foot meeting room for story times and library programs, 250 square foot study rooms for small groups or tutoring and expansions of the teen and children's areas. Site preparation and the parking area were completed with the first phase of the building project.

**Benefits:** In 2006, the 5,000 square foot Flowing Wells Community Branch Library was built to serve this area. This library serves an underserved population of 16,419 (according to the 2000 Census Designate Place boundary) with a large percent of seniors and families with young children. Increased staffing levels will allow for program expansion with outreach to the neighborhood center and neighboring schools, and the increased library space will serve as a community gathering place for neighborhood associations, community groups and clubs.

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$3,100,000 - Not included is the one time cost of \$225,000 to expand the opening day collection with 15,000 additional items and additional computers, which will be funded by the Library District tax levy.

**Bond Funding Estimate:** \$3,100,000

**Other Funding Estimate:** None identified at this time.

**Total Cost Estimate by Major Task:** Planning and design at \$420,000, construction at \$2,680,000

**Implementation Periods:** 1, 2

**Project Schedule by Major Task:** Planning and design at 10 to 12 months, construction at 11 to 14 months.

**Project Manager:** Pima County

**Operator:** Pima County Library District

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:** The incremental increase in operating and maintenance costs resulting from this expansion is estimated to be \$398,204. This includes two additional full time equivalent staff (\$168,204), annual collection costs increase (\$150,000), and annual utility and maintenance costs increase (\$80,000). The costs will be funded by the annual Library District property tax levy.

**Regional Benefits:** Library addition will respond to the user demand for additional space and program functionality at this branch.