

Building a New Generation of Readers

Building a New Generation of Readers, a statewide early literacy project designed by the Arizona State Library, provides public and school librarians with the training and materials to teach parents and childcare providers strategies for preparing children to come to school ready to read. The Arizona State Library supplies libraries with Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library materials that are based on current federally funded research and have been evaluated and found to have significant influence on the early literacy behaviors of parents and childcare providers.

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With the trainings held through June 30, 2010, 649 librarians and their community partners have now received training in using the Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library curriculum during 30 workshops held across the state. All libraries sending staff to training have received Every Child Ready to Read kits and other resources needed to conduct workshops in their communities.

As a partner with the Chandler Education Foundation on the U.S. Department of Education Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC) grant, the State Library received \$15,000 in reimbursement funding for the fourth year of a five-year grant for providing early literacy information and training directly to parents. Working with local public and school librarians, workshops on early literacy were held in Chandler, Somerton, San Luis, Queen Creek, Eloy, Willcox, Mesa, Tempe, Yuma, Surprise and Phoenix.