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Arizona Library Association Representative

Report from Arizona Representative to MPLA

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Elections were held for the Arizona Library Association in October. Chris Cole, Maricopa County [Phoenix] Library District Support Services Manager, is now the president-elect of the Association. Two Bylaw changes passed which changed the terms for ALA Representative and MPLA Representative from two years to three years. Legislative Day will be January 26, 1999.

As of 01 December 1998, The Arizona Library Association (AzLA) has 1200 members including regular members, library assistants, retired and institutional librarians, trustees, students and vendors.

STATE BOOK CONTRACTS SIGNED: The State of Arizona Procurement Office has signed agreements with over 45 vendors to provide books and audio-visual materials to Arizona libraries. These agreements are for significant discounts from list price and free delivery to Arizona libraries. Full details are available from State Procurement Office in Phoenix. Governmental and non-profit organizations are now eligible to use State contracts. Many Arizona governmental purchasing departments are already partners with the State of Arizona. The Office's web site is <<http://sporas.ad.state.az.us/>>

Submitted by Chris Cole, Support Services Manager, Maricopa County Library District

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The Arizona Library Association's annual conference "AzLA 98: The Creative Edge" was a huge success! A total of 805 members, non-members, students and exhibitors participated in this year's conference held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. Joey Rodgers from Urban Library Council and Jeanne Hurley Simon, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science chair were the keynote speakers. Many well-known childrens' writers spoke at the Awards luncheon. Awards were given to: Chris Cole as Librarian of the Year; Robert Machinski Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records - received the Distinguished Service Award; Bernice and Gary Pease - from Cochise County for their support of library services throughout the state received the Rosenzweig Award; Pearl Yazzie - from Tuba City on the Navajo Nation - received the Outreach Services Award; Annie Weissman received the Progressive School Library Media Award; Gail Benton and Trisha

Waichulaitis from Mesa Public Library received the Sharon G. Womack Outstanding Library Technician Award; Diane Tuccillo, also from Mesa Public Library, received the Rising Moon Outstanding Youth Services Award and Elizabeth Miner received the AzLA / SIRS Intellectual Freedom Award.

**FIVE STATES AMERICAN INDIAN GRANT AWARDED:** The federal Institute of Library and Museum Services (IMLS) granted the Five States American Indian Project \$150,545 for a one-year pilot that will result in increased cooperation with, and service to, American Indian tribes in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. The five states American Indian tribes will receive library, archive and cultural technical assistance from their state library agencies and several museums as a result of this National Leadership Grant. The Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records and the Heard Museum are the lead agencies in this grant. Applications for the Project Manager of the Grant have been received and are being reviewed by a committee.

**MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA LEGAL INFORMATION PROJECT:** Library consultant John Irwin has completed the final report of the Mohave County, Arizona Legal Information Project. The Mohave County Library District in Kingman, Arizona and the Mohave County Law Library in the Mohave County Courthouse are negotiating a pilot project of combining the District's Library with the County's Law Library to provide access to the public as well as to the attorneys and court personnel. The final report will be distributed to Arizona County librarians, court administrators, Arizona law libraries and to the State Documents Library at the Department of Library, Archives and Public Records. Copies will be available from the Department (OCLC symbol AZP) on interlibrary loan in March 1999 for interested individuals. The Department provided a LSTA grant for this important project.

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