



ARIZONA STATE
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS

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Dear Legislative Member,

We would like to share some of the recent publicity about the Polly Rosenbaum State Archives and History Building. We hope you will be able to attend the formal dedication January 15th at 9 am.

New Polly Rosenbaum State Archives and History Building covered in Arizona Capitol Times

New home for old records

(excerpts...)



Entrance to the Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building. Photo by Taylor Arrazola

...in the heart of the Archives Building one finds: 1) The Archives themselves, including historical records, photographs and permanent government documents; 2) The map collection, focusing largely on Arizona – from territorial days to the present; 3) The Arizona Collection, which has its origins in the 1864 territorial library. The books and magazines in the current collection range from Arizona history to old county budgets; 4) The Capitol Museum Collection. This pod stores artifacts not currently on exhibit at the Capitol Museum.

...new items thought to be infested are subject to the blast freezer. "This goes down to minus 40" explained State Archives director Melanie Sturgeon. Its death to cockroaches. The freezer is just one of many unique features of the 124,330 square foot building.

There is a reading room, which is open and where the public and archives interface. Its on the second floor, isolated from the building's collections...books, maps or other archives materials are brought in to the room. Cameras let staff view visitors as they handle the materials...laptops and notebooks are allowed. Wireless internet connection is available...

Down the hall is a processing room where staffers sort through new arrivals...Materials awaiting their turn include the papers of the late Polly Rosenbaum, the building's namesake and 46-year-member of the Arizona House. She died in 2003 at age 104...Another room on the second floor houses old projectors and computers that provide access to formats no longer available, including floppy discs. A state of the art server protects digital government information

Nov. 14, 2008. By Bill Coates. Arizona Capitol Times

State Archives and History Building wins award

Southwest Contractor's Best of 2008 Awards

11th Annual Competition Honors Best of Design, Construction

By Scott Blair, Tom McClure, Polly Sapakie and David M. Brown

The Best of 2008 Awards honors outstanding projects throughout the Southwest in a variety of categories, from green building to transportation.

It was another competitive year for Southwest Contractor's annual awards competition, with nearly 650 entries received...

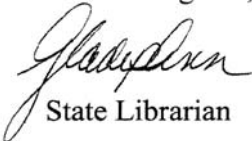
Judging Criteria

Winning projects were chosen on how the following criteria related to the category in which the project was entered: design excellence; quality of construction and workmanship; innovation; contribution to the community at large or the construction industry; and overcoming challenges. In addition, certain categories had other criteria including teamwork, LEED certification, safety and budget.

A panel of judges was assembled in each state and met in September to select the winning projects. The panel included distinguished representatives from architecture firms, general contractors, engineers, developers, subcontractors and suppliers. The Polly Rosenbaum State Archives and History Building was awarded Best Mechanical and Electrical design for 2008.

If you cannot join us on the 15th but would like a tour, please let us know.

With warm regards,



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