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Centennial State Libraries Changes Format

The Colorado State Library regretfully announces that the monthly, online newsletter, *Centennial State Libraries*, is changing its format. For many years, the print version of the newsletter spotlighted important library issues as well as the activities of CSL. In January 2000, the periodical became an online publication only. Now declining resources, along with the new approach to information created by the extensive use of the Internet, mandate another change.

To provide timely resources and announcements, *Centennial State Libraries* will begin as a weekly, online bulletin, primarily containing brief news items and links to other sites or contacts. People may send news that they wish considered for inclusion via E-mail to mccune_b@cde.state.co.us. Listservs will be used to announce issues as they are available.

We wish to thank the readers of *Centennial State Libraries* for their interest over the years. In addition, many kudos to the talented and dedicated editors who put their skills, and oftentimes their spirits, into writing, production, and distribution of the newsletter. We hope the change enhances our services to the library community.

ACLIN Dial-up Numbers Change

Qwest is in the process of discontinuing all current ACLIN dial-up numbers, and ACLIN expects all old numbers will be shut down by March 1, 2001.

ACLIN has instituted a statewide number, **1-800-748-0888**, through another company. This dial-up is free, has an automatic, 30-minute time limit, and allows text-only access to ACLIN and the Colorado Virtual Library. These services are identical to the old dial-up numbers. The new number is statewide, and can be used from anywhere in Colorado. Individuals attempting to use the number from outside the state will be automatically denied access.

Libraries still using dial-up should alert staff and patrons to the change and encourage users to switch to the new 1-800 number immediately.

The Colorado Virtual Library and ACLIN are optimized to provide access to the wealth of library resources of Colorado, particularly digital images and Web-based resources. Because of technological advances, clients may wish to investigate graphical access to the Web and not rely on text-only access. Telecommunications companies may stop providing text-only dial-up access in this rapidly changing environment.

If you have any questions, please contact ACLIN at 303.866.6939.

From the State Library

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The American Library Association held its mid-winter conference in Washington, DC, just a few days before the inauguration of George W. Bush as our president. Most of the conference was held in the Washington Convention Center where, three days later, the Texas/Wyoming Inaugural Bash was held. The whole city was gearing up for the festivities with flags and seals and even buttons ("I celebrated the Inaugural at O'Brien's Bar and Grill"). Our last day there, a swarm of high school kids and their teachers invaded our lower priced hotels to participate in an Inaugural learning experience. It was hard for either Democrats or Republicans to ignore the excitement.

But I was there for ALA and left town as the horde of celebrators arrived. ALA was exciting enough. I was involved in deliberations around five major issues:

- Reauthorization of LSTA
- E-rate update
- A new E-book task force
- UCITA
- The new Children's Internet Protection Act

LSTA is up for reauthorization after five years. I am part of a coalition composed of Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), which I represent; all the divisions of the American Library Association; the ALA Washington Office; regional bibliographic networks (like BCR); the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (there as observers); the National Indian Library Association (represented by our own Elaine Walsteadter from Ft. Lewis College); and the Association of Research Libraries. Whew! It's a big group. The purpose is to gain consensus among the library community before we go to Congress to lobby for reauthorization of the law.

After much discussion, the group came to agreement on the following:

- No basic changes in the law, only minor rewriting for clarity.
- An increase in administrative costs to allow an annual evaluation of one theme of particular interest to Congress.
- A doubling of the base grant to states which will increase the allocation to Colorado.
- An increase in the request from \$150 million to \$500 million.

We prepared a resolution that was adopted by the group and by the ALA Council. As soon as it's available online we will put a link to it.

I continue to chair the E-rate Task Force. Each conference we meet with Kate Moore, Director of the Schools and Libraries Division, that administers the E-rate. The E-rate may be bureaucratic, complicated, and frustrating, but the staff that administer it in Washington are friendly and helpful. Linda Schatz, who handles customer service, gave an update of what we had asked be changed in Year 4 and what they were actually able to change. John Noran was there, too, of course, and it was good to see him again. We will mount the document Linda prepared as soon as we can get it; and you can see the changes for yourself. They shared some really good news with us:

- They are seriously working on electronic signatures.
- They are finally going to work on a true EZ form.

I was also appointed to a new E-book Task Force. ALA finally decided they should get ahead of the curve on E-books. Of course, most others are already far ahead, so we are really playing catch-up. The group identified its purpose to:

- Educate librarians;
- Join committees outside ALA working on E-book issues;
- Participate in conferences on E-books;
- Communicate with librarians about E-book issues and developments;
- Form business partnerships as appropriate.

ALA has joined the Open E-Book Forum and attended the first meetings here in Denver. Task Force members who attended reported that the E-book vendors were delighted with the participation of librarians in the deliberations. Librarians have the respect of vendors for their experience and knowledge in the E-book arena.

Immediate activity of the Task Force includes:

- Establishing a Web-page on E-books for librarians;
- Developing an E-book display area (much like the first Internet show-room) where librarians can experiment with all the E-book products, both hardware and software;
- Developing a set of "requirements," the librarians' opinion about the ideal E-book environment for librarians.

UCITA stands for the Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act. If you haven't heard about it by now, you will. This is a nationally proposed law that would standardize contracts about computer transactions – actually all the software you purchase. Many, many groups oppose this law including all library groups. To date, UCITA has not been introduced in Colorado. There were extensive discussions about the shortcomings of this law, why librarians should oppose it, and how we might accomplish this. I've now been to two training sessions and will be meeting with representatives of the Colorado Association of Law Librarians to talk more about it.

But the topic that dominated the conference was the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The ALA Washington Office's regular Saturday morning update was standing-room-only as a regulatory attorney hired by ALA attempted to explain and interpret the law. Also on the program were Kate Moore from the E-rate SLD and Jane Heiser from the Institute of Museum and Library Services that administers LSTA. Both tried to explain how their respective agencies would handle the requirement to issue rules on the implementation of CIPA. The bill is enormously complex with slightly different implementation requirements for E-rate, LSTA, and the Technology Challenge Grants from the Department of Education. The governing program is the E-rate. If your library is eligible for and applies for the E-rate, you must comply with the law or forgo your E-rate discount. If you don't apply for E-rate but do apply for LSTA for a grant that provides a modem-equipped computer or Internet access, you must also comply with CIPA. There were loads of questions about nuances in the law and few answers. The biggest questions have to do with the impact of the law on networks and consortia, particularly those who don't have computers for the public.

ALA has created a Web site specifically for information about the new law, <http://www.ala.org/cipa>. It will have interpretive information, timelines, definitions, and a Q & A. By the end of the conference, the ALA Executive Board had voted for ALA to take the lead in a lawsuit to challenge the law. They do not expect the challenge to be decided prior to the deadline for compliance for libraries that choose to accept federal funds covered by the law.

ALA had its usual number of meetings, exhibits, parties, and general people-networking. Our professional association represents us well.

CLC UPDATE: December 2000

New members for December:

- Platte River Academy Library, Highlands Ranch; Judith A. Rooney; 303-221-1070
- Pueblo School District #60 (31 schools), Pueblo; Paul Romero; 719-549-7142
- St. John Middle School, Parachute; Hilda Vaughan; 970-285-7834
- Valley High School, Gilcrest; Jane Billings; 970-737-2403

Changes in directory:

- Academic – Aims Community College – contact person Nancy Edmonds; 970-303-8008 x6237
- Schools – Widefield School District – name and telephone numbers changed – see directory on website
- Other:
 - AORN – telephone number 303-755-6304 x291
 - Colorado Mental Health Institute - CATC School Library – contact person Elaine Folga; also add
 - Professional Library; Carol Ann Smith; 719-546-4678

NOTE: The complete listing of current Colorado Library Card participants is on the Web site:
http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/sl_libcardindex.htm

Library News

'99 Stats Available

An updated version of the 1999 Colorado database is posted on the Web for public librarians to download at <http://www.bibliostat.com/connect/downloads.asp>. Scroll down the page to "1999 Colorado State Database." The updated file contains every element from the 1999 survey including legal basis, more staff ratios, more ILL ratios, technology elements, etc. If you have any questions about downloading or using the new file, call Customer Service at theLibraryPlace.com, 1-800-427-0028.

Hainer Appointed State Library Development Director

Eugene Hainer has been named Director of Library Development for the Colorado State Library. He has been serving as senior consultant, school library media, for CSL. He holds an MLS from the University of Texas (Austin) and previously was school library media specialist at Linton Elementary School in Fort Collins. In his new position, Hainer will be supervising school and public library consultants and have oversight of LSTA and State Funding.

Lance Named Influential

Keith Curry Lance, director of Library Research Service for the Colorado State Library, was named one of the 30 most influential people in ed-tech by eSchool News in the January 2001 issue. "Lance's work may well set the bar for school media programs in the future," said the publication.

ACLIN Team Recognized

The staff of ACLIN, creators of the new Colorado Virtual Library, have been recognized by the Colorado Educational Media Association Awards Committee for "Outstanding Contributions to Information Services for Children." The special award is given for the Kids' Colorado Virtual Library Web page, which offers students, parents and educators a graphically interesting site with links to quality resources, along with connections to Colorado state educational standards.

"Reading Tips" Web Site Honored

The Web site "Reading Tips for Parents," <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slreadtips.htm>, was selected as a featured site in Lightspan's StudyWeb(r) as one of the best educational resources on the Web. StudyWeb(r) is one of the Internet's premier sites for educational resources for students and teachers. Reviewers scour the Internet to select the finest sites to be included in StudyWeb's listing of educational links. "Reading Tips," available in English and Spanish, was first developed in conjunction with an LSTA project stressing library outreach to childcare centers. The pamphlet targets parents of children birth to six and is available in hard-copy by E-mailing mccune_b@cde.state.co.us.

Notes to Note

Blue Spruce Award Votes Due March

The deadline for student votes for their favorite Blue Spruce book is fast approaching. The Colorado Blue Spruce Award highlights books teens themselves are reading, rather than the ones grownups insist are "good for them." The Award is sponsored by the Colorado Library Association, the Colorado Council for the International Reading Association, the Colorado Educational Media Association, and the Colorado Language Arts Society.

More information about participating in the Blue Spruce Book Awards, for both school and public libraries, can be found at <http://www.cla-web.org/bluespruce/bluespruce.htm>. Or contact Blue Spruce Award, P.O. Box 27072, Denver, CO 80227-0072; Fax: (303) 442-1808; or lmaher52@aol.com and mccarthy@boulder.lib.co.us

Prizes for adults have been added this year to encourage participation! The site also includes easy-to-follow promotional ideas and a calendar for implementing Blue Spruce voting into teen programs.

Rocky Mountain Book Festival Set for March

This year's Rocky Mountain Book Festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4, at the Denver Merchandise Mart. For information or a schedule, contact the Colorado Center for the Book, 303.839.3820.

New “Conserve Water” Educators’ Guide Available

The Watercourse and International Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) announce the release of the Conserve Water Educators’ Guide, a new publication. The guide is designed to help educators, water managers, and community leaders to inform others about basic water science topics with a focus on water conservation. A companion piece, the Conserve Water Student Activity Booklet, is filled with challenging games and activities and helps children understand what they can do to conserve water. To purchase a copy of the Conserve Water Educators Guide or Conserve Water Student Activity Booklet, contact the Watercourse at (406) 994-5392 or by E-mail at lhveem@montana.edu.

Free Audios from Radio Theatre Available

L.A. Theatre Works has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to provide - free of charge - audiocassettes from the Audio Theatre Collection to underserved libraries in all 50 states.. There aren't hard and fast rules for proving need, but the group is targeting libraries that would otherwise be unable to afford these resources. Requests are filled first-come, first-served. At this time, capacity is 500 libraries total. However, applications will be accepted even after this point because more support may become available. Each library receives five audio recordings of plays performed by some of this country's most prominent and talented actors. Libraries can apply by using the enrollment form on the Web page at <http://www.latw.org/alivealoud/access.html>. For information, contact Laura Wolf, Marketing and Development Assistant, L. A. Theatre Works at 800-708-8863 or 310-827-0808, between 10am and 6pm PST.

School Research Topics

Notable Internet resources from state government agencies in handy bibliography form for students and educators. **Attached, end of document**

School Research Topics: Notable Internet Resources from State Government

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The staff of the State Publications Library, Colorado State Library, is pleased to publish this list for educators, librarians and students. The Internet is a valuable resource in education. The State Publications Library tracks computerized reports, statistics, and other educational information from state agencies as part of its many services. While the sites listed below are all available via the Internet, the State Publications Library can help you find publications in printed format, too, deliverable to you via interlibrary loan or your closest depository library.

Web site URLs may have changed since the printing of this list. If a web address does not connect, go to <<http://www.state.co.us>> and search by subject keyword. As with any use of the Internet by minors under the age of 18, educators and parents may want to monitor children's use.

COLORADO:

History and Government

Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs

Consists of demographic information of the Native American population of Colorado, map of historic tribe sites, history of the Ute, Southern Ute and Mountain Ute fact sheets.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/lsgov/indian/toc.htm

The Alfred Packer Collection at the Colorado State Archives.

Documents and photographs of Alfred Packer, including confessions, and court documents. Has a warning guaranteed to whet the interest of any grade school boy.

<http://www.archives.state.co.us/packer.html>

The Colorado State Capitol Building Site.

History and description of the Capitol including biographies of men associated with the Capitol, a fact sheet, and a bibliography.

<http://www.archives.state.co.us/cap/first.htm>

Official State Seal, Flag, Motto, Emblems and Symbols.

List of official symbols. Hot links to interesting, in-depth discussions about each symbol's history.

<http://www.archives.state.co.us/arcembl.html>

Colorado State Seal / Secretary of State

Provides a history, description, and use of the seal.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/sos/coloseal.html

Colorado Civilian Conservation Corps Records at the Colorado State Archives.

History of the Corps in Colorado including photographs and CCC Enrollment Index.

<http://www.archives.state.co.us/ccc/cccscope.html>

Current Information

Recreation and Tourism Links / Colorado Department of Transportation

Includes Colorado Vacation Guide, Colorado Visitor's Guide, Scenic Byways, and more.

<http://www.dot.state.co.us/public/Recreation&Tourism>

Map of the State of Colorado / Colorado Department of Transportation

<http://www.dot.state.co.us/public/maps>

Colorado Data Book / Office of Economic Development

Includes text and statistics for population, technology, education, quality of life, recreation & tourism, transportation, and natural resources, etc.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/oed/facts/contents/html

Occupation Employment Outlook, 1996 -2006 / Department of Labor and Employment

Tables with state growth occupations, average hourly wages, and occupational projections by major occupation and major industry.

<http://lmi.cdle.state.co.us/oeo/oeo.htm>

2000 Legislative Session / Colorado General Assembly

Provides access to current session bills, calendars, journals, legislator directory, Session Laws, Colorado Revised Statutes, and much more.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/stateleg.html

CORRECTIONS:

By the Numbers, 1999 / Department of Corrections

Statistics statewide on inmate populations, admissions & releases, commitments, top five crimes, and inmate gender, age, and ethnicity.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/DOC_dir/correct.htm

Youth Corrections at a Glance / Division of Youth Corrections

Covers summary of statistics on juvenile offenders, employees, and operating costs plus reports commitment and detention programs.

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/dyc/stats.htm>

Penitentiary and Reformatory Records / Colorado State Archives

Includes summary of State Archives holdings in the area of corrections from the 1870's on.

Features hot links to prisoner index, prison records, history of the State Penitentiary, mug shots.

<http://www.archives.state.co.us/pen/history.htm>

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:

Crime in Colorado / Colorado Bureau of Investigation

Yearly statistics on crime and arrests reported by law enforcement agencies.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/cdps/cic/introduction.htm

Statewide Strategy for Drug & Violent Crime Control / Division of Criminal Justice

Statistics and current efforts in drug control.

<http://cdpsweb.state.co.us/odcsi/strategy.asp>

Elements of Change / Department of Public Safety Office of Research and Statistics

Highlights trends and issues in the criminal justice system such as alcohol and drug use, correctional populations, crime prevention, sentencing patterns and new laws.

<http://cdpsweb.state.co.us/ors/news.htm>

DRIVER INFORMATION:

Handbooks and Forms / Motor Vehicle Division

Provides Motorcycle Operator's Handbook and Colorado Driver Handbook in English and in Spanish.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/revenue_dir/MV_dir/driverforms.html

Alcohol Related Fatal Crashes / Department of Transportation

Consists of table showing yearly percentages in Colorado.

<http://www.dot.state.co.us/public/transportationsafety/alcohol/news.htm>

HEALTH:

Consumer Protection Index / Consumer Protection Division

Provides information on subjects such as child care facilities, foodborne illnesses, hantavirus, school & child care, tobacco, and more.

<http://www.cdphe2.state.co.us/cp/info.html>

Health Topics A-Z / Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division

Consists of fact sheets, disease prevention and health information on topics such as AIDS, cancer, influenza, sexually transmitted diseases, zoonotic diseases, and more.

http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/diseases_az.htm

Programs of HIV/STD / Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division
Includes statistics, facts, profiles of cases reported yearly.
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/HIVSTDPROGS.asp>

Rocky Flats Program / Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division
Includes facts, status report to the public.
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hm/rf/rfhom.asp>

Air Quality Control Commission Report to the Public / Air Quality Control Commission
Describes air quality conditions in the state during 1998-99.
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/rttp98.asp>

Pollution Prevention / Pollution Prevention Division
Gives ideas for several common industrial sectors and operations.
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/P2/index.htm>

LAW:

Constitution of the State of Colorado / Colorado Supreme Court
<http://i2i.org/SuptDocs/ColoCon/iscolocn.htm>

State of the Judiciary Address / Colorado Supreme Court
Provides information on the judiciary system.
<http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/supctarticle.htm>

Annual Report of Probation Programs / Colorado Judicial Branch, Office of Probation Services
Covers yearly statistics and information on all probation programs.
<http://www.courts.state.co.us/probation/annual.htm>

Juror Information / Colorado Supreme Court
Provides general information on the jury system and a map of the 22 judicial districts.
<http://www.courts.state.co.us/scao/pubed/juryduty.htm>

Law Related Education Information / Colorado Supreme Court
Provides general overview of the courts, jury duty, judges' appointments, with lesson plans on the legal system.
<http://www.courts.state.co.us/scao/pubed/lawed.htm>

MENTAL HEALTH:

Suicide Prevention and Intervention Plan / Department of Public Health and Environment
Provides the final report of the Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention.
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/suicide.htm>

Schizophrenia and Mood Disorders / Department of Human Services

Bibliography developed for the benefit of individuals with serious mental illnesses, family members, and service providers that includes technical titles as well as personal accounts, such as Girl Interrupted.

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/ohr/mhs/mhbiblio.html>

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT:

Caring for the Land Series / Colorado State Parks

Covers wetlands conservation, native plant revegetation, weed management.

<http://elbert.state.co.us/cnap/publications.html>

Colorado State Parks Information / Colorado State Parks

Provides map and detailed information about each state park.

<http://parks.state.co.us/parksmap.html>

SOCIAL PROGRAMS:

Reference Manual, 1999 / Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Covers information on children's health, Medicaid, and other public health care programs with enrollment and expenditure statistics.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/chcpf/refmat/ref99/99refman.html

State Plan for Colorado Works / Department of Human Services

Describes the welfare reform program to put welfare recipients to work.

http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/cyf/welfare_reform/reform.html

WILDLIFE:

Education Links / Division of Wildlife

Lists numerous links to information about animals, with endangered species listing and resource catalogs for educators.

<http://www.dnr.state.co.us/wildlife/educa/index.asp>

Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind / Colorado State Parks Trails Program

Emphasizes stewardship of nature, especially wildlife.

http://www.dnr.state.co.us/trails/planning_trails.html

For further information regarding these sites or any state government information, please contact:

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