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Arizona State Representative Report

Brenda Brown became the new President of AZLA.

Culture, Connections & Community

was the theme of the 2002 Arizona Library Association's annual conference, December 4-6th with nearly 100 programs and almost 1000 attendees. Complete information is on the website, including the handouts, slides, etc. from many of the sessions. WWW.azla.org

Service Awards were given to:

Newton Rosenzweig Distinguished Service: Caryl Major, Moon Valley High School Library

Leadership: Jan Elliott, Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records

Outstanding Library Service: Anne Owens, Glendale Public Library

Sharon G. Womack Outstanding Library Technician: Esther P. Solis, Casa Grande Public Library

Outreach Services Group Award: Patty Freeman, Florence P.L.; Jan Custis, Lynette Hinojos, and Sandra Mendoza, Coolidge P.L.

Outstanding Decision-maker: Barbara Kile, Yavapai County Library District

Rising Moon Outstanding Youth Services: Carol Finch, Phoenix Public Library

Follett School Librarian of the Year: Linda Schallan, Desert Mountain H.S./ Scottsdale Public Library

AzLA Author Awards were given:

Arizona Highways Adult Fiction Award - Brad Udall for *The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint*

Arizona Highways Adult Nonfiction Award - Brad Dimock for *Sunk Without a Sound* Judy

Goddard/Libraries Limited Young Adult Author Award -- Pete Hautman

Judy Goddard/Libraries Limited Children's Author/Illustrator Award -- Sylvia Long

AZLA Receives \$140,000

The Association received a check for \$140,000 from the Horner estate to support the Horner Fellowship Program. AZLA has previously had a small Horner Fellowship supporting their work with the Japan Library Association. This year's Horner Fellow is Mimi McCain from Phoenix Public Library. This generous new funding will allow the Association to expand connection with Japanese librarians.

OneBookAZ/Arizona Book Festival (12/12/02)

The 2nd Annual OneBookAZ, a new program for participants statewide to read and discuss the same book during the month of April. OneBookAZ will kick off in grand style at the Arizona Book Festival, Saturday, April 5, 2003. *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf was the chosen book. The Arizona Book Festival will be at a new location, Arizona Hall of Fame Museum Carnegie Library, 1101 W. Washington St. Phoenix. Sponsors include Arizona Humanities Council, Maricopa County Library District and the Arizona State Library. For more information about the Arizona Book Festival, please visit <http://www.azbookfestival.org>

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Now Former Representative to MPLA
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