

Engaging, Educating, and Empowering: Developing Community-Driven Archival Collections

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Chicano/a Research Collection



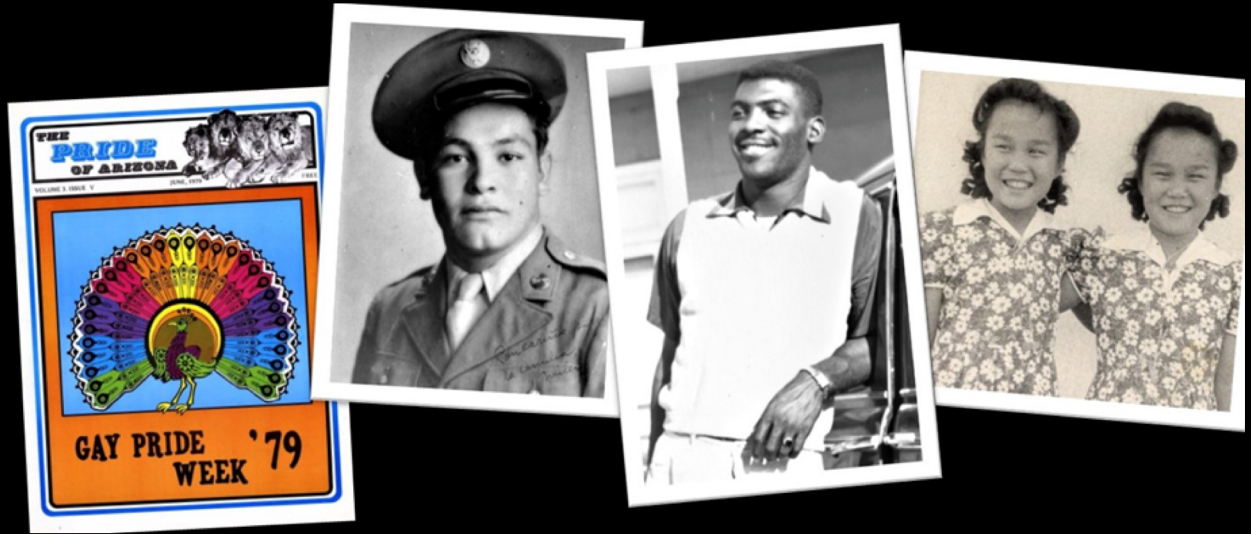
- Largest Latino archive in AZ. We preserve **primary** and **secondary** resources.
- Established in 1970 by Dr. Christine Marin during the Chicano/a Movement.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Archives



- (2015) Processed **Bj Bud Memorial Archives** (largest LGBT collection in AZ).
- Co-established the **Arizona LGBT+ History Project**.

Arizona Archives Matrix Project (2012)



Latinos, African Americans, Asian Americans, and the LGBT community make up over 42% of Arizona's population but are only represented in 0-2% of known archival collections.



- Can trace their roots in AZ to 1700's (before statehood).
- Helped build AZ's economy (mines, fields, and cattle industry).
- Make up 30.9% of AZ (6th largest Latino community in US).



- African Americans and Asian Americans worked with Latinos in mines and fields since **early 1800s**.
- They played an important role in AZ's social justice history. African Americans **desegregated Phoenix schools in 1950's**. The LGBT community has organized and protested in order to **overcome homophobia and obtain equality since 1970s**.

Historically marginalized communities have been dehumanized.



**No Arizonan
should be
DISCRIMINATED
against because
they're gay.**



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Create an atmosphere that educates and empowers individuals by **promoting equal ownership** of archives and **shared stewardship responsibilities**.

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- Build community-engaged partnerships
- Co-develop community-driven collections
 - Archives & Preservation Workshops
 - Scanning & Oral History Days

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- Provide online access to collections
 - Bj Bud Memorial Archives
 - Alianza Hispano Americana Records
 - League of United Latin American Citizens Collection
 - Maricopa County Organizing Project (MCOP) Records
- Create toolkit others can use

How are we measuring success of project?

Maritza Miranda

Donor & Community Activist

- Relationships we build
- People who attend workshops
- Collections donated
- Visits to ASU Digital Repository



Archives & Preservation Workshop



1) Appraise

Archives & Preservation Workshop



1971

Jonathan Godoy
Juliana Godoy
Luis Godoy

Afuera de casa
my contentos
con el mi hijo
Luis de
6 MESES

2) Arrange & Describe

Archives & Preservation Workshop



3) Preserve - Archive Starter Kits

Scanning and Oral History Days

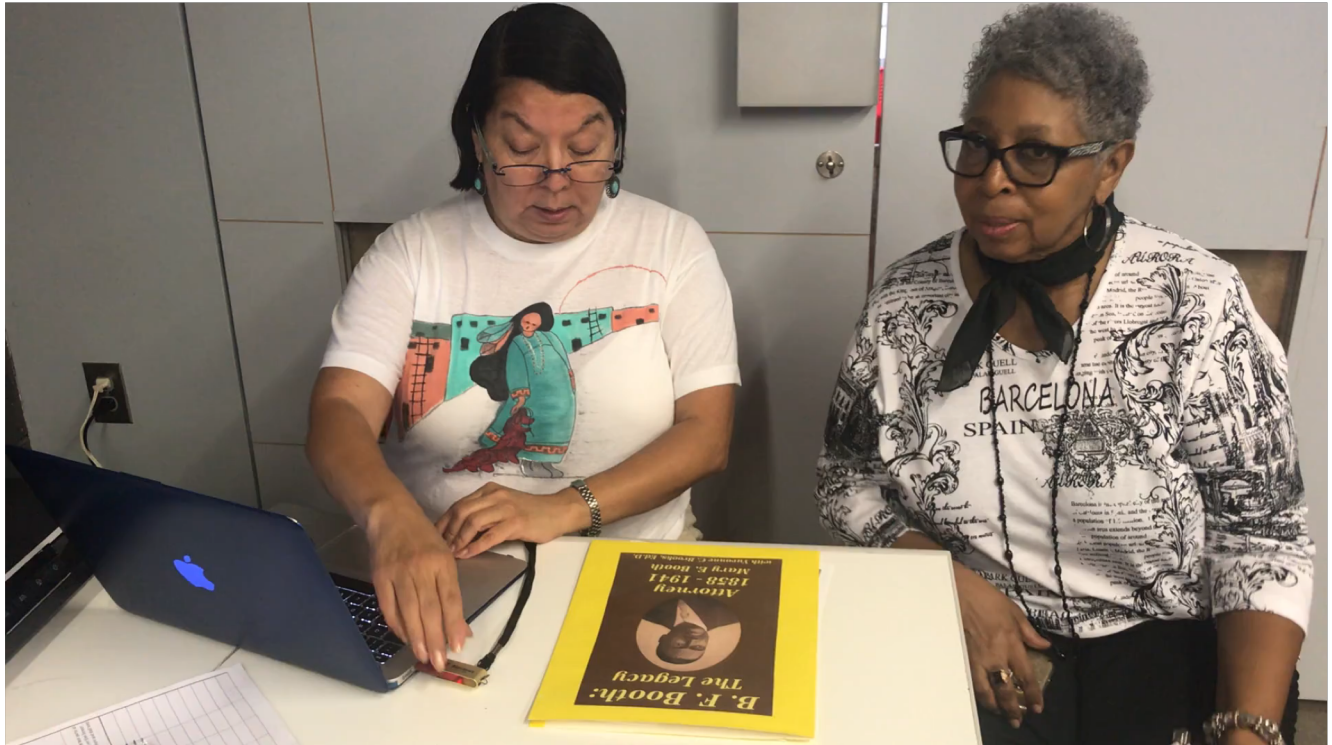


People learn how to **scan archival material** or **conduct an oral history interview** with Story Center Listening Stations.

Scanning and Oral History Days

Irma Payan

Community Archivist & Retired Teacher



Future of Archives in Arizona



“Reimagine the archive not as a static repository but as an **active site of knowledge production that could realize the emancipatory potential of its central subject” Dr. Maria Cotera**