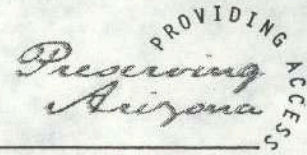




ARIZONA STATE  
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS

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Dear Legislative Member:

The State Library, Archives and Public Records has positive and exciting things happening we would like to share with you related to our mission of *providing access, preserving Arizona*.

#### Edward S. Curtis exhibit opens at the Capitol Museum

The exhibit focuses on photos, baskets, and other items from the Museum's collection obtained by the state of Arizona from Edward S. Curtis in the early to mid-1900's. Baskets on display are made by Hopi, Apache, Akimel O'Otham, Tohono O'Odham and Navajo basket makers. A few of Curtis' photographs are on display showing these priceless baskets as they were originally used. The exhibit is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Capitol Museum. Workshops related to the exhibit will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Museum Parlor. The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. please stop by to enjoy this wonderful display from the collection.

#### Arizona Book Festival on April 1<sup>st</sup>

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Festival gives book lovers an opportunity to meet some favorite authors, participate in hands-on activities, buy new and used books and see lively stage presentations, including readings, panel discussions, theater presentations, music and storytelling. [More information at [www.azbookfestival.org](http://www.azbookfestival.org)] The Book Festival will also kick off the statewide program, OneBookAZ, encouraging the reading and discussion the same book during the month of April. This year's adult book is *An Unfinished Life* by Mark Spragg and the child's book is *Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath. [More at [www.onebookaz.org](http://www.onebookaz.org)] Both authors will be participating in the Book Festival. The Carnegie Center which was Phoenix's first public library is the host of the Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### State Library grants received now totals nearly \$34.5 million (1997-2006)

The Arizona State Library successfully applied for and coordinated all the effort resulting in this most recent Bill and Melinda Gates investment of \$800,000 in Arizona's libraries. The Gates Foundation grant ensures public libraries can stay up-to-date with technology that is critical to bridging the digital divide. This is a one-time replacement program designed to level the playing fields between libraries that were granted older computer models with other libraries that received newer models in more recent years. Though many public libraries have leveraged foundation grants into additional funding to replace and add computers, many libraries in the first 18 states (including Arizona) still are using the older customized machines.

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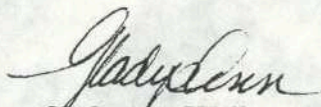
### Statehood Day includes retired US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

This year's ceremony brought together the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives to celebrate Arizona's the 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood. We were delighted to have the recently retired Justice O'Connor join the celebrations this year. Justice O'Connor was honored by the Governor, Arizona Supreme Court Justice McGregor, as well the Senate and House. Also recognized during the ceremonies were the winners of the Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest. Each group of winners was invited to have a photo taken with Justice O'Connor, Chief Justice McGregor and Governor Napolitano. Statehood Day 2006 helps to set the stage for the celebration of Arizona's centennial in 2012 by bringing together the branches of government and highlighting our distinguished citizens.

### Naming Tree to Recognize Library and Archives Supporters

We have received donations to purchase a Naming Tree to recognize generous supporters of the Library and Archives. The Naming Tree will temporarily be displayed in the 1938 home of the State Archives.

With warm regards,

  
GladysAnn Wells  
State Librarian