

What are the Information Needs of Communities & Citizens? Living in the Mojave Desert in a State that ranks 50th in all nationwide SAT tests, the needs of my community are basic. Our desert community needs to be better informed about the issues of the day and times. The State of Arizona expends more human energy in the continuance of bigotry rather than learning and culture. I don't know about other States in America, but in Arizona there are a considerable number of people who are illiterate, yes, totally illiterate; hundreds of thousands of people who can barely write their own name. I have been living here for about twenty years and I have never seen any significant effort to correct this deficiency. A forward looking plan must be made, perhaps with the aid of volunteers, to organize a brigade of English Teachers who may have to go out into the community to privately teach English to entire families.

How is Commercial Media Serving Your Community?

Without a doubt the print media and the retired hundreds of teachers and cultured persons are group closest to erudition and could be providing a much more hands-on part in solving this problems. Commercial Media serves their own needs by producing programs that generate revenue. Commercial Media could do more, much more to improve illiteracy in Arizona.

What is the State of Noncommercial, Nonprofit, and Public Media?

I would say that the state of Nonprofit media is mediocre in Arizona. There are a few nonprofit programs that are good and uplifting, but for the most part you can tell that they are still working for personal profit.

What is the Impact of the Internet and Mobile Information?

The Internet is in all our lives. The only definitive impact I see that it has is in providing us with convenience; we can reach anyone at any time, wherever we are. But that is the only impact I see. Local governments in Arizona, citywide, countywide, statewide, do provide some helpful service to personal commerce, but on the whole they are not community oriented, nor do I think they care. Show me the money, that's it. Affordable, high speed Internet services are non-existent in Mojave County and my State of Arizona. Social networks could be part of the news ecosystem. Local government online is non-existent.