

# Centennial State Libraries

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## Free Computer Equipment for Schools and Community Organizations

The Beaumont Foundation of America grants Toshiba branded equipment to support digital inclusion for underserved individuals. The Foundation will grant \$350 million over 5 years in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

BFA grants Toshiba-branded hardware to support digital inclusion for low-income citizens. The Foundation has three distinct grant programs, all of which are designed to reach poverty-level populations:

- Individual--Grants of technology equipment directly to individuals
- Schools--Grants of technology equipment for schools
- Community--Grants of technology equipment to community-based organizations

In 2003, the Foundation will award grants in 21 states, including Colorado, beginning

January 6 and ending March 31. Community and Education grants must be completed via the Foundation's online application form. For detailed information on grant programs, check the [BFA](#) web site or call 1.866.505.COMP.

## "Drive to Read" Contest Motivates Teens

The Drive to Read @ your library program, sponsored by the American Library Association and Morningstar Foods Inc., maker of HERSHEY(r)'S Milk, is designed to promote the role of libraries and librarians by igniting interest in teen reading. It's a great opportunity to conduct outreach to teens through your library or school library media center this semester in a fun and creative way. And it's easy to get involved:

1. Register on the Drive to Read Web site for downloadable publicity materials, as well as free posters and bookmarks that will be sent directly to your library to promote the program.
2. Print out Drive to Read Entry Forms for your students and encourage them to participate.
3. Consider entering the 2003 "Librarians in the Driver's Seat Contest." Prizes will be awarded to the three libraries with the most compelling local promotion.

The [Drive to Read @ your library](#) web site has rules, a letter from last year's winner, promotional tools, etc. The program runs through March.

## Still Time to Register for Introduction to Digitization Workshops!

Colorado museums, libraries, archives and historical societies! The Colorado Digitization Program is pleased to announce a new series of workshops for cultural heritage institutions interested in making their collections accessible online. To encourage attendance at the Introduction session we have REDUCED the registration fee for NON-CDP Members to \$50!

January 29, 2003  
Southern Peaks Public Library  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 24, 2003

February 5, 2003  
University of Denver, Penrose Library  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 29, 2003

February 12 - Introduction to Scanning  
February 13 - Introduction to Metadata  
Southern Peaks Public Library - Alamosa, CO

February 19 - Introduction to Metadata  
February 20 - Introduction to Scanning  
Location TBD

March 12- Quality Control for Digital Imaging  
Location TBD

March 25 - Quality Control of Digital Imaging  
Southern Peaks Public Library - Alamosa, CO

May 7 - Introduction to Digital Audio  
Location TBD

Please visit the [Colorado Digitization Program](#) web site for more information and registration forms. For further information contact the CDP at [colodig@coalliance.org](mailto:colodig@coalliance.org) or 303-871-4558 or 303-871-2006.

## Public Library Survey Online

On January 21, the Library Research Service released the Colorado Public Library Annual Report, aka the Public Library Survey. The survey, which is required under the Colorado Library Law, provides library decision-makers with important statistics for planning, budgeting, marketing, and evaluating. Public library directors or their designees can fill out the [survey](#) online. The survey deadline is March 15, 2003. For more information about the survey please contact [Nicolle Steffen](#) at or 303/866-6927.

## Simla Branch Library, Elbert County Library District, Makes Major Move

The Simla Branch Library has moved to a new and much larger building, nearly triple the previous facility. The new address is 504 Washington Avenue, Simla, CO 80835, (719)541-2573. The grand opening was in January. Congratulations!

## Colorado Digitization Program Launches New Web Site

The [Colorado Digitization Program](#) (CDP) is pleased to announce the launch of its new web site. Through the site the people of Colorado can access Heritage Colorado, a freely available database of over 150,000 digital images from more than 70 museums, libraries, historical societies, and archives in Colorado with collections that span the globe. Sample searches are available to help new users, while advanced search options allow researchers, genealogists, and hobbyists find the specific items to meet their information and research needs.

Educators can find guidance for using Heritage Colorado's digital photographs, manuscripts, maps and artifacts in the classroom through curriculum based lessons, workshops, and tutorials based on the Library of Congress's American Memory Project Fellows Institute and the CDP's 'Teaching with Colorado's Heritage' Program.

Cultural heritage institutions interested in providing online access to their collections can browse CDP's nationally recognized digitization resources, including CDP Best Practice guidelines for digital imaging, digital audio, metadata and references to national projects and resources. The site also features announcements about CDP's grant opportunities and upcoming workshops and events.

The Colorado Digitization Program, established in 1998, provides the people of Colorado online access to cultural, historical, and scientific resources through the collaborative efforts of museums, archives, libraries and historical societies. Through CDP's working groups, best practices, collaborative resources and grants cultural heritage institutions are able to unlock the potential of their collections and maximize their investment in technology. For further information contact the CDP at [colodig@coalliance.org](mailto:colodig@coalliance.org) or 303-871-4558 or 303-871-2006.

## Colorado Digitization Program Announces New Grant Awards

The [CDP](#) announces \$34,000 in new grants to nine Colorado museums, libraries, archives and historical societies to digitize materials from their collections on the theme of Western Trails. "More than 7,000 new digital objects from the collections of these Colorado institutions will soon be available through the Colorado Digitization Program's database," noted Nancy Allen, Chair of the Board of Directors of the CDP and Dean of Libraries at the University of Denver. "These 8 libraries and museums will join an ongoing project that involves libraries and museums from Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas in a larger Western Trails, already digitizing materials on the topic of Western Trails. By the end of 2003 we will have more than 30,000 digital objects on the topic for the people of the West. This is a major multi-state collaborative initiative never undertaken before."

Grants were awarded to the following institutions:

- Black American West Museum and Heritage Center
- Boulder Public Library Carnegie Branch Library
- Canon City Public Library Local History Center
- Colorado Historical Society Hart
- Fort Lewis College Center of Southwest
- Pueblo City County Public Library, collaborating with 8 other institutions
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Northern Colorado Michener Library

For further information and project descriptions, contact the CDP at [colodig@coalliance.org](mailto:colodig@coalliance.org) or 303-871-4558 or 303-871-2006.

## KCNC-TV News 4 Features Libraries

The CBS affiliate in Denver, KCNC-TV News 4, featured libraries as the main topic in two segments. Airing on January 23 was a story about library science as a career. Coming up on January 27 is "Diversifying Resources" on the 4 p.m. newscast and featured the University of Denver. The pieces originated in a community forum held last October with representatives from all types of libraries.

For additional information, E-Mail: Bonnie McCune, [mccune\\_b@cde.state.co.us](mailto:mccune_b@cde.state.co.us)

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