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Hands-On Literacy Workshops for You!

Out-of-school time programs are a great place to help youth build their reading and writing skills through fun hands-on games and activities!

Join **Alice Patterson**, Literacy
Coach and Educator, in
"Hands-On Literacy"

as she guides you through a
variety of low-cost, engaging
literacy activities that kids love!



This session will give you knowledge and skills to implement successful literacy activities in your program, strategies for creating parental support and reinforcement for your literacy programming, and resources for finding and creating your own activities!

Register now for a session, space is limited!

Tucson: **Wednesday, April 6th** 9:15a-12:15p
@ Donna Liggins Rec Center

Glendale: **Wednesday, April 20th** 9:15a-12:15p
@ Foothills Rec Center

Tempe: **Wednesday, April 27th** 9:15a-12:15p
@ Tempe Elementary School District

[Register for this PD Opportunity now!](#)

Parents are Searching for Summer Programs!

Is your program up-to-date on our
Program Directory? [Log in](#)
or [Sign up as a New Provider](#) to
reach more youth and families in



Photography Contest for Teens

[The Adventures in Nature Photo Contest](#) is open to AZ teens!

Arizona Highways, the Nature Conservancy, Cox Communications will publish winning photos showcasing Arizona beauty and teens will win prize money and workshops to grow their art!

For more information, contact [Tana Kappel](#).

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your area and be entered to win rocket kits!

The [AZ Afterschool Directory](#) is the state's only comprehensive, bi-lingual, **FREE** map of out-of-school time programs. **Join the 1,500+ programs** on the Directory!

Our Directory is an easy tool for parents to consult to find a program near them! Summer programs are easy to find--as long as they're on the map!

Programs that add or update their information will have the **chance to win rocket kits** for their programs!

Having trouble editing or creating your listing? Refer to our [Directory Help](#), [send us an email](#), or call Genevieve at 480.730.7138.



AzCASE & COX STEM Grant Cycle Open

AzCASE & Cox Communications invite AZ OST programs to apply for a **2016 Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) grant**.

Programs serving K-12 youth afterschool, before school, during summer and on school breaks are **eligible to apply** and encouraged to work with staff and youth to develop creative, new ways to incorporate STEM into OST programming.

Grants \$500-\$1,500 will be funded based on the quality and impact of the proposed projects.

An extra point will be awarded to programs that have signed the **Make It Count Pledge**.

Deadline to apply is Friday, April 29.

Thank you for your support of AzCASE and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

Courtney, Franny, Caitlin, & Genevieve
The AzCASE Team

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