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Free Library Automation Fair Helps Resource Sharing

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Join leaders in the Colorado library and technology field for the Library Automation Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21st-22nd from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The free event will be held at the Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR), 14394 E. Evans Ave. in Aurora. In addition, an evening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21st. This event is jointly sponsored by the Colorado State Library, Colorado Resource Sharing Board, and BCR.

This two day program is designed to help small and medium size libraries of all types identify quality, affordable solutions for automating in preparation for upcoming statewide resource sharing initiatives.

Brenda Bailey, Director of Networking and Resource Sharing at the Colorado State Library, will talk about upcoming resource sharing initiatives and changes to ACLIN. Rose Nelson, Technology Consultant at the Colorado State Library, will present information on selecting automation systems. Local automation vendors will provide structured demonstrations of OPAC, Circulation, and Cataloging options designed for small and medium size libraries. Representatives from Colorado groups that have created local union catalogs will provide information on their specific solution and how other libraries can join.

Take this opportunity to network with other libraries your size, sharing experience and knowledge regarding the automation process. The fair will include two full intensive days of presentations by selected local automation system vendors, followed by question and answer sessions.

Here is a preliminary list of vendors planning to participate:

- Athena/Sagebrush
- TLC
- epixtech ASP service
- Gaylord
- OCLC/CatExpress
- Winnebago
- Marmot
- Colorado NEXUS
- Chancery
- Carl Corp.
- Follett
- Duncan Systems
- Sirs/Mandarin
- Sirsi
- Western Slope Union Catalog

This is a free event, but your registration form must be received by March 7th. You can get a registration form at (**registration date has passed**).

For directions to BCR <http://www.bcr.org/~shoffhin/about/mapbcr.html>.

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What's Happening at the State Library

by [Nancy Bolt](#)



Bulgarian Update

Two wonderful events occurred just before Christmas.

First, we were notified by the National Commission Libraries and Information Science that we have been accepted as a participant in the Sister Libraries: White House Millennium Council Project. This is for our work with Bulgarian libraries. There will be a Sister Libraries International Conference in Denver in July 2000 at which time we will receive a plaque for our work.

It's also exciting to know the conference will be in Denver. I will see if I can find the exact dates and if they need any local help.

The second exciting event was the arrival of profiles of six Bulgarian public libraries who would like partners. They have provided information about each of the libraries and we are now looking for partners.

I will be sending an e-mail to each of the libraries, asking them specifically what kind of assistance they would like. I'll post the results. If information about one of the libraries strikes your fancy and you feel your library would like to become it's partner, let me know. I'll be glad to help make the connection.

The six libraries are:

- [Dora Gabe Regional Library](#) in Dobrich, Bulgaria
- [Zaharii Knyazheski Regional Library](#) in Stara Zagora
- [P. K. Yavorov Regional Library](#) in Bourgas
- [Central Library of Sofia](#) in Sofia
- [P. R. Slaveykov Library](#) in Veliko Turnovo
- [Pencho Slaveykov Public Library](#) in Varna

You can find out additional information about each of these libraries by clicking on the names. The pictures are from my own collection of the library or the town.

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Standards in Action

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The Standards and Assessment Resource Bank Website celebrated its first anniversary on January 20. The site was recently renamed "Standards in Action: The Home of the Standards and Assessment Resource Bank," to complement a new address, a new look, and a new focus.

The new address is: www.cde.state.co.us/index_action.htm.

The new look represents tighter integration with the public Web site of the Colorado Department of Education, of which the Resource Bank is an essential program and product, and greater exploitation of the dynamic content generation capabilities of Microsoft FrontPage 2000.

The new focus is a strategic concentration on the Resource Bank's historical strength -- classroom materials. Expect a continued proliferation of standards-based curriculum units and performance assessments.

Recent additions to the Standards in Action Web site have included the unit lesson plans of the Reading Roadmap Project, a program that weaves geography and literacy for K-8 classrooms; Economics and Geography Lessons for Children's Books, a project of Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Maryland, adapted by CDE to Colorado's Model Content Standards; and Risky Business: Building Resources for At-Risk Youth, a publication of the Colorado School-to-Career Partnership. Visit the Standards in Action Web site today!

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ACLIN Update

by Mary McCarthy, ACLIN Support Librarian, Email mccarthy_m@cde.state.co.us

Wanted: Volunteers to Select Quality Web Resources for ACLIN and the Colorado State Library

Requirements:

- Web surfing experience
- Enthusiasm
- Team commitment
- Desire to help Colorado students
- No Web design skills needed

The Collection Development Project of ACLIN (Access Colorado Library and Information Network) provides quality Web sites categorized by subject. Teams of volunteer librarians and educators with subject area expertise create high quality, Colorado-focused, electronic collections to serve the needs of residents and librarians throughout the state. ACLIN staff currently is investigating how this project fits in with other state and national initiatives, such as OCLC's CORC Project. To view some of the excellent work that has been completed by ACLIN volunteers so far, please see the ACLIN Web site at <http://business.aclin.org> and <http://health.aclin.org>.

The ACLIN Collection Development Committee (ACDC) coordinates the Collection Development Project, and needs librarians to help select and organize these resources. Right now volunteers are needed especially in the following areas: ACLIN for Kids, Business & Consumer, Colorado Educational Standards, Education & Literacy, and Employment & Career. Future subject teams that will be created include Arts & Humanities, Colorado Government/Law, Environment, History & Geography, and Family, Community, & Society.

Be a part of a fun and rewarding team of librarians and educators! For more information on volunteering to work on a particular subject team, including serving as chair of one of the future subject teams, please contact Mary McCarthy, ACLIN Support Librarian, at 303/866-6939 or send E-mail to: mccarthy_m@cde.state.co.us.

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Favorite Books of 1999

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Librarians were asked to share the names of their favorite books of 1999. Here are the results of that request, in no particular order:

- *Industry of Souls* by Martin Booth
- The Harry Potter books, of course
- *The Lexus and the Olive Tree* by Thomas Friedman
- *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
- *'Tis also* by Frank McCourt
- *Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk
- *Lovers for a Day* by Ivan Klima
- *A Corner of the Veil* by Laurence Cosse
- *Explaining Hitler : The Search for the Origins of His Evil* by Ron Rosenbaum
- *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man and the Last Great Lesson* by Mitch Albom
- *A Civil Campaign : A Comedy of Biology and Manners* by Lois McMaster Bujold
- *Ahab's Wife* by Sena Jetter Naslund

- *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabella Allende
- *East of the Mountains* by David Guterson
- *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
- *Diary of Mattie Spencer* by Sandra Dallas
- *Local Girls* by Alice Hoffman
- *A New Song* by Jan Karon

Young adult fiction:

- *I am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- Harry Potter books

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Statistics and Survey Notes from Library Research Service

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The 1998 *Statistics and Input-Output Measures for Colorado Public Libraries* statistics are posted on the Library Research Service Web site, http://www.lrs.org/html/data/academic/academic_libraries.html.

The public library annual report survey will be available for download on March 1 this year. Those of you who did not reply about using the electronic version of the survey will receive a print copy. If you receive a print survey and still want to try the electronic version, you will still have the opportunity to download the software. **The software is free to Colorado public libraries.** We received an LSTA grant to purchase the Bibliostat Collect software. Those of you who said you want to fill out the survey electronically will receive instructions on March 1. If you have any questions about this year's survey, please feel free to email or call

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Notes to Note

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has announced its annual recommended list of **Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers**. The list is geared to the teenager who, for whatever reason, does not like to read. Teen input is a vital aspect in the final decisions of the Committee. The visual appearance of a book and the standard considerations in the quality of content is equally important when selecting books for reluctant readers. An unedited draft of the 2000 Quick Picks for Young Adults is available at www.ala.org/yalsa. The list also will be available on ALA fax-on-demand by calling 800/545-2433, press 4. A final edited, annotated list will appear in the March 15 issue of Booklist.

The **Best Books for Young Adults** Committee 2000 has selected 85 titles published during 1999 as outstanding books for teen readers. A total of 59 fiction and 26 nonfiction titles were selected. An unedited draft of the Best Books for Young Adults 2000 is available at www.ala.org/yalsa. The list also will be available on ALA fax-on-demand by calling 800/545-2433, press 4. A final edited, annotated list will appear in the March 15 issue of Booklist.

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) **Selected Videos for Young Adults** Committee has selected 13 outstanding videos for 2000. An unedited draft of the 2000 YALSA Selected Videos is available at www.ala.org/yalsa. The list also will be available on ALA fax-on-demand by calling 800/545-2433, press 4. A final edited, annotated list will appear in the March 15 issue of Booklist.

A new **scholarship has been created to increase the number of people with disabilities in the library and information sciences profession**. The annual \$2,500 Century Scholarship is funded by an anonymous donor and administered by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). The scholarship will be given to an individual or individuals for the first time at the 2000 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The application deadline is April 1, 2000. Scholarship criteria include: admission to an ALA-accredited library school, documentation of a disability or disabilities, need for assistance (not otherwise provided by the library school or university) and American or Canadian citizenship. Information is available online at www.ala.org/ascla/centuryscholarship.html. Interested individuals may also contact Lillian Lewis, staff coordinator, at 800/545-2433, ext. 4396; TDD 312/044-7298; email: llewis@ala.org or contact Lisa Scholl, chair, ASCLA Century Scholarship Committee, 312/747-4311, email lscholl625@aol.com. Contributions earmarked for the Century Scholarship may be sent to Cathleen Bourdon, Executive Director, ASCLA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Celebrate Earth Day 2000

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On the first Earth Day, April 1970, several thousand high school and college students and educators were the primary participants. Now, 30 years later, more than 500 million participants around the globe representing almost every nation are expected to be involved in some way.

The theme this year is: Energy. Our present and future health and economic wellbeing is directly connected to abundant, reliable, and clean energy. The forces of time and worldwide concerns about our individual and collective health and the sustainability of the planet, combined with the power of the Internet, make this an ecumenical event of major proportions. As the new millennium came in, images of of celebrations around the world were flashed across television and computer screens. April 22, 2000 will be a time to celebrate and remember. For the past several years Earth Day has become a week long -- or more -- observance.

Denver's Currigan Hall will be the site of the largest environmental fair ever held in Colorado, April 14-16. Students, educators, and energy professionals will convene on Friday April 14 for a special School Earth Summit.

For updated information on local, state, and national events, visit www.coloradoearthday.org and www.earthday.net.

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ALA Announces Online Copyright Tutorial

A newly revised and updated Online Copyright Tutorial is being offered by the American Library Association's Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) beginning February 14. The Online Copyright Tutorial consists of approximately 35 copyright lessons delivered via e-mail to subscribers. Each message will address a specific copyright issue such as fair use, interlibrary loan, library photocopying and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Copyright specialist Carrie Russell said the messages are brief (2-3 screens of information), interesting and relevant to the work of libraries. The tutorial will run from the week of February 14 through the week of May 5. Subscribers can expect 2-3 messages each week.

The Online Copyright Tutorial will be hosted by lawyer, librarian and copyright educator, Professor Kenneth D. Crews. Crews is an associate professor at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis and at the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science. He directs Indiana University's Copyright Management Center. Russell said Crews is well known in the library world as one of the most dynamic teachers of copyright.

ALA members can receive the Online Copyright Tutorial by subscribing to the tutorial list. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to listproc@ala.org. Leave the subject blank. In the body of the text type: subscribe tutorial YourFirstName YourLastName.

Non-ALA members may participate by sending a \$25 check or purchase order with their name and e-mail address to the American Library Association, Office for Information Technology Policy, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 403, Washington, DC 20004-1702. For more information about the Copyright Tutorial or

other copyright education activities and services, contact Russell by phone at 800/941-8478 or e-mail crussell@alawash.org.

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ALA Announces Book and Software Awards

The American Library Association (ALA) announced the winners of several book awards. They are listed here..

Christopher Paul Curtis, Simms Taback Win Newbery, Caldecott Medals

Christopher Paul Curtis, author of *Bud, Not Buddy*, and Simms Taback, illustrator and author of *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* are the 2000 winners of the John Newbery and Randolph Caldecott Medals, the most prestigious awards in children's literature.

Curtis also was named the winner of the Coretta Scott King Author Award, honoring African-American writers of children's books. He is the first author to be a dual winner of these top honors in the same year. The last African-American author to win the Newbery Medal was Mildred Taylor in 1976 for her novel *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.

Bud, Not Buddy, published by Delacorte Press and edited by Wendy Lamb, tells the story of 10-year-old Bud Caldwell who runs away from a foster home and begins an unforgettable journey in search of his father. His only clues are old flyers left by his dead mother that point to a legendary jazz bandleader.

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat, published by Viking, is based on a Yiddish folk song about a resourceful and resilient tailor who transforms his worn-out overcoat into smaller and smaller garments. The book is illustrated in watercolor, gouache, pencil, ink and collage.

Three Newbery Honor Books were named: *Getting Near to Baby* by Audrey Coulombis, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons; *26 Fairmount Avenue*, written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons; and *Our Only May Amelia*, by Jennifer L. Holm, published by HarperCollins.

Four Caldecott Honor Books were named: *Sector 7*, illustrated and written by David Weisner, published by Clarion Books; *The Ugly Duckling*, adapted and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, based on the fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen, published by Morrow; *When Sophie Gets Angry - Really, Really Angry*, illustrated and written by Molly Bang, published by Scholastic; and *A Child's Calendar*, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman, written by John Updike and published by Holiday House.

2000 Coretta Scott King Awards

Christopher Paul Curtis, author of *Bud, Not Buddy*, and Brian Pinkney, illustrator for *In the Time of the Drums* are the 2000 winners of the Coretta Scott King Awards honoring African-American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults.

The awards jury named three King Author Honor Books: *Francie* by Karen English, published by Farrar Straus Giroux; *Black Hands, White Sails: The Story of African-American Whalers* by Patricia C. and Frederick L. McKissack, published by Scholastic Press; and *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers, illustrated by Christopher Myers and published by HarperCollins.

Two Honor Books were selected for illustration: *My Rows and Piles of Coins*, illustrated by E.B. Lewis, written by Tololwa M. Mollel and published by Clarion Books; and *Black Cat*, illustrated and written by Christopher Myers, published by Scholastic.

Michael L. Printz Award

Walter Dean Myers, author of *Monster*, was named the first winner of the Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature for young adults. *Monster*, illustrated by his son Christopher and published by HarperCollins, tells the suspenseful, emotionally charged story of a 16-year-old arrested for murder. The new award honors the late Michael L. Printz, a Topeka, Kansas, school librarian, known for discovering and promoting quality books for young adults.

Three Honor Books were named: *Hard Love*, by Ellen Wittlinger, edited by David Gale, published by Simon & Schuster; *Skellig* by David Almond, published by Delacorte Press, originally published in Great Britain by Hodder Children's Books; and *Speak*, by Laurie Halse Anderson, edited by Elizabeth Mikesell, published by Farrar Straus Giroux.

Hard Love is about a 16-year-old who falls in love with a "rich, spoiled, lesbian, private-school-gifted-and-talented writer virgin." In *Skellig*, a boy discovers a fragile, mysterious winged being sheltered in his garage. *Speak* is the story of Melinda, silenced by a trauma and rejected by students in her high school.

Margaret A. Edwards Award winner

Chris Crutcher, author of *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* and other popular young adult books, was named the 2000 recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award honoring lifetime contribution in writing for teens. A six-time ALA Award winner, Crutcher writes novels that revolve around school, sports, friends and family. His themes include the power of friendships and connections to others and the necessity of taking responsibility for one's own life.

Pura Belpre Awards

Carmen Lomas Garza, illustrator and author of *Magic Windows: Cut-Paper Art and Stories*, published by Children's Book Press, and Alma Flor Ada, author of *Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba*, published by Atheneum Books, are the 2000 winners of the Pura Belpre Awards honoring Latino writers and

illustrators whose work best portrays, affirms and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in a children's book.

Three Honor Books for illustration were named: *Barrio: Jose's Neighborhood*, illustrated and written by George Ancona, published by Harcourt Brace; *The Secret Stars*, illustrated by Felipe Davalos, written by Joseph Slate, published by Marshall Cavendish; and *Mama & Papa Have a Store*, illustrated and written by Amelia Lau Carling, published by Dial Books.

Two Author Award Honor Books were named: *From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems/Del Ombligo de la Luna y Otro Poemas de Verano* by Francisco X. Alarcon, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez, published by Children's Book Press; and *Laughing Out Loud, I Fly: Poems in English and Spanish* by Juan Felipe Herrera, illustrated by Karen Barbour, published by HarperCollins.

2000 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Book Awards winners are:

- *Po Man's Child* by Marci Blackman, published by Manic Dpress
- *My Lesbian Husband: Landscapes of a Marriage* by Barrie Jean Borich, published by Graywolf Press

"In *Po Man's Child*, Blackman skillfully interweaves three crucial days in the life of the protagonist Po, with a depiction of her earlier years and the family whose 'curse' she shares," said David Garnes, chair of the 2000 Book Awards Committee chair. "This remarkable first novel, full of memorable characters, conveys both the despair of mean lives and the hope of human empowerment."

My Lesbian Husband discusses the life and love Barrie Jean Borich shares with her partner of 12 years. In this well-written and entertaining book, Borich creates a timely discussion about the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered marriage issue.

Literature Award Honor Books are

- *Comfort and Joy* by Jim Grimsley, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill
- *Last Rights: Poems* by Marvin K. White, Alyson Publications
- *Lawnboy* by Paul Lisicky, Turtle Point Press
- *Mr. Dalloway: A Novella* by Robin Lippincott, Sarabande Books

Honors books for the nonfiction award

- *Biological Exuberance: Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity* by Bruce Bagemihl, St. Martin's Press
- *Firebird: A Memoir* by Mark Doty, HarperCollins Publishers
- *Lorca: A Dream of Life* by Leslie Stainton, Farrar Strauss Giroux
- *Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America* by John-Manuel Andriote, University of Chicago Press

2000 Notable Children's Recordings

- *The Big Bug Book*, Recorded Books, Inc.
- *Classical Child at the Opera*, Sophia Sound
- *Colonial Fair*, Coastline Music
- *The Dark is Rising*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *The Golden Compass*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Harriet the Spy*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group

- *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad*, Recorded Books, Inc.
- *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Holes*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Hoot Owl Blues: Tales and Tunes to Conjure up a Mood*, Larry Kucher
- *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln*, Weston Woods Studios, Inc.
- *Love From Your Friend, Hannah*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Mary Poppins*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *The Merman*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Meteor!*, Spoken Arts
- *My Louisiana Sky*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *On the Good Ship Lollipop*, Music for Little People
- *A PIZZA the Size of the SUN*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Ramona's World*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*, Weston Woods Studios, Inc.
- *Sparrows in the Scullery*, Recorded Books, Inc.
- *Strega Nona*, Recorded Books, Inc.
- *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, Spoken Arts
- *This Land is Your Land*, Weston Woods Studios, Inc.
- *The Wheel on the School*, Listening Library, an imprint of the Random House Audio Publishing Group
- *World Playground: A Musical Adventure for Kids*, Putumayo World Music
- *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin*, Weston Woods Studios, Inc.

An annotated list can be found on the ALSC Web site at www.ala.org.

The List for America's Readers for Year 2000

Fiction titles are:

- *Master Georgie* by Beryl Bainbridge, Carroll & Graff
- *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham, Farrar, Straus and Giroux
- *A Country Life* by Rachel Cusk, St. Martin's Press
- *A Star Called Henry* by Roddy Doyle, Viking
- *House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus III, W. W. Norton
- *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges* by Nathan Englander, Random House
- *Waiting* by Ha Jin, Pantheon
- *Colony of Unrequited Dreams* by Wayne Johnston, Doubleday
- *A Gesture Life* by Chang-Rae Lee, Riverhead
- *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem, Doubleday
- *Henry of Atlantic City* by Frederick Reuss, MacMurray & Beck
- *A Dangerous Friend* by Ward Just, Houghton Mifflin

Nonfiction titles are:

- *Show Me a Hero: A Tale of Murder, Suicide, Race and Redemption* by Lisa Belkin, Little Brown and Company
- *Black Hawk Down* by Mark Bowden Atlantic Monthly Press

- *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of WWII* by John Dower, W. W. Norton & Company
- *The Elegant Universe* by Brian R. Greene, W. W. Norton & Company
- *How to Read a Poem* by Edward Hirsch, Harcourt Brace
- *I Will Bear Witness* by Victor Klemperer, Random House
- *Journey Beyond Selene* by Jeffrey Kluger, Simon and Schuster
- *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean, Knopf
- *Passage to Juneau* by Jonathan Raban, Pantheon
- *King of the World* by David Remnick, Random House
- *Clearing in the Distance: Frederick Law Olmsted and America in the Nineteenth Century* by Witold Rybczynski, Scribner
- *Vera (Mrs. Vladimir Nabokov): A Biography* by Stacy Schiff, Random House

Poetry titles are:

- *Opened Ground: Selected Poems 1966-1996* by Seamus Heaney, Farrar, Straus and Giroux
- *Diasporadic: Poems* by Patty Seyburn, Helicon Nine Editions

Called "Notable Books: The List for America's Readers," the titles were selected for their contribution to the expansion of knowledge and the pleasure they can provide to adult readers. The list also is available on the Notable Books Web site at www.ala.org/rusa/notable.html or by calling ALA fax-on-Demand at 800/545-2433, press 4, then enter document number 403.

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Ten Most Challenged Books of 1999 Listed

The best-selling Harry Potter series of children's books by J.K. Rowling tops the list of books most challenged in 1999, according to the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom. The Potter series drew complaints from parents and others concerned about the books' focus on wizardry and magic.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom received a total of 472 reports of challenged titles last year. A challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint filed with a library or school about a book's content or appropriateness. The majority of challenges are reported by public libraries, schools and school libraries. According to Judith F. Krug, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, the number of challenges reflects only incidents reported. She says that for each challenge reported, as many as four or five remain unreported.

The **Ten Most Challenged Books of 1999** reflect a wide variety of themes. The books, in order of most frequently challenged are:

- Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling, for its focus on wizardry and magic
- Alice series, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier (the "Most Challenged" fiction book of 1998), for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group
- *Blubber* by Judy Blume, for offensive language and unsuited to age group
- *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers, for offensive language and unsuited to age group
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou, for being too explicit in the book's portrayal of rape and other sexual abuse
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, for its sexual content
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker, for sexual content and offensive language
- *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson, for sexual content and offensive language

Off the list this year, but on the list for several years past, are the *Goosebumps* and *Fear Street* series by R. L. Stine, which were challenged for being too frightening for young people and depicting occult or Satanic themes; and *It's Perfectly Normal*, a sex education book by Robie Harris, for being too explicit, especially for children.

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CLC Update

As of January 31, 2000

New CLC members to add for the month of January:

- Campo School District, Campo; Sheree Murdock; 719-787-2226 -- Campo Elementary School; Campo High School
- Eaton School District, Eaton; Nancy Edmonds; 970-454-5155 -- Eaton Elementary, Eaton; Galetton Elementary, Galetton; Eaton Middle School, Eaton; Eaton High School, Eaton
- Huron Middle School, Northglenn; Suzanne Libra; 720-872-5017
- Wellington Junior High School, Wellington; Mary Swanson; 970-568-3944

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