



# Inside SDH

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## ANNUAL SDH CURRICULUM EXCHANGE

by Jackie O.

Our annual curriculum exchange will be Tuesday, May 13 **before** park at 10:00 a.m. It is going to be HOT! Let's set up early, **before** announcements. By mid-May we will all have completed our academic goals for the year — right?! Well, even if you're a few weeks behind (or months, like us), you will probably have a pretty good sense of what you won't be needing again. Bring it all to park! Set up a table or a blanket, put price stickers on it and some other family will likely snatch it up and put it to good use over the next 12 months. I will bring Eegees, so make sure you get there early 'cause when it's gone, it's gone!



## ANNUAL PARENTS PLANNING MEETING

by Lara B.

The Parents Planning Meeting for the 2008-2009 SDH year is set for Monday, May 19. It will be in the big lower-level community room at the Joel Valdez Main Library. I will open doors at 5:30 p.m., and we will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and can go until almost 8:00 p.m. when they close. We will decide dates for the annual activities, and go over each job that needs a new volunteer to do it. If there is a job or something that you'd like to add, this is a great time to do it.

If someone has something that they'd like to add to the meeting but cannot attend, please let someone who is going know, so that it is passed on there. I will make the standard agenda to pass out, so if you have something that you'd like added to it beforehand, let me know! There will also be a period of time at the meeting that we go over last-minute stuff that does not make it onto the list.

**Please Post Jobs:** If you already have a job that you'd like to give up, please post it and announce it ahead of time, so that someone else can think about it and volunteer for it either before or at the meeting. Please post on SDH Discuss at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SDH-discuss/messages>

## SDH Newcomer Committee needs volunteers

by Heather M.

We need some folks to take our places on the committee to welcome guests and new members to SDH. The duties include attending park days at announcements, preparing and passing out newcomer packets, talking to visitors about SDH, collecting dues and membership forms, handing off the dues to the Treasurer, and passing out membership cards. We have also hosted a couple of newcomer meetings/teas in the past. We had a committee of three this year, so none of us had to be at the park every week. It is a great way to meet people! If you are interested, please see Heather, Lori, or Christine or sign-up at the planning meeting on May 19.





## SPECIAL ADULT BOOK GROUP SUMMER-DAYS

by Lara B.

For the summer months of June, July, and August the book group will still meet on the *third Tuesday* of the month, but instead of at Ft Lowell park day, it will be at the Borders on Oracle (across and a little south of the Tucson Mall) from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. The Cafe there is open until 11:00 p.m. and should be perfect for sitting outdoors if we choose! (May's book discussion is at park day, which is May 20 – and also the last park day of the SDH-year.) Please see the last page of the newsletter for the book list. And remember — people are welcome whether they've read the book or not!

## NORTHWEST PARK DAY

by Lea C.

The Northwest Park group will meet May through August at James Kreigh Park on Thursday mornings, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Some of us will arrive earlier as the weather becomes hotter. Be sure to bring plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen, and a chair. Directions: James Kreigh Park; 23 West Calle Concordia. From Ina and Oracle Rd., take Oracle north past Magee and Hardy. Calle Concordia is the next light. Turn left and the park is located on the right. Please contact Lea if you need further information.

## HOMEGROWN YOGA PLAYGROUP

by Teresa W.

Meet yoga loving families for yoga practice, inspiration and socials. This playgroup is for moms, dads, grandparents and their children. All fitness levels are welcome, as well as families who are new to yoga. My vision is to offer an alternative to the yoga studio venue. Together we will think outside the box as we grow a fun, flexible and fruitful family yoga practice. Join us on Sunday, May 18 at 12:00 noon for a celebration of motherhood. Parents practice adult-only yoga while the kids create a mandala art project for use as a Tibetan eye chart. For more information visit <http://yoga.meetup.com/545/about/> or call me.

## PARK DAY

Our last regular park day for this school year will be Tuesday, May 20.

Watch the newsletter this summer or check the SDH calendar online for the first park day in August.



### Friends of the Pima County Public Library Spring Book Sale May 9 - 21

The sale takes place at the Book Barn, 2230 N. Country Club Road.  
Weekdays from 10 am to 7 pm and weekends from 9 am to 5 pm

Member's Only Day, Friday, May 9

Open to the Public, May 10-21.

1/2 Price Days, Sundays, May 11 & 18

Dollar Days, Mondays, May 12 & 19

Bag Days, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20 & 21.

CLOSED for restocking, Tuesday through Thursday, May 13-15

<http://www.library.pima.gov/about/news/?id=534>

## **SDH MONTHLY PARENT OPPORTUNITIES**



### **Parents' Book Discussion Group - May 20**

The Book Group discussion has a new time and place! It will be at the regular Ft. Lowell park day, on the third Tuesday of each month. It will start at 12:00 noon and go until we are finished, likely around 2:00 p.m. For the summer months of June, July, and August the book group will still meet on the third Tuesday of the month, but instead of at park it will be at the Borders on Oracle (across and a little south of the Tucson Mall) from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. The Cafe is open until 11:00 p.m. and should be perfect for sitting outdoors!

People are always welcome to join whether they've read the book or not.

• May: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult

- June: *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad
- July: *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
- August: *Citizen Vince* by Jess Walter
- September: *The War of Gifts* by Orson Scott
- October: *A Complaint-Free World* by Will Bowen

**Note:** Some of these books have long lists at the library, so you might want to get on the list asap if you plan to get them from there.

### **Moms' Coffee Night - May 28**

Held on the last Wednesday of every month at Denny's (3655 E. Speedway, two blocks west of Alvernon) from 7:30 p.m. to midnight (or any time in between).

### **Dads' Coffee Night - May 7**

Held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders on Oracle.



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