



ARIZONA STATE  
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS

GladysAnn Wells, Director



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Dear Legislative Member,

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

*Library of Congress cites Arizona Memory Project*

The Library of Congress, under their Virtual Programs & Services Resource Guide, cited Library and Archives' Arizona Memory Project as "providing unprecedented access to materials that document local and regional growth and development as well as a look at the cultures and traditions that have made individual states and communities unique." The Guide lists similar resources for all other states, although several states combine their efforts and resources to achieve similar results.

*Excerpts from recent press coverage of Library and Archives*

From the [Arizona Capitol Times](#) , August 22, 2008

**Valley on the cheap – five things you can do for under \$20**

<http://www.azcapitoltimes.com/story.cfm?id=9308>

By Bill Coates

Capitol Museum...showcases the original state Capitol....There are other exhibits, too, including the silver set from the U.S.S. Arizona, stuff from France and a stuffed jaguar. It's a great place to browse on your own. Or you could take the tour. My tour guide, Andy Yates, began with the second floor of the rotunda. We looked down on the large tile mosaic of the state seal. The Ohio company that made it in 1923 apparently didn't bother looking at the specs. Yates says they included only three of the five C's that make up the official seal..... Another favorite stop is the old House Chamber. It has been restored to reflect the time delegates met here to draft Arizona's Constitution.... The calendar reads Oct. 10. The year is 1910. The chairs don't match. It speaks to the accuracy of the historical recreation. The delegates, Yates said, "had to bring their own chairs." It was probably on their invitations: BYOC.

From the [Tucson Citizen](#), 7/24/08.

**Old newspapers saved with \$400K grant**

<http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/daily/local/91785.php>

By Luke Davis

The National Endowment for the Humanities gave the state a \$400,000 grant to digitally catalog historic state newspapers and make them available online. "We have more than 100 titles and 100,000 pages from almost every paper to ever exist in this state during this time period," said Ted Hale, a State Library, Archives and Public Records department spokesman for the project, *Arizona Newspapers: 1880-1912*.... Arizona is one of six states to receive such a grant in 2008. "The Library of Congress has a lack of Western newspapers in its archives, and the federal government thought it was important to help," Hale said.

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From Inside Tucson Business, 8/8/08.

### Historic Arizona Newspapers to be digitized

[http://www.azbiz.com/articles/2008/08/08/media\\_technology/inside\\_media/doc489c91e4e2e94927768981.txt](http://www.azbiz.com/articles/2008/08/08/media_technology/inside_media/doc489c91e4e2e94927768981.txt)

By David Hatfield

Historic Arizona newspapers published from 1880-1912 are being digitized by the Arizona State Library and Archives through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities....The newspapers to be digitized include The Arizonian, a Tubac newspaper that in 1859 was the first published in Arizona (and led editor Sylvester Mowry to a duel after publishing just 20 issues), the Arizona Citizen forerunner of the Tucson Citizen started in 1870, the Sentinel started in Yuma in 1878, the famous Tombstone Epitaph started in 1880, the Arizona Gazette started in Phoenix in 1880, the Arizona Enterprise started in Florence in 1881, the Arizona Champion started in Flagstaff in 1882 and the Prescott Morning Courier, also started in 1882. Once the digitizing project is complete the results will be posted on the Arizona State Library's Arizona Memory Project website -

<http://azmemory.lib.az.us/> - and the Library of Congress' National Digital Newspapers website.

Arizona is the sixth state to have its historic newspapers digitized through the national endowment program.

#### *Braille and Talking Book Library*

In Arizona more than 65,000 visually and physically disabled people are eligible to use services offered by the Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library. These services are offered in conjunction with National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Arizona Friend's of the Braille and Talking Book Library. Letters like these make it all worthwhile.

July 29, 2008

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Attn: Linda Montgomery

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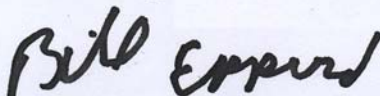
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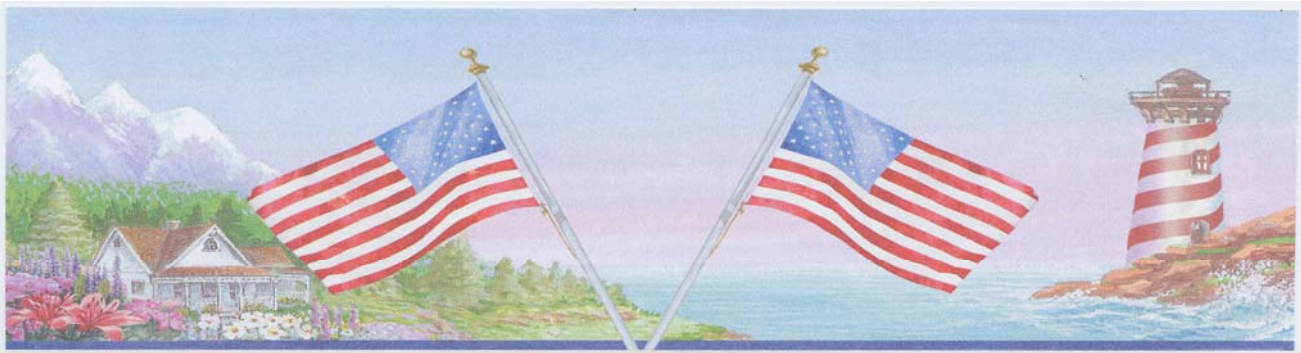
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Dear Linda Montgomery,

Thank you for returning my call the other day. I just wanted to be sure this check goes to the place I hold dear to my heart. The volunteers do a great job for us. I am especially indebted to Mary Jane Hull to "wake me up" to what I have been missing - Henry Hayden my "Librarian" has done a super job in selecting books I enjoy. The repair people & front desk when I had to turn in the cassette players have been so helpful as well.

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God bless you all,

Ruth L. Johnston

P.S. Sorry about the messy address - The stars & label already on it.

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With warm Regards,

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