

Centennial State Libraries

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Scholarships Available from Special Libraries Association

Scholarship money is available to library school students through the Rebecca Jackson Memorial Scholarship of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. All students enrolled in a graduate library degree program and living in the region of the Rocky Mountain Chapter (Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and South Dakota) are eligible to apply. Information about applying for the scholarship and a current application form is now posted on the RMSLA website: http://www.sla.org/ chapter/crmt/ The deadline for applications is April 2nd, and the scholarship will be awarded at the RMSLA Annual meeting in May.

DWPC Unknown Writers Contest

The Denver Woman's Press Club has announced an Unknown Writers Contest. The competition is open to any female Colorado resident 18 or older who has never been commercially published. Deadline is March 1. Cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will

be awarded in short story fiction, poetry, personal experience. Manuscripts should be 2000 words or less. For information, visit www.denverwomanspressclub.org.

Mountain & Plains Booksellers' Banquet Honors Regional Book Awards

On March 20, Regional Book Awards will be presented and the authors will speak at a banquet at the Marriott Denver Tech Center in Denver. The banquet is a fundraiser for MPBA's Literacy Grant Program.

The 2004 Regional Book Award winners are:

- Fiction: Land That Moves, Land That Stands Still, Kent Nelson, Viking.
- Nonfiction: <u>Hawks Rest: A Season in the Remote Heart of Yellowstone</u>, Gary Ferguson, National Geographic
- The Arts: <u>Birds of Prey in the American West</u>, photos by Tom Vezo, text by Richard L. Glinski, Rio Nuevo Press
- Regional Reference: <u>Creation of the Teton Landscape</u>, Love, Reed, Pierce, Grand Teton Natural History Association
- Children's: <u>Enduring Wisdom: Sayings from American Indians</u>, Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, Holiday House

The "Spirit of the West" Literary Achievement Awards will also be presented at the banquet. This Award is given to an author whose body of work captures the unique spirit of the Mountains & Plains region. This year's winner is Sandra Cisneros, recipient of numerous awards for her poetry and fiction, including the Lannan Literary Award and the American Book Award. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at Tattered Cover or Cultural Legacy book stores or online. Deadline for ticket orders is March 15. For more information, visit www.mountainsplains.org or call 1-800-752-0249.

Special Populations Scholarship Student Puts Knowledge to Work

Zandra Lopez, a recipient of the Special Populations Scholarship and a school media specialist in the Sangre de Cristo School District, sent photos of improvements to her school library. She reports that her studies in the Emporia State program have helped her become a more effective librarian. She's putting her new knowledge to work immediately, as shown in the images.





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