



Goals

Identify potential stakeholders and community partners

Develop a beta version of an Arizona-focused offline digital library

Collect resources that teach about language and cultural preservation

Offline Digital Library for Language and Cultural Preservation

18%

of surveyed reservation residents have no internet access at home.*

33%

of surveyed residents rely on cell phone service at home.*



SolarSPELL

The [SolarSPELL](#) is a portable, solar-powered offline digital library, generating its own WiFi hotspot to which any WiFi-capable device can connect and freely surf the library's expansive — yet localized — open-access content.

*Based on a survey of 160 surveyed tribal members across 19 states. Howard, Brian and Morris, Traci, Tribal Technology Assessment: The State of Internet Service on Tribal Lands (July 27, 2019).

Next Steps

1. Connect further with tribes and tribal libraries in Arizona
2. Attend community events and learn more about how to support the community's information needs
3. Continue to improve the Arizona offline digital library and find sustainable and equitable pathways to a pilot project in Arizona



Lessons Learned

Listen to and learn from the community you're serving

Communication and partnering takes time

Small steady steps are essential for a successful project

