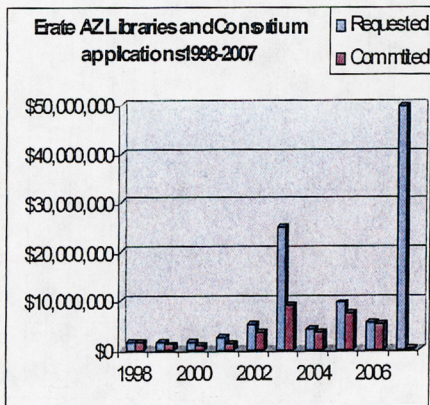


## E-rate Reimbursements for AZ Public Libraries 1998-2007

**E-rate reimbursements for Arizona Libraries:** Arizona Public Libraries apply annually to Universal Service fund to get a reimbursement for the telephone bills, internet, internal connections and maintenance. E-rate has brought back **28 million to AZ** since 1998 in the Public Libraries.

Reimbursement helps rural schools and libraries

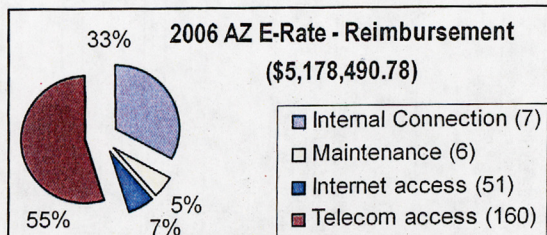
- provide internet access / wireless / computer training labs even when budgets were cut
- hire **tech support staff**
- ease the burden on an already **stretched budget**
- > Most rural areas have
  - low income families who can't afford internet access,
  - children who have to use the facilities in the school or library to do their home-work
  - seniors /travelers /small businessmen
- > Internet access at the libraries helps the community
  - Do job searches, resume writing, home-work, research/ banking; find career and travel information; send e-mails.



AZ Libraries and Consortia including Libraries

	Requested	Committed	
1998	\$1,535,472	\$1,559,567	
1999	\$1,680,975	\$1,111,529	
2000	\$1,458,680	\$874,680	
2001	\$2,569,345	\$1,221,827	
2002	\$5,060,440	\$3,658,316	
2003	\$24,984,381	\$9,150,808	
2004	\$4,200,635	\$3,428,203	No state contracts
2005	\$9,542,539	\$7,313,925	
2006	\$5,590,205	\$5,178,491	Ongoing
2007	\$49,777,221	\$330,937	Ongoing

2006



Figures in brackets indicate number of libraries that benefited

Internal Connection (7)	\$1,714,921.59
Maintenance (6)	\$268,365.60
Internet access (51)	\$356,269.45
Telecom access (160)	\$2,838,934.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,178,490.78</b>

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