

**Carnegie Center:
A training and meeting center**

Efforts to increase usage of the Carnegie Center as a facility for training and meeting continued throughout the year. The Arizona State Library used the building's meeting spaces and made them available to other state agencies and non-profit organizations. The School of Information Resources and Library Science of the University of Arizona also held weekend classes for their Phoenix students at the Carnegie Center. The rotunda area, conference room, and lobby on the main floor; the auditorium on the lower level; and the grounds were all utilized. Workshop organizers enjoyed the convenience of outlining their meeting needs on a facility use form and arriving to find the room with tables, chairs, audio-visual equipment, and the wireless laptop computer lab, if requested, set up to their specifications.

From July 2006 through June 2007, 285 events were held at the Carnegie Center with 12, 706 participants in attendance. In addition, 989 state employees and members of the general public came to the Center to use the public access computers during the weekday lunchtime hours. The attached chart shows the pattern of increased use of the Carnegie since that focus began in December 2005.

As a multi-use facility, the Carnegie continued to provide space for a display for the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame, which recognizes the diverse women who have helped shape the state's history. It also continued to serve as home to the Arizona Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, whose purpose is to promote books, reading, libraries, and literacy. In addition to ONEBOOKAZ, the Arizona Center for the Book promoted Letters About Literature, a writing contest sponsored by the Library of Congress and Target. Students in grades 4-12 wrote to an author, living or deceased, to share with them how their writing had positively impacted their lives. Entries were judged on the state level, and letters from first place winners in each of the three age categories were sent to the national competition. Zac DeJovine of Glendale, Kelly Ann Payne of Tucson, and Cameron Holmes of Williams received awards for placing first in Arizona in their categories during a ceremony at the Arizona Book Festival, held on the grounds of the Carnegie Center on April 14.