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New Appointments to CCLD

Three new members have been appointed to the Colorado Council for Library Development. Donna Miller, Editor, Linwood Publishing, Inc., will be representing Congressional District 3, Phyllis Albritton, P-Cubed Partners, will be representing Congressional District 6, and Nancy Tucker, NAMI Colorado, will be representing Congressional District 7.

Potential Merger of CCLD and RSB

After months of discussion, the Colorado Council for Library Development and the

Colorado Library Resource Sharing and Information Access Board (RSB) will vote on February 28t whether to merge. The recommendation is to form a new Board called the Colorado Library Advisory Board (CoLAB). The new Board will be appointed by the Colorado State Board of Education. If RSB and CCLD both vote to approve the merger, the final decision will be made by the State Board of Education. Assuming approval, the new Board would begin work on July 1, 2003.

New Resource Sharing Program Being Designed

As a result of the severe budget cuts in State funding of libraries, the Resource Sharing Board sponsored a Leadership Institute on November 1, 2002. This led to the appointment of a Resource Sharing Strategic Planning Task Force. The charge to the Task Force is two-fold:

- Recommend a comprehensive and integrated resource sharing program for Colorado.

- Recommend funding priorities and options for the aspects of the program.

The Task Force will complete its preliminary work on March 13. In April and May, the Task Force's recommendations will be shared widely with the library community and will influence requests for funding from the State for next year.

New Educational Technology/Information Literacy Workshops Planned

Follow-up workshops of the highly popular Educational Technology/Information Literacy workshops held last fall are now scheduled for this spring. School district technology/information literacy plans will be reviewed. These completed plans are due to the Colorado Department of Education on June 1. These plans are required to meet Colorado's School District Accreditation Rules and Regulations, and to be eligible to receive No Child left Behind Technology funds. A full schedule and registration forms are available online at the Colorado Technology in PreK-12 Education web site.

School Library Survey—2002 Results Available Online

Results from the 2002 Colorado School Library Survey are now available online from the Library Research Service's web site. Over 600 school libraries responded to this year's survey. The information gathered in the annual school library survey provides all library professionals with important statistics for planning, evaluating, and

budgeting. "Benchmarks" also give guidance in the planning process. One example—operating expenses for the entire state for school library budgets DECLINED more than $1 million, from $13,147,638 in 2001 down to $11,866,906 in 2002. Thanks to the many schools who participated, a higher response rate than previously. For more information, contact Library Research Service at 303-866-6900 or Keith Lance.

"School Research Topics" Bibliography Updated, Available

The Colorado State Publications Library recently updated an edition of the popular list of web sites from state government agencies that are useful for K-12 students doing research papers. "School Research Topics" provides links to state government sites on topics such as government, health, history, criminal justice system, education, kids' pages, law, outdoors/wildlife, etc. The list is online at the School Research Topics web site and also is available as a printed handout (or electronic version from which you can make copies). For the print-appropriate version, contact B. McCune.

Colorado Virtual Library Conducts Usage Study

The Colorado Virtual Library invites participants in a three-month test designed to improve high-traffic areas, content and less-visited areas. The test registration and details are right on the CVL web site. By registering, users allow CVL to track pages. No cookies are used in this tracking, and participants may cancel registration at any time and continue to use Colorado Virtual Library as before. No individual identity or use information will be shared, or sold. CVL will share only the aggregate results of this process. For further information, visit CVL online.

"Closing the Achievement Gap" Web Site Helps Educators, Libraries, Parents

The Colorado State Library, in cooperation with the Center for At-Risk Education (CDE), is proud to announce the launch of a new web site designed to help educators, libraries, administrators, and parents of at-risk students. "Closing the Achievement Gap" combines information about the state coalition and legislation with CDE resources, as well as a multitude of other resources available from libraries, agencies and many others.

The site is designed to be practical and of immediate use. Many of the resources contain valuable information for parents to encourage their involvement in and commitment to education of their children. The resources can be downloaded and copied freely.

We encourage library staff to spread the word about the new site. To help, we have designed a bookmark promoting the site. You can receive an electronic version by contacting B. McCune.

Diversity Workshop—Enhance Diversity @your library

A nuts and bolts, low-cost workshop, "Planning Library Services for Culturally Diverse Communities," with national expert Yolanda Cuesta, is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. The workshop features:

- Low registration fee of $25 (thanks to many supporters! Valued at $100. Lunch included.)
- Designed for library staff and administrators, from all types of libraries of all sizes, who have limited experience in service to diverse communities.
- Strategies to communicate and work effectively with diverse communities using limited resources.
- A needs assessment to help develop workshop exercises and examples of special interest and concern to participants.
- Convenient location at Red Rocks Community College.

An understanding of community-based needs assessment techniques and the role they play in the design and delivery of effective library services is the foundation for this workshop. Participants will acquire understanding of needs assessment principles and techniques; tips for communicating with diverse communities; and effective marketing techniques. Presenter Yolanda J. Cuesta specializes in helping libraries and other non-profit organizations serve ethnic and culturally diverse communities. Registration is available online at the Central Colorado Library System web site.

The workshop is sponsored by the Colorado Library Marketing Council, and supported by a major grant from the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado.

The Best Spanish-Language Books of 2002 Selected by Criticas' Editors

Help is available for those collecting Spanish-language books or wanting to assist students and other customers. The wide range of Spanish-language books published in 2002 ranged from a windfall of best-selling celebrity memoirs to long-awaited literary works from Latin American, Latino, and Spanish writers. The editors of "Criticas" have selected from the books reviewed during the past year. Full reviews are available in past 2002 print issues of Críticas.

ALA & Association of American Publishers Launch Authors @ your library

The Association of American Publishers, the principal trade association for the book publishing industry, in conjunction with the American Library Association (ALA), Friends of Libraries USA, and Library Journal , have introduced the Authors @ your library web site. The web site is a promising new resource for connecting libraries around the country with authors and publicists who want to promote their books.

Responding to an often-heard concern that publishers do not book authors in libraries as often as librarians and patrons would like, the partnership created a web site that will ultimately serve as a searchable database for both librarians seeking authors and for publicists looking for speaking opportunities for their authors. The ALA & Association of American Publishers Launch Authors @ your library web site, which is temporarily accessible at, will eventually be available via the Library Journal, Publishers Weekly , and School Library Journal web sites.

Libraries that wish to register for the database and to become connected with publishers and authors looking for venues can register on the ALA & Association of American Publishers Launch Authors @ your library web site.

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