

**Arizona Library Association Report, November 2003**

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**New Lobbyist for Arizona Library Association:** As a result of the retirement of AzLA's long time and legendary lobbyist, Charlie Stevens, AzLA's Legislative Committee recently interviewed a number of lobbying firms to find a new lobbyist to represent the organization and be a voice for Arizona library issues within the state legislature. In September, the AzLA Executive Board selected the firm of Capital Consulting, LLC. AzLA has previous experience with Capital Consulting as that firm also handles AzLA's association management duties and helps plan the annual conference.

**AzLA Horner Fellowship:** With the passing of Marian Horner, a long-time library supporter, in 2002, a large bequest was given in support of the AzLA Horner Fellowship. Mrs. Horner and her husband, the late Dr. Layton "Jack" Horner, established the fellowship in 1989 to foster cultural understanding and informational exchanges between Arizona and Japanese librarians. To date, the Fellowship has received \$540,000, as well as a collection of memorabilia (scrolls and figurines) with an estimated value of \$4,000. This year, AzLA Treasurer Carol Damaso worked with the Horner Committee to develop an investment strategy for the trust. The Committee has also been in contact with the Japan Library Association to plan for reciprocal visits by librarians from both Arizona and Japan.

**AzLA Service Award Winners Announced:** The following individuals and organizations will be recognized for their contributions to Arizona libraries during the December annual conference:

- **Follett School Librarian of the Year:** Ann Dutton-Ewbank, Washington School District
- **Library Leadership:** Charlotte Cohen, Glendale Community College
- **Library Support Staff Scholarship:** Kristine Cwengros, Scottsdale Public Library
- **Outreach Services Award:** Maria Mucino, Southeast Regional Library, Maricopa County Library District
- **Outstanding Decision Maker:** Representative Marian McClure, Arizona House of Representatives
- **Outstanding Library Board:** Sierra Vista Library Advisory Commission
- **Rosenzweig Distinguished Service:** Agnes Griffen, Tucson Public Library (retired)
- **Sharon G. Womack Outstanding Library Technician:** Aileen Plumb, Scottsdale Public Library

Complete information about these individuals' accomplishments may be found at <http://www.azla.org/2003/awards.html>.

**AzLA Annual Conference:** The AzLA Annual Conference, Blazing New Trails, will be held from December 9 to 11 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. The conference will begin with an opening reception at the Arizona State Library Museum. The reception will feature a storytelling concert and live music. A special luncheon program will feature Ann M. Seidl who will present The

Hollywood Librarian: a Look at Librarians on Film. MPLA is sponsoring a preconference, Creating Passion and Soul in the Library Workplace, featuring Dr. Patrick Sherman. Dr. Sherman's program will focus on customized employee motivation and retention strategies for Generation X, Nexters, Baby Boomers, and Graying Workers as employers attempt to bridge a demographic workforce reduction of 25 million workers, with 76 million Baby Boomers retiring to be replaced by 51 million Generation X'ers.

**AzLA Author Award Winners:** The following authors will be honored during the annual conference:

- **Arizona Highways Nonfiction Award:** Peter Iverson. *Dine: a History of the Navajos.*
- **Arizona Highways Fiction Award:** Stella Pope Duarte. *Let Their Spirits Dance.*
- **Judy Goddard/Libraries Limited Children's Author Illustrator Award:** Jean Eckman Adams
- **Judy Goddard/Libraries Limited Young Adult Author Award:** Valerie Hobbs

#### **Arizona State Library News:**

- **New LSTA Coordinator:** Laura Stone, formerly Program Director at the Arizona Humanities Council, recently joined the State Library's Library Development Division as LSTA Coordinator.
- **Essential Evaluation Toolkit Workshop:** Nearly one hundred library staff from throughout the state attended a workshop dedicated to LSTA grant writing and outcome-based evaluation techniques. The workshops were held at various locations around the state including Tucson, Flagstaff, Chandler, Yuma, Globe, and Phoenix. The workshops were a great success and, as a result, the Library Development Division (LDD) has plans to offer the training again next year at an earlier date to allow for more preparation time for LSTA grant writing.
- **E-Rate Workshops:** The State Library recently partnered with the Arizona Department of Education and the Arizona Government Information Technology Agency to provide a series of workshops throughout the state for the federal E-rate program. Attendees were provided with critical information about the E-Rate process and had the opportunity to meet with an expert for individual assistance.
- **Planning for Results Reunion:** ASLPR hosted a reunion in August for the facilitators and libraries that participated in the first round of the *Planning for Results* process. The State Library provided LSTA funds to train twenty-five librarians serve as facilitators. Using the *Planning for Results* process, the facilitators assisted 19 libraries during the past year in the formulation of a strategic plan. In addition to funding the training, the state also provided funding to compensate the facilitators (or their respective libraries) for their facilitation work. The reunion provided the group with the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from each other. During FY 2004, the State Library will again provide LSTA funds to allow more institutions to go through the process.

**Phoenix Public Library to Host Holocaust Museum Exhibition:** The Phoenix Public Library has been selected to host a national touring exhibition, *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals, 1933-1945*, from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The exhibit,

which includes photos, reproductions of documents, and personal narratives, will be installed at the Burton Barr Central Library from March 13 to April 9, 2004. It will then travel to the Tucson Jewish Community Center for an additional three weeks. The Library is partnering with the Arizona Human Rights Fund and *Echo Magazine*, a Phoenix-based gay and lesbian publication, in the sponsorship of the exhibition. To complement the exhibit, the Library is planning a series of public programs entitled *Prejudice to Pride*. The programs will include a lecture by University of California Professor Robert Moller that will examine homosexuality in postwar Germany and screenings of two award-winning documentaries, *Paragraph 175* and *Laramie Inside Out*.

**Chandler Public Library Director Retires:** Karen Drake was honored on August 7, 2003 for her 27 years of service to the Chandler community. Librarians from across the Phoenix metropolitan area came to congratulate Karen on her retirement and to recognize her for her many contributions to the library community. Karen was a leader in the One Book Arizona program and was a tireless advocate for literacy issues in the community. At the end of the program, the Chandler's new coffee shop, *Pages*, was dedicated to Ms. Drake.