

Library Development Division

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First Things First

Remember Proposition 203? Its passage declared that “early learning experiences directly impact a child’s long-term educational success. Research shows that the majority of a child’s brain structure is formed before age three and that the years between birth and kindergarten are when children develop many of their language skills, thought processes, self-confidence, discipline and values.” Those of us who work or have worked in libraries know the important role we play in early childhood development, but there are a lot of people in our communities who are not aware of our services. New details are now available on public forums to be held by the Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board at http://www.azecdh.gov/open_forums.asp Please consider attending the public forum nearest you to speak about the services our community libraries are providing to preschoolers, their families, their teachers, and their care providers. For more information, contact Holly Henley at hhenley@lib.az.us

New Additions to the Professional Collection

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

- Ambient findability
- Archives and Justice: a South African perspective
- Archiving websites: a practical guide for information management professionals
- Beginning XML
- Confronting the crisis in library education [videorecording]
- Dealing with difficult people [videorecording]
- Film preservation : competing definitions of value, use, and practice
- Google book search [videorecording]: its impact on scholarship and libraries
- Information literacy for the 21st century learner [videorecording]: reaching at-risk high school and community college students
- Google and your patrons [videorecording]
- Always a river, sometimes a library [videorecording]
- Serving immigrant populations: a library prototype for diversity [videorecording]
- Library as place [videorecording]: where people want to be
- Library management hot topics [videorecording]: a roundtable discussion with experienced library managers
- Making copyright work for your library [videorecording]
- Managing conservation in museums
- The new OPL sourcebook: a guide for solo and small libraries

- Planning new and remodeled archival facilities
- Prix de West preview.
- Pro BizTalk 2006
- Record keeping in a hybrid environment: managing the creation, use, preservation and disposal of unique information objects in context
- Say Internet and they will come [videorecording]
- Soaring to excellence [videorecording] : you and the internet ; you and technical services ; you and your job: body, mind & spirit

Learn more about the Professional Collection by visiting
http://www.lib.az.us/statewide/professional_collection.cfm



Continuing Education Events

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.](#)

Self-Paced Courses from WebJunction

Visit WebJunction at <http://az.webjunction.org/> and take advantage of a treasure trove of online courses. Registration and enrollment are FREE! Sign up for as many courses as you like and take up a year to complete them. Let us know how important these self-paced learning opportunities are to you by logging in and registering by June 30.

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.

July 17 & 18 – [Designing a New Doorway to Information](#) Lake Havasu & Safford. The Arizona State Library wants your help in envisioning a new model of resource sharing. Stemming from suggestions made at the recent June 14 workshop, two focus groups will be held in the eastern and western parts of the state. Please plan to attend one of these focus groups to help develop an Arizona web portal for resource sharing. Come and share your needs and challenges so that we ensure that every Arizona citizen has equitable access to high quality library services. Lunch will be provided.

July 20 – [Connecting Youth with Local Libraries](#) Safford. Join us for a reprise of an all-day workshop that participants described as “skillfully modeled,” “multi-layered,” and “exciting.” Experience a highly interactive training and be coached by experienced enthusiastic trainers on the methodology and process needed to engage local youth in your library community. You will learn how to reach out to neighborhood youth, how to engage them on a real and respectful level, and receive tools and methodologies to support you on your journey.

July 30 – [Danger at the Desk](#) Flagstaff. Conflicts between public service librarians and disturbed or violent persons are becoming a daily occurrence at large metropolitan libraries and in many other libraries as well. 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.

September – Several early literacy workshops will be held in September. Check out the [Event Registration](#) for details.



LDD Project Updates

Try “Find It In a Library”

The Open WorldCat project makes some of the most popular materials in WorldCat available through Google, Yahoo, Ask.com, alibiris.com and other heavily-used websites. Go to <http://www.worldcat.org/sitesandtips/default.jsp> to see how major search engines can lead users straight to your library.

Have You Sent Records to OCLC?

Attention Amigos general members/selective users! We pay a catalog subscription for you to batchload your catalog updates on an on-going basis. Do let us know if you plan on doing any batchloads before the end of June, 2007. Contact Betsy Howard at behowar@lib.az.us or call 602-542-5841 or (AZ) 800-255-5841

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>