

Arizona Board Reports

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Arizona Library Association Report, July 2009
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The AzLA Horner Fellowship Committee announced that Nancy Deegan has been Awarded the 2009 AZ Horner Fellowship. As the focus of her fellowship exchange, Nancy plans to visit various types of libraries, with an emphasis on school and academic libraries, to learn in what ways our colleagues in Japan are using technology and how information literacy issues are being addressed. She will be sharing her exchange experiences at the 2010 Annual AzLA Conference in December. More info at: <http://www.azla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=167>

A Legislative Forum for Northern Arizona will be held July 24, 2009 in Flagstaff. Librarians and library supporters from throughout Arizona are invited to attend and learn more about the legislative process along with tips and tools. Chair Rita Hamilton will talk about Arizona Library Issues including the Secondary Property Tax Cap and State Grants in Aid Funding.

AzLA President-Elect, Cynthia Landrum, hosted the annual Planning Meeting in June to determine top goals and priorities for the Association in 2010.

2009 AzLA Service Awards: Deadline for submitting awards is August 28, 2009. Nomination forms and the description and criteria for each award are available at: <http://www.azla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=168>

Arizona Librarians are being encouraged to work with local First Things First Regional Partnership Councils to promote early literacy. Councils bring together organizations within the community that serve preschool children and their families/caregivers as well as provide funding for programs. Details at: [First Things First website](#).

The AZ Memory Project Highlights the Harvey Girls of the Winslow Harvey Houses:
Fred Harvey saw a need for better food and service along the rails and in 1876 pioneered a chain of restaurants and inns known as Harvey Houses from Chicago to San Francisco. Experience demonstrated that women made better servers, and the 'Harvey Girls' were borne. Newspaper ads read: "Wanted: Young women 18 to 30 years of age, of good moral character, attractive and intelligent, as waitresses in Harvey Eating Houses on the Santa Fe in the West."

The AZ Memory Project exhibit showcases where these Girls worked and interesting memorabilia: <http://azmemory.lib.az.us/cdm4/index.php?CISOROOT=/otmhar>