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"School's Out, Make it Count!"

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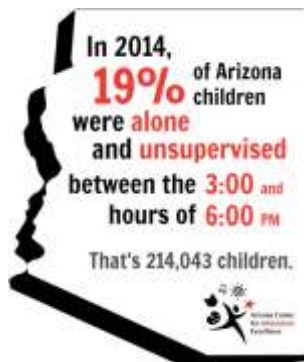


Afterschool in the News

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For more information, go
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the **National Afterschool
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May 4, 2015

AzCASE congratulates
the Phoenix City Council for
voting unanimously
to adopt the
Arizona Quality Standards
for Out-of-School Time
Programs on April 15.



Phoenix is now the second city to adopt the
Arizona Quality Standards for city-wide
implementation.

Apply Now for AzCASE STEM Grant



AzCASE and **Cox Communications** invite
Arizona OST programs to apply for a
2015 Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
(STEM) Grant.

Informal STEM learning in OST supports formal
**STEM learning by providing youth with
engaging, hands-on learning experiences** that
require realistic, fun and engaging application of
concepts learned in the classroom.

K-12 before school, afterschool, and summer
programs are eligible to apply. **Grants ranging
from \$500 to \$1,500** will be funded based on
project quality and impact, evaluated by:

Apply for a Literacy Grant!

Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants

provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to **help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.**

Grant funding is provided to assist in implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, and purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.

Maximum funding is \$4,000

Deadline is May 21, 2015

[Click here to apply](#)

Share Your STEM OST Story!

STEM Uncovered: Telling Our Afterschool Stories

is a new video competition for OST programs to highlight how they **support innovative activities** and **help their youth identify STEM careers.**

Share your story in a **three-minute video** and you may be one of six winning videos to get **national recognition** at a **STEM summit** and **\$1,000!**

Find out more at [STEM Video Competition.](#)

- Quality of the STEM project concept
- Alignment with OST best practices
- Demographic reach of the project
- Clear budget that aligns with proposed project

An extra point will be awarded to programs that have signed the [Make It Count Pledge](#).

Deadline: Friday, May 15th

[Learn more & apply here](#)

Arizona, a Literacy "2014 Pacesetter" State

Arizona is one of eight states to be named a 2014 Pacesetter by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.

States were named for efforts to begin to **turn around a crisis in early reading achievement among low-income children and in so doing, to put those children on a path to school success.**

Arizona and other states **ramped up efforts at early identification and intervention** for struggling readers, recognizing that **many low-income family children need help long before third grade.**

Read on Arizona, a public-private collaboration part of a **10-year Strategic Literacy Action Plan**, has reached many youth across the state and is key to achieving this pacesetter status.



The 2014 Pacesetters include Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa and Ohio.

Read more on the [original press release](#).

Volunteer Engineers Bringing Free STEM Workshops to Youth

Arizona Science Lab volunteer engineers and scientists lead free, hands-on science lab

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workshops throughout the school year to get more youth interested in science careers.

Since 2009, this nonprofit has been facilitating **four-hour, project-based workshops that teach fourth- to eight-graders science** at Tempe locations. Intel and the Phoenix Chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers provide volunteers to teach the workshops and funding comes from local Arizona businesses invested in STEM learning.



Students love the hands-on work and that this makes science and its applications real and useful beyond the classroom.
- Craig Elliot, 4th grade science teacher

Read more in the [Business Journal](#) article and visit the [AZ Science Lab](#) site for ways to get this free opportunity for your youth.

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

Sincerely,

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