



Lake City Postcards Benefit the Library

John Wagner Public Library in Lake City, Colorado, has some unique library friends.

Alicia Bailey, treasurer of the district, Alicia's sister, and a friend have matching black eyeglasses they wear for fun. One day they thought it would be funny to paint similar eyeglasses on Bingo, a friend's bull terrier.

Bailey said it was just natural to put a book in front of the dog so it would appear that the dog was reading. They took pictures. Once they had the photos back, they decided to have them made into postcards for the library to sell.



Photo: Alicia Bailey



Forrest Grunt and Colorado Blaze get their books from the John Wagner Public Library, Lake City, Colorado.

series is of a pig named Forrest Grunt "reading" *Charlotte's Web*; the third features a miniature horse and *The Big Book of Horses*; a fourth — a cat looking at a fish cookbook — is being developed.

Bailey said the idea was inspired by the celebrity READ posters produced by the American Library Association, and she thought

it would be a good way to promote the public library. The library sells the postcards locally for 60 cents each, and will accept mail orders for the postcards at \$1 each. Proceeds from the postcards go to buy books for the library.

The postcard of the dog sold out, so the women decided to produce others. The second postcard in the

For information or to order postcards, contact Alicia Bailey, <abailey@colosys.net>, 970/944-2658.

Connect @ the Library: Sign Up for National Library Week Materials

National Library Week is April 19-25 and you are encouraged to participate. The theme, *Connect @ the Library* has a global twist this year, focusing on understanding diverse cultures.

The Colorado State Library and Colorado Center for the Book will once again produce materials to use to promote National Library Week. Materials include sample press releases, print ads, promotion ideas, Colorado statistics relevant to the theme, and a

variety of other resources. *You must request the packet in order to receive it.* There is no charge to you and orders will be filled as long as supplies last.

The purpose of National Library Week is to deliver positive messages about how public, school, and academic libraries help their communities. Libraries across the nation are encouraged to join in hosting programs, demonstrations, and exhibits that spotlight how libraries connect people of all ages.

Don't procrastinate — order your materials today! To order, send your name, library name, address, phone number, and courier code. You can submit your order in the following ways:

Mail: Colorado Center for the Book,
Attn: National Library Week,
2123 Downing St., Denver, CO
80205

Fax: 303/839-8319

Email: ccftbkt@ix.netcom.com

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY AND ADULT EDUCATION OFFICE

New Year's Resolutions, Year 4

by Nancy M. Bolt, <nbolt@csn.net>

It's January again. My performance on my New Year's resolutions this year wasn't a whole lot better than last year, so I'm going to try to be more realistic. I know. Fat chance. No. Really. Okay, here's the bitter truth about last year.



1. *Start the year, January 1, with a clean desk and try to not lose anything important during the year.* Failed miserably — again. But I think I have it made this year. While my office still looks like the poster child for the aftermath of a tornado, this year I have a secret weapon. Her name is Renée and she is my new secretary/staff assistant/nudger-of-my-forgetful-memory/organizer-of-my-office-life. (I wonder if she would work weekends at my home?) Renée has already cleaned off part of the top of my desk and all of my desk drawers. She is itching to get at my shelves of stacks of papers, and she's urging me to sort and discard. We are going to try again over the holidays so that this resolution will be three quarters fulfilled by January 1. And Renée never loses anything, so I may get the last 25% as well. *Continue next year.*

2. *Get my Centennial Library articles in on time or Kathleen can go to press without me.* I think that only happened once, but she's still too polite. *Try harder this year.*

3. *Eat lunch every day.* Accomplished (almost) and it helps if I bring a lunch from home. *Continue to do so and spend the time doing professional reading if I don't have a lunch date.*

4. *Attend 90% of my boss's Cabinet meetings and staff meetings so he sees my smiling and supportive face and I can network within CDE.* Accomplished. And it's even more important because the boss is new. Dr. William Moloney is the new Commissioner of Education, and he brings new ideas and ways of doing things to CDE. He is an excellent diplomat and strategist about how CDE can meet its goals. We are enjoying the opportunity to work with him. *Continue next year.*

5. *Integrate computer processes including: switch from WordPerfect to Word, get Web installed on home computer, learn to fax from computer, and master Power Point.* Ha, ha, ha. Failed totally, completely, miserably. I'm still typing this on good old reliable WordPerfect, still resisting learning Word, still only doing WWW at work (very infrequently), no Power Point presentations (what's wrong with transparencies?), still can't fax from the computer. Am I hopeless? *Try again next year.*

6. *Answer email immediately, phone calls within 24 hours, and print mail within a week.* Not quite, but I'm still trying. There has been a decided decline in print mail and Renée keeps me up on that. But I now get over 100 email messages a day. Takes an hour just to process them. Today I actually responded intelligently to two that were already a month old. Can I have an extra hour in the day? *Try again next year.*

7. *Limit my time away from Colorado and home even when participating in ALA activities.* I'm still taking a lot of trips — BUT many were with my family and many others were short. Is that an improvement? I was able to visit Bulgaria in May for the second time and hope to do so again next spring. *Try again next year.*

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8. *Advocate for the role of libraries on the information highway at every opportunity — within CDE and at the state and national levels.* Very successful. Libraries received about \$4 million of the \$20 million state Technology Learning Grants. Unfortunately, the money was not allocated a second time. The State Library and CDE hired Phyllis Albritton to help schools and libraries apply for the federal telecommunications discounts. Phyllis is awesome (I think she works 24 hours a day) and we are lucky to have her. She advises ALA and the FCC as well. The state also established the State Multi-Use Network Development Committee (or something like that) and we were able to get a library representative working to design this network. It remains to be seen how the legislature will react to it. The State Board of Education remains supportive of libraries and, with the encouragement of Gully Stanford, we were able to present the role of libraries in supporting education with technology to education leaders around the state. *Continue next year.*

9. *Personally attend or send some to every state telecommunications planning meeting held.* I wish! State legislators (or at least some of them) have discovered technology, and while their efforts are still not always coordinated, there is an increasing interest. I was invited by State Representative Ron May, one of the CLA Legislative Award winners this year, to attend the inaugural meeting of the Colorado Internet Caucus, composed entirely of legislators. I was one of only three state employees invited, along with the likes of John Scully of USWest and John Rikken of Hewlett Packard. And both Representative May and State Senator Bill Schroeder acknowledged the role libraries play in bringing information to Colorado residents and small businesses through ACLIN and other technology.

10. *Defend public access to public information on all fronts.* Internet filtering has provided the biggest challenge this past year. It is difficult to know how to protect the right to information and, at the same time, protect library staff and children from those who would take advantage of this protection. Jamie LaRue, Director of the Douglas Public Library District, wrote a wonderful piece called *Internet Freedoms and Filters* <<http://www.csn.net/~jlarue>> that tries to help sort through this issue. *Continue.*

11. *Get to meetings on time and stay 'til the end.* Get real. *Try again next year.*

12. *Laugh more at myself, at State bureaucracy, at life's challenges.* I guess I accomplished this. I'm still in this job, still married, still sane. Right?

13. *Show my staff on a regular basis how much I appreciate their hard work and dedication.* As always, I believe the State Library has incredible staff who can never be recognized or appreciated enough. *Definitely continue.*

14. *Remember there is life beyond work.* Last year we went to Alaska, Bulgaria, Florida, and Cincinnati. Next year Bulgaria again, plus Hawaii and, if we are lucky, Italy as well. Helping librarians in Bulgaria remains a priority for me. I've come to love the country and the people who are striving to turn a depressed communist country into a stable, economically healthy democracy.

To all of you — our library employees, friends, and supporters — we wish a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year.

Be careful out there.

CLA and CEMA Announce Outstanding Achievement Awards

The Colorado Library Association and Colorado Educational Media Association (CEMA) honored individuals who made

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Patti Bateman of the Aurora Public Library was the recipient of the Colorado Librarian of the Year Award, which recognizes exceptional achievement in the library, information, or media field within the state.

The Library Benefactor Award was given to **Mahlon Thatcher White** of Pueblo. This award is to honor a group, individual, or corporation that has donated money or materials to enhance or implement general library services in Colorado, thus making a significant contribution to a library, enabling it to meet the unserved needs of the library's users.

Charles Bates, Director of the Pueblo Library District, earned the Lifetime Achievement Award, which acknowledges a librarian or information/media specialist within Colorado who has demonstrated continuous commitment and dedication to the library profession over the years.

Using the power of the Web, **Colorado by the Numbers** received the Literary Award for enhancing the library professional with an outstanding literary contribution that is unique, creative, innovative, or informative. Colorado by the Numbers makes statistical information about Colorado in 40 easy-to-access subject groups available.

The award for Exemplary Library Services to Ethnic Populations was given to the **Colorado Council for Library Development's Committee on Library Services to Ethnic Minority Populations** for developing and distributing a Diversity Tool Kit for librarians and school media specialists.

Up With Reading, a project that began with the goal of improving reading test scores and culminated in an incredible collaborative effort by the entire community to make reading a priority in the lives of this Pueblo community's children, was honored as the Project of the Year.

The award to recognize a Colorado citizen who has made an outstanding and significant contribution toward the strengthening of Colorado libraries or the improvement of their service, the Distinguished Service Award, was earned by **Walt Koelbel, Sr.**, an active supporter in Arapahoe County.

Jennifer Kutzik, Colorado State University, was awarded the Lucy Schweers Award for Excellence in Paralibrarianship for her efforts to promote the work and accomplishments of paralibrarians on the state and national level.

The Legislative Award recognizes legislators or a legislative committee for exemplary work benefiting Colorado libraries. This year's awards were earned by **State Representatives David T. Owen, Alice Nichol, and Ron May**, and **State Senators James T. Rizzuto and Tilman (Tillie) Bishop**.

Owen secured initial budget increases for the Colorado Resource Center (CRC) and Regional Library Service Systems (RLSS) in the Joint Budget Committee, and Rizzuto secured significant budget increases for them. Nichol and Bishop sponsored House Bill 1055, an amendment to library law that makes it easier to bring the formation of library districts to a vote of the people. May received his award for activities in support of the public's right to access government information.

outstanding contributions to library media in Colorado in 1997.

CEMA

Ann Kuebbeler, Library Media Specialist (retired), LaJunta High School, received the Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes exceptional service to the Association over a period of years.

The award for Outstanding Administrator was earned by **Dr. Patrick Grippe**, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Douglas County School District, for significant administrator contribution to the school library media program in Colorado.

Recognized for having an Exemplary School Library Media Program was **Lorena Mitchell**, Aragon Middle School, Fountain, and Carson Middle School, Fort Carson. This award recognizes the school library media program that demonstrates excellence and innovation in services, demonstrates the value of the personal and social development of students, and encourages community support for school library media programs.

An award presented for the purpose of exemplifying increased leadership skills, the Harold Hill Leadership Award, was earned by **Barbara Linnenbrink**, Challenger Middle School, Air Academy Schools.

The **Poudre Golden Kiwanis Club**, Poudre School District, Fort Collins, was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, which recognizes volunteers who have provided exemplary, extensive, and outstanding service over a period of years that makes an impact on staff and students.

Congratulations!

CLC Update

As of November 30, 1997

◆ New CLC members to add for the month of November:

Listings under Englewood School District:
 Bishop Elementary, Carol Ann Elliott, 303/761-1496
 Cherrelyn Elementary, Sharon Keeling, 303/761-2102
 Clayton Elementary, Betsy Sealing, 303/781-7831
 Hay Elementary, Sandra Paliga, 303/761-2433
 Maddox Elementary, Phyllis Westra, 303/761-2331
 Flood Middle School, Debra Larkins, 303/761-1226
 Sinclair Middle School, Gale McKinney, 303/781-7817
 Englewood High School, Marilyn Lyle, 303/806-2245

◆ Corrections to directory:

Carnegie Public Library, Monte Vista,
 contact person Carol Lee Dugan

Garfield County Public Library System,
 Jacilyn Spuhler, 970/984-2347
 Administration (New Castle), 970/984-2347
 Glenwood Springs Branch, 970/945-5958
 Gordon Cooper Branch, Carbondale, 970/963-2889
 New Castle Branch, 970/984-2346
 Parachute Branch, 970/285-9870
 Rifle Branch, 970/625-3471
 Silt Branch, 970/876-5500

Boulder Valley Schools, Pioneer Elementary School,
 contact person Holly Stroud

Cherry Creek High School Library,
 contact person Diane Thompson

St. Vrain Valley School District, Frederick Middle-Senior High,
 contact person Gary Freeman

Lyons Middle-Senior High, contact person Laura Summers
 Mead Middle School, change phone number, 970/535-4446
 Mead Elementary School,
 change phone number, 970/535-4488

University of Colorado, Boulder,
 phone area code change, 303/492-4550

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Access to the **Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind (CSDB) Library Media Center** collection is now available on ACLIN. This has increased the library's ability to provide service, especially to educators and parents of deaf and/or blind students.

The CSDB Library has a large collection of information on deafness and blindness, deaf and/or blind parenting and education, sign language videotapes, and Braille or large print childrens' books. Those who wish to borrow materials must register with the LMC and have a Colorado Library Card.

Access CSDB's catalog at <http://www.aclin.org>. Click on *Colorado Library Web Pages*, then on *Special Libraries*.

The **Project NEAR II** implementation last summer increased access to Colorado library resources on ACLIN. The project added 94,500 records from nine small libraries and school media centers and the professional collections of the **Arkansas Valley, High Plains, and Plains & Peaks Regional Library Service Systems** to the ACLIN database. The NEAR (New Expanded ACLIN Resources) database now contains 153,159 bibliographic records.

The participants believe the success of the original Project NEAR and NEAR II will encourage additional small libraries and media centers to add their information to ACLIN.

Libraries and media centers that added their databases to NEAR II include: **Fleming Community Library, Huerfano County Public Library, Julesburg Public Library, Las Animas-Bent County Public Library, Rampart Regional Library District/Woodland Park Public Library, Roosevelt High School Library, Woodruff Memorial Library, Woodland Park High School, and Wray Public Library.**

Participating libraries in the original NEAR project were: **Aragon Middle School, Arkansas Valley RLSS, Estes Park High and Middle Schools, High Plains RLSS, Kiowa County Public Library, Lamar School District, Plains & Peaks RLSS, Security Public Library, Southern Teller County Public Library District, Springfield School District, and RE-1 Valley School District.**

Calling 4th through 12th Graders!

CCFTB Sponsors Letters About Literature Contest

The Colorado Center for the Book (CCFTB), in conjunction with *Weekly Reader*, is sponsoring the annual Letters About Literature Contest. Students in grades four through twelve are encouraged to participate.

Students select a book they have read that they have strong feelings about. Then, students write letters to the author explaining what the book taught them about themselves. The deadline is March 1, 1998. Entry coupons are available by phoning the Colorado Center for the Book at 303/839-8320, or by email to ccftbkt@ix.netcom.com.

There are two age-level categories. A national winner for each category will be selected, and will receive a \$1,000 savings bond. There will be a winner for each level in Colorado, too. The first place winner of each level will receive a cash award of \$100.

Additionally, the Center for the Book will donate a 6'x10' reading-themed mural to the Colorado public or school library of the winner's choice. The winner will be one of the two first place winners, chosen at random. The mural will be painted by Phil Yeh, founder and president of Cartoonists Across America, using the theme "Book Feast." Yeh and other artists from his group will paint the mural during the Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival, April 24-25.

James Williams, Dean of the **University of Colorado-Boulder Libraries**, has been named to a steering committee for the new American Library Association (ALA) Spectrum Initiative, a 3-year, \$1.35 million project to encourage and assist minorities in pursuing careers in library science. Students are eligible for participation in the project if they are a member of one of the following groups: African American, African Canadian, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latino/Hispanic, or Native People of the United States and Canada. The project provides 50 scholarships of \$5,000 each annually, establishes a national recruitment network, and organizes a networking institute for Spectrum scholars.

Emporia MLS Program Accepting Applications

The Colorado State Library has invited Emporia's ALA-accredited master's of library science distance education program to continue in the Rockies. Emporia first brought the program to Colorado in the Fall of 1989. Since then, nearly 200 students have earned their graduate degrees and are experiencing rewarding careers in the library field.

Emporia's 42-credit hour program will take approximately two years and eight months to complete. Classes meet on weekends. A two-credit hour course will meet for two weekends in a two-month span. There are at least two weeks between each class meeting.

Visit the Emporia home page on the Web at <<http://www.emporia.edu/S/www/slim/slim.htm>> to find out more about the program.

For an application, or if you have questions, contact Jean Redeker or Dan Roland at 800/552-4770. Application deadline is April 1, 1998.

1998 Summer Reading Program Kits Available

Summer Reading Program kits for 1998 are now available from the Colorado Center for the Book (CCFTB). The theme is **Book Feast: A Reading Program You Can Sink Your Teeth Into.**

Materials can be purchased in a kit or as separate items. Kits are \$6, and include 3 posters, a program manual, a pack of 50 reading logs, a pack of 50 certificates, and a pack of 100 bookmarks.

Library/School _____	Use the entry form printed here to place your order, and send it to: Colorado Center for the Book 2123 Downing St. Denver, CO 80205; fax: 303/839-8319 courier code is CC: COCB, Denver		
Address _____			
City, State, Zip _____			
Contact person _____			
Phone _____ Courier Code _____			
Item	Quantity	UnitPrice	Total
Kit		\$6.00	
Manual(additional)		\$3.50	
Poster		\$2.00	
Reading logs (pk of 50)		\$2.00	
Certificates (pk of 50)		\$2.50	
Bookmarks (pk of 100)		\$3.00	
Stickers (roll of 100)		\$3.00	
T-shirts (S, M, L, XL)		\$8.50	
NEW! Elroy Bookmark		\$1.25	
TOTAL ORDER COST			\$

Notes to note

The **1998 CLA Legislative Luncheon** will take place Thursday, February 26, at the Denver Public Library (DPL) Central. Cost is \$20 per person. A workshop in DPL's 7th floor training room begins at 8 a.m., followed by lunch with legislators at noon, then wraps-up at 1:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Contact Patti Bateman at 303/739-6594 or Druet Cameron Klugh at 303/866-0444.

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Did you know: Hitler had a ranch in Colorado? It snowed ducks at least once on I-70? Colorado has the world's longest water tunnel? Colorado has the original Hard Rock Cafe? Jack Dempsey fought his first professional fight in Colorado? Read about these and more in ***I Never Knew That About Colorado*** by Abbott Fay. The 192-page, soft bound book is \$12.95 plus actual shipping charges. Schools and libraries are eligible for a 25% discount. To order, contact Western Reflections, Inc., 970/325-4490 or 800/993-4490, email <westref@ouraycolorado.net>.

Reproductions of the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship exhibit ***Censorship in Public Colleges and Universities*** are available. The exhibit begins with McCarthy-ism, then covers the 1960's to present. The quality color copies of illustrations and a description of each censorship incident can be readily displayed on poster boards and retained for reference purposes. The cost, including shipping, is \$48. A purchase order or letter requesting the exhibit is acceptable. Contact Donald Parker, Long Island Coalition Against Censorship, PO Box 296, Pt. Washington, NY 11050; phone 516/944-9799.

Searching the Web, a 20-minute video, looks at techniques for searching the Web and deals with issues such as performing Boolean searches, evaluating the usefulness of search engines, and evaluating the resource materials found on the Web. A resource guide accompanies the

tape, and includes print training materials written by library staff and reprints from Web evaluation pages designed by librarians. The tape, order #10479S, is available for \$50 from ALA Video/Library Video Network, 320 York Rd., Towson, MD 21204; phone 800/441-TAPE; fax 410/887-2091. Prepaid orders are shipped free. ALA members receive a 10% discount by including their membership number with the order. Visit the Web site at <<http://www.bcpl.lib.md.us/~inlib/alavideo.html>>

To Hasten the Homecoming (ISBN 1-56833-047-2), a book by Jordan Braverman that tells how American fought World War II through the communication media, is available for \$24.95 from your book wholesaler, or by contacting Madison Books, 15200 NBN Way, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214; 800/462-6420; fax 800/338-4550.

The new ***ALA Graphics Fall 1997-Holiday Catalog*** from the American Library Association (ALA) allows you to invite LL Cool J, Brandy Norwood, Nicholas Cage, Rosie O'Donnell, Bill Gates, and other celebrities into your library, classroom, or home through the ALA Celebrity READ poster line. The 32-page, full-color catalog offers more than 300 library, reading, and literacy-related products. Colorful National Library Week (April 19-26, 1998) promotional materials are also featured. For a free copy of the catalog, phone 800/545-2433 ext. 5046, or fax your request and address information to 312/280/2422. See a preview at <<http://www.ala.org/market/graphics/index.html>>.

ALA has launched a new "cyber collection" of **links to more than 700 fun, exciting and useful Web sites for children and their grown-ups**. The site can be found on the association's Web page at <<http://www.ala.org/parents/greatsites/amazing.html>>. An index of resources for parents and children, including lists of award-winning books and other materials, can be found at <<http://www.ala.org/parents/>>.

School children throughout the nation read and vote annually on newly published children's and young adult books. The results are compiled into the ***Children's Choices*** list, which includes tips for primary care givers and educators. Copies of the 1997 list are available for \$1 and a self-addressed 9"x12" envelope from: International Reading Association, Dept. EG, PO Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714. The list is also on the Children's Book Council Web site at <<http://www.cbcbooks.org>>.

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