

ONEBOOKAZ

ONEBOOKAZ has been designated a Centennial Project and as such, both the adult and children's titles starting this year and going through 2012 will be about Arizona themes or topics to provide an opportunity for citizens to come together to read and discuss books that will increase their knowledge and appreciation of Arizona's unique history and culture.

ONEBOOKAZ 2007 featured *Going Back to Bisbee* by Richard Shelton as the adult title. Shelton's book describes a drive he takes from Tucson to Bisbee during a summer thunderstorm. As he takes this drive he weaves together stories of southern Arizona and its desert life.

ONEBOOKAZ for Kids featured *Weedflower* by Newberry Award winning-author Cynthia Kadohata. She tells the fictional story of a young Japanese-American girl who is sent with her family to the Poston Internment Camp near Parker, Arizona during WWII. Kadohata uses her own family's internment experience to write this powerful story.

Both ONEBOOKAZ authors appeared at the Arizona Book Festival on April 14th to launch their tours around the state, visiting communities in the Phoenix area, Tucson, Yuma, Flagstaff, Prescott, and Parker.

The State Library distributed nearly 3,000 books and partnered with over 70 schools, over 70 public libraries, six universities and community colleges, and several museums. Overall, almost 38,000 Arizonans participated in ONEBOOKAZ.

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