

## Library Institute 2010

The Library Development Division of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records coordinates an annual Library Institute to provide professional development for library staff in leadership roles in rural libraries who do not have a Master's Degree. The Institute provides participants with training on the core competencies that are part of the State Library's Library Practitioner Certification. Five days spent on the campus of Northern Arizona University provide learning experiences from highly regarded library professionals including faculty from Arizona colleges, experienced trainers, State Library staff, and fellow participants.



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There were 29 participants in the 2010 Library Institute. Sixteen speakers offered eleven different sessions on various topics: planning for your community based on statistics; collection development for children, youth and adults; preservation of collections; weeding collections; advocacy; collaboration between different libraries or institutions; working with friends, volunteers and boards; resource sharing; marketing your library; and table chats with division directors from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.



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In total, 26 participants returned questionnaires, rating their overall satisfaction with the 2010 Library Institute program 4.85 out of 5. Additionally, over 80% of Library Institute participants reported that they are applying Library Institute continuing education competencies towards a Library Practitioner's Certificate. Discussing Library Institute, one participant wrote, "After each Institute, I've been able to implement new ideas I learned to the benefit of myself, my library and my community." Another participant wrote that Institute had "friendly and informative staff, presenters included. I sure enjoy forming new friendships, adding to and strengthening my library network."