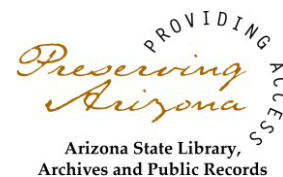




**ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY,
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LSTA 2023 Snapshot



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CAP Grants

Collections and Programming (CAP) grants provide \$4,000 each to help libraries expand their collections for target audiences and increase access to those collections through programming. By increasing their collections and providing equitable, diverse and inclusive resources, libraries are better equipped to serve the needs of underserved groups including at-risk children, the aging population, those facing barriers to library access, and other targeted LSTA priority groups.

The following libraries were awarded CAP grants this year:

Casa Grande Public Library
Flagstaff City -- Coconino County Public Library
Florence Community Library
Navajo County Library District
Peoria Public Library
Prescott Valley Public Library
Safford City-Graham County Library
Scottsdale Public Library
Youngtown Public Library

Staff Development Grants

The Staff Development grants award \$3,000 each to help libraries across the state deliver top-quality training for staff that are unable to attend other trainings offered by the State Library due to time, staff or budget limitations.

The following libraries were awarded Staff Development grants this year:

Douglas Public Library
Scottsdale Public Library

Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Grants

Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending grants award \$4,000 each to help libraries close the digital divide between those with and without Internet access in their communities. Libraries will use the funds to purchase hotspot devices with cell-phone data plans to lend out to community members who can then access the Internet through the device's Wi-Fi.

The following libraries were awarded Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending grants this year:

Casa Grande Public Library
Cochise College Libraries
Douglas Public Library
Eastern Arizona College - Alumni Library
Glendale Community College, John F. Prince Library
Huachuca City Public Library
Page Public Library
Peoria Public Library
Prescott Public Library

Writers in Residence in Libraries Grants

The Writers in Residence program promotes writing in communities by connecting local, professional authors to serve as Writers in Residence at public libraries. Writers in Residence spend time at the library during their residency composing new works and providing education for community members.

The following libraries were awarded Writers in Residence Express Grants this year:

Pima County Public Library
Prescott Valley Public Library

XR in AZ Libraries Grants

XR in AZ Libraries grants award \$4,000 each for the purpose of purchasing or leasing VR headsets and peripherals for inclusion in a STEM-based learning program. These grants increase opportunities for libraries to offer this technology to their community members who otherwise may not have access to this cutting-edge resource.

The following libraries were awarded XR in AZ Libraries Grants this year:

Clifton Public Library
Douglas Public Library
Glendale Public Library
Navajo County Library District
Page Public Library
Peoria Public Library
Pima County Public Library
Tempe Public Library

LSTA General Grants

Reading Enrichment for 1st-5th Grade

Library	Ak-Chin Indian Community Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Melanie Toledo
Award	\$48,778

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to help 1st-5th grade students who live in the Ak-Chin Indian Community in reaching or approaching proficiency with their reading at their grade level. Funds will be used to schedule a Reading Specialist with extensive classroom experience weekly to provide on-site tutoring to children in 1st-5th grades. Community members will benefit because the program is designed to offer reading tutoring one-on-one or small groups, and to assist students with Special Needs.

Original Cataloging of Indigenous Materials held at the Arizona State Museum Library & Archives

Library	Arizona State Museum Library and Archives
Grant Category	Information Preservation & Access
Project Contact	Molly Stothert-Maurer
Award	\$58,032

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to expand access to materials related to the Indigenous peoples of Arizona, the greater Southwest of the United States and northwestern Mexico by addressing a backlog of original cataloging, updating subject headings, and improving name authority work. Funds will be used to hire a part-time Cataloger. Community members will benefit because important historical materials and holdings at the Arizona State Museum Library & Archives will be findable through the online public access catalog and through WorldCat, a global catalog of library material.

Summer Cubing Mosaics

Library	Camp Verde Community Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Zachary Garcia
Award	\$3,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to promote critical thinking and problem solving through artistic expression and analytical puzzle solving. Participants will use kits to create mosaics with Rubik's Cubes, which will then be displayed in the library and local businesses in Camp Verde.

Talk, Jump, and Play Hour with Ms. Letty

Library	Camp Verde Community Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Leticia Ancira
Award	\$5,500

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide play equipment and informal educational tools for children ages, 3-8 and children on the spectrum, and to assist with the development of children's social skills, communications skills, and joint-muscle development. Funds will be used to purchase play equipment and other informal educational materials. Community members will benefit because Camp Verde Community Library would be addressing a need that exists in the Town of Camp Verde.

Chandler StoryWalk® 2.0

Library	Chandler Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Debe Moreno
Award	\$9,500

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to expand a successful StoryWalk® initiative to new audiences by significantly increasing the scope of the project. This new goal will extend existing StoryWalk® offerings to more age groups at additional city parks, library programs, and outreach events including the introduction of StoryWalk® Kits into Chandler area schools. Funds will be used to purchase accessibility iPads, outdoor signs and supplies, easels for indoor StoryWalks®, portfolios for transporting StoryWalk® Kits as well as books, printing, and laminating services to create StoryWalk® pages, promotional materials, and surveys. Community members will benefit by building a healthy community of readers enjoying the advantages of reading together with physical activity.

Digitizing Cochise College Archives' Bound and Unbound Newspaper

Library	Cochise College Libraries
Grant Category	Information Preservation & Access
Project Contact	Karly Scarbrough
Award	\$18,585

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to increase access to the Cochise College student newspaper collection and prevent further deterioration of archival materials. Funds will be used to purchase a Bookeye 5V2 Pro Book Scanner to digitize fragile bound and unbound newspapers and upload them to the Arizona Memory Project. Community members will benefit because they can easily access historical Cochise College student newspapers and learn about the success of diverse students attending college along the United States and Mexico border.

Teen Zone

Library	Eloy Santa Cruz Library
Grant Category	Inclusive Communities
Project Contact	Vivianna Flores
Award	\$61,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to establish a teen space in the library and enhance library services to meet the needs of teens of today and tomorrow. The funds received from this grant will be used for the purpose of creating a safe and educational environment for teenagers in the Eloy community so that they can learn and grow.

Force of Nature: When Gardens and Citizen Science Collide!

Library	Florence Community Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Lisa Lewis
Award	\$23,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to create a Citizen Science and gardening program at the Florence Community Library. Funds will be used to purchase Citizen Science kits for circulation, create a seed library, purchase items for the Library of Things, and to create programming specific to environment, health, and wellness. Community members will benefit because they will be provided opportunities to learn the importance of becoming involved in ongoing research geared towards environmental issues, learn about sustainability, growing fresh vegetables, preservation, and how that contributes to better overall health and wellness.

Full STEAM Ahead @ GPL

Library	Glendale Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Natalie Menges
Award	\$25,000

Project Summary

With this grant, the Library plans to expand offerings by creating staff and outside presenter led, hands-on STEAM and Maker workshops. These resources will enable the Library to provide high-quality, interactive programming that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration for all ages. By prioritizing STEAM and Maker programming, staff aims to promote equity and expand opportunities for community members to explore their passions and develop new skills in a safe and welcoming environment.

Heroes StoryWalk® @ the Lake

Library	Glendale Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Natalie Menges
Award	\$7,630

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to put a StoryWalk® in Heroes Regional Park Lake which neighbors Heroes Regional Park Library. Funds will be used to purchase all materials needed to create the Heroes Lake StoryWalk®. Community members will benefit because StoryWalks® are fun, educational activities that promote reading and early literacy. The physical movement/actions that accompany the story promote physical activity, all while experiencing the joy of reading in an unconventional setting while utilizing a city park's facility.

Xeriscape Garden StoryWalk® @ Main

Library Glendale Public Library
Grant Category Informal Education
Project Contact Merideth Jenson-Benjamin
Award \$7,630

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to establish a permanent StoryWalk® in the Xeriscape Garden surrounding the Glendale Main Library. Funds will be used to purchase all the necessary materials. StoryWalk® provides an entertaining and educational activity that supports early literacy and reading skills. The added physical activity required to complete the StoryWalk® creates a healthy, engaging element to the reading experience while utilizing the existing resources of the Xeriscape Garden. Community members, particularly children, will benefit from this project because it provides a unique opportunity to explore the joys of reading in an unconventional setting.

E-Content Expansion FREEGAL

Library Greenlee County Library System
Grant Category Information Preservation & Access
Project Contact Karen Soohy
Award \$2,150

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to add Freegal Music to the library system's e-resources options. Funds will be used to purchase, promote, train staff on use, and update the library website to accommodate this e-resource. Community members will benefit because this e-resource will give patrons a free option to listen to and download online music.

Enjoy the STREAM at the Libraries

Library Greenlee County Library System
Grant Category Inclusive Communities
Project Contact Karen Soohy
Award \$13,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to bring Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STREAM) presenters to Greenlee County to expand the opportunities for family time and informal education. Community members will benefit through new knowledge gained from outside presenters who rarely come to this rural area.

Pages for the Ages

Library	Greenlee County Library System
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Karen Soohy
Award	\$17,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to encourage young writers and artists to explore their literary talents to write and illustrate stories and poetry. Funds will be used to hire consultants, and to purchase book binding supplies. Community members will benefit because the new bound books completed by the young writers will be placed into a special collection for checkout at the Greenlee County public libraries and this will also encourage local young writers to continue to use their talents and improved skills in the future.

Leffingwell Park Storyteller

Library	Huachuca City Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Stephanie Fulton
Award	\$13,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to promote and encourage family reading readiness outside of the library, as well as promoting physical exercise by allowing families to participate together in an engaging, inclusive, free, and fun activity in Huachuca City's new and updated park facilities. Funds will be used to purchase materials, display units and other supplies needed to create, install, and promote a story walk-along in Leffingwell Park. Community members will benefit because the story walk-along will encourage family reading and promote physical activity by allowing literacy skills to develop in a fun and non-traditional community outdoor space.

Let's Eat!

Library	Mesa Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Jeffrey Stoffer
Award	\$27,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to create accessibility and give patrons the ability to improve their health and wellbeing. Funds will be used to purchase culinary tools that can then be used to teach basic cooking and improve health and financial literacies. Community members will benefit because they will be introduced to small budget purchasing that gives back filling, nutritious, and delicious meals. On top of financial literacy, basic cooking lessons will provide a chance at family bonding in the home, and the culinary world will be a whole new place to explore.

A to Z Kids Life Skills

Library	Page Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Debbie Winlock
Award	\$7,500

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to help children learn basic life skills. Children who are well-acquainted with these skills will be able to make better decisions, meet day-to-day challenges, and handle situations better in the absence of parents/caregivers. Funds will be used to purchase equipment, tools and for programing supplies and kits.

Improving Teen and Child Literacy

Library	Patagonia Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Kayla Miller
Award	\$10,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide both a safe place for kids and teens to go and tutoring and homework help for any academic problems they may have. Funds will be used to create a comfortable, welcoming place for teens to go after school, supplies for their academic success, such as computers with internet access, school supplies, and an after-school tutor to attend to any tutoring or homework help kids may need.

The Music Garden at Sunrise Mountain Library

Library	Peoria Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Kathie Jackson
Award	\$27,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to support the development of the community's literacy skills and to expand their knowledge of basic music concepts. The Library will provide a space on the children's patio for parents/caregivers to interact with their children while learning what can be expressed and achieved through music. Funds will be used to purchase the music instruments for the children's patio, instruments for storytimes, and fees for local guest musicians/ instructors. Community members will benefit because it gives them access to an interactive music learning space, allowing for social connections, innovation, education, recreation, and relaxation for all music makers.

Preserving the Town of Prescott Valley's History

Library	Prescott Valley Public Library
Grant Category	Information Preservation & Access
Project Contact	Michele Hjorting
Award	\$51,000

Project Summary

The project goal is to archive, preserve, digitize, and make widely accessible the Prescott Valley Historical Society's collection of historical and cultural documents, photographs, and other memorabilia relating to the history of the Town of Prescott Valley. Funds will be used to purchase a document scanner, a new computer and storage, adjacent furniture, document and photographic preservation materials, and supplies. Funds will also be used to hire two library assistants. Community members, researchers, and educators will benefit by having greater access to a digitized local history collection.

Tween YOUiversity

Library	Prescott Valley Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Michelle Gohr
Award	\$52,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide educational equity through connected learning opportunities for tweens of Prescott Valley. This will be accomplished by offering free STEAM programs/camps and building a new informal learning area in collaboration with local colleges and universities. Funds will be used to hire qualified program instructors for programs and purchase collection materials, supplies, and furniture for the learning space.

Enhanced Adult Services

Library	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Melissa Rave
Award	\$47,000

Project Summary

The Salt River Tribal Library aims to provide informal education opportunities to adults/seniors in the community. Funds will be allocated for purchase of new tech equipment and furniture as part of the "Mobile Makerspace". Arizona State Library resources that are already available, such as Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center, will be leveraged. Community members will benefit from a focused and dedicated part-time staff member for outreach, and instructors to address the digital/technology literacy desires of the community members.

Family Literacy Connections

Library	Scottsdale Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Jennifer Wong-Ortiz
Award	\$14,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to bring library services to families experiencing homelessness. Funds will be used to purchase books for children to keep after they have transitioned into permanent housing, a birthday book for children in the graduate program, books for a lending library, and activity kits to be used during monthly outreach visits to the shelters. Community members will benefit because they will receive access to library services and materials that they might not otherwise have the means to access.

Maker, Taker, Baker Science

Library	Show Low Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Tamera Norwood
Award	\$22,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide STEM-related learning opportunities for seniors, adults and youth in a rural community. Funds will be used to enhance the library's maker space; purchase adaptive technologies and hire instructors to offer basic computer skills to the senior population; and create a food science program that also ties into the library's seed library and healthy living program. Community members will benefit from these added programs because each target audience will learn new skills to encourage greater self-sufficiency, solve a current need, or prompt further exploration.

Code Club

Library	Tempe Public Library
Grant Category	Informal Education
Project Contact	Alicia Hancock
Award	\$15,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to add more available options for participants to learn coding. Funds will be used to purchase new materials and equipment that will facilitate learning to code. Community members will benefit because the Library will have a better variety of materials that will allow students to learn how to code in their own learning styles, and it will open up additional spaces in the code club program, allowing even more students to attend and learn coding.

BARC (Bibliographic and Authority Record Clean-up)

Library Yavapai County Free Library District
Grant Category Information Preservation & Access
Project Contact Karie Straube
Award \$32,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to clean up the bibliographic and authority records of the Yavapai Library Network (YLN) catalog. Funds will be used to do a one-time backfile processing of the existing database as well as a one-time bibliographic record deduplication process. Community members will benefit because the catalog will be much more streamlined, with updated authority records.

STEAM on the Go

Library Yuma County Library District
Grant Category Informal Education
Project Contact Brenda Cervantes
Award \$46,000

Project Summary

The goal of the project is to increase access to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) opportunities by creating and implementing STEAM learning experiences for a diverse community. Funds will be used to purchase items to create a variety of kits for families to engage in hands-on STEAM projects and kits geared toward children and their caregivers to first-rate resources for early literacy. Community members will benefit because they will have access to engaging and challenging STEAM projects, and young children will have access to high-quality early learning materials.