

Library Development Division

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Newsflash

Two Property Tax Initiatives that May Affect YOU!

Marc Goldstone, president of Arizona Tax Revolt, is planning a double-barreled constitutional approach to limiting property taxes. One initiative, registered with the Secretary of State earlier this week, will restrict the ability of taxing authorities to increase their respective tax levies. A second initiative, to be filed later is similar to California's Prop 13 and will place restrictions on increases in the valuation of individual property parcels. Goldstone writes that the net effect will put an end to the ability of government to raise taxes without limit. Under the first initiative, taxing entities will be unable to exceed their 2005 tax levy by more than 2% per year. Goldstone says one exception to this restriction has been written into the language of the amendment as a reward for those entities which voluntarily restrict their levies between now and the time the proposed amendment takes effect. If an entity's levy for 2007 and 2008 does not exceed 2%, then instead of reverting to the levy of 2005 as a base, it may use the average levy of tax years 2005 through 2008. Tax specialists point to two other provisions of this proposed amendment: 1) a 2/3 majority of voters at a general election is necessary for an entity to raise its levy, and 2) if 10% of electors in a district sign a petition requesting up to a 20% reduction in the entity's levy.

LDD Project Updates

Have you seen the Arizona Memory Project?

The Arizona Memory Project is growing by leaps and bounds. Just over a year old, the project has over 30 online collections of primary sources related to Arizona's rich culture. Full text searching allows users to explore the collection for government documents, historical artifacts, photos, and even oral histories.

Check out the site and see what you can discover! <http://azmemory.lib.az.us/> Got a collection you'd like to see on the Internet? Contact Richard Prouty at: rprouty@lib.az.us or telephone: 602-926-3367.

State Grants in Aid

Eligible public and tribal libraries should have received State Grant in Aid (SGIA) packets in early August. About \$100,000 in SGIA funds are set aside for construction grants, which require a cash match. If you would like more information on SGIA Construction, contact Laura Stone at lstone@lib.az.us

Tech Plans Are Useful (And Required)!

E-rate folks – please make sure that your Tech Plan is on WebJunction's Tech Atlas and is current and updated. Do send an email to mala@lib.az.us when you are done. If you are not applying for E-rate, Tech Atlas is still a great tool to do a Tech Plan, inventory, assess staff's tech skills, and more. To input plans, visit <http://webjunction.techatlas.org/tools>. Forgot a login or password? Need help? Contact Mala at mala@lib.az.us

Best Practices and Worst Nightmares

Please continue to share your best practices and worst nightmares about maintaining your Public Access Computers at <http://www.maintainitproject.org/> and answer the question of the month at <http://www.maintainitproject.org/question-of-the-month>



New Additions to the Professional Collection

Thanks to Victoria Tafoya, Law and Research Library Division, Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records

Library furnishings: a planning guide

Managing facilities for results: optimizing space for services

The ... national conference on Managing electronic records [electronic resource]: September 23-25, 2002: audio reproductions of all the sessions

State-by-state report on authentication of online legal resources

The whole digital library handbook

Worth their weight: an assessment of the evolving field of library valuation

Americans With Disabilities Act information file: set 2 / COSLA, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies

Double fold: libraries and the assault on paper / Nicholson Baker.

Making book: gambling on the future of our libraries, a white paper / [Jennifer Wilding].

Pen, ink, & evidence : a study of writing and writing materials for the penman, collector, and document detective / Joe Nickell

Your online databases vs. the free Web: how to win the battle.

Learn more about the Professional Collection by visiting

http://www.lib.az.us/statewide/professional_collection.cfm



Continuing Education Events

Certified Public Library Administrator Courses

It's another exciting professional development opportunity! The Arizona State Library is partnering with the Public Library Association in a nationwide program leading to a Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA) certificate. This voluntary program is designed for post-MLS public librarians with at least three years of supervisory experience, but anyone can take a course. The courses are offered all over the country, and two of them will be here in Arizona. **Fundraising** with June Garcia will be held on December 4 & 5, 2007, and George Needham will present **Current Issues** on February 21 & 22, 2008. The Carnegie Center will serve as the course site. LDD will be sending out hundreds of brochures describing CPLA, the courses, and how to register. You can also visit

<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm> for a course listing.

Register at www.lib.az.us/eventreg for the following continuing education opportunities or click on the workshop description. Unless indicated, registration for the following is FREE.

August

Aug 27 -- [Public Library Statistics Workshop](#) Phoenix. Staff members charged with collecting and reporting public library statistics, as well as library directors, will find this workshop at the Carnegie Center helpful. A 9 a.m. session provides an introduction to the process; programs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will focus on what's new with the statistics, and how to use them.

September

Sept 17 – [Danger at the Desk](#) Phoenix. Learn techniques for handling violent episodes with a minimum of anxiety and maximum security. Participants will learn how to 1) control disruptive behavior before it becomes assaultive, 2) spot warning signs that allow for early intervention, and 3) use verbal and nonverbal techniques to avoid confrontations.

Sept 17 & 21 – [Early Literacy for Library Administrators](#) Phoenix. Arizona has a new Early Childhood Development and Health Board under Proposition 203 that will oversee regional efforts to ensure children throughout the state start school healthy and ready to succeed. Library administrators, come learn ways that your library can be part of those regional efforts by supporting parents and caregivers in preparing children to read when they enter school.

Sept 18 – [How to Incorporate Early Literacy Instruction into Existing Programs](#) Phoenix. Saroj Ghoting, Early Childhood Literacy Consultant, will teach and model how librarians can incorporate early literacy instruction for parents and caregivers into storytime and other existing programs. Librarians and their community partners are invited to attend this interactive workshop.

Sept 18 & 19 – [Library Guide to Customer Service](#) Phoenix. Being customer focused is part of “living your mission” and building your library’s brand – both of which help increase positive word-of-mouth marketing, customer loyalty and support. This workshop will help explain the relationship between customer service and the library brand and help you identify your customer market segments.

Sept 20 – [How to Present Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library Workshops](#) Phoenix. Saroj Ghoting, Early Childhood Literacy Consultant, will teach and model how to present PLA's research-based Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library Workshops. Librarians and their community partners are invited to attend this interactive workshop

AMIGOS Face-to-Face Fall classes

Contact the [Amigos](#) office at 800-843-8482 or email Chris Brown at brown@amigos.org for information on registration and on-request policies and fees.

Sept 27 -- Basics of WorldCat Resource Sharing Phoenix Public Library, Burton Barr Central Library, 9 AM to 4 PM

Sept 28 -- WorldCat Resource Sharing Administrative Functionality Phoenix Public Library, Burton Barr Central Library, 9 AM to 4 PM

Oct. 17 – Social Software in Libraries, Pima County Public Library, Santa Rosa Branch, 9 AM to 4 PM

College of DuPage Teleconference

October 26 -- Soaring to Excellence: Finding the Trends that Matter - Get Your Environmental Scan On! [Click here](#) to find out more about the teleconference series made available by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

Continuing Education Scholarships are available to help defray the costs of workshop and conference attendance. It’s not too soon to apply for up to \$1000 to attend AzLA in November or even PLA in March. [Click here to learn more about the scholarships.](#)