

## ONEBOOKAZ 2008

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](http://www.onebookaz.org).



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ONEBOOKAZ 2008 featured Tucson author Nancy Turner's *These Is My Words* as the adult title. The book is inspired by the author's original family memoirs and introduces readers to the fictional character, Sarah Prine, a memorable woman who lives in the Arizona Territory of the late 1800s.



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ONEBOOKAZ for Kids featured *Danger in the Desert* by Phoenix-based author Terri Fields. It is a fictional story about two brothers, Scott and Robbie, who have been kidnapped in their mother's station wagon and left in the brutally hot desert outside Scottsdale with no food or water, and with the threat of darkness and desert animals. It's up to them to work together to survive, using only what they happen to have in the station wagon.

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, co-presented with the Arizona Humanities Council, 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 49 appearances in urban and rural communities including Flagstaff, Yuma, Show Low, Bisbee, Tucson, Black Canyon City, Tempe, Prescott Valley, Wellton, and Glendale. Over 300 ONEBOOKAZ programs took place in every county in the state in bookstores, colleges, correctional facilities, libraries, museums, schools, and nonprofits. Overall, more than 50,000 Arizonans participated in ONEBOOKAZ and the State Library distributed 5,500 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.