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Dear Legislative Member,

We would like to share some news with you from Library, Archives and Public Records.

A Digital Library at your fingertips

Are you interested in quickly finding legislative information, news or professional journals? Then you will want a State Library card. Members of the Arizona Legislature and state employees have access to downloadable materials through the Law and Research Library's website at: <http://www.lib.az.us/librarycard>. Easy instructions on how to get started are on the site under the heading "New to eMedia?" Select and listen to the Digital Media Guided Tour.

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AZ. eighth grade student exhibits at the National Gallery of Art

Tyler Henderson, an 8th grader at Page Middle School, was selected to show his exhibit at the National Gallery of Art during the National Finals of National History Day. A Navajo, Tyler prepared his exhibit on the history of uranium mining on the reservation in northeast Arizona. Tyler was selected for this distinction from among a group of students who participated in Arizona's National History Day recently held at the Capitol and hosted by the Arizona State Legislature. "This is a rare and highly competitive recognition and bodes well for his chances at the finals" said Laurie Devine, coordinator for Arizona's National History Day. Tyler's is one of several entries from the Copper State and we join Laurie in wishing "good luck to team Arizona."

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Carnegie Center Head selected for Leadership Institute

Holly Henley, Director of the Carnegie Center, recently attended the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) Executive Leadership Institute. *Sustaining State Library Agencies in the 21st Century* was hosted by the University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies, August 12-16. *Leadership in State Government, Collaboration and Coalition Building* and participation in several case study methods workshops were a few of the sessions presented. Congratulations to Holly for being chosen out of many applicants and for representing Arizona's State Library.

E-government training begins for libraries

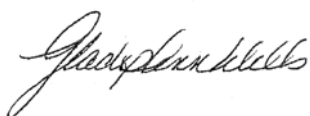
The State Library's Law and Research Library is coordinating the Arizona efforts for the Government Information in the 21st Century grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. This grant trains librarians and library staff to locate and help citizens use federal government information that is available electronically. The project is storing training and explanatory materials on the WebJunction site, (<http://www.webjunction.org>), reinforcing Arizona libraries' use of WebJunction as a source for library education materials. Four other states are participating in the grant (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming). In August, Janet Fisher, Director of the Law and Research Library, participated in training at Dine College, an Indian Tribal College that has campuses on the Navajo reservation in Arizona and New Mexico.

Division Director ends distinguished term as CIMA President

Dr. Melanie Sturgeon, Director of the History and Archives Division, recently finished her term as President of the Conference of Intermountain Archivists (CIMA). The organization includes archivists from Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Idaho. During her tenure she developed a formal scholarship program for volunteers, students and those that do not have the financial wherewithal to attend CIMA workshops and the annual conference.

Last month, Dr. Sturgeon was elected to a three year term on the Board of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), a national organization comprised of directors of the principal government archives in each state. CoSA defines and communicates archival and records concerns on a national level and works with the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) and other national organizations to ensure that the nation's documentary heritage is preserved and accessible.

With warm regards,



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