

Federal Funding for Libraries in Arizona CD3

The Phoenix Public Library in CD 3 supported its community members with improved access to information and learning opportunities for people of all ages.

With a \$37,000 LSTA grant, Phoenix Public Library hired staff and purchased equipment to digitize thousands of items, including 2500 vintage postcards.



Visit the Susan Arreola Postcard Collection on the Arizona Memory Project: azmemory.azlibrary.gov

The Phoenix Public Library also participated in an LSTA-funded statewide econtent project. As one staff member commented: *“We are so thankful for the Digital Discovery project because it allowed us to purchase ebooks and audiobooks we wouldn’t have been able to purchase otherwise. eMedia is so popular! It’s great to have more for our customers.”*

LSTA & ARPA Across Arizona

The Arizona State Library, a division of the Secretary of State, received \$10,770,125.00 in federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) during FFYs 2021 and 2022.

About 25% of the funds were awarded as 194 subgrants to 103 library systems. These subgrants allow libraries of all types across the state to apply federal funding to their unique community situations.

The funds were used to provide services such as **lending hotspots** to community members without home internet; **teaching digital skills** to people of all ages; and offering **workforce development** resources.

The remaining funds were used for statewide projects including:

- Purchasing electronic resources, including ebooks and ezines;
- Setting up two-person privacy rooms for teleservices;
- Hiring Digital Navigators to assist with basic computer skills training, technology troubleshooting, and online information needs; and
- Distributing STEM kits to enhance informal learning for children.

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