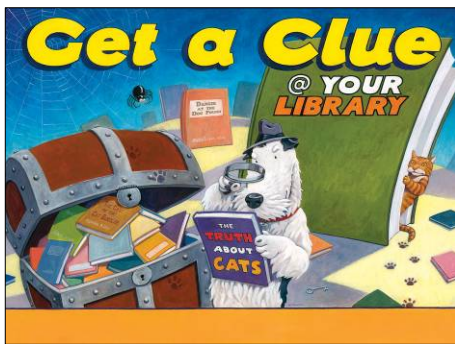


Arizona Reading Program 2008

The Arizona Reading Program (ARP) provides resources that help public, school, and tribal librarians plan, promote, and implement reading programs for children and young adults during the summer. Started in 1974 by the Arizona State Library, ARP helps maintain and often increase the reading skills of students during out-of-school times and helps families prepare preschoolers for reading through “Read to Me” programs. Programming coordinated with the summer reading theme promotes library use by bringing additional children and parents into libraries.



For the third year, the Arizona State Library participated in the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a consortium of 42 states working together to create summer reading program materials. A how-to manual and the materials for conducting a summer reading program were distributed to 122 Arizona libraries.

Professional development workshops held in Flagstaff, Tucson, and Yuma assisted 151 library staff members in preparing for summer reading. In addition, two showcases designed to give librarians the opportunity to meet with artists and arts organizations to select programs to promote reading in their communities had a combined attendance of 310. Using the themes *Get a Clue @ Your Library* for children and *YNK @ Your Library* for teens, libraries reached 135,565 Arizonans who logged their reading and attended the 1,216 programs offered at their libraries and in outreach locations in their communities.