

ONEBOOKAZ 2009

ONEBOOKAZ, a project of the Arizona Center for the Book at the Arizona State Library, has been designated a Centennial Project and as such, both the adult and children's titles starting in 2007 and going through the Centennial year of 2012, will be about Arizona themes 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. Curriculum and a book discussion guide are created as resources and made available at www.onebookaz.org.



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ONEBOOKAZ 2009 featured *Capirotada* by Arizona State University Professor Alberto Ríos as the adult title. The book is inspired by Ríos' experiences of growing up in Nogales, Arizona where he learned to value the unique cultural mix of the area, much like capirotada, a Mexican bread pudding, made with several different ingredients and traditionally served at Lent. Ríos came of age among a mixture of peoples, ideas, and traditions in both his community and his family (his mother is from England, his father from Mexico).



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ONEBOOKAZ for Kids featured *Hip, Hip Hooray, It's Monsoon Day!* by Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford. It is the story of how many people anticipate and celebrate the coming of the monsoon season, which largely defines North America's spectacular Sonoran Desert. As the story unfolds, Aaron and his family introduce us to cultural traditions and meteorological wonders, and to the animals and plants of this region.

Both ONEBOOKAZ authors kicked off their statewide tours at a literary event held at the Tempe Center for the Arts called Reading the Best: Arizona Celebrates Books and Writers. At the event, the ONEBOOK authors presented awards to the state winners of the Center for the Book's Letters about Literature contest.

During the month of April, the authors made 35 appearances in urban and rural communities including Phoenix, Gilbert, Glendale, Mesa, Tempe, Nogales, Yuma, Rio Rico, Patagonia, Tucson, Flagstaff, and Prescott. Over 300 ONEBOOKAZ programs took place throughout the state in bookstores, colleges, correctional facilities, libraries, museums, schools, and nonprofits. Overall, more than 57,000 Arizonans participated in ONEBOOKAZ, and the State Library distributed 4,600 copies of the books. ONEBOOKAZ is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act with additional community partnerships and sponsorships.