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AskColorado Joins Forces with Colorado.Gov






AskColorado, the 24/7 online reference service provided by Colorado libraries, has joined forces with a new, real-time online service that is part of the state of Colorado web site. Live Help is available on the state web site, www.colorado.gov, by clicking on the "Live Help" icon to reach a member of the Colorado.gov customer service staff or a librarian through AskColorado.

"Live help is a tool that librarians have used with great success for several years," said Eugene Hainer, Director of the Colorado State Library, Department of Education, "We are pleased to partner with Colorado.gov to make this tool available to everyone that visits the official state web site."





The Live Help service is delivered through a unique collaboration between Colorado.gov, Ask Colorado, and the Statewide Internet Portal Authority, which was formed in 2004 to oversee the success of Colorado.gov. Ask Colorado is a collaborative effort of 61 libraries from around the state.

Out and About with CSL Staff

State Library staff have extended their support over the past few months in many locations on a diversity of projects.

-  Lori Smith provided training on SWIFT through the following: December 2005-- Ft. Collins Public Library, Sterling Public Library. January 2006--Limon Public Library, Glenwood Springs - Quigley Library, Grand Junction - Mesa County Library District, Boulder Public Library, Wellington Public Library, Loveland Public Library, Denver Public Library, Woodland Park - Rampart Library District. February 2006--Lafayette Public Library, Yuma High School Library, Sterling - Northeastern Junior College, Gunnison Community School, Pueblo City-County Library District.
-  State Librarian Gene Hainer attended the COSLA -Chief Officers of State Library Agencies--and ALA Midwinter. COSLA is a chance for all attending state librarians to meet and hear what's going on locally and nationally. They also plan the fall meeting's professional development activities, and Gene is on the COSLA continuing education committee to assist with that. In San Antonio, he chaired two committee meetings in SA. One is the ASCLA-State Library Agency Section discussion group, which is made up of state library consultants and state librarians. This group offers a chance to share ideas and plan ongoing professional development for program managers in library agencies. The second was the AASL Alliance for Association Excellence, a group of AASL members, staff, and vendors designed to exchange ideas about and resolve issues related to AASL bi-annual conference planning. He also helped organize and attended a joint CLiC-CSL workshop on planning for Library Districts in the Arapaho Library District.
-  Sally Gillich, from Institutional Library Services, visited Grand Mesa Youth Center to begin the process of automating their library, scanning more than 2,500 books in 2 days; conducted a two-day weeding project at Pueblo Youth Services Center and created a cataloging profile for them; visited Platte Valley and Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center, and CMHI-Ft. Logan to gather input to develop a Youth Corrections intranet for library staff
-  Diana Reese & Sally Gillich, from Institutional Library Services, visited with the Division of Youth Corrections Education Director to offer technical assistance for technology plan development and obtain funding for library materials
-  Diana Reese met with Colorado Springs Librarians Planning Groups and the SouthEast Area Librarians (SEALS) - assisting with planning upcoming workshops; met with DOC's Private Prison Monitoring Unit to plan ways in which ILS could provide support and technical assistance for library staff at private correctional facilities; met with DOC's Private Prison Monitoring Unit to plan ways in which ILS could provide support and technical assistance for library staff at

private correctional facilities; and facilitated a meeting of CoSLL (Colorado School Library Leaders) at the CLiC office in Denver.

-  Diana Reese & Diane Walden visited Trinidad Correctional Facility to provide technical assistance with the library's computer network.
-  Andrew Breland & Diana Reese, from Institutional Library Services, visited Denver Women's Correctional Facility to discuss library service issues; traveled to the Colorado Correctional Center to assist with planning library services for the newly expanded library & assist with developing a patron satisfaction survey
-  Diane Walden went to Sterling Correctional Facility to attend Programs staff meeting and evaluate library service.
-  School Library Consultant Nance Nassar is traveling so much, it's difficult to catch her on the run. Her "Better Library Instruction by Using Test Data" shows school librarians how to use CSAP data to increase student achievement, integrate "Power Libraries" common goals, and create a collaboratively designed lesson that will help increase student performance. January, February, and March take her to Pueblo, Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library; Fort Collins, Harmony Branch Library; Grand Junction, Mesa County Library; Alamosa, Adams State College; Durango; Steamboat Springs; Salida; and La Junta, La Junta/Woodruff Memorial Library.

The Library Is Now Open



The Colorado Virtual Library has changed its URL address. The new site is <http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org>. The new interface has been streamlined and updated to get the user to the available collections and services quicker.

The CVL logo has changed; and for those of you that include a graphical link from your own site to CVL, you can download the new logo from <http://www.aclin.org/newimages>. The logo is available in a small, medium, and large size.

February News for Readers and Writers

The February issue of BOOC Book News is available for download on the Book Organizations of Colorado web site, www.coloradobook.org. Please feel free to download and circulate or post. The group would like feedback on use and value of the publication, too. Don't forget that libraries can submit appropriate events and workshops to the site. To do so, contact Bonnie McCune, mccune_b@cde.state.co.us. Please allow a few weeks lead time.

Partnership Showcases Children's Resources

A new partnership between the Colorado State Library and the Denver Newspaper Agency is spotlighting children's resources in libraries. Beginning in February, the "Mini Pages" section of the Rocky Mountain News, which appears on Wednesdays, will contain a "Read More About" feature. Children's services staff will rotate to provide a short list of books on that week's theme and suggest that readers drop into their local library to read more. Thanks to the Denver Newspaper Agency for their interest in libraries and helping kids' literacy! For information, contact Patricia Froehlich, 303.866.6908, Froehlich_p@cde.state.co.us

They Ain't Down Yet!

With the demise of the seven regional library service systems a year ago, savants predicted difficulties in networking with libraries in locations across the state. While this has been substantiated, another phenomena has been occurring—the spontaneous creation of informal networks. These have been reported in the Colorado Springs area and other places.

An example is ArkValleyLibs, a cooperation of libraries in southeastern Colorado, created from the closing of the Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System. They realize the value of collaboration and networking to the future success of libraries of all types. The group, affiliated under the auspices of the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC), the statewide library service system, is planning spring training and continuing education opportunities. For information, visit www.arkvalleylibs.org.

Library Lovers' Month Is February



If you need yet another opportunity to spotlight a library commemoration, here's one that lends itself to artistic expression. Write poems, create Valentines and post them, dream up a song or symphony—the sky's the limit. February has been self-proclaimed by library supporters as Library Lovers' Month. Access resources and ideas at <http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/>. One particularly good suggestion—take a librarian out to lunch! Several downloadable bookmark sets, too.

Third Annual Community Relations Awards Open

SHARE your achievements in reaching out to your library's community.
STRENGTHEN the visibility of Colorado's libraries.
WIN a prize for your creativity and dedication.



Colorado's@your library™ Campaign announces the third annual award to recognize library staff and volunteers who are the energy behind community relations and outreach, the foundation of all successful advocacy and marketing efforts.

It's simple. Write a letter of nomination for yourself, a coworker, a volunteer, or a group, telling about your community relations and outreach program. Send it to the Colorado State Library by February 28, 2006. For a form, visit www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/CommunityRelationsAwardFlyer.pdf.

Send your letter of nomination to Bonnie McCune, Library Community Programs Consultant, Colorado State Library. E-mail is preferred to mccune_b@cde.state.co.us. Or send hard copy to CSL, 201 E Colfax #309, Denver, CO 80203, (fax) 303.866.6940. For information, contact mccune_b@cde.state.co.us, 303.866.6891.