



ARIZONA STATE  
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS

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Dear Legislative Member,

I would like to share some good news with you from Library and Archives.

*Nearly \$90 million in Centennial Legacy Projects Statewide*

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission's Centennial plan continues to showcase the state's beauty, history and future. So far, over 40 Centennial Legacy Projects have financially stimulated major initiatives that involve community-wide collaborations. Two recent projects are from the Arizona Historical Foundation. The first is a significant collection of 5,000+ glass plate negatives dating from the 1880's to the 1920's. They offer a fascinating glimpse into Territorial days and the early days of statehood. The second is the Benjamin Sacks Collection. Dr. Sacks created the most extensive annotated bibliography known to exist on the history of Territorial Arizona and the borderlands. His work is considered a masterpiece of historical investigation and exposition. For more information on Arizona's Centennial, please visit: <http://www.azcentennial.gov>.

*Federal Grant awarded for digital project*

A grant from the Library of Congress/National Digital Information and Infrastructure was awarded to Library and Archives for \$550,000. The grant is for a continuation and expansion of the Persistent Digital Archives and Library System (PeDALS) project. The Arizona State Library is building the capabilities to store and provide access to digital government information in all forms, including public records and reports created by state and local governments, as well as personal papers, photographs, and other historical records. The materials may be born digital or may be digitized. For more information on PeDALS, please visit: <http://www.pedalspreservation.org>.

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*Historic Senate Chamber used for Town Hall Meeting*

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PHOENIX - Bankruptcies, like that of the Coyotes, were among the topics covered in depth in a 3 TV Town Hall: "Rebuilding Arizona's Economy."

Held Monday night, May 18, 8:00 pm in the historic Senate Chamber of the state Capitol, 3TV sat down with a panel of experts and heard their ideas on how to turn around our state's economy. To view the program in its entirety, please visit:

<http://www.azfamily.com/video/3tvextra-index.html?nvid=362927>

*Tribal Library Consultant invited to the base of the Grand Canyon*

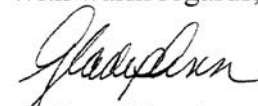
Mary Villegas, Tribal Library Consultant for Library and Archives, was invited by Chairman Watahomigie of the Havasupai Tribe to address their Tribal Council on May 9. The Havasupai Tribe is located at the base of the Grand Canyon. Mary demonstrated the use of databases to find health care resources, addressing an ongoing need of the Tribe. She also demonstrated a number of other websites that can be useful to the Tribe. Accompanying her was Heidi Holland of the Flagstaff Public/Coconino County Libraries.

*Tools for Tough Times*

Library and Archives recently launched a new internet resource for those affected by the recession. *Tools for Tough Times* <http://www.lib.az.us/about/helpinfo.html> is a one-stop site providing links that can help all Arizonans. Included are tools for work, parents, finances, housing, and health. For seniors, special tools include legal services, utility bills, medical services and much more. Also, check your local library for additional resources. For more information, please visit the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records' website at: <http://www.lib.az.us> , call (602) 926-3870, or visit the Tools for Tough Times website:



With warm regards,

  
State Librarian