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Arizona Library Association Report, October 2008
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- **Arizona Library Association (AzLA) 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" Rob Banks will be attending our conference this year.
- **AzLA Elections** - Elections for AzLA officers will be held in October 2008. This is my last year as MPLA representative. It has been a pleasure working with both the AzLA and MPLA executive boards. The newly elected representative will begin his duties January 2009.
- **Arizona State Library launches the Baker's Dozen** - *Baker's Dozen: Learning 2.0 Arizona* is a statewide learning program brought to you by the [Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records](#) and [Pima County Public Library](#). This program is designed to encourage library staff in Arizona to experiment and learn about the new and emerging technologies and how information is used and created on the Internet today. Baker's Dozen is designed to be fun, interactive and to stimulate learning. We hope you will share your ideas on how these Web 2.0 tools can be used in your libraries and media centers.

This is a fully online self-discovery learning program. We have used many Web 2.0 tools to design this program, including [WetPaint](#), [YouTube](#), [Flickr](#), & [Blogger](#) - which we learned as we went. You can learn them, too. The program will encourage you to take control of your own learning and to utilize your lifelong learning skills through exploration and play. <http://bakersdozenarizona.wetpaint.com/?t=anon>

- **ASU Libraries** - The ASU Libraries are proud to be hosting a book discussion series sponsored by the [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#) and [Nextbook](#). *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature*, is a scholar-led reading and discussion program for people interested in exploring Jewish literature and culture. The books included in this series provide a glimpse into the modern history of the Jewish people and its literature, and promote cultural understanding and social tolerance between different neighbor-communities in Phoenix. Join us for this exciting discussion series during the fall of 2008.

Each monthly discussion will be facilitated by [Dr. Joe Lockard](#), associate professor in the ASU Department of English, and affiliate faculty member in African and African American Studies Program at Arizona State University. For details please visit lib.asu.edu/events/

- **University of Arizona** - The newest Special Collections exhibition, "Paginas de la historia de México: Excerpts from the Morales de Escárcega Collection" is on display from September 15, 2008 through January 9, 2009.

The exhibit features pieces from the Morales de Escárcega Collection, a collection

acquired by the UA Libraries from the Escárcega family in early fall of 2007. With nearly 2,700 books and 79 manuscripts and broadsides, the Morales de Escárcega Collection is a major assemblage of documents that uniquely chronicle the history of Mexico. To complement the exhibition a series of Thursday lectures will be offered while the exhibition is on display.