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Arizona Library Association Report, February 2006
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- AzLA New Association Officers – New AzLA officers were installed at the conclusion of the annual conference. Joining President Deborah Tasnadi are the following individuals who were elected to office: President-Elect Ann Dutton Ewbank and MPLA Representative Shirley Condit.
- Arizona's 2006 Summer Reading Program – Arizona joined the 32 state Collaborative Summer Library Program (<http://www.csllpreads.org/>) last year and it was a great success. This year's theme is "Paws, Claws, Tales and Scales." Patti Sinclair, editor of the CSLP manual, was the guest speaker at Arizona's Summer Reading Program workshops in January.
- Rural Libraries Sustainability Leadership Grant (RLS) – Arizona is the recipient of the RLS grant which is WebJunction's three-year project designed to provide rural library staff with resources to address their unique challenges and responsibilities. The RLS, funded through a grant by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is a collaboration between WebJunction, State Library Agencies, and Rural and Small Library Staff throughout the US. Arizona will send a trainer to WebJunction's Train the Trainer Institute, Sustaining Public Access in Rural Libraries. The trainer who attends the institute will then go out and conduct similar workshops in Arizona.
- Arizona Convocation - will be March 5 & 6, 2006 - Sunday Evening & Monday at the Black Canyon Conference Center in Phoenix. Over 200 people from libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural organizations will join together to network with colleagues in different fields, and learn more about connecting with our communities. The keynote speaker will be George Needham, Vice-President, Member Services, OCLC (Online Computer Library Center).
- The Arizona Memory Project – is an online effort to provide access to the wealth of primary sources in Arizona libraries, archives, museums and other cultural institutions. This initiative provides the opportunity to view some of the best examples of government documents, photographs, maps, and objects that chronicle Arizona's past and present. The Arizona Memory Project started in Summer 2005 and is currently in development. The project will launch Spring 2006. <http://azmemory.lib.az.us/>