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Arizona Library Association Report, March 2009

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- AzLA Past President, Ann Dutton Ewbank, has been named one of the 2009 Movers & Shakers by Library Journal <http://www.libraryjournal.com/MS2009>. Earlier this year, she and her colleagues launched a campaign called Fund Our Future Arizona ([www.fundourfuturearizona.org](http://www.fundourfuturearizona.org)) to prevent certified school librarians from being replaced by clerks.
- Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records hosted a dynamic Convocation 2009 in March. Over 150 participants from libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural organizations attended to discuss sustaining cultural organizations during this economic downturn and heard insights from presenter Rick Heffernon from ASU's Global Institute of Sustainability: <http://sustainability.asu.edu>
- Malavika Muralidharan and Laura Stone from the Arizona State Library presented a free webinar in February on preparing LSTA grant proposals. Participants learned how to train rural library staff to apply for LSTA grants and got tips from the Parker Public Library and the Florence Public Library.
- The 2009 AzLA Regional Forum, themed "Mining Your Resources" will be held April 17 in Globe, Arizona.
- On February 18, 2009, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe held the grand opening of the Dr. Fernando Escalante Community Library and Resource Center. After working as a library planning consultant for the Tribe in 2008, SIRLS alum Oscar Hernandez was hired as the librarian of the center in January.
- Libraries Lighting the Way will be the theme of the 2009 AzLA Annual Conference to be held December 7 – 9. This theme emphasizes how libraries are like a beacon, illuminating access to information when times are dark and using innovative ways to remain a vital and relevant source for our users and communities. AzLA will be accepting program proposals through Friday, April 24, 2009: <http://www.azla.org/displayconvention.cfm>