

Arizona Cultural Inventory Project

The Arizona State Library's, Cultural Inventory Project is a searchable online database of cultural institutions in the State of Arizona. Entries include administrative information from museums, libraries, schools, historical societies, etc and document location, hours of operation, telephone numbers, etc.) and, in some cases, collection-level descriptions (detailed listings of repository holdings. Visitors include any Internet user searching for Arizona culture and history and who may want to locate specific collections or resources. Users may (and often do) land on the Cultural Inventory Project via Google or other web search engines while searching for Arizona cultural material.

The site offer three modes of searching – by repository name, by location and subject keyword.

2009 activities included ongoing contact with cultural institutions in the state to gather collection-level information – in person, and via phone and email, and updates to administrative and contact information.

The Project is close to implementing a new interface that will allow for easier updates and full-text searching. We are currently re-designing and testing new interface pages for both the front-end Internet views and the backend, administrator pages. This new development addresses the need for new backend technology and a better, fully-text searchable, user-interface.

We anticipate being able to link listings in this website to the Arizona Memory Project where appropriate. Cross-referencing material will improve and expand the user experience.

The project continues to be promoted throughout the state at group meetings of state employees, museum consortia, and during meetings with individual museums and via word-of-mouth. New repository details continue to be added ongoing.