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Arizona Library Association Report, March 2009 Submitted by Dana Braccia, Arizona Representative

New State Rep For AzLA



As I transition to my new role with MPLA, Anna Mathews will be appointed as the new State Representative for AzLA for the remainder of my term. Anna has a Master's of Library Science from Emporia State University and a Bachelor of Science in Gerontology from Weber State University. She attended MPLA Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch in 2006 and is a enthusiastic supporter of MPLA. She has 20 years of library experience. She has held positions in public, university, medical and special libraries. Her areas of professional interest include staff development, early literacy and intellectual freedom. She is currently the Branch Manager for the Scottsdale Public Library - Arabian Branch.

ONEBOOKAZ

Arizonans have voted and chosen the one book they want to read in 2010! The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd by Jana Bommersbach.

Brought to Arizona in 2002, and coordinated by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (ASLAPR), a division of the Secretary of State, ONEBOOKAZ is an exciting program that brings communities together through literature. Beginning in April every year, this program encourages communities across the State of Arizona to read the same book at the same time and participate in discussions and programs centered around that book. One title is chosen for adults to read, and one title is chosen for kids.

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The goals of ONEBOOKAZ are:

-To celebrate literature in the State of Arizona by encouraging the reading and exploration of a book.

-To foster a sense of community through the shared experience of reading the same book, discussing themes and involving participants in the statewide events connected with the book.

-To bring people together through public programs such as book discussions, author readings and signing events, panel discussions, traveling presentations, and special events.

-To nurture partnerships between libraries, schools, museums, other allied institutions, the media, commercial vendors, the authors and the public.

Event details at: http://www.onebookaz.org/book.cfm

Upcoming Regional Forum

AzLA will be hosting a Regional Forum on April 23rd, 2010 in Yuma Arizona. The keynote speaker will be Ruth Barefoot. Ms. Barefoot provides 36 years of library customer service in four states as well as Barnes & Noble Bookstore Management. She provides a unique insight to today's subject, due to her management of San José's flagship pilot, Calabazas Branch Library and is devoted to San Jose Public Library's efforts to innovate services, share implementation strategies, and provide insight for working on design teams for new and existing libraries. More info: <u>www.azla.org</u>.