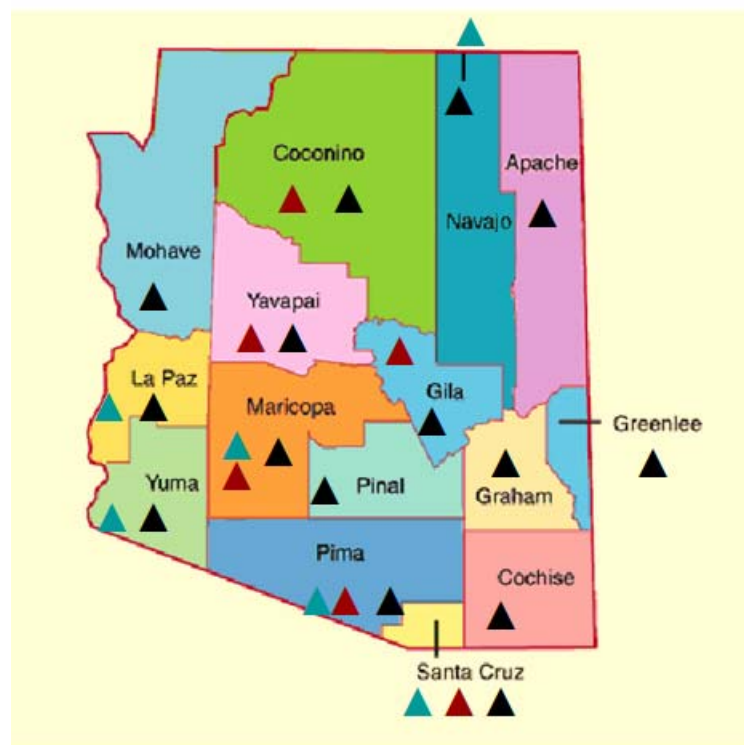


ARIZONA EQUALACCESS LIBRARIES INITIATIVE 2004 – 2007

A three-year multi-dimensional program designed to provide public librarians with tools and techniques to assess and respond to changing community needs.

- ▲ **Cohort 1** included 23 participants from 16 libraries representing 6 counties.
- ▲ **Cohort 2** included 15 participants from 13 libraries in 6 counties.
- ▲ **Cohort 3** included six PALS – Promoting Arizona Library Sustainability – workshops in rural sites reaching 86 librarians from 50+ libraries in 15 counties.



The three-year EqualAccess Initiative provided Arizona librarians and staff with training and resources to partner with community leaders in developing community responsive services to address these huge challenges.

- During the three-year program 159 participants in the EqualAccess program enhanced their ability to assess community needs and reach underserved populations.
- EqualAccess Libraries successfully applied for and received \$1,294,995 in Arizona LSTA Grants during the three-year program.

- Extensive curriculum development between Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 increased the value of the four-workshop institute -- 100% of Cohort 2 participants felt their understanding of the assets and needs tools presented in the program had improved.
- The Arizona State Library leveraged a grant from the WebJunction Rural Library Sustainability program to develop a customized workshop in the third program year. This 1.5 day workshop, called *PALS – Promoting Arizona Library Sustainability*, extended EqualAccess to 86 participants in six rural locations representing all 15 Arizona counties.
- The final Arizona EqualAccess Program, *Arizona EqualAccess in Action: Experts and Practitioners in Lifelong Learning*, drew 35 participants for a one-day seminar and provided previous EqualAccess participants with an update on current resources while exposing new participants to the EqualAccess principles and Access Skills.

Arizona EqualAccess Libraries Three-Year Snapshot

Year	Program	Participants	Libraries	Counties
2004-2005	Cohort 1 Workshops 1 &: Oct. 27-28, 2004 Workshop 3: Jan. 6, 2005 Workshop 4: Feb. 24, 2005	23 Phoenix, AZ	16 Avondale, Chandler, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Glendale (2 branches), Holbrook, Nogales, Maricopa County, Oro Valley, Parker, Phoenix (2 branches), Scottsdale, Tempe, Tucson, Yuma	6 LaPaz, Maricopa, Navajo, Pima, Santa Cruz, Yuma
2005-2006	Cohort 2	15 Phoenix, AZ	13 Buckeye, Cottonwood, Flagstaff, Hayden, Jerome, NW Regional Branch (MCLD*), Patagonia, Phoenix, Scottsdale (2 branches), Tempe, Tucson (2 branches)	6 Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Pima, Santa Cruz, Yavapai
2006	<i>PALS – Promoting Arizona Library Sustainability</i> Aug. 3-4, 2006 Show Low Aug. 10-11, 2006 Sierra Vista Aug. 17-18, 2006 Flagstaff	86	50+ (multiple branches for some) Apache Junction, Arthur Pomeroy, Ash Fork, Bagdad, Black Canyon City, Bonita, Buckeye, Casa Grande, Clifton, Cochise County, Congress, Coolidge, Copper Queen, Cordes	15 (every AZ county) Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Yuma

	<p>Sept. 28-29, 2006 Safford</p> <p>Oct. 5-6, 2006 Parker</p> <p>Oct. 17-18, 2006 Casa Grande</p>		<p>Lakes, Duncan, Flagstaff, Florence, Gila County, Globe, Greenlee County, Holbrook, Huachuca City, Indian Hills, Ira H. Hayes, Isabelle Hunt, Jerome, Mayer, Mohave County, Nogales/Santa Cruz, Oro Valley, Page, Parker, Patagonia, Pima, Pinal County, Quartzsite, Safford City/Graham County, San Carlos, Sedona, Seligman, Show Low, Sierra Vista, Snowflake-Taylor, St. Johns, Superior, Tuba City, Willcox, Winslow, Woodruff, Yavapai County, Yuma County [New York State Library]</p>	
2007	<p>EqualAccess in Action: Experts & Practitioners in Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>35</p> <p>Feb. 6, 2007 Phoenix, AZ</p>	<p>22 (multiple branches for some)</p> <p>Apache Junction, Avondale, Braille & Talking Book, Buckeye, Chandler, Cochise County, Flagstaff, Florence Correctional Center, Maricopa County (2 branches), Oro Valley, Phoenix (6 branches), Pima County, Pinal County, Tempe, U of A College of Medicine [New Mexico State Library]</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cochise, Coconino, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal</p>
<p>Totals* Participants: ~159 Libraries: 100</p>				
<p>*Some participants attended more than one Arizona EqualAccess Libraries program precluding an exact total of unique participants. There are 236 public and tribal library sites in Arizona belong to ~100 organizational units.</p>				