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## **Amigos Library Services Launches its 200th SimplyE Library: Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians Library**

Dallas, TX – Amigos Library Services (Amigos) welcomed the [Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians Library](#) (Arizona) as its 200th [SimplyE](#) service client. The Kaibab Library is part of a project from the Arizona State Library, Archives, & Public Records focused on providing ebooks to tribal libraries within the state.

Arizona State Library, Archives, & Public Records project provides an ebook collection of over 1,700 titles and SimplyE hosting to interested tribal libraries. The collection is comprised of ebooks from three sources: a statewide collection using Baker & Taylor's [Title Source 360](#) service and curated by tribal libraries; a [Reading Arizona](#) collection of nonfiction and fiction eBooks and audiobooks with Arizona topics and themes; and e-book collections already in use at each participating library. Using SimplyE, an open-source app hosted by Amigos, patrons easily search for titles across the collections, quickly finding and reading ebooks of interest.

Developed by libraries for libraries, SimplyE is an open-source app that simplifies a library user's experience finding, borrowing, and reading ebooks and listening to audiobooks from the library. Using [ReadersFirst principles](#), SimplyE makes discovering library ebooks and audiobooks quick and easy. In addition to the work with the Arizona State Library, Amigos has partnered with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's [E-Read Texas program](#) to implement SimplyE for smaller public libraries in Texas.

"We are excited to launch our 200th SimplyE library – the [Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians Library](#) in Arizona – and to see the impact accessible ebook and audiobook collections can have across communities. SimplyE dramatically improves readers' experiences, and we appreciate the leadership of the Arizona State Library, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and the many other partners that have made the participation of these 200 libraries possible," said Miguel Figueroa, President and CEO of Amigos Library Services.

Libraries interested in SimplyE should contact Amigos ([technologysolutions@amigos.org](mailto:technologysolutions@amigos.org)) for more information.

This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives, & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

### **About Amigos Library Services**

Amigos is one of the largest consortia of libraries and cultural heritage institutions in the United States. For more than 40 years, Amigos members have collaborated to obtain affordable services and shared library resources and knowledge. Through membership in Amigos, libraries collectively gain access to the latest innovations and services in the library community; pursue opportunities for continuing professional education; and leverage their buying power. Collaboration strengthens each member's ability to serve and lead its community in the creative and effective use of information resources. [www.amigos.org](http://www.amigos.org).

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