

# Centennial State Libraries

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## Children's Books Win Awards from ALA

At the ALA mid-winter conference, one of the highlights was the announcement of winners of various children's book awards. Among the winners:

- 2002 Caldecott Medal: *The Three Pigs*, by David Wiesner (Clarion/Houghton Mifflin)
- The 2002 Newbery Medal winner: *A Single Shard*, by Linda Sue Park (Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin).
- Coretta Scott King Award: *Miracle's Boys*, by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam)
- Pura Belpré Awards: *Chato and the Party Animals*, by Gary Soto, illustrated by Susan Guevara (G.P. Putnam's Sons); and *Esperanza Rising*, by Pam Muñoz Ryan (Scholastic).

For information on these and other awards, visit the [ALA](#) web site.

## Symposium Scheduled on Children's Issues for State and Legislature

A number of agencies working with and for children are sponsoring a legislative symposium. It's expected that literacy will be one of the issues addressed. The free

event is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Central Denver Public Library. For information call Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, 303-791-2772, or toll free: 1-888-892-4453.

## **New Nature Resource Site Goes Online**

A new nature resource site is available called [eNature.com](http://eNature.com). It offers online searchable field guides to over 4,800 plant and animal species. The database is keyword searchable. The entries include a large thumbnail image, description, and other information. The user can search by size, color, habitat, region, and other options within each group. There are also an "ask-an-expert" message board, habitat guides, tips for teachers, and much more.

## **Media Literacy Essay and Video Contest Solicits Entries**

PRIIME TIIME TODAY, a non-profit media literacy organization, and Rocky Mountain PBS announce the seventh annual state-wide media literacy essay contest and the second annual media literacy video contest. The topic for the 2002 contest is "How Will the Internet Effect My Future?" Students in grades 6,7, and 8 are eligible for the essay contest, and students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible for the video contest. Curriculum guides are available. Prizes are given to winning students, their teachers, and schools. For details, visit [PRIIME TIIME](http://PRIIME TIIME) or call (303) 770-3239 or (303) 798-7770.

## **Kids' Essay Contest and Summit on Conservation Announced**

Kids aged 9 to 12 are encouraged to brainstorm ways to help an endangered animal species in their region by participating in Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom's essay contest. To enter, kids simply need to answer in an essay: "What is one action you can take to help save an endangered animal species living in your region?" One young conservationist from each state will be selected to attend the first-ever Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Kids' Summit on Conservation in Los Angeles next May. Essays are due March 15th. Applications are available online in PDF at the [Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom](http://Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom) web site.

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