

Library Institute 2008-2009

The Library Development Division of Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records coordinates an annual Library Institute to provide professional development training for library staff who do not have a Master's degree in Library Science and who work in predominantly rural areas of the state. This Institute provides participants with training on a variety of topics related to their work and that increases their job skills and knowledge. The five days spent on the campus of Northern Arizona University provides learning experiences from highly regarded library professionals, including faculty from Arizona colleges, experienced trainers, State Library staff, and fellow participants.

2008-Library Institute

There were 26 participants. Fourteen speakers offered programs on topics including: library foundations, outcome based evaluation, leadership, databases, children's services, communications, readers advisory, circulation, reference interview, constitutional issues, and reference interviews.

2009-Library Institute

Fourteen speakers offered programs on topics including: laws, financing, records management, technology, boards, policies, procedures, personnel, communication, web design, AZ Memory project, planning, facilities, the AZ Library Practitioners Certification Program, and the library program at the University of Arizona. Ten State Library staff members interacted with the participants, assisted with the Institute, and provided information about State Library programs.

Twenty-one participants completed evaluations forms. Twenty agreed to participate in or were already participating in the Certification Program. All speakers received mostly 5s or 6s in a scaled evaluation with 6 being "Very Satisfied."