

Collaborative Research: Water in the Four Corners Region: Libraries and Exhibits Connecting and Engaging Communities with Their Water Systems | 1907024

Community Partners: Library staff, Scientists, Indigenous science educators, Learning researchers, Informal educators

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Project Description

Collaborative informal education project that shares stories and inspires conversations about what water means to communities across the Four Corners Region of the Southwestern U.S.

With support from rural communities and their libraries, We are Water creates a place for community members to come together to connect and share stories, experiences, and perspectives about water.

Key Achievements

- Traveling exhibit visited 9 rural communities in the SW US.
- Developed educational take and make kits about water.
- Received 2023 Governor's Award for High-Impact Research and ATALM Community Impact Award.
- Recorded and shared 95 community stories about water.
- Co-designed community exhibits: Alamosa, CO and Hopi lands, AZ.
- Integrated disciplines (art and science), different ways of thinking and knowing, languages, and cultures.

Audience & Settings

Audience: Rural communities in the Southwestern U.S.

Discipline type:

Informal Education about water

Learning environment:

Rural Libraries



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Life-size Connect Four
Theme: Water and Life

Plinko Game
Theme: Water Use, Water Rights



Augmented Reality Sandbox
Theme: Water in the Landscape

Story Wall with Artwork & Stories
Theme: Water and Our Community

