



TITLE: Literacy Connects collection

DATE RANGE: 1961-2017 (bulk 1996-2017)

CALL NUMBER: MS 1529

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 10 boxes (6 linear ft)

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Literacy Connects is a nonprofit organization founded in 2011 to promote literacy in the greater Tucson area. It formed through the merger of five organizations: Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, the Literacy for Life Coalition, Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona, Reading Seed, and Stories that Soar.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains material pertaining to Literacy Connects and its founding organizations. Especially well represented among the latter are the Literacy for Life Coalition (2009-2011) (formerly the Tucson Area Literacy Coalition [1983-2009]) and Literacy Volunteers of Tucson (1999-2011), as well as its precursors, Tucson Adult Literacy Volunteers (1961-1999) and Literacy Volunteers of Pima County (1979-1999).

- Tucson Adult Literacy Volunteers binder contains records, bylaws & meeting minutes.
- The Literacy for Life Coalition/Tucson Area Literacy Coalition (LLC/TALC) folders contain internal records such as bylaws, meeting minutes, and grant applications and contracts that describe teaching materials, funding sources, and the operations of partner organizations, including Literacy Volunteers of Pima County and Tucson Adult Literacy Volunteers. Other items document communications among coalition leadership and teams devoted to various projects. There is a gap in LLC/TALC records from 1999-2007.

- The “Organizational documents” folders contain short historical accounts of the organizations and miscellaneous records collected by the organizers.
- Material for other organizations, most notably Literacy Connects, consists almost entirely of news clippings, newsletters, and fundraising mailings.

The collection also includes photographs, two scrapbooks, and one photo album. The majority of the photographs are from Literacy Volunteers of Tucson events from the late 1990s and early 2000s. Other photographs depict awards ceremonies, events, and interactions between teachers and students. The first scrapbook contains clippings, photographs, and ephemera regarding the founder of Tucson Adult Literacy Volunteers, Betty G. Frey. The second scrapbook contains clippings, photographs, and ephemera regarding Literacy Volunteers of Tucson and its precursors. The photo album covers construction of the Literacy Volunteers of Tucson building.

SUBJECT TERMS: Education -- Arizona; Literacy programs -- Arizona -- Tucson; Social service -- Arizona -- Tucson

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Tucson Adult Literacy Volunteers binder	1969-1994; bulk 1969-1970
	2	Literacy Volunteers of Pima County binder: clippings	1991-1992
	3	Literacy Volunteers of Pima County binder: clippings	1992-1997
2	1	Literacy for Life Coalition binder	1987-2009; bulk 2006-2008
	2	Tucson Area Literacy Coalition (1 of 2)	1996-1998
	3	Tucson Area Literacy Coalition (2 of 2)	1996-1998
3	1	Literacy for Life Coalition Literacy Leadership Council	2007-2008
	2	Literacy for Life Coalition minutes and strategy documents	2008-2009
	3	Literacy for Life Coalition Workplace Committee	2009
	4	Literacy for Life Coalition Neighborhood Project	2009
	5	Literacy for Life Coalition Steering Committee	2009-2010
	6	Literacy for Life Coalition Capacity Building Team	2009-2010
	7	Literacy for Life Coalition Awareness and Advocacy Team	2009-2011
4	1	Literacy for Life Coalition Executive Director Search	2010
	2	Literacy for Life Coalition Executive Committee and Board	2010-2011
	3	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson clippings	1998-2008
	4	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson clippings	2009-2012
	5	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson newsletters and mailings	1999-2004
5	1	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson newsletters and mailings	2005-2006
	2	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson promotional material	2005-2009
	3	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson newsletters and mailings	2007-2008
	4	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson newsletters and mailings	2009-2010
	5	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson re AZ adult education legislation	circa 2010

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
	6	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson newsletters and mailings	2011-2012
	7	Reading Seed clippings	2004-2008
6	1	Reading Seed publicity materials	2004-2011
	2	Reading Seed newsletters	2005-2010
	3	Literacy Connects promotional material	2010-2016
	4	Literacy Connects Stories that Soar promotional material	2010-2016
	5	Literacy Connects Reading Seed and Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona promotional material	2010-2014
	6	Literacy Connects clippings	2012-2017
7	1	Literacy Connects Arizona Daily Star series on child poverty and Reading Seed recruitment	2013
	2	Literacy Connects advertisements	2014-2016
	3	Literacy Connects Big Read Connects Tucson	2015-2016
	4	Literacy Connects awards and outreach from other orgs	2016-2017
	5	Clippings	1984-1999
	6	Organizational documents ca. 1960s	undated
	7	Organizational documents ca. 1970s	undated
	8	Organizational documents ca. 1980s	undated
	9	Organizational documents ca. 1990s	undated
	10	Organizational documents ca. 2000s	undated
	11	Tucson Laubach Literacy Council photos	1961
	12	Reading Day photos	1998
8	1	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson dinner photos	1999
	2	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson second annual dinner photos	2000
	3	Gift wrapping and Niki's graduation lunch photos	2000
	4	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson dinner photos	2001
	5	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson open house photos	2001
	6	Literacy Volunteers of Tucson thank-yous	2001
	7	Annual meeting, student recognition photos	2003
	8	Pearl's class photos	2003(?)
	9	Miscellaneous photos (1 of 2)	ca. 1978-2011; bulk 1994-2001
	10	Miscellaneous photos (2 of 2)	ca. 1978-2011; bulk 1994-2001
	11	ESL-O slides	undated
	12	Photos and miscellaneous material on discs	ca. 2001-2012
9		White scrapbook [includes folders of loose materials]	1946-2000; bulk 1998-2000
		Brown scrapbook	1962-2011; bulk 1994-2011
10		Photo album	1999-2001