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Tax Information Available

Tax payers! In addition to the valuable federal site - www.irs.gov - a number of Colorado libraries still provide paper copies of tax forms, or reproducible forms, and advice. Lynne Fox at Denison Memorial Library (University of Colorado Health Sciences) has gathered information from across the state and placed it on the web site so all Colorado libraries can access it. Tax Time Tips is now available at: <http://denison.uchsc.edu/QOM/taxes.html>.

Out and About with CSL Staff

- ☞ Late January saw People from Leadville, Berthoud, Jeffco, Louisville, Red Feather Mountain Library District and others from all over the state at Arapahoe Library District for a down-to-earth session about forming library districts. Library districts seem to have more stable funding than some other systems (see www.irs.org/documents/fastfacts/205_MillLevies.pdf). State Librarian Gene Hainer helped put the presentation together, and he and



public library consultant Patricia Froehlich were on hand to provide personal perspective and advice.

- ☞ Representing the Colorado Talking Book Library, director Debbi MacLeod presented "Recapture the Joy of Reading" at the Courage to Risk Conference in Colorado Springs on Feb 11.

New Staff at LRS

Debra Gettings has joined the staff of Library Research Service as admin assistant. Originally from Virginia, her previous employment includes Historic Denver, where she was membership and database coordinator, as well as the National Civic League. She'll be handling projects like databases, reports, and other activities integral to LRS publishing its valuable reports. Reach her at gettings_d@cde.state.co.us, 303.866.6906.

Use Women's Day Essay Project for Library Week?

A new *Woman's Day* initiative asks readers to share stories on how the library has changed their life. The magazine announced the initiative in its March 7 issue. It declares that "libraries are magical places" and asks readers to submit their stories in 700 words or less. Stories can be sent to womansday@ala.org from now until May 10, 2006, when the promotion closes.

Librarians can promote the initiative in their library by downloading free promotional tools from the [@your library](http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/howhasthelibrary.htm) Web site. Tools include a sample press release, downloadable logos, sample newsletter copy and flyer. See <http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/februray/howhasthelibrary.htm>

This might be an excellent way to involve patrons in celebrating Library Week in early April. Copies of essays can be posted on a bulletin board or used in a local library's publications—with permission from the authors, of course!

The ALA partnership with *Woman's Day* began in 2002 with a series of workshops for aspiring writers led by writers from the magazine. It has developed into a multi-program partnership that has resulted in approximately \$4 million in library-related editorial coverage in five issues of the magazine, donated ad space and an online book club featuring ALA members.

The writing workshops will kick off again this year during National Library Week at 10 community college and public libraries throughout the country. Currently, the *Woman's*



Day online book club features YALSA members' book recommendations for young adults, and beginning this summer, the book club will highlight RUSA members. The book club is available by visiting www.womansday.com/community.

Colorado Loses Library Connection

The February 2006 issue of AMERICAN LIBRARIES (p. 38) reported the November 6, 2005, death, at age 69, of James H. Kennedy, widower of Anne Marie Falsone (Nancy Bolt's predecessor as Colorado State Librarian). Jim was the longtime director of Dallas-based Amigos Library Services, one of BCR's sister organizations. There are still two people on the CSL staff who were hired by Anne Marie: Maureen Crocker (State Publications) and Keith Curry Lance (Library Research Service).

New Stamps Commemorate Children's Picture Books

The U. S. Postal Service has a new series of 39¢ commemorative stamps, and these honor animal characters in children's picture books. The charming companions include the Very Hungry Caterpillar, Maisy, a Wild Thing, Curious George, Wilbur, Fox in Socks, Olivia, and Frederick. Available online or at the P. O. http://shop.usps.com/cgi-bin/vsbn/postal_store_non_ssl/display_products/productDetail.jsp?OID=4849765

