

## Convocation 2009



State Library staff coordinated the eleventh annual Arizona Convocation, held at the Carefree Hotel and Resort on March 1 & 2, 2009. Convocation provided an opportunity for over 200 librarians, archivists, historians, and museum professionals from around the state to get together for informational, educational and networking opportunities.

The 2009 keynote speaker was Linda Abraham-Silver, the CEO of the Great Lakes Science Center. John Akers from the FAZA board provided information about the Friends of Arizona Archives. The plenary speaker was Rick Heffernon from ASU's Global Institute of Sustainability who talked about sustainability as a defining issue and organizing practice for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. GladysAnn Wells gave an update on Centennial planning and invited audience questions.

Joan Clark and Jaime Ball facilitated the World Café, a method for hosting conversations around a single topic and fostering conversation and networking. After Monday's outdoor lunch (pictured at right), Joan Clark gave a brief overview about the Arizona Memory Project and encouraged cultural organizations to participate. The day ended with a special presentation from Bill DeWalt, director of the new Musical Instrument Museum being built in Phoenix.



Evaluations were completed by 123 attendees. Of that number, 94% reported that they met people with whom they would collaborate. The same percentage reported that they learned something new that would help them do their jobs better.