

# Arizona State Representative Report

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## **Culture, Connections and Community**

Is the theme of the Arizona Library Association's 2002 annual conference. Highlights include award-winning authors, Jules Feiffer, Christopher Paul Curtis and many more; Robert Martin, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, programs on storytelling and a new public health information initiative. There will be programs about local programs and issues including AZLA's reorganization. AZLA will have two new author awards thanks to Arizona Highways. Complete information about the association is available at [www.azla.org](http://www.azla.org).

## **Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute**

Arizona librarians showed a huge interest in the new Institute with eleven applications.

## **OneBook Arizona**

An amazing success was the conclusion of the inaugural OneBook program! *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver was the title selected. One librarian wrote, "The junior high language arts teacher here had about 8 of her students come to get *Animal Dreams*. A 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl who hasn't gotten very interested in anything we have recommended came in to tell me she had just finished the book (in one week) and wanted to check it out in her brother's name because he wants to read it. I have never seen her so enthused."

Tucson and Pima County will be premiering **One Book, One Community** with *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya in October.

## **University of Arizona Library School**

Of the twelve Knowledge River Scholars, five are Native American and seven are Hispanic. States represented are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Oregon, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Utah. Almost 20 students qualified and the University will be giving them all scholarship help. Kathy Kaya has represented MPLA in the Knowledge River advisory group.

## **Arizona Award Winning Librarians**

Carla Stoffle, University of Arizona Dean of Libraries, is the recipient of the 2002 ALA Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award. *Criticas*, the Spanish language selection periodical, chose Amanda Castillo as "Librarian of the Year" John Charles, Scottsdale Reference Librarian, has been named the 2002 Librarian of the Year by the Romance Writers of America.

## **AZLA Reorganizes**

After many meetings and long discussion, AZLA will be inaugurating its new and more efficient and responsive organization this fall. See [www.azla.org](http://www.azla.org) for all the details!

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