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Arizona Library Association Report, July 2008
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- Arizona Library Association Conference - Registration opened on July 15th for the AzLA conference to be held in Glendale, December 8-10th. This year's theme is "New Frontiers: Moving into the Future"
- The Arizona Capitol Museum Announces the State Quarter Traveling Exhibit - Wells Fargo Bank, the Governor's Office and the Arizona Capitol Museum, a division of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, have created a traveling exhibit commemorating the June 2, 2008 release of the Arizona state quarter. This striking exhibit consists of three 3' x 7' self-contained, rollup banners that tell the story of the quarter. The first banner highlights the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters® program and includes illustrations of all 50 quarters. The second banner describes the Arizona Quarter Commission's solicitation of over 4,000 narrative design concepts and the selection of the design that Governor Janet Napolitano recommended to the Mint. The third banner details the creation of the quarter. The exhibit is available immediately for short term loan to library, cultural and civic groups throughout the state of Arizona and is provided courtesy of the Arizona State, Library, Archives and Public Records.
- ASU Libraries - will host a free five-part reading and discussion series called "*Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature – Identity and Imagination.*" The series explores Jewish literature and culture through scholar-led discussions of contemporary and classic books on a common theme. The series will explore the theme of *Neighbors: The World Next Door*. The library is one of over 250 libraries nationwide receiving grants to host the series developed by Nextbook and the American Library Association (ALA). Local support for the series is provided by the Jewish Studies Program at ASU, Hillel at ASU, The Newman Center at ASU, The ASU Department of English, and The Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Phoenix. The first program will explore *Journey to the End of the Millennium* by A.B Yehoshua and will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 PM. All programs will be held at Hayden Library on the Tempe campus. For details please visit lib.asu.edu/events/
- University of Arizona Exhibit "Mars, A Fictional Perspective" - With the Phoenix Mars Lander now safely on Mars in search of scientific fact, take a brief journey yourself to experience its exciting heritage of imagination and wonder!

Enjoy the highlights of Planet Mars in fiction and popular culture in an exhibit featuring novels from Edgar Rice Burroughs, Ray Bradbury, and many others from the 20th Century Science Fiction Genre Collection at Special Collections. Special appearances by Flash Gordon, Martian Manhunter, and Marvin the Martian!

From the adventurous, to the terrifying, to the absolutely silly - you will never imagine

Mars the same way again. Now through September 12, 2008 at the Science-Engineering Library 2nd Floor Lobby, north display case.

The Phoenix Mars Lander is a joint project of the University of Arizona and NASA. Go to the University of Arizona's webpage <http://phoenix.lpl.arizona.edu/> for updated information on the project.

- NAU Library Exhibit - Robert Wieking recently donated a remarkable photograph album dated c. 1900 which contains 273 black-and-white photographs taken by Fred Bohle in Mexico, the Southwest, and the Pacific Northwest. Many of the photographs depict Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, and Puebloan families and communities. The album also includes photographs of Indigenous Peoples of the Plains. The images from Mexico capture scenes of bull fights, Mexico City, daily life, and trolleys (introduced in Mexico City in January of 1900). Fred Bohle possessed a great interest in and respect for Native Peoples of North America and became a long-term collector of Native American baskets and other art objects. He bequeathed this album to his good friends, the Wieking (Wilhelm and Christine) Family in Oakland. The Library appreciates the assistance of Stewart Koyiyumptewa, archivist for the Hopi Tribe, who helped identify people and places. You can search the [Colorado Plateau Digital Archives](#) for Fred Bohle images or any of the topics mentioned above.
- Mesa School District – made their final decision recently and have decided to go ahead with their original plans to eliminate all school librarians, nurses and speech pathologists in their school district. Library Media Specialists will be sent back to the classroom. Mesa (in the Phoenix area) has 87 schools and serves 74,000 students and has been one of the top school districts in the country. School librarians protested the initial decision in April and the school district agreed to re-visit the issue.
- MaintainIT – TechSoup's "MaintainIT" project, which produces *Cookbooks* that address common Library computer issues, has started a series of Webinars. The first webinar, held on June 24th, covered implementing Wireless service in the library. Go to <http://www.maintainitproject.org/> to download a Cookbook. The Cookbook Co-hort is a forum that allows you to connect with other librarians to discuss problems, projects and success stories. Join today by going to <http://maintainitproject.org/cookbookcohort>