Japan Library Association’s 2008 Fellow
Asami Yada

For three action-filled weeks in November and December, Asami Yada was hosted by members of the Horner Fellowship Committee. By combining visits to a variety of libraries in the Phoenix and Flagstaff areas, with attendance at the AzLA Annual Conference in Glendale, Asami had the opportunity to meet many librarians from around the State and to become acquainted with Arizona’s multifaceted ‘brands’ of librarianship. The focus of Asami’s exchange was to observe how various libraries in Arizona offer services through the Internet, including reference services, multi-cultural services and access to multi-language collections for immigrants/ethnic group.

Between professional events, Asami experienced Arizona’s culture and southwestern hospitality first-hand via various sightseeing ventures and two home stays. Asami’s gentle nature and inquiring mind charmed everyone who met her and resulted in a rich cultural exchange for all involved.

Asami Yada has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Japanese literature and currently works at the Chiba University of Technology Library. In her library career she has been involved in circulation work, serial/monograph receiving, reference, ILL, collection development, accounting, and information systems.