

Arizona Library Association (AzLA)

Arizona Library Association (AzLA) began in 1926, when Estelle Lutrell and State Librarian Con Cronin recognized the need for a strong association of librarians to improve Arizona libraries. The mission of the fledgling group was to "look after the general welfare of library work and workers in Arizona, to advance the education advantages of the state through libraries, and to promote general interest in library extension [traveling libraries]." From a beginning of 23 members, AzLA has grown to approximately 1,000 strong. Since its establishment, the Association's basic mission has remained the same: to promote and improve library service and librarianship in Arizona.

A web exhibit features the story of early Arizona librarian and AzLA founder, Estelle Lutrell. SIRLS student Raymond E. Six developed the exhibit.

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