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Event Encourages Children's Literacy, All Invited to Participate

Colorado Celebrates Read Across America unites Coloradans, young and old, in

spreading the joy of reading. Read Across America, initiated by the National Education Association, is held annually on the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2. It has become a reminder to promote literacy, in addition to showing the fun and importance of reading every day.

In Colorado, a coalition of education, literacy, and youth groups has created "Colorado Celebrates RAA!" a special occasion to launch the state's kickoff to widespread participation. In celebration, local organizations and businesses will be joining to bring Colorado the best in reading fun during March 2003.

Colorado Celebrates RAA! begins on Friday, February 28, 2003, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Denver Public Library with special story times and activities, and continues through the month of March. For more information on how to participate, visit the [Douglas Public Library District](#) web site. Additional formation is located on the [National Education Association's](#) site with activities, tip sheets and registration for individual events.

Little-Known Databases Complement Subscription Databases

The December issue of "School Library Journal" has a column with little-known databases for periodicals, educational materials, and other resources particularly helpful to students conducting research. These are free and can serve as a supplement or complement to subscription databases. Examples include [www.findarticles.com](#) and [www.geminfo.org](#). Visit [SLJ](#) for more information.

"Man-on-the-Street" Interviews Following Pearl Harbor Featured by LoC

A collection of interviews from the days following the attack on Pearl Harbor are a new feature on the Library of Congress site. Interviews are part of [American Folklife Center's Radio Research Project Collection](#). Salesmen, janitors, cab drivers, housewives, students, soldiers and senators; young and old; men and women; long-time residents and recent immigrants to the United States--all are represented in a new online presentation titled "After the Day of Infamy: 'Man-on-the-Street' Interviews Following the Attack on Pearl Harbor."

The Pearl Harbor interviews were part of the Radio Research Project of the Library of Congress, which was initiated by Librarian Archibald MacLeish in 1941 as an experimental project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation to produce "popular education" radio programming related to local, regional, and national history, traditions and lore in America. The aim was to prevent fascism from taking root in the United States during a time when democracies throughout Europe were under siege.

Other Library of Congress Sites Feature Valuable Information

The [September 11 web archive](#) has received the "Site of the Year" award from "Yahoo! Internet Life." The Library of Congress, the Internet Archive, [WebArchivist.org](#), and the Pew Internet & American Life Project produced the site as a collaborative project. The site archives Internet expressions and records about 9/11.

["Working in Paterson: Occupational Heritage in an Urban Setting"](#) a web site presenting 500 interview excerpts and some 3800 photos from the project of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Paterson is considered to be the cradle of the Industrial Revolution in America.

Young Adult Literature Conference Scheduled

The annual [Young Adult Literature Conference](#) will be held on Saturday, April 5 at the Auraria Higher Education Center. Early registration (prior to February 28) is \$45 and includes lunch. Speakers include Todd Strasser and Lorri Hewett. Workshops for adults and teens are scheduled. For information, visit the web site.

Web Sites on Business Ethics Now Available

["Business Ethics,"](#) the newest in the Central Colorado Library System's "Midnight at the Internet Café" series is now available online. The publication lists all kinds of web sites useful for businesspeople, students, and library staff. Download and use!

BCR Helps Libraries Reduce OCLC Costs

The BCR Board of Trustees has decided to reduce OCLC search charges effective January 1. Lower prices will be reflected on February's invoices. The Trustees decided that most BCR member libraries have already seen budget cutbacks and are likely to see more funding reductions in the coming months. The move furthers BCR's mission of helping the library community.

A Good Thing: Providence Public Library Builds Relationships with Teachers

Book Café, professional development workshops and discussion groups for elementary educators, has been launched by the Providence Public Library. The program grew out of the desire to share information and ideas with teachers and orient them to the free professional resources offered at the library. The [Book Café](#) web site provides an overview as well as bibliographies for prior workshops.

Old News, But Still Interesting: Citizen Snoop Turns in Patron for "Bomb" Site

The September 1 issue of "Library Journal" contains an interesting news item about libraries and Internet access. Seems a retired police officer in a Florida library spotted a suspicious-looking patron using a web site for "Baghdad Battery," a clay jar that functioned as an early battery. The citizen notified the local police department, and the web surfer was arrested. See the entire "[Citizen Snoop Turns in Florida Patron for 'Bomb' Site](#)" article online.

Salida Regional Library Opens Local History Archives

The [Salida Regional Library](#) opened a repository and local history research center for the central Colorado region last summer. An inventory of their collection is available online. Some photos are digitized and on the site. The library is actively seeking additional donations of materials. For information, contact 719.539.4826.

Resource for School Library Media Specialists and Educators

The PEN Weekly NewsBlast is a free e-mail newsletter featuring school reform and school fundraising resources. The PEN NewsBlast is the property of the Public Education Network, a national association of 78 local education funds working to improve public school quality in low-income communities.

Anyone who enjoys free updates on education news and grant alerts may want to subscribe. Send your name and e-mail address to PEN@PublicEducation.org. Put "subscribe" in the subject field. Or visit [PEN Weekly](#) online.

New Pikes Peak Library Director Appointed

The Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees has appointed José A. Aponte as executive director of the library district. Aponte was selected to succeed Patrick Losinski, who became director at the Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library . Aponte has over 23 years of experience in libraries in Arizona, Florida, and California.

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