

## Government Information in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant

The **Government Information in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** is a multi-state, multi-type library training program which will enhance library training efforts with electronic government information resources. This program focuses on training in five states: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming and will continue under current grant funding through the fall of 2008.

The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records is participating in and coordinating Arizona training efforts under the **Government Information in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** grant program. This program is lead by the University of Colorado-Boulder and funded through the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), providing a continuing education program for reference and public services librarians, library workers, and library school students in the use of government information.

The mission of this program is to increase the confidence of existing government publication librarians, increase the knowledge of more than 775 general librarians (175 in Arizona), and create an online learning and support environment for users of federal government information. Staff in most libraries has limited expertise in assisting their users in finding and using government information. This program uses the talents of current government information librarians to teach their colleagues research methods and tools that are important in topics of interest to people in the Western states. The program addresses identified subjects where the general lack of awareness of and research skills could be improved with the effective use of government information resources. In addition, it supports the development of a government information resource model that expands the role of Federal Depository Library Program librarians in training and support of non-depository library staff in their geographic area. Each of the 11 trainers in Arizona is required through the grant to present two workshops/training sessions within their state to non-depository library staff and/or library school students.

Ten training modules have been developed and ten more will be added. The training will be based on the same core materials for all partner states. These training support materials are maintained on WebJunction ([www.webjunction.org/gi21](http://www.webjunction.org/gi21)) for all to use.