

Exemplary Colorado School Libraries Named

The Colorado State Library and Colorado Department of Education recently named libraries in nine Colorado schools as 1998-99 High Performance School Libraries. These school libraries were selected from a list of applicants statewide as those that best demonstrate having quality facilities, materials, resources, instructional support of the school curricula, and staffing.

Each designated school will act as a mentor to one or more schools within their area on how to improve instructional cooperation with teachers and deliver services that help students better meet Colorado state content standards.

Recent studies show that fourth grade scores on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) reading test are higher in schools that have a school librarian and support staff. This reinforces earlier research by the Library Research Service that shows the size of a school library's staff and collection is the best school predictor of academic achievement. Further, students at schools with better funded libraries tend to achieve higher average test scores.

Designated schools are:

Baker Middle, Denver

Cherry Creek High, Cherry Creek

Escalante Middle, Durango 9-R

Federal Heights Elementary, Adams District 12

Gateway High, Aurora

Gunnison High, Gunnison

Gust Elementary, Denver

McClave School Library, McClave RE2

Sierra High, Harrison District 2, Colorado Springs

The 1998-99 High Performance School Libraries will receive a stipend for their mentoring activities from funding provided through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), a federally-funded program administered by the Colorado State Library.

School Libraries Receive Power Library Grants

Fourteen Colorado school libraries received 1998-99 Power Library grants awarded by the Colorado State Library and Colorado Department of Education. The schools will receive \$6,500 to be used for the purchase of school library materials that will help students meet Colorado content standards. An additional \$500 will be used by each school for staff training on how to implement curricular changes within the school.

The Power Libraries grant recipients were selected from a list of applicants statewide. Applicants were required to develop a school-wide plan on how funding

would be used to help improve student achievement. Schools receiving this grant will receive assistance on how to improve instruction in the library, and work more closely with teachers and administrators.

Research done in Colorado has shown that if the librarian works collaboratively with teachers in planning instruction, students show better results on tests. Also, students at schools with better funded libraries tend to achieve higher average test scores, whether the local community is rich or poor.

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY AND ADULT EDUCATION OFFICE

New Year's Resolutions, Year 5

by Nancy Bolt, <nbolt@csn.net>

It's January again — time to review what I hoped to accomplish this past year and time to resolve again for the future. I did mildly well this year. What do you think?



1. Start the year, January 1, with a clean desk and try not to lose anything important during the year. You may remember my secret weapon, Renée. (Several of you called and asked if I would loan Renée. The answer is NO!) I did start 1998 with a clean desk, and I think it has been clean 5 or 6 times this year. I still lose things, but Renée has learned to *never* give me the last or original copy of anything. This helps. I've also started putting multiple copies of documents in several places. I now try to have a folder for every task, so single sheets of paper that represent an important priority don't get lost.

This is a difficult goal for me. I must have the messy gene and I appreciate that my staff puts up with my disability.

Resolution: Recommit and try harder.

2. Get my Centennial Libraries articles in on time or Kathleen can go to press without me. I've done pretty well and Kathleen has been kind.

Consider accomplished.

3. Eat lunch every day. Done. Decent, cheap, and fast food at Gus' cafeteria across the street helps. I single-handedly keep their tuna fish salad (without onions) business going.

Continue.

4. Attend 90% of my bosses cabinet meetings. This has become even more important. I didn't quite make 90%, but I came close. Commissioner Moloney has been at the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) for a year, and he has transformed CDE. He has set four clear goals for the department: 1.) Help kids reach Colorado's content standards; 2.) Assess how well kids met the standards; 3.) Accredite school districts based on how well their kids reach the standards; and 4.) Reorganize the department to support these goals.

The State Library and Adult Education Office (SLAEO) has increased its support of school libraries and school districts through several LSTA grants. Our new Web-based Resource Bank is absolutely dynamite. And I've been given responsibility for CDE's Web page. The bottom line is that attendance at Cabinet meetings is one aspect of continued and increased support of the commissioner's and the department's goals.

Show through programs and grants how SLAEO supports the department's goals as well as other SLAEO goals for library and literacy programs.

5. Integrate computer processes including: switch from WordPerfect to Microsoft Word, get Web installed on home computer, learn to fax from computer, and master Power Point. Okay, I have switched to Word. I think Bill Gates' programmers need their heads examined about some of the features, but I made the switch. (I guess what bugs me the most is that Microsoft seems to think they know better than I do what I want. Wrong!)

I still use Pine as my email program. Can't get attachments, can't use the Web at home, can't fax from the computer, and don't know Power Point. But, this year I'm going to change. Really. Honestly.

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And I have a practical incentive: attachments. I can't send them or get them with Pine. Up until now, the ease of use and convenience of Pine outweighed advantages of other programs. But more and more information comes through attachments. I hate being out of the loop. So, Eudora, here I come.

Eudora, Power Point, Web at home: do it in '99!

6. Answer email immediately, phone calls within 24 hours, and print mail within a week. What print mail? I get very little print mail, mainly invitations to participate in formal conferences. Junk mail I pitch. Even the number of phone calls has reduced. It's all email, which I check several times a day.

I answer 95% immediately. I recently took a two-week vacation in Hawaii and did not take my computer. I actually went through withdrawal. My fingers itched and twitched. What was I missing? Then my friend Ann showed up with her computer and showed me Eudora and how she gets to the Web and how to handle email off line, and my addiction was soothed, as well as a new commitment to update my own skills.

Learn to do email more efficiently.

7. Limit my time away from Colorado. I've come to the conclusion that this is not going to happen. It's not just that I like to travel (the phone doesn't ring for me on an airplane and it's the only place I have time to read BOOKS!) More and more, I am asked to tell people about the great programs we have in Colorado.

When I travel to do this, I not only sing Colorado libraries' praises, but I always learn about successful programs elsewhere that we might use in Colorado. As I participate in professional associations, I not only contribute to our profession, I benefit from

other's contributions. When I take librarians to Bulgaria, we help a newly free country adopt democratic principles. So, I think the resolution should not be to travel less, but to:

Make sure travel is the most productive for me and for Colorado.

8. Advocate for the role of libraries on the information highway; and

9. Attend or send someone to all telecommunications meetings; and

10. Defend public access to information. We have been successful enough that we are actually invited to meetings without having to ask. (Multi-tasking as always: I'm writing this while I listen to Governor Romer talk about education at the USWest Education Summit.)

The continued advocacy work of the State Library, Colorado Library Association (CLA), and Colorado Educational Media Association (CEMA), the benefits of the telecom discounts, and the coming Gates Foundation grants, all contribute to increased capability by and recognition of libraries. Libraries in Colorado have continued to prevail in developing policies on Internet access without mandates from state or federal government.

Continue to advocate for the role of libraries in connecting people with information.

11. Get to meetings on time and stay until the end. Always a goal. Doing better. Often not possible.

Accept reality: delete.

12. Laugh more at myself, at state bureaucracy, at life's challenges. Tough to do. I'm amazed at how the stress level has accelerated.

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by Bob Cooper

Taxes and ISPs

With the New Year comes thoughts of tax season. One convenient feature of the ACLIN Web site is that Colorado and federal tax forms can be easily accessed.

To find **Colorado tax forms** click on **Information Resources**, then on **Colorado Government/Law**. Next choose the **Colorado Government Information** link and then choose **State Tax Forms**. This brings you to the Colorado Department of Revenue's Web site, where tax forms are available. Archived Colorado tax forms since 1994 are available as well. Forms are in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Acrobat Reader software must be loaded onto your computer. The reader is available free of charge, and is linked to the Colorado Department of Revenue Web page.

Federal tax forms can be found from the **Colorado Government Information** link as well. Scroll down to the **Federal Government Information** section and click on the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** link. From there, click on the **IRS graphic** and that will bring you to an IRS Web page with the **Forms & Pubs** link. Click on the link and you can obtain current IRS forms and publications, and you will have access to forms and publications back to 1992. The federal forms and publications come in several different formats, including PDF, which Adobe Acrobat will format for you. Acrobat Reader software can be downloaded from the IRS Web site.

Tax forms from other states may be available through ACLIN depending on individual state's Web sites. From the **Colorado Government Information** link, scroll down to the **Other States' Government Information** link and click. Web sites from all states are linked, and the majority of them have tax forms available on the Internet through revenue or taxation departments.

For information on **Internet Service Providers (ISPs)**, there is a link on the ACLIN home page. Click on the **Internet Providers** link on the home

page. This will bring you to the Web site <<http://the-list.internet.com>>. You can search ISPs by area code to find companies in your area. A summary of companies will be displayed and each is linked to a more detailed Web page, which includes such information as the ISP's Web site, telephone number, and service fees.

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CLC Update

As of November 30, 1998

Corrections to directory:

Huerfano County Public Library is now Spanish Peaks Library District

Pueblo Library District - Barkman Branch - phone number 719/562-5680

Academy School District #20: Add Classical Academy; Diane Weimar; 719/282-1181

Cherry Creek School District - Grandview High School - phone number 303/627-6576

Mesa County Valley SD #51:

New CLC members:

Fruita Middle School; Joan Haberkorn;
(970) 858-3621

Grand Mesa Middle School; Cindy Stein;
(970) 523-5940

Palisade High School; Steve Scroggins;
(970) 464-5937

Change contact person for East Middle School to Jennifer Weber

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Technology just makes it worse. Other than bulk mailings, we mail very little regular mail. It's all email, overnight services, or fax. Everybody wants things instantly. I remember hearing someone say, "Should I fax it to you or is overnight delivery okay?" United Airlines is now advertising same day delivery, airport to airport. Makes laughter and perspective even more difficult and important.

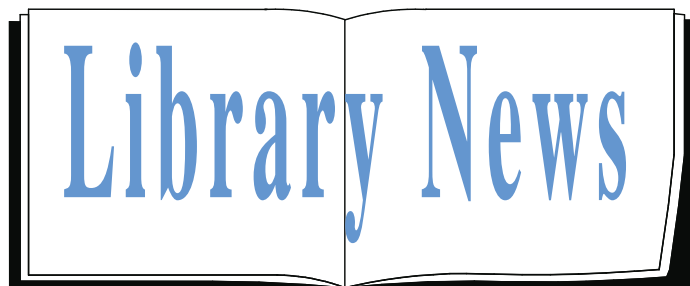
Definitely continue.

13. Show my staff on a regular basis how much I appreciate their hard work and dedication. I am blessed with a remarkable staff, who not only work hard, but also accomplish much for libraries and literacy programs in Colorado. I know I don't thank them enough. But in addition to my staff, I'm impressed with how much time Colorado librarians devote to state and regional activities. I mean, I get paid to go to meetings. These people get paid to provide library service. Yet they see that when we work together, everybody's library service gets better and the public is better served.

Thank my staff and libraries around the state for the hard work they do!

14. Remember there is life beyond work. This past year my family went to Cincinnati to see my new grandchild; Missouri to see my five sisters and my mother; Seattle to see other family. I took 10 librarians to Bulgaria, where we lectured and socialized with Bulgarian librarians. CLA and the Bulgarian Library Association passed a resolution to develop cooperative activities. I've been selling Bulgarian jewelry to support this activity. This melds my work and my life in ways that serve others, is fun, and gives me a great deal of satisfaction.

To all of you — our library employees, friends, and supporters — we wish an especially healthy and peaceful New Year.



Children's librarians at the Evergreen and Conifer libraries of the **Jefferson County Public Library** feel that Santa came early for them this year. Thanks to a group of determined local kids, librarians will have the fun of ordering new books for the shelves of both libraries.

Students at **Montessori Children's House of Evergreen** set out to provide more books for the library and proved that kids can accomplish amazing things. The Montessori students donated \$8,000 for additional children's books at the Conifer and Evergreen locations. The children raised more than \$10,000 through their activities and pledges, so donations were also made to Evergreen Christian Outreach and the Mountain Family Resource Program to benefit needy families in the area.

The **USWest Foundation** has awarded the **Bemis Public Library** in Littleton a grant to establish a technology training center at the library. The total value of the grant is approximately \$50,000, including hardware, training, and \$15,000 cash for stipends and supplies. The center will provide training for local students, teachers, seniors, community groups, and the general public. Training will be conducted by City of Littleton staff and area high school students trained at the USWest Technology Academy. Volunteers from the **Littleton Community Network** will also assist with training. The grant proposal was written by **Phyllis Larison**, Head of Adult Services at Bemis Public Library.

Title Wave

1999 Colorado Summer Reading Program Theme Planned

Title Wave is the theme for Colorado's 1999 statewide summer reading program. Title Wave artwork was created by award-winning children's book author and illustrator Denise Fleming. Fleming has painted a vivid and colorful sea-borne turtle afloat on the crest of a wave, happily reading a book.

Summer reading program kits include a comprehensive manual, posters, bookmarks, reading certificates, and reading logs that all feature the theme of sea life. The 1999 summer reading program kits are \$8, and additional items are available for separate purchase. Order deadline is February 5, and the materials will be ready by March 1.

For information or an order form, contact Colorado Center for the Book at 303/839-8320.

Grants

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Schools receiving funding are:

Cherry Drive Elementary, Thornton

Columbine Elementary, Denver

Douglass Elementary, Boulder

Doull Elementary, Denver

Englewood High, Englewood

Fort Lewis Elementary, Hesperus

Greeley Central High, Greeley

Hayden Valley Elementary, Hayden

Lake County High, Leadville

Middle Park High, Granby

Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle,
Colorado Springs

Shanner Elementary, Holly

Walt Whitman Elementary, Littleton

Washington Elementary,
Colorado Springs

Funding for the Power Library School grants was provided through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), a federally funded program administered by the Colorado State Library.

Kit Includes: 3 Posters Master Reading Log
 1 Program Manual Master Certificates
 Pack of 10 Bookmarks

Library / School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

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Item Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Kit	_____	\$8.00	_____
Manual (Additional)	_____	\$4.00	_____
Poster	_____	\$2.00	_____
Reading Logs (Pack of 50)	_____	\$2.50	_____
Certificates (Pack of 50)	_____	\$3.00	_____
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Stickers (Roll of 100, 1 & 1/2")	_____	\$3.00	_____

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Notes to Note

The **30th Annual Colorado Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Conference** is scheduled for May 13 & 14, 1999 at the Tivoli/Auraria Higher Education Center in Downtown Denver. Plans will include keynote speaker Herb White, speakers on a variety of aspects related to ILL, copyright issues, handling change in the workplace, marketing, and technology. A pre-conference workshop will take place on May 12. A full agenda and registration information will be available in February. To be added to the information mailing list, send your name and address by email to Chuck Huey, <chuey@libris.ci.westminster.co.us>; or Susann Powers, <spowers@usgs.gov>.

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Order: Simplified & Applied, includes meeting strategies and a chapter to address frequently asked questions about meetings problems. The video and book combination is offered to libraries for \$79.50 (shipping included). To order by credit card, phone 800/532-4017; to order by purchase order, fax to 800/948-8463. Or, send a check or purchase order to: Robert McConnell Productions, 6018 West Hellis Dr., Muncie, IN 47304.

Young People's Poetry Week, a new annual event sponsored by the Children's Book Council (CBC), will be observed April 12-18. This week-long celebration of poetry for children and young adults will encourage librarians and educators to include reading and writing poetry in their libraries and classrooms. The CBC poetry materials, including a classroom poetry kit, bookmarks, and a poster, are available through the CBC 1999 catalog or the Web site <www.cbcbooks.org>.

The National Education Association (NEA) has planned a campaign, **Read Across America**, with the goal of having every child in every community across the country read with a caring adult on March 2. That is the date of the 95th birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. Activity ideas for libraries and more information are available from the NEA Web site <www.nea.org/readacross>

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