Welcome!
Yesterday we welcomed over 200 friends and colleagues from all over the world, coming together from places such as New Zealand, Canada and Texas. Kudos to Alyce Sadongei and her staff for bringing us together.

In the afternoon, we were fortunate to tour the Ak-Chin Community, the Gila River Community, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community.

We gathered together again for dinner, followed by tribal dancing and singing.

After breakfast this morning, we will have the opportunity to attend workshops in four areas:
- libraries
- archives
- language
- museum collections.

Tonight we are looking forward to the dinner and tour at the Heard Museum, internationally known for its collection of Native American arts and artifacts.
Good morning!
Another wonderful day for networking and information!

Yesterday these opportunities began at the Affinity breakfasts with themes of libraries, archives, and museums. We had a chance to ask questions and receive good information. The main question at the library breakfast was finding grants for buildings and grantwriting in general. At the archive breakfast, Christine Ramirez led a discussion regarding her experiences starting a tribal archive.

Our plenary session began with a cultural welcome, blessing, and posting of the colors by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. This was followed by a wonderful keynote address by Dr. Ofelia Zepeda on tribal language preservation. Some wisdom we took away from her talk:
"Language should be throughout"
"Language loss began with contact. It began with intrusion"
After lunch we met in workshops. The Museum workshop was highlighted by the provision of product samples to help us properly display and store our treasures. Quotable quotes from the library workshop: “What I like about tribal libraries is you can make the rules and you can break them” - Leona Hinton Smith “Be savvy and anxious to get support from tribal council” - Dr. Cheryl Metoyer

In the evening we gathered in the soothing and stimulating atmosphere at the Heard Museum. We had time to eat, shop, view exhibits, shop, tour the vault, and shop!

Don’t miss the great workshops this afternoon after lunch. If you are interested in the casinos tonight please listen for announcements.

Some good resources
- Internet Lib. for Librarians www.itcompany.com/inforetriever/adm_pol.htm
- Owls Lib www.owls.lib.wi.us
- Library Land http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/librarylandclosed.html
- AZ State Library, Archives, and Public Records (see collection development course module) www.lib.az.us
- Knowledge River http://knowledgeriver.arizona.edu

Notice board
Come to the If I Can Read I Can Do Anything booth to take care of the following:
- Driving to Los Angeles? Please leave your name if you can share a ride.
- If I Can Read I Can Do Anything visor winners
  o Christina Breault
  o Ron Curlos
  o Debbie Gandara
  o Angel Parker
- Provide announcements for our final newsletter
Farewell!
As our conference draws to a close and we prepare to go our separate ways we have this final lunchtime opportunity to network and share information.

Reflecting on our conference yesterday morning-
- Affinity breakfasts
- Exhibit booths
- Morning workshops

Lunch was highlighted by the keynote address “Blurring the Boundaries of Cultural Institutions” by Dr. Robert Martin, director of The Institute of Museum and Library Services. The IMLS provides a range of grants for tribal libraries as well as grants for museums.

The afternoon gave us more interesting information sessions. One of these was the workshop entitled “Old Poisons, New Problems” which dealt with some new issues of repatriation. Others of us toured the beautiful Mesa Public Library. We would like to thank them for the tour and also for printing our daily newsletter.
And now...the final winners of the If I Can Read I Can Do Anything visors!!!

- Carla Messinger
- India Comosona
- Juanita Jefferson
- Philissa Calamity

Finally, a big thank you is in order for Alyce Sadongei. Her efforts have made this conference a huge success!

The staff of the newsletter wishes you all a safe journey home.

- Dr. Loriene Roy
- Angela Swift
- Sarah Cunningham
- Holly King