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ROCK OUT! With Summer Reading 2002—Reading, Rhythm & Rhyme

Summer Reading 2002 is coming to Colorado! Two HUGE innovations. First, the Summer Reading Program is absolutely FREE!!!! to all participating public libraries. Second—no more bulky manual. The Colorado State Library is providing a program manual on CD, FREE to all participating public library sites. LOTS of clip art adaptable to your needs. Incredible programming ideas and great book lists. Save yourself money, time, and hassle! All files are available in pdf and MS Word formats. The CD manual is scheduled to go out beginning January 11 to all public libraries who request it.

In addition, in March a basic kit of 50 bookmarks, 50 stickers, and 10 posters will be sent FREE to all participating libraries. An order form from Janway Co. to order (and pay for) extra posters, bookmarks, and stickers is on the CSL web site. You may also order directly from [Janway](#) at their web site: Orders for extra materials must be placed by February 1, 2002.

Please contact Vanessa Hudson, or [Patricia Froehlich](#), to register as a participating public library if you are not already on the "Youth Services" database.

Grants Available for Books for Children from Libri Foundation

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its spring and summer 2002 Books for Children grants. The national Foundation donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$1,500,000 worth of new children's books to more than 1,400 libraries in 47 states.

In order to encourage and reward local support of libraries, Libri will match any amount of money raised by a library's local sponsor(s) from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. A library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors (such as formal or informal Friends groups, civic or social organizations, local businesses, etc.) have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds.

Participating libraries select from a booklist provided by the Foundation. Libraries are qualified individually. In general, libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000), be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department.

Please note: Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000. Town libraries with total operating budgets over \$125,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over \$250,000 are rarely given grants.

Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries that are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system. A school library may apply only if it also serves as the public library (i.e. it is open to the general public and has summer hours). Application (postmark) deadlines are February 1, April 1 and August 1. Award dates are the end of February, April, and August. For more information or to have an application packet mailed to you, contact Barbara McKillip, President, The [Libri Foundation](#), 541-747-9655 (voice); 541-747-4348 (fax); librifdn@teleport.com (email).

Frozen Food Company Shows Warm Heart to Talking Book Library

Some frozen food companies have very warm hearts, especially when it comes to encouraging families to read. Anchor Foods of Appleton, Wisconsin, manufacturers of the Poppers line of frozen food snacks, has provided generous support for the [Colorado Talking Book Library's Family Reading Program](#) by donating \$3000 worth of product coupons. The program, scheduled for Summer 2002, will be called "Tasty Reads for TBL Families." For the first time, the program will be extended to all family groups in the library instead of being limited only to print-handicapped children. CTBL families that read books together in June, July and August will be rewarded with coupons for free Poppers treats redeemable at any supermarket in Colorado. The program, which will be centered on the [Talking Book Library's](#) web site, will offer family-oriented booklists, suggested activities, discussion questions, and additional grand prize drawings. To learn more about the program and other Talking Book Library activities, contact Lois Gross, 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136.

"Go Figure!" Encourages Kids' Math Literacy at Boulder Public Library

Go Figure! - a national traveling exhibit organized by Minnesota Children's Museum and the American Library Association (ALA)- opens at the Boulder Public Library on February 28 and runs for six weeks, through April 11. The exhibit introduces early math concepts such as sorting and measuring through kid-sized environments inspired by familiar children's books. The library is offering free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibit. Go Figure! Is designed to bring the exciting world of math and its everyday uses to children two to seven years old and their parents or caregivers. The ALA's Public Programs Office and Association for Library Service to Children collaborated with the Museum in producing [Go Figure!](#) For information about Boulder's participation, contact [Carol Heepke](#), 303.441.3196.



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Jones E-Global Library Offers Variety of Services

Jones e-global, a Jones Knowledge company located in Englewood, Colorado, will now offer individual library services in "à la carte" instead of providing only bundled products in one package. This will help meet the needs of individuals or research programs that have specific resources they need to purchase. Jones e-global provides seven main categories of resources, including Research Guides, Internet Resource Collection, Government Resources, Online Tutorials, Document Delivery Resources, Financial Aid, and Career Development. (Source: "Advanced Technology Libraries," vol 30 n#12, p.7)

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