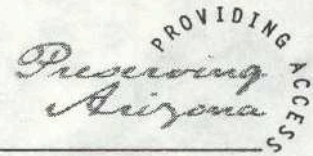




ARIZONA STATE
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS

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Dear Legislative Member:

Providing access, preserving Arizona - The State Library, Archives and Public Records actively pursues this mission through partnerships, education and projects around the state.

Senator Victor Soltero joins Library Board

The staff and Director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, welcome Senator Victor Soltero to the Library Board. Thank you, Senator Soltero.

State Library partners for nearly \$3 million in four successful national grants

The first two of four successful grants brings nearly \$2 million to Arizona, The State Library is partnering with the University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science to develop digital content management coursework and to develop staff diversity for small and rural libraries in Arizona. Along with the University of Colorado at Boulder Library, the Arizona State Library is partnering in the project "Government Information in the 21st Century" with an additional grant award of \$260,000.

The State Library also assisted the Western Council of State Libraries in obtaining a grant of almost \$600,000 for the "Preserving Language, Memory and Lifeways" project, which provides educational opportunities to tribal and non-tribal library staff members to ensure that Native Americans attain access to library and information services. This builds on six years of our work with earlier tribal grants.

Preparing for the Centennial: Legislative Oral History project underway

We are getting a head start on the state's Centennial by beginning a Legislative Oral History project. Ten former legislators, who served between 1958 and the early 1990's, have been interviewed. The oral histories document these legislators' contributions to Arizona's rich legislative heritage as well as providing a look at the legislative process. These histories touch on such issues as the Civil Rights Movement, taxation, water rights, education and land use. Each legislator has been excited about the project and they are especially delighted that we are trying to fill in some of the gaps in Arizona's historical record.

Records Management provides education

Instruction in email management, retention and destruction, comprises a major education and outreach effort for all Records Management staff statewide. Education regarding public records, open meetings, records retention, destruction, and scheduling are offered continuously for every governmental entity. In addition, groups that frequently access public records seek training. For the Arizona Public Defender Association Conference, held in June, staff provided education on access to public records and what makes records confidential. At a meeting of the State Bar of Arizona in Tucson, staff authored a paper on records retention scheduling that was published as part of the proceedings. The schedule of classes is available at <http://www.lib.az.us/records/training.cfm>

Diamondbacks broadcaster volunteers at the Braille & Talking Book Library

From the June 2006, Diamondbacks Magazine - Diamondbacks broadcaster Jeff Munn says that "Reading at the Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library is a responsibility I take very seriously. It means a great deal to me to know so many people are able to enjoy Diamondbacks Magazine as a result."

"Our patrons look forward to receiving their talking Diamondback Magazine," says Linda Montgomery, Director of the Braille and Talking Book Library. "When they hear Jeff Munn's voice it's like they're at the game. Providing a library at your door, so that all may read is our mission."

More information about eligibility and volunteering may be found at www.lib.az.us/braille.

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State Capitol Museum aides Pearl Harbor Memorial fundraising efforts

The State Capitol Museum assisted with the kick-off for the Pearl Harbor Memorial fundraising effort in Arizona by displaying the Museum's collection of the USS Arizona's silver service. On display May 24th, were the copper overlaid punch bowl and goblets. The Museum's display of the silver service is currently undergoing renovation to improve the display and enhance security.

Governor recognizes literacy efforts of the Library

Our efforts at the Carnegie Center and the Arizona Center for the Book, celebrating books, reading, libraries and the diverse literary heritage of Arizona, were acknowledged with recognition by Governor Napolitano for the work of Carnegie Director, Holley Henley. Our staff has been the prime mover behind our Building a Generation of Readers and ONEBOOKAZ, which encourages communities across the state to read the same book, and is also responsible for summer reading programs and early literacy efforts.

Arizona Memory Project (AMP) reaching new markets & gaining recognition

During the Arizona Association of Counties conference, the Arizona Memory Project was introduced to County Administrators. Administrators expressed interest in using AMP to assist them in their work.

AMP is being featured in a promotional flier produced by OCLC, the marketer of CONTENTdm software, which helps us manage and effectively operate AMP. The Arizona Memory Project has also been recognized by OCLC for providing a training and learning lab manual for CONTENTdm; the manual is a prototype for future training offered by OCLC.

See the enclosed brochure for more information about the Arizona Memory Project or visit

<http://azmemory.lib.az.us/>

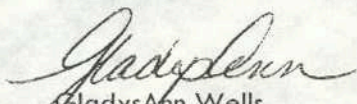
WebJunction honors Library Development staff member

WebJunction announced the results of the first annual "Member Choice Awards" for outstanding work in the community. As Editor, Mala Muralidharan, Library Development Specialist, was honored for her willingness to share ideas and collaborate across Community Partners to make WebJunction better for library and museum staff. WebJunction is a cooperative of library staff sharing and using online resources that enable them to identify and embrace appropriate technologies and apply them to their daily work. More information is available at <http://az.webjunction.org>.

Arizona's National History Day finalists among top 5 in nation

Six of Arizona's National History Day (NHD) student entries earned spots in the June finals at the national competition in College Park, Maryland. One of them, a junior group documentary on the Colorado River War, placed 4th in the nation. In addition, Arizona had three entries/students who won Special Awards: Joshua Guerra of Buena High School in Sierra Vista, Austin Mitchell from Willis Jr. High (now Chandler High), and Emily Brodman from Xavier College Prep.

With Warm Regards,


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