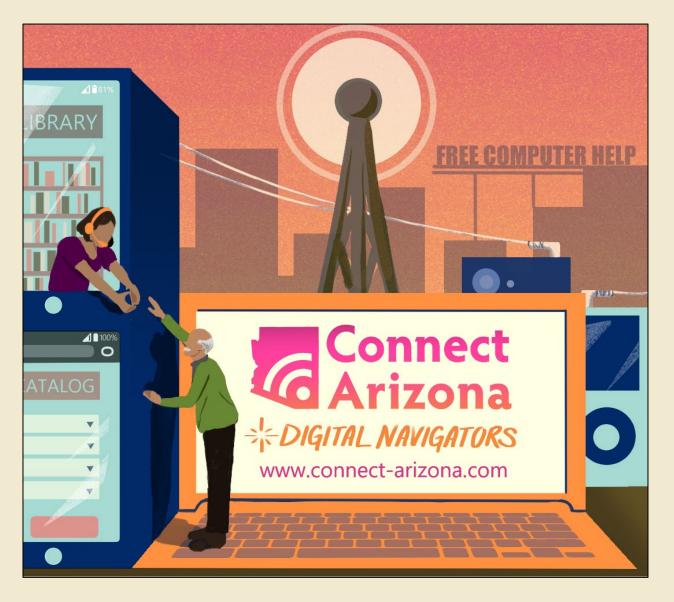


Preserving &
Arizona State Library,
Archives, & Public Records





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#### **Our Vision**

A connected Arizona where all communities have access to the internet, the devices needed to use it, and the tech confidence and competence to thrive online.

#### **Our Mission**

# To connect Arizonans with information resources

affordable home internet access, personal devices, and local tech training & support

# To inspire digital empowerment in Arizona via Digital Navigators

free library service for individuals to develop digital and web literacy skills, find internet service, get technical assistance, and become confident users of technology



### We've come a long way...



Born of necessity

Wi-Fi = Survival

Amplified and informed by partners

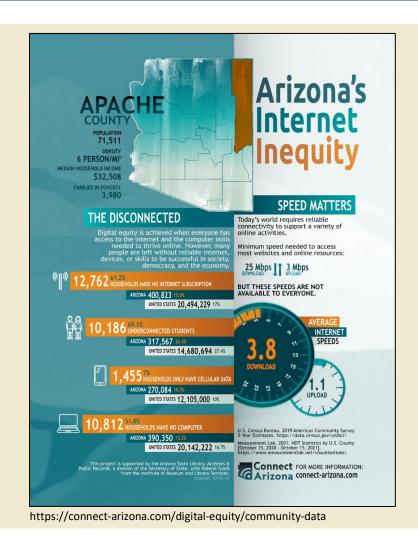






Connect Arizona homepage (Aug 2020)

#### Our Resources









### **Our Reach**



40,000+

Website visits

8,700 EBB/ACP page views

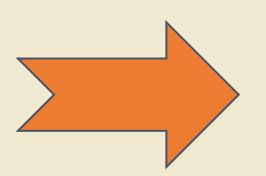
380,000+

Public Wi-Fi map views **1,960** locations

Connect Arizona homepage (June 2022)

## Our Digital Navigator Model







### **Digital Navigators**

#### Supporting all digital inclusion needs

- Info on affordable internet plans & devices
- One-on-one support
- Digital skills to meet individual needs
- Tech troubleshooting

#### **Supporting communities**

- Research & data gathering
- Creating resources to share locally







## Our Impact

2,263

Tickets supported (and counting!)

40 calls/week

28 mins avg. call length

35%

Repeat callers





"Very gracious help. I appreciate the patience and all the effort of the Connect Arizona staff. I don't feel very comfortable with phones and computers, but I know I can get assistance with you and that you'll work through things with me. It's very comforting to know there's somebody out there to help."

# Jane

Lifelong learner. Through sessions and guidance with our navigators she has been able to get back into her Chromebook, fix issues with her smartphone and learn Zoom.



"I heard about EBB and didn't know where to look. Going through some of these sites can be a real jungle. Really appreciate the help from Connect Arizona. They got me to the exact site I needed to apply on and gave me helpful information on if I qualified and what I needed for documents. Also good information on my Internet provider and the best deal with them.

This program really had my back!"

# Sally

Student. Through sessions and guidance with our navigators she was able to successfully apply for the Emergency Broadband

Benefit.

## Bridging the Gap







#### Vital components

- Trusted, impartial local support
- Partnerships & collaboration at all levels



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