

**Report from Arizona Representative to MPLA
Board Meeting – April 8, 2000 Denver Colorado**

- **ARIZONA BOOK FESTIVAL**

The third annual Arizona Book Festival is scheduled for April 8th in Phoenix.

- **LEGISLATIVE DAY**

Arizona Library Association Legislative Day was January 25, 2000 with a wide representation of librarians from all parts of the state. Librarians heard from Kevin DeMena, lobbyist, about the mechanics of lobbying and Mike Braun spoke about the operations of the Legislature. Librarians spent the rest of the day visiting members.

Several pieces of legislation of interest to AZ libraries are still in process including a significant increase in state grants-in-aid. The session is not over.

- **SONORAN ARCHIVISTS VISIT**

A delegation from the Archivo General del Estado de Sonora (AGES) spent a week at the Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records learning about AZ archival and preservation work. The Arizona State Museum leads the project, under the direction of Dr. Tracy Duvall. Other participants with AGES are the University of Arizona Library, the Tucson-Pima Public Library, and the Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records. Making Sonoran resources available to researchers will lead to greater awareness of the rich cross-border relationship Arizona has with her sister state to the south.

- **ARIZONA CONVOCATION 2000**

March 5 & 6 about 150 Arizona library, archive, museum folks plus some others interested in Arizona's culture gathered in Phoenix. The principal goal of the convocation was to strengthen the community of individuals responsible for and dedicated to our cultural heritage. Elizabeth Burden, Public Information Officer for Tucson-Pima Public Libraries, talked about marketing. Will Phillips, founder of management consulting firm Qm2, talked about collaboration.

- **LIBRARIES FOR THE FUTURE COMES TO ARIZONA**

U.S. West is expected to invest \$1.1 in Arizona's libraries to address the "digital divide" through their eEqual Access Program. About a dozen libraries will create community-based technology centers and training programs in areas that might not otherwise have access to advanced technology. The program was kicked off March 16th at the Harmon Branch of Phoenix Public Library with all the dignitaries in attendance!

- **TRIBAL LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS: PRESERVING OUR LANGUAGE, MEMORY AND LIFEWAYS**

This conference, funded by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will be held at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, June 7-9, 2000. It will focus on tribal cultural institutions from the five states of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. The goals of the conference are to create a regional network of support for tribal cultural institutions and programs; to articulate contemporary issues related to the development of tribal libraries, archives and museums; and to initiate collaboration among tribal cultural institutions and non-tribal resources.