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Temporary Closure and Exciting Renovation Set to Begin at Flowing Wells Library

(TUCSON, Ariz.) – The Flowing Wells Library, at 1730 W. Wetmore Road, is set to close temporarily beginning October 1, 2017. The Library will undergo a major renovation and expansion led by the award-winning and internationally-recognized architecture firm Line and Space LLC.

Community members are invited to meet the architects and learn more about the project at an **Open House** on **Thurs, Aug 17, 6–7:30pm** at the <u>Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center</u> (1660 W. Ruthrauff Rd.).

The 5,000 square foot library, which opened in 2008, will be expanded to 13,000 square feet. Currently, the work is anticipated to last about one year with an expected reopen date in late-summer 2018.

Reserves will not be available for pickup at Flowing Wells Library during the closure. Beginning immediately, customers should choose an alternate location when reserving library materials online. The book drop will not be available to return items while the Library is closed. Materials can be returned to any nearby library.

Nearby libraries are:

- Woods Memorial Library, 3445 N. First Avenue
- Nanini Library, 7300 N. Shannon Road
- El Rio Library, 1390 W. Speedway Boulevard

A full list of Pima County Public Library locations, including hours and features, can be found online.

Karen Greaber, who manages the Flowing Wells Library, says, "Closing a library for any amount of time is not something we like to do, but we believe the changes will help us serve our community better. I'm sure our customers will be thrilled to see the upgrades we've got in store."

The renovation will include many additions to the Library, including:

- A large multipurpose room, a room for children's programming, and three study rooms
- More public use computers
- Outdoor patio with WiFi access
- Separate designated spaces for teens and children
- Family restroom
- New furniture
- Updated collection

While the Library is closed, customers are encouraged to visit the Bookmobile, which will stop at the Ellie Towne Center on the 2nd Monday (10am–noon) and 4th Friday (3:30–5:30pm) monthly beginning October 9. In addition, the computer lab at the Ellie Towne Center will offer expanded hours (Monday through Friday from 9–5pm) throughout the renovation.

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About Pima County Public Library

For more than 100 years, we have been here for people just like you. Today, in our libraries, online, or out in the community, our dedicated staff and volunteers are always looking ahead to help you find what you're looking for. Every day, we're making our mission a reality by educating and connecting people and inspiring ideas.