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Summer Reading Mini-Grants Still Available



The deadline for public libraries to apply for a Summer Reading mini-grant has been extended to January 15, 2005. Information on the mini-grant program is available at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/index.htm>. To qualify, you must use the statewide theme and materials, "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds." Mini-grants are \$150 for community outreach and promotion. Sixty will be awarded. Separate locations or facilities within multi-building libraries can each apply. For assistance, contact Patricia Froehlich, Public Library Consultant, 303-866-6908, froehlich_p@cde.state.co.us.

More Resources to Help You Serve Spanish-Speakers

Spanish speakers are becoming an increasingly important part of North American life. Libraries have a key role to play in helping bring services and opportunity to Spanish speakers. WebJunction's Spanish Language Outreach Program, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, focuses on providing access to Spanish speakers to public computers in libraries. Workshops are taking place in five states, including Colorado. For a program overview, visit <http://webjunction.org/Spanish>. Other items:

- An Institute for trainers was held in Seattle in November. A report and complete workshop materials are at <http://www.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=8191>

- To meet other libraries providing Spanish services, visit the WebJunction Forum, <http://www.webjunction.org/forums/forum.jspa?forumID=88>
- The "Materials for Working with Computers and Spanish Speakers" section gathers new and existing resources designed for library staff to help them educate Spanish speakers about the technical resources available to them in their local library. Watch this section grow as the program develops, <http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=7843>
- The Learning Center has just launched a new course on Hispanic Youth Librarianship <http://webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=442>
- WebJunction also features stories about libraries that are already making Spanish-language services work for them.

SE HABLA ESPANOL?

Top languages other than English spoken at home (US). Source: US Census 2000

- Spanish 28,101,052
- Chinese 2,002,143
- French 1,643,848
- German 1,382,683
- Tagalog 1,224,241
- Vietnamese 1,009,627
- Italian 1,008,370

Spanish Outreach Workshops Go Statewide

The Colorado State Library has scheduled additional Spanish outreach workshops at the following locations/dates. Open to ALL staff from ALL types of libraries. Feel free to invite board members, staff from community agencies that work with the library, staff from schools, or anyone else who you think would be interested. Lunch for each workshop is \$10 per person and should be sent in advance to CSL. Workshops build on concepts in Spanish outreach training presented previously. However, you do NOT need to have attended the prior workshops.

Spanish Outreach Sessions:

- January 14, Colorado Springs-East Branch Library
- February 10, Boulder Public Library
- February 11, Fort Lupton School-Public Library
- February 17, Avon Branch Library-Eagle Valley L.D.
- March 17, Durango Recreation Center
- Sessions TBA: Pueblo Library District, Alamosa or Monte Vista, Montrose, Grand Junction

Questions? Contact Rose Nelson at 303-866-6946 or nelson_r@cde.state.co.us

Bookish Resources Appear

The literary journal The Paris Review is putting all of its author interviews from the past 50 years on its web site. The journal was co-founded in 1953 by American journalist and author George Plimpton while living in Paris. The author interview was a highlight of each new edition; and over the past half century, the Review has spoken with most of the leading writers of the English-speaking world. Now, people can peruse the interviews with Saul Bellow, Robert Frost, Isak Dinesen, Jack Kerouac, Toni Morrison and Canadian authors Margaret Atwood, Alice Munro and Michael Ondaatje free. Many are already up; completion date is May. <http://www.parisreview.org/literature.php>



Ralph Ellison, one of the authors featured on the site

Colorado Book News for January Available Now

The January edition of Book News is available for download at www.coloradobook.org. Make a copy and post it for your enthusiastic readers and writers.

Red Feather Lakes Receives Award

The Red Feather Lakes Community Library has been honored by Web Junction (www.webjunction.org) as their "Library of the Month" for its success in sustaining programs and technology. Check out what they have to say about the library at their site <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=8020>. Congratulations!



World War I Topic of New ALA Film/Discussion Series

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and National Video Resources (NVR) are accepting grant applications from libraries of all types that are interested in hosting "The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power," a new film viewing and discussion series. Support for the six-part series is provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Libraries interested in presenting the series can download the application and guidelines at . Applications must be received by January 31, 2005.

Fifty libraries will be selected to participate and will receive a collection of six carefully curated documentary films to use for the series and keep as part of their permanent collections; seven essays written by eminent scholars; an extensive resource guide for additional reading, videos, and web sites; and program and publicity materials. Additionally, 25 of the selected libraries will be invited to send the program coordinator and scholar to a training seminar in Chicago. These libraries will also receive a \$1,300 grant to use toward seminar travel and other expenses. For more information, please visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/theworldwariyearsamericabecomesaworldpower/www1.htm>

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