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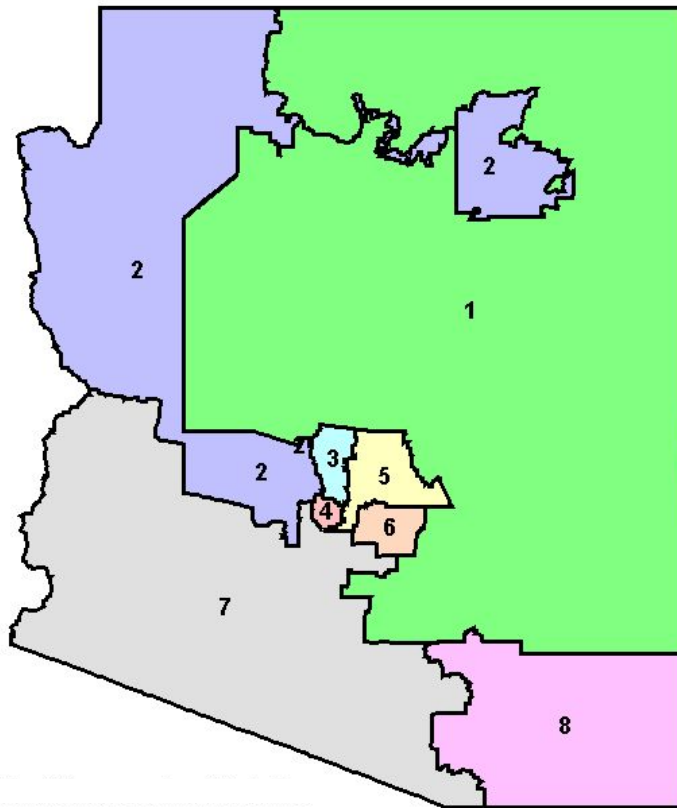
LSTA BENEFITS COMMUNITIES

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

SPRING 2009

LSTA FUNDS BUILD STRONG ARIZONA LIBRARIES

The Library Services and Technology Act, a part of the Institute of Library Services, is the only federal grant program specifically for libraries. The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records administers these funds, providing Arizona with the flexibility to develop innovative programs, to support statewide initiatives, and to reach out to local, urban, rural, academic and tribal libraries in all fifteen Arizona counties.



LSTA GENERATES LOCAL DOLLARS

- ◆ 2008 LSTA Award :
\$3,211,246
- ◆ Matched by state funds:
\$1,831,426
- ◆ And local funds:
\$1,194,051
- ◆ Distributed Across Arizona:
 - Congressional District 1: \$354,174
 - Congressional District 2: \$62,668
 - Congressional District 3: \$188,839
 - Congressional District 4: \$249,892
 - Congressional District 5: \$37,000
 - Congressional District 6: \$99,800
 - Congressional District 7: \$132,404
 - Congressional District 8: \$88,759

LSTA HELPS FUND THESE SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Arizona Memory Project provides virtual access to unique Arizona materials.

Arizona Reading Program supports summer and other reading programs.

AZNET networks public, academic and special libraries to share materials.

Books for Arizona Libraries provides books to libraries.

Building a New Generation of Readers gives libraries resources to help parents.

Arizona PEDALS Project leads the nation in e-government research and application.

Library Institute allows non-degreed library leaders to enhance skills.

OneBookAZ encourages libraries to work together to celebrate reading.

Tribal Library Support helps increase professionalism and build capacity.

EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVES



Even babies participate in library programs.

The Arizona State Library recognizes that children start school with disparities in their academic skills, and focusing primarily on school solutions is too late. The typical middle-class child enters first grade with 1,000 to 1,700 hours of one-on-one picture book reading, whereas a child from a low-income family averages just 25 hours. Almost half of public-aid parents report no alphabet books in the home, in

contrast with only three percent of professional parents .

To address those needs:

- ◆ Building a New Generation of Readers, a statewide early literacy project designed by the Arizona State Library, provides librarians with the tools and materials to teach parents and childcare providers strategies for preparing

children to come to school ready to read.

- ◆ The Arizona State Library supplies libraries with Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library materials that are based on current federally funded research and have been evaluated and found to have significant influence on the early literacy behaviors of parents and childcare providers.

ARIZONA MEMORY PROJECT



ARIZONA
CELEBRATES ITS
CENTENNIAL ON
FEB. 14, 2012.

The Arizona Memory Project is an online effort to provide access to the wealth of unique local information in Arizona libraries, archives, museums and other cultural institutions. This initiative provides the opportunity to view some of the best examples of government documents, photographs, maps, and objects that chronicle Arizona's past and

present.

As a portal to many institutions' collections, the project helps individuals locate materials relevant to their interests and to better appreciate the connections between those materials. The Arizona Memory Project was launched in March 2006 and has been granted the Arizona Centennial 2012 legacy

project designation by the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission. The Arizona Centennial 2012 legacy projects support the Arizona State Centennial Celebration. This project is made possible in part by an LSTA grant to the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.



Two women work on their computer skills as a part of the Pine library's SOLO program.

STATEWIDE ONLINE RESEARCH ACCESS

Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records provides a package of commercial online information databases for Arizonans through their public libraries. These research tools are provided with funding from Maricopa County Library District and Tucson Pima Public Library and Arizona State Library

Archives and Public Records through LSTA Grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The public is encouraged to access the information online through their public libraries. They can also be accessed through the State Library's website.

These online resources

provide easy access to articles from thousands of magazines and journals, as well as encyclopedias, almanacs, and other reference guides.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1 LIBRARIES GROW WITH LSTA

- ◆ Casa Grande Public Library, Library Gaming
- ◆ Casa Grande Public Library, Managing Your Personal Finances
- ◆ East Flagstaff Community Library, Children LOVE
- ◆ Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library, Flagstaff Telephone and City Directories Access and Preservation Project
- ◆ Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library, Branch Out With Your Library
- ◆ Florence Community Library, Hear Your History: An Interpretive
- ◆ Audio Tour of Historic Florence
- ◆ Isabel Hunt Memorial Library, The SOLO (Senior on-Line Opportunity) Program
- ◆ Navajo County Library District, Arizona Centennial on Display at Navajo County
- ◆ Navajo County Library District, Careering or Recareering? - Your Library Can Help!
- ◆ Prescott Valley Public Library, Children's Interactive Materials
- ◆ Show Low Public Library, Express Check Out
- ◆ Snowflake-Taylor Public Library, Portable Computer Lab
- ◆ Superior Public Library, Virtual Access—Mini Laptop Lab
- ◆ Winslow Public Library, The Library as a Sustainable Resource for Information on Going Green
- ◆ Yavapai County Library District, Yavapai Early Literacy Project



Winslow Public Library provides resources and programming on environmental topics.

“We will be able to implement a project that is fairly spectacular in terms of technology that will be readily visible to all people using the library, something that our rural, poorly funded libraries could only have speculated upon without much hope of being able to afford it.”

*Geneva Durkee,
Navajo County
Library District*

FLAGSTAFF LIBRARY HOSTS POSSUM OPRY

Local author Rose Houk reading from her cookbook about Appalachia as a part of the Possum Opry Program. The musicians are Tony Norris and Bill Burke. The program was hosted by the Flagstaff Public Library.



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 BENEFITS FROM LSTA



Computer users at Peoria Public Library.

- ◆ Mohave County Library District, Literacy Collaboration
- ◆ Peoria Public Library, 2008 A Space Odyssey

CHILDREN GROW WITH SUMMER READING

The Arizona Reading Program was originally designed to keep children reading during out-of-school times and thus to retain or improve their reading skills and to develop their use of the library as a foundation for a lifetime of learning. It has expanded to include preschoolers and the family members who read to them. This increases the importance of the project because it helps prepare children to read and succeed in school.

LSTA funding makes the training and materials essential to facilitating this program for all ages available to all libraries in the state so that all children in Arizona can benefit equally from a quality library reading program. Each participating library is encouraged to

adapt the resources and individualize the program based on the needs and assets of its own community.

More than 120 Arizona libraries participated in the Arizona Reading Program in 2008, with almost 100,000 registered participants. Communities supplemented LSTA funding for reading programs in their libraries: \$250,000 was spent from library budgets, more than \$100,000 was donated by Friends organizations, more than \$50,000 came from other partners, and \$680,000 of in-kind donations were made. Almost 20,000 volunteer hours were contributed.

“Without the Talking Book Library program thousands of blind, visually impaired and physically disabled Arizonans would be without book, magazines and newspapers in a format they can read.

*Linda Montgomery,
Arizona State Library,
Archives and Public
Records, Braille and
Talking Book*

PEORIA LIBRARY REMODELS COMPUTER LAB



Teens in the computer lab at Peoria Public Library. The library used LSTA funds to move and enhance the computer lab, as well as rearrange other library resources to better serve the public. Libraries must change and evolve as their communities' use patterns change.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3 LIBRARIES USE LSTA FUNDS

- ◆ Friends of Phoenix Public Library, Books for Arizona Libraries
- ◆ Phoenix Public Library, Azest for the West: A Century of Creating Cultures
- ◆ Phoenix Public Library, 21st Century Learning Center

BRAIN BOXES PROVIDE PARENTING TOOLS

The Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records invested \$75,000 of LSTA funding in Arizona's children by purchasing forty-two sets of Brain Boxes to place in libraries throughout the state. Created by the New Directions Institute for Infant Brain Development, the Brain Boxes contain materials designed to help parents and caregivers to engage in activities with children from birth to five years old that will encourage healthy brain development at each stage of physical growth. The sets of twelve boxes include two for infants, two for babies, two for toddlers, and six for preschool children.

Arizona has a voter-funded initiative, First Things First, which is working with community partners to build a statewide system that grows and sustains a coordinated network of early childhood programs and services. Placing Brain Boxes in libraries aligns with a goal of the Arizona State Library to provide access to public information and to the vision of First Things First that "all Arizona children birth through age five are afforded opportunities to achieve their maximum potential to succeed in school and life."



A student at Phoenix Public Library.

PHOENIX PROVIDES 21ST CENTURY RESOURCES



Phoenix Public Library is developing a media center for teens to experiment and learn with 21st century technology.

“The Non-Profit & Business Conference Center at the Desert Foothills Library is a unique, but obvious addition. The LSTA grant is directly responsible for this concept and its inaugural funding.”

*Kristina Proskus,
Desert Foothills
Library, Cave Creek*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4 LIBRARIES GAIN WITH LSTA

- ◆ Glendale Public Library, Glendale History Online
- ◆ Glendale Public Library, What ELSE (a family literacy program)
- ◆ Glendale Public Library, Self Check Technology
- ◆ Glendale Public Library, Books for AZ Libraries
- ◆ Women's Resource Center, Fresh Start Learning and Literacy Project
- ◆ Phoenix Public Library, Azeit for the West: A Century of Creating Cultures
- ◆ Phoenix Public Library, 21st century Learning Center
- ◆ Friends of Phoenix Public Library, Books for Arizona Libraries

ONEBOOKAZ Inspires Reading

ONEBOOKAZ is a statewide project of the Arizona State Library and its partners to encourage Arizonans to read and discuss the same book during April each year. Programming for 2008 centered on *These is My Words* by Nancy Turner and *Danger in the Desert* by Terri Fields, and included an author tour throughout state; book discussions in libraries, colleges, museums; and incorporation of the books into classroom curriculum in schools.

A website provided tools for the book discussions and access to curriculum materials. Partner funding and in-kind contributions supported additional programs, including a signature event called "Reading the Best: Arizona Celebrates Books and Writers," and a PBS Books

& Company interview with Nancy Turner, and a local theater company that toured the play version of *Danger* in the Desert around the state at 15 venues.

LSTA funding provided the financial support needed to produce the discussion guide and curriculum material for the books, and to pay for the two authors to make personal appearances in Arizona cities to promote reading and discussion of the book. LSTA funding also purchased thousands of books for use the by the hundreds of partners that worked with the Arizona State Library to make ONEBOOKAZ happen.



Moms reading to their children during the Itty Bitty Readers Program at Glendale Public Library.

WHAT ELSE @ YOUR GLENDALE LIBRARY



Eileen Morgan of Taiko Drumming with participants at a library program.

“This grant funding was important to the community because the funds allowed the library to enhance the collections that are important to immigrant populations across the city of all Phoenix Public Libraries.”

*Lupita Barron-Rios,
Phoenix Public Library*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5 LIBRARIES ADD RESOURCES

- ◆ Arizona State University Libraries, “Why Arizona?” The Arizona Migration Digital Library
- ◆ Arizona State University Libraries, Expanding access to Arizona Archives
- ◆ Scottsdale Public Library, Scottsdale Remembers: Recollections of Our Past
- ◆ Scottsdale Public Library, Verbal and visual Literacy

LSTA Supports Centennial Projects in Arizona

Arizona commemorates 100 years of Statehood on February 14, 2012. As the last of the contiguous 48 states admitted to the Union, Arizona and its citizens have a wonderful opportunity to showcase the state’s beauty, history and future. Through locally-initiated and grassroots activities in communities throughout the state, people of all ages will be participating in events in every area of the state that inform, document, present and commemorate Arizona’s Centennial.

The Centennial activities will include major projects that involve community-wide collaboration, to demonstrate the vitality, quality and diversity of Arizona and will contribute to establishing a lasting legacy

into the next century. The projects will enhance the teaching, learning, and writing content. of Arizona’s history with new content.

Arizona’s 2008-2012 LSTA plan includes supporting Centennial projects. These projects address the need for communities to view historic accomplishments in the context of current achievements, while creating collaborative community relationships for future success.

Libraries are especially well-suited to host historic exhibits and sponsor programs, as well as open up access to historic collections through digital imagining and online access.



Scottsdale Charros Meet Gene Autry in this historic photo that Scottsdale Public Library has digitized.

“Students and teachers can find local images and information that support national and international history studies. Those who may have physical difficulties getting to the “brick and mortar” library can now do Scottsdale history research on-line.”

*Leigh Conrad,
Scottsdale Public
Library*

SCOTTSDALE REMEMBERS ITS PAST



Scottsdale Jaycees Jake Jacobsen, Scottsdale Remembers Opening Ceremony at the Scottsdale Public Library

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6 PUTS GRANT MONEY TO WORK



Participants in Chandler's "Literacy Connections" program.

BOOKS FOR AZ LIBRARIES BUILDS COLLECTIONS

The "Books for Arizona Libraries" (BAZL) program provides Arizona's rural public libraries, school libraries, tribal libraries, prison libraries and literacy groups with the opportunity to acquire quality, appropriate books from large library systems' book sales. This allows libraries with limited funds to grow their collection and provide better service to the communities that they serve.

Six large-library organizations provided 13,336 books and 1,080 magazines to 53 rural, tribal, prison, and special libraries. The total cost of materials provided was \$25,791.18. The average cost of materials per library was

\$4,298.53. Each partner organization provided an average of \$2,2382 in additional materials above and beyond the grant funds. The project director for the Friends of the Southeast Regional Library in Gilbert reported that the Friends group had received an older set of large print encyclopedias. "A Special Service employee of the Maricopa High school emailed me and asked if there were any large print books available for a sight challenged student. I told her of the encyclopedias, she picked them up and sent a nice thank you, stating that the student and the teacher were thrilled," the project director wrote.

- ◆ Chandler Public Library, Early Learning Interactive Centers
- ◆ Chandler Public Library, CPL Literacy Connections
- ◆ City of Mesa Public Library, Early Childhood Multimedia Stations
- ◆ City of Mesa Public Library, Sound Tubes
- ◆ Friends of Southeast Regional Library, Books for Arizona Libraries
- ◆ Friends of Chandler Public Library, books for Arizona Libraries

"Over the past few years, Mesa has experienced reductions in staff due to budget reductions but with RFID (which allows for self check-out), the City of Mesa Library is able to redeploy its staff to interact with patrons."

Katie Harvis, City of Mesa Library

LEARNING LAB AT CHANDLER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Students work in the learning laboratory at Chandler Public Library.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7 BENEFITS FROM LSTA FUNDS

- ◆ Pima County Public Library, Active Learning @ the Library
- ◆ Pima County Public Library, Southwest Books of the Year
- ◆ University of Arizona SIRLS, 23 Things
- ◆ University of Arizona SIRLS, SIRLS Cultural Community Assistantships
- ◆ Yuma County Library District, Virtual Access Project
- ◆ Friends of Pima County Public Library, Books for Arizona Libraries

AZNET PROVIDES ARIZONANS WITH BOOKS

Arizona State Library established a statewide network called AZNET for resource sharing. AZNET has 122 members. LSTA funds are used to pay all university and community colleges that lend to Arizona public libraries \$5 for every loan they make. Last year, 11 academic libraries loaned more than 10,000 items to public libraries in Arizona.

With decreasing book and magazine budgets, more and more libraries resort to Interlibrary loans to fulfill the requests of their patrons, especially if they are for research needs. This helps conserve their budgets to meet the priorities of their community.

A number of Arizona libraries have done a strategic plan to help narrow down their focus and buy books, periodicals and magazines based on their priorities. Requests for any other topics are dealt with through interlibrary loans. Federal statistics shows that while Arizona has a low per capita book budget, it has coped well using interlibrary loans.

The State Library encourages rural libraries to be a part of AZNET and assists in retro-conversion of existing catalogs. More than 11.6 million records from Arizona are on the WorldCat.



Men standing in front of store in Pearce in historic photograph from a digitization project.

“Offering basic computer classes in Spanish provided the perfect opportunity to reach out to the Spanish-speaking population to assist them to succeed at implementing new activities such as: assisting their children with homework, applying for jobs, accessing information, and communicating with family back home.”

Cecilia Young, Yuma Public Library District

ACTIVE LEARNING @ THE LIBRARY

With *Fit for Life 50+* programs, our neighborhood libraries become social centers for active living at age 50 and beyond, places where individuals can learn something new, connect with others, nurture artistic abilities and share their talents and wisdom. One such program is the OATS (Outreach Art Tutoring for Seniors) in which the Library partners with the Tucson-based Drawing Studio to provide art classes in branch libraries.



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8 SUPPORTS LITERACY WITH LSTA



Spirea in Patagonia, Patagonia Library's Legacy Garden

- ◆ Douglas Public Library, Connecting Douglas to Computers
- ◆ Elsie S Hogan Community Library, Wilcox Technology for the Future
- ◆ Huachuca City Public Library, HELP Huachuca Encourages Learning Possibilities
- ◆ Patagonia Public Library, Why These Plants: Patagonia library's Legacy Garden
- ◆ Pima County Public Library, Active Learning @ the Library
- ◆ Pima County Public Library, Southwest Books of the Year
- ◆ Friends of the Pima County Public Library, Books for Arizona Libraries

RURAL LIBRARIANS ATTEND ANNUAL INSTITUTE

The Arizona State Library 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 that increases their job skills and knowledge. Five days spent on the campus of the Northern Arizona University provides learning experiences from faculty from Arizona

colleges, experienced trainers, State Library staff, and fellow participants.

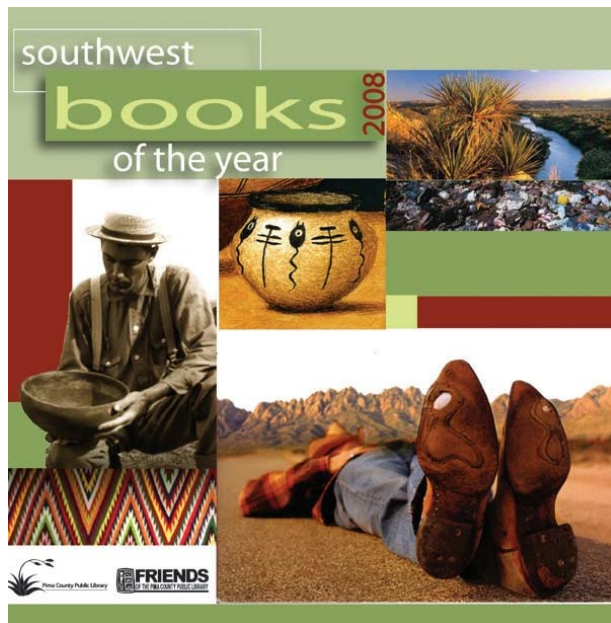
Since 2005, each Institute has addressed two of the six Library Practitioner Core Competencies. Library Practitioner Core Competencies comprise those

knowledge and skill sets required for competent performance as a library director/manager of a small, usually rural, public library. The topics for last year's Institute are "Foundations of Public Library Service" and "Services to the Public."

"Without grants such as this, our library would not be able to provide services like the teen area which we feel is an important addition to our library."

Lisa Lewis, Huachuca City Public Library

SOUTHWEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR



Published annually by Pima County Public Library, *Southwest Books of the Year* is a guide to the year's best reading in Southwest literature, history and culture, selected by a panel of librarians and subject specialists. It is distributed free to libraries throughout Arizona with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

BRaille AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

The Braille and Talking Book Library at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records provides library services for individuals of all ages with various degrees of visual or physical impairments.

The library's mission is to provide books, magazines and other library resources in alternate formats for all Arizona residents whose visual or physical disabilities prevent the use of

conventional print materials.

The Braille and Talking Book Library is primarily supported with state funds, which serve as the match for LSTA funds. Some of the library's services include:

- ◆ Lending Library with over 60,000 recorded titles
- ◆ Loan of special equipment to play the recorded materials

- ◆ Movies with Audio Descriptions
- ◆ Newspapers Read Over the Phone
- ◆ Books and Magazines in Braille
- ◆ Delivery and return by mail



A Braille and Talking Book Library patron listens to a book.

LAW AND RESEARCH LIBRARY

The Law and Research Library Division is the core of the State Library which was established in 1864 as the Territorial Library of Arizona. The Division supports the work of the Arizona Legislature as well as the Executive and Judicial branches of government in Arizona.

The staff of the Law and Research Library provide access to several collections. The Library's Law Collection is the primary legal resource for the Legislature, courts and Arizona state agencies. The Library houses Arizona's regional Federal Depository Collection. The Library is

also a depository for Arizona state agency publications and it houses collections of maps, genealogy resources, and current Arizona newspapers.

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RICHARD CUNNINGHAM MCCORMICK, THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, WAS THE FIRST TERRITORIAL LIBRARIAN AND HE ALSO SERVED AS GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY FROM 1866 TO 1869.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Through the Library Development Division, the Agency takes a leadership role in coordinating statewide planning and development of library services. A staff of professional library consultants works closely with public libraries to help define and meet the wide variety of information needs that exist in the state. Projects include:

- ◆ AZ Center for the Book
- ◆ Arizona Convocation
- ◆ AZ Reading Program
- ◆ Books of AZ Libraries
- ◆ E-Rate Consulting
- ◆ Every Child Ready to Read@Your Library
- ◆ Continuing Education
- ◆ Library Institute
- ◆ LSTA Grants
- ◆ OneBookAZ
- ◆ Public Library Stats
- ◆ Professional Collection
- ◆ SGIA Grants
- ◆ Statewide Databases
- ◆ Tribal Library Consulting
- ◆ WebJunction



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AZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES PROVIDE VALUE

If Arizona library patrons had purchased all of the books, audio books, videos, DVDs, CDs and magazines they enjoyed at their local public libraries in 2008, and paid for internet questions and research, they would have spent more than \$1.2 billion.

The total tax bill: \$29.24 per person.

That's a return on investment of 6.50 for every dollar of local investment.

This does not include the value of children's programs, services to small businesses, computer and technology training, interlibrary loan services, genealogical research, and so much more.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES PLAY A LARGE ROLE IN ARIZONA

Library Visits

Arizonans visited their public libraries 24.6 million times in 2006-07, or more than 2 million times per month.

In comparison, the 2008 total attendance for the Diamondbacks was 2.5 million people; 755,302 for the Phoenix Suns; 607,638 for the Coyotes, and 516,646 for the Arizona Cardinals (2007).

Internet Usage

There are 3,600 computers in public libraries that connect to the internet. Almost 5 million uses were noted in 2006-07.

Books Borrowed

Arizonans borrowed almost 45 million items from their libraries, 7.1 items for each person in the state.

In comparison, the average American attends the movies 6 times each year.

Library Cardholders

There were 3,647,405 registered library cardholders in Arizona 2006-07.

In comparison, 3,070,654 Arizonans had voter registration cards in January, 2009; 2,320,861 voted in November, 2008.

Library Collections

There are 200 public library buildings in Arizona. They hold 9 million books; 560,000 audio materials, and 644,000 videos.

More than 50 rural Arizona communities have no bookstore. There are no bookstores in all of Greenlee and La Paz counties.

