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Arizona Library Association Report, January 2009  
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- 2008 AzLA Annual Conference - held December 8 - 10 in Glendale, AZ was a wonderful success. The programs and vendors were excellent. Sarah Houghton-Jan gave the keynote address and inspired attendees with her talk on Sustainable Technology in a 2.0. Photos and info available at:  
<http://www.azla.org/associations/2837/January%202009%20Newsletter.pdf> I'd like to give a special thank you to Rob Banks and Shirley Condit for giving me a warm welcome at the conference as well as great overview of my new role as MPLA representative.
- Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records – will be hosting Convocation 2009 on March 1 & 2 at the Carefree Resort & Villas. Participants will be able to engage with over 200 dynamic people from libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural organizations. Register by 2/20/09 at: [www.lib.az.us/eventreg](http://www.lib.az.us/eventreg). There is no charge to attend.
- City of Phoenix announced plans to eliminate more than 1,200 positions and limit or end dozens of programs and services as it looks to carve nearly \$270 million from its budget. Cuts could include shrinking library hours from 72 hours a week to 48 and closing libraries on Sundays. Residents will have the chance to weigh in on the proposals at public meetings before the City Council votes on the proposed cuts in February. On a more positive note, Phoenix Public introduced a colorful new library card designed by Kiyomi King to correlate with the library's "Yours to Explore" theme.
- Hot Topic SIRLS Podcast available: <http://sirls.arizona.edu/node/1418> Dr. Kay Mathiesen presents: Article Five of the Library Bill of Rights: Parent's Rights or Children's Rights?
- ASU Libraries Announces Realignment Project 2008-2009 - ASU Libraries will be reviewing and realigning its collections and making strategic choices in order to meet existing budgetary and economic conditions.