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Good Morning,

I hope you had a fabulous weekend! When is your last day?? We need to have lunch before you leave. Here is the update I sent to my administration on 5/6/2016. We had one more library card day at Palo Verde on 5/11/16 that is not included in the numbers below. Here are the numbers for 5/11/16:

- 49 students received new library cards
- 12 students received replacement library cards
- 64 students created accounts on Learning Express Library
- 52 students created accounts on Brainfuse

So overall, we helped almost 400 high school students! They now have access to resources that can help them in the upcoming school year. We couldn't have done it without the help of your staff! Tony, Yvonne, and Rashad really went above and beyond the call of duty!

Thanks!
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Library Card Days @Your Local High School-PCPL continues to work with local school districts to meet the goals established in the White House ConnectED Library Challenge (<https://www.ims.gov/issues/national-initiatives/connected-library-challenge>). Since September 2015, more than 4,500 TUSD students have received new library cards as a result of this effort. We continue to work closely with student services departments and local school sites to bring information about the library to students, teachers, administrators, and families. We have provided professional development trainings to more than 300 school staff and principals since the project inception.

In January 2016, we focused our efforts on engaging local high school students through the Community Schools Initiative (<http://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2015/new-tucson-ameri-corps-project-improve-graduation-rates-and-create>). PCPL is working closely with AmeriCorps, and other local partners, to bring community resources into high schools in an effort to improve graduation rates by providing support to students and families. The initial goal was to hold 3 **Library Card Days** before the end of the 2015/2016 school year. We reached our goal at the end of April and will have doubled our efforts by the end of May with a total of 6 **Library Card Days** held at local high schools.

These events focus on 1) getting students library cards, and 2) getting students signed up for Learning Express Library (test prep) and Brainfuse (online homework help). Our Library Card Days are special, in that students receive their library cards in real time-no paper applications, no waiting. AmeriCorps members, school staff, and library staff have assisted with our events.

Here are some combined statistics from our events:

- 334 high school students received a library card for the first time
- 100 high school students received replacement library cards
- 406 high school students signed up for Learning Express Library
- 266 high school students signed up for Brainfuse

The success of our Library Card Days has led to subsequent invitations to attend Boost programs (summer program for 9th graders) at TUSD and SUSD, as well as freshmen orientation days for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year.

Thanks!
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