

2006 ARIZONA LIFELONG LEARNING RESULTS

Bonus Years @ the Carnegie 2006

This program addresses the changing nature of retirement and aging. The Arizona State Library sponsored a discussion series addressing the issues of healthy aging, lifelong learning, re-careering and civic engagement. The series provided information on productive aging and opportunities to discuss the personal and societal impact of the Bonus Years. Resources are shared via the web at <http://www.lib.az.us/carnegie/bonus.cfm>. The monthly series ran Jan – Nov 2006 and hosted 264 attendees. Bonus Years authors also committed to leading an additional program at an area library.

Arizona EqualAccess Libraries – Lifelong Access

Arizona EqualAccess Libraries™ is a professional development program managed by the Arizona State Library in partnership with Libraries for the Future. This training helps librarians fine-tune their library services to stay in sync with the changing needs of the people they serve. In the final year of this three-year initiative, Arizona has added 100 new EqualAccess participants by adapting the EqualAccess training and taking it on the road to rural librarians throughout the state. A total of 138 librarians have attended workshops on tools and techniques for developing community responsive library services with a special focus on services for active older adults. Arizona initiatives are showcased in the national newsletter EqualAccess eUpdate!

<http://data.webjunction.org/ea/documents/14092.html>

Beyond Bingo for Boomers: Public Libraries Fill a Void

Joan Clark, Arizona EqualAccess Libraries Program Manager, and Chris Johnson, National Program Director – Libraries for the Future, led a national webinar that reached 150 librarians when it aired. The webinar continues to highlight Arizona libraries that are transforming into 21st century community centers to meet the changing information and education needs as viewed on a prominent professional website

http://www.sirsidynixinstitute.com/seminar_page.php?sid=68

Next Chapter Librarians in Arizona

Arizona libraries continue to lead the way in defining services for Boomers. Four Arizona libraries are now in the third year of developing programs and places for active older adults. LSTA grants, continuing education and individual consulting have all contributed to these exciting new community initiatives that are showcased nationally via www.civicventures.org which leads the Next Chapter program.

Here are the Arizona Next Chapter libraries and links to their innovative programs for Boomers:

- ▶ Chandler Boomerang <http://www.myboomerang.org/>
The Experience Bank <http://www.myboomerang.org/experience.asp>
is an excellent mechanism for connecting retirees with community volunteer opportunities and vice versa.
- ▶ Glendale [while not an official Next Chapter library, they are listed on the Civic Ventures site]. Here's one of their many programs:
http://www.ci.glendale.az.us/Library/NR_Live_0607.cfm
- ▶ Mesa Life Options <http://www.mesalifeoptions.org>
- ▶ Scottsdale Boomerz <http://www3.sc.maricopa.edu/boomerz>
- ▶ Tempe Connections <http://www.tempeconnections.org>
Stories: <http://www.tempeconnections.org/stories.html>

Arizona Aging and Disability Resource Center Steering Committee (AzADRC)

The Arizona State Library collaborates with other organizations serving active older adults, including Area Agencies on Aging and statewide initiatives such as AzADRC. Joan Clark represents the State Library on this project, which seeks to create a single, coordinated information system to assist persons seeking long term care and related social and financial services.