

## Kids Who Read Succeed Student Poster Contest Winners Honored

### 1997 Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival Winners List

#### Grand

Mildred Bustos, Grade 10,  
Thompson Valley H. S., Loveland

#### Grades 9-12

1st Katie Raube, Grade 12,  
Lewis-Palmer H. S., Monument

2nd Wayne Skroch, Grade 11,  
Thompson Valley H. S., Loveland

3rd Teisha Savickas, Grade 9,  
Thompson Valley H. S., Loveland

#### Grades 6-8

1st Jorge Gasca, Grade 8,  
Fort Lupton M. S., Fort Lupton

2nd Carrie Doornbos, Grade 6,  
Fort Lupton M. S., Fort Lupton

3rd Patricia Canas, Grade 8,  
Fort Lupton M. S., Fort Lupton

3rd Shea Suess, Grade 8,  
Timberview M. S., Colorado Springs

#### Grades 3-5

1st Carrie Wallis, Grade 5,  
Foothills E. S., Lakewood

2nd Ainsley Breault, Grade 5,  
Mountain View E. S.,  
Colorado Springs

3rd Amanda Bielak, Grade 5,  
Running Creek E. S., Elizabeth

3rd Rachele McCawley, Grade 5,  
Explorer E. S., Colorado Springs

#### Grades K-2

1st Kelly Sexton, Grade 2,  
Columbian E. S., La Junta

2nd Sarah Polican, Grade 1,  
Faith Christian Academy, Arvada

3rd Alan Wallis, Grade 2,  
Foothills Elementary, Lakewood

A poster of a young woman opening a window to the world through books is the grand prize winner in the Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival poster contest. This year's theme is "Kids Who Read Succeed." Student artist Mildred Bustos, a 10th grader at Thompson Valley High School in Loveland, will be awarded a gift certificate for books for herself and one for her school. The poster will be used to publicize this year's Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival in libraries and schools throughout Colorado.

Fourteen additional student artists will be honored with ribbons and certificates as first, second, and third prize winners in four age categories. Their names are listed in the sidebar. The awards will be presented at a ceremony during the book festival. Several others will receive certificates and ribbons for finalist and honorable mention categories.

Nancy Bolt, State Librarian, said "It is exciting to see the posters these students have created! It is clear that

they have put a lot of creative effort and thought into the project."

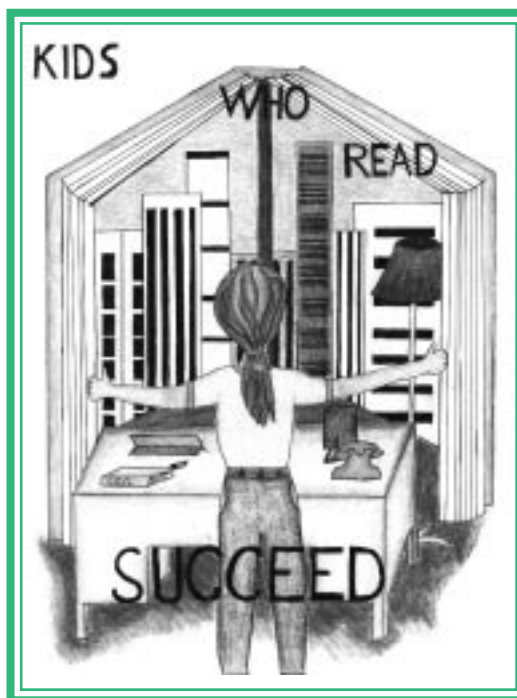
The contest is sponsored by the Colorado State Library and Colorado Center for the Book, in cooperation with the Colorado Library Association (CLA) Youth & Educational Services Division and Colorado Educational Media Association (CEMA). Bolt said the State Library is pleased to sponsor the poster contest each year and added, "It is very satisfying to see students, teachers, librarians, and parents working together."

The contest has been focused on the Rocky Mountain Book Festival in past

years, but this year the timeline was changed to coincide with the children's book festival instead.

The first Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival will be held April 25 and 26 at Curri-gan Exhibition Hall in Denver. Books for all ages, workshops, and appearances by authors will be part of the

festivities. Questions about the festival can be answered by the Colorado Center for the Book, 303/839-8320.



# It's happening ...

F R O M   T H E   S T A T E   L I B R A R Y   A N D   A D U L T   E D U C A T I O N   O F F I C E

by Nancy Bolt, State Librarian

Last year, Colorado completed a highly successful effort providing 200 free Internet accounts to Colorado libraries and school media centers. The effort was so successful, in fact, that we ran out of money and had to end the project three months early.

While the evaluation of Colorado's effort is still being finalized, I thought you might be interested in the results of a similar effort conducted by the Florida State Library. They were much less ambitious than we were. They pilot tested with only six sites, three urban and three rural. Staff at all six sites attended a two-day training session that covered every aspect of the Internet they might need to know. Throughout the project, technical assistance was available from the Florida State Library and Regional Cooperative (similar to our Systems) staff.

They have completed their evaluation of this project and came to eight conclusions. I will be very surprised if the evaluation of our own project doesn't produce similar results. Here are the Florida conclusions:

**Professional isolation is decreased.**

This is a no-brainer. Since one of the biggest uses of the Internet seems to be electronic mail, it is clear that professional isolation must decrease. We learned, when e-mail was just getting started in Colorado, that the biggest barrier to people using it is that people couldn't think of who they would send messages to — too few people had e-mail accounts. Once there is a critical mass of people who can communicate electronically, then people start doing so. People ask questions of each other, share successes and needs, and generally feel a part of the larger library community.

**Barriers between professional and non-professional staff are diminished.**

These barriers decreased for two reasons. First, before the Internet, searching databases was a "professional" librarian duty because the databases were often complex and charged search fees. It was considered a "professional responsibility" to decide when to incur these fees. The Internet is much easier to use, and anyone with a "feel" for computers can get into the ball game.

**Internet access provided the library with increased visibility, status, public awareness, and new clientele.**

This has always been my contention: libraries that take advantage of the opportunities provided in an electronic environment can attract new and different uses and positive attention from decision makers. Having and providing Internet access to the public, however, only brings greater positive attention if the library lets its little light shine. The public, the press, and political decision makers have to know about the new direction and services of the library.

**Library size presents various challenges.**



When I read this, my first assumption was that small libraries had limited staff and little time, while large libraries had lots of staff and, thus, would use the Internet more. Wrong. Florida found that large libraries often become compartmentalized into subject departments and branches, and if Internet access is not widely spread around — multiple equipment and multiple staff accounts— then only a few of the large library staff can take advantage of the Internet. The project did stimulate one large library to integrate patron access to the Internet into their on-line catalog to benefit both staff and the public in accessing databases. That didn't help the e-mail situation.

**Integration of Internet services into the library was not a factor of library size, but primarily one of staff and administrative attitudes.**

This actually confirms other research done. After equipment and training, the two most significant factors impacting success is the attitude of the library director and time for practice by staff. Where there is great excitement about the Internet and its possibilities, and where the senior administrators, particularly the library director, encourage staff to get trained and become comfortable in using the new technology, the staff are more willing to learn new skills and tout them to their users.

**At least 50 hours of training are necessary to be competent.**

This is one of the major issues we want to discover in our own evaluation. We required that all of the 200 librarians in Colorado receiving an Internet account had to have 8 hours of training from their Regional Library System. My guess is that the Florida finding is closer to the truth about the real need. Part of this training is probably practice so that one does not feel like a fool searching fruitlessly in front of a patron. Part is solving simple problems. I remember talking to a librarian in rural Colorado who had training in using e-mail. She didn't use it because when she tried to send email she got a "funny message." Of course, she had to turn off her computer to call someone and find out what to do, and she never took the time for that so she just stopped using e-mail and the Internet as well.

**Implementing Internet access for libraries takes more than 12 months.**

Part of the time required in Florida was the result of a delay in installing equipment. In fact, installation was, and is, an issue everywhere. I'm getting pretty good at finding what I want on the Web, but only because someone else installed it at work. I have still not found a way to get it installed so I can use it on my portable computer when I'm at home or on the road. There is always something else to be done first. At any rate, after installation, training, and practice, "comfortableness" has to occur before using the Internet becomes common and instinctive.

**Participants with prior computer experience had significant advantages.**

Another no-brainer. I used to say the biggest barrier for business-people in using the Internet was that they didn't know how to type. If someone has to learn basic computer literacy before they can learn the Internet, it greatly extends the learning curve.

Next month: Florida's ten recommendations for what libraries should do.

## Denver to Host National Children's Book Festival

The first ever Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival will be held in Denver on April 25 and 26, 1997. The event is expected to attract 25,000 children, teachers, and families to the free reading extravaganza.

The Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival (RMCBF) is a multi-faceted event that celebrates children's books and the people who write them. Children and their families will enjoy more than 200 authors, 100 exhibitors, a variety of storytellers and professional children's performers, and a wide array of costumed characters. Special emphasis is placed on developing a variety of bilingual programming. Many of the entertainment and presentation offerings will be in Spanish.

The Children's Book Festival is an offshoot of the highly successful Rocky Mountain Book Festival. More than 130,000 people have enjoyed that festival during its four year history. "The success of the children's programming was overwhelming the Festival," said Colorado Center for the Book Executive Director Kimberly Taylor. "As a result, we decided to create a celebration just for children. While similar in size and scope to the book festivals that are presented around the country, this one will honor the rich heritage of children's writing and publishing."

Early author commitments are impressive. The two honorary chairpeople of the festival are award-winning authors Tom Barron and Janet Stevens. Barron writes riveting novels for young adults. Popular author/illustrator Stevens created the artwork for the festival poster. Continuing the all-star lineup is the author of the highly popular *Babysitters Club* series, Ann Martin. Rudolfo Anaya, considered to be one of the founding fathers of Chicano literature, will discuss his new children's book *Maya's*

*Children*. Poet Nikki Grimes is a Harlem born poet, journalist, and author of over a dozen books for children. Among those included in the guest list are impressive Colorado authors Mary Calhoun, Barbara Steiner, Kristiana Gregory, and Claudia Mills. Young enthusiasts of books and sports will enjoy hearing well-known Denver Bronco running back Reggie Rivers discuss his career as a writer.

Characters from many of today's popular books will jump right off the pages as the festival presents the largest lineup of costumed characters seen in any public show. Among the many characters delighting young audiences are Curious George, Winnie the Pooh, Jesse Bear, the Stinky Cheese Man, Peter Rabbit, Madeline, Corduroy, the

Wild Thing, and Lyle the Crocodile. Word play areas include large-scaled magnetic poetry and

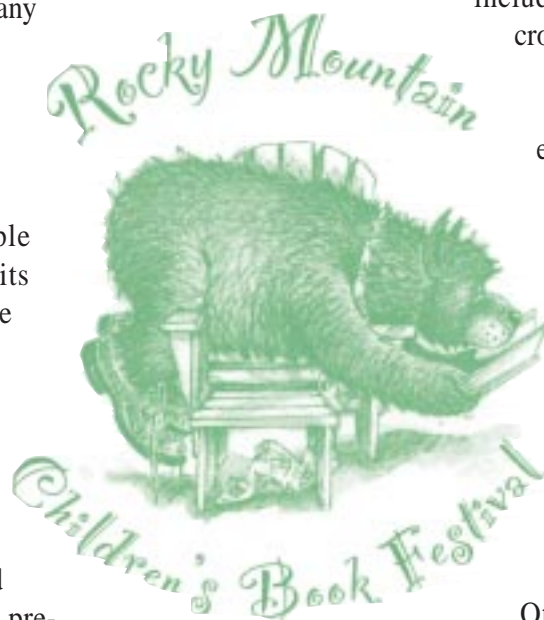
crossword puzzle walls. And the International Reading Association sponsors its touring "Dear Mr. President" exhibit, where children are invited to express their thoughts about reading on a giant display that will be delivered to President Clinton.

The Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival is sponsored by the Colorado Center for the Book, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

The purpose of the organization is to foster a lifelong love of reading.

Other major sponsors of the festival include *The Denver Post*, KCNC-TV, Radio Ahhs-1340 AM, the Colorado Council on the Arts, the Colorado Department of Education, and school districts in Adams County, Brighton, Cherry Creek, Denver County, Douglas County and Platte Canyon.

The Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival will be held at Currihan Exhibition Hall, 1325 Champa, in Denver. There is no admission charge, and it is open to the public. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Information on volunteering or sponsoring the festival is available by calling the Colorado Center for the Book at 303/ 839-8320.



## Media alert for public libraries Get Ready Now!

This Spring the American Library Association (ALA) will launch a national advertising campaign designed to acquaint the public with learning disabilities. There will likely be an upsurge of questions on the topic in libraries throughout the country.

To help librarians get ready, a resource kit will be sent to the directors of all public libraries nationwide. The packet includes suggestions for collection development, organizations to contact for information or referral, adaptations to programming and services, and materials for staff training. A number of single sheets are designed to be photocopied and distributed directly to the public. These were sent out in late January.

The January issue of *American Libraries* featured an introduction to learning disabilities, with descriptions of what some libraries are doing already to serve their communities. The article is called "The 15% Solution: Libraries and Learning Disabilities." Subsequent issues this Spring will explore the impact of learning disabilities on literacy programs and children's services.

The packet is one of the services offered to libraries by Roads To Learning, The Public Libraries' Learning Disabilities Initiative. Others include a listserv, state and regional workshops, and a telephone and email Networking Resource Center.

Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian, is one of the eight members of the National Advisory Board for Roads to Learning. The group will serve as advisor to Roads to Learning staff in the development and management of the initiative.

Roads To Learning is a two-year initiative funded through a grant from the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation and administered by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of ALA; phone 800/545-2433, ext. 4027; fax 312/944-8085; email <agorman@ala.org>, or phone Cheryl Malden at 800/545-2433, ext. 4399.

### Test Your LD IQ: An Awareness Tool for Librarians

#### Multiple choice:

- About what percent of Americans have learning disabilities?
  - 1%
  - 15%
  - 25%
  - 45%
- What percent of students with identified learning disabilities drop out of school?
  - 15%
  - 25%
  - 35%
  - 45%
- When the learning disabilities of young criminal offenders are addressed, what is their recidivism rate?
  - 2%
  - 12%
  - 32%
  - 62%
- Undetected or untreated learning disabilities of young criminal offenders have been found in what percent of adults with severe literacy problems?
  - 10%
  - 30%
  - 60%
  - 90%

#### True or False

- Learning disabilities are neurobiological disorders.  
True False
- Being a "slow learner" is an indicator of learning disabilities.  
True False
- Learning disabilities run in families  
True False
- People have learning disabilities all their lives.  
True False
- People with learning disabilities are generally of normal or above average intelligence.  
True False
- Deficits in reading skills are the most common forms of learning disabilities.  
True False
- People with learning disabilities can learn to compensate for their conditions.  
True False

#### Answers:

1. b; 2. c; 3. a; 4. c; 5. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are true; 6 is false.

# CLC UPDATE

**As of December 31, 1996**

**New CLC members to add for the month of December:**

Lyons Depot Library, Lyons,  
Merlyn Williams, 303/823-5165

West Yuma County SD,  
Laurel Fennie, 970/848-5488

Yuma High School, Yuma,  
Laurel Fennie

Yuma Middle School, Yuma  
Heather Klein

Morris Primary School, Yuma  
Judy Krause

Liberty School, Joes  
Kelli Vaughn

**Changes and corrections to directory:**

To Denver Public Library add:  
Pauline Robinson Branch, 303/370-1530  
Valdez-Perry Branch, 303/295-4302

*Change:*  
Athmar Park to Athmar Branch

*To Summit School District add:*  
Summit Cove Elementary,  
Fran Adams  
Upper Blue Elementary,  
Pauline Cassidy


*Change:*  
contact person for Frisco Elementary  
to Rachel Raymond

contact person for Dillon Valley  
Elementary to Carol Hunter

## Top Ten Things to Do in the Library When You're Bored

*by Eugene Hainer, Sr. Consultant*

10. Memorize the Dewey Decimal System, and recite it to liven up dinner parties.
9. Reshelve the educational theory books under "fiction."
8. Check out all copies of books on how to improve your memory, then tell the librarian you can't remember where they are.
7. Instead of checking things out, offer to buy them. Don't take no for an answer!
6. Stand near the exit gates, and "beep" as people walk through.
5. Ask the librarian how to turn the videotape over to watch side two.
4. Ask the reference librarian for all information about the negative consequences of losing one's temper; act really impatient while he or she looks.
3. Go to a computer near the circulation desk, hold the mouse like a microphone, and repeatedly ask where the computer books are.
2. Attend the story hour, and tell them your inner child just wants to listen.
1. Above all: read, read, read!



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## Colorado State Publications

by Maureen Crocker, State Publications Library

**Air pollution** is of concern to all of us, especially in the winter. The following are selected state government reports and general information on air quality.

**Air Care Colorado fact sheet.** [Denver, Colo.: Air Pollution Control Division, Mobile Sources Section, 1995] 1 sheet. HE7/110.2/AI7/1995

**Air quality in Colorado/Issued by the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission; prepared by the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division.** Annual. HE2/1.1/1995

**Clean air regulations and your business/the Small Business Assistance Center.** Denver, Colo.: [1996] 1 folded sheet. REG1/6.2/AI7/1996

**Colorado state implementation plan for carbon monoxide, July 1994: Denver metropolitan nonattainment area element.** Denver, Colo.: Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, [1994] 1 v. (various pagings). HE2/1.2/P69/1994

**Final report on environmentally sensitive sanding and deicing practices.** [Denver, Colo.]: Colorado Dept. of Transportation: Colorado Transportation Institute; [17] p. TRA2.10/95-5

**Metropolitan Denver vehicle emissions guide: reducing air pollution: consumer information about Metropolitan Denver's new vehicle emissions testing program: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties.** [Denver, Colo.: Colorado Air Pollution Control Division, Mobile Sources Section: Air Care Colorado, 1995] 1 folded sheet. HE7/110.2/AI7/1995/2

**Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area reasonable attribution study of visibility impairment/prepared by John G. Watson. . . [et al.]; prepared for Technical Steering Committee, c/o Colorado Department of Public and Environment, Air Pollution Division.** [1996] HE17/10.2/Z7/1996

**My vehicle has failed the Air Care Colorado emissions test — now what do I do?** [Denver, Colo.]: Air Care Colorado, [1996]. [7]p. HE7/110.2/AI7/1996/2

**Oxygenated gasoline program.** [Denver, Colo.]: Colorado Dept. of Health, Colorado Air Quality Control Commission. HE2/1.11/1995

**Program fact sheet.** [Denver, Colo.]: Air Care Colorado, [1995]. 1 sheet. HE7/110.2/AI7/1995/4

**Program information.** [Denver, Colo.]: Air Care Colorado, [1995]. [5] leaves. HE7/110.2/AI7/1995/6

**Repair effectiveness handbook: your guide to voluntarily registered repair facilities.** [Denver, Colo.]: Air Care Colorado, [1996]. 22 p. HE7/110.2/AI7/1996

**A Report to the Legislature concerning present and developing emissions control tests and technologies.** Denver, Colo.: Colorado Dept. of Health, [1994]. 22 leaves. HE17/11.2/T23/1994

**Review and analysis of the Total clean cars program: 1993-1994 high pollution season.** [Denver, Colo.]: Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, [1994]. 1v. (unpaged). HE2/1.2/T64/1994

To borrow any of these publications, contact the State Publications Library, 201 E. Colfax Ave., Room 314, Denver, CO 80203; 303/866-6725; or fax 303/866-6940. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Publications may also be available at depository libraries that carry state government documents, or through interlibrary loan.

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and Reference Center Coordinator, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Topics will include state and regional networking projects, survey results that tell us what our customers want, and sophisticated record keeping techniques. Registration, including banquet and two continental breakfasts, is \$55. Rooms at the Regal Harvest House are \$89 plus tax per day.

For information about the conference, contact Gayl Gray, Chair, Colorado Interlibrary Loan Committee, <gayl@ucar.edu>, 303/497-1183. To receive registration materials, provide your address to Leslie Forehand, 303/497-8505 <forehand@ucar.edu>.

### 1997 Dates of Interest

ALA Midwinter Meeting	February 14-19	Washington, DC
CLA Annual Legislative Workshop	February 27	Denver
Colorado Book Awards	March 13	Denver
Eleventh Annual Arkansas Valley Institute	March 13-15	Pueblo
PLA Spring Symposium	March 20-22	Chicago, IL
CLA Paralibrarian Division Spring Workshop	April 3	Colorado Springs
Joint Retreat of the Pathfinder and Three Rivers Regional Library Service Systems	April 10-12	Grand Junction
National Library Week	April 13-19	
Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival	April 25-26	Denver
Colorado Interlibrary Loan Conference	May 1-2	Boulder
CLA Public Library Division Spring Workshop	May 16	Aurora
SLA Annual Conference	June 7-12	Seattle, WA
Colorado Technology in Education (TIE) Conference	June 21-24	Snowmass
ALA Annual Conference	June 26-July 3	San Francisco, CA
Celebrity Book Auction	September 24	Denver
CLA 1997 Conference	October 9-13	Copper Mountain
Rocky Mountain Book Festival	November 1-2	Denver
CEMA 1997 Conference	November 5-8	Beaver Creek

# Notes to note

**BCR workshop** descriptions, locations, date, cost, and registration are now available online at BCR's home page. Go to <http://www.bcr.org>, click on "BCR Workshop Descriptions" for an alphabetized index of workshop names. Click again on the name of the workshop that interests you, and a description of the class, along with its location, date, and cost, will be displayed. You can register online, too!

*Ancestors*, a new public television series about genealogy and family history, will encourage viewers to use libraries to research their roots. A companion book, *Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History and Genealogy*, is being published by Houghton Mifflin. Ancestry, Inc. is producing a teacher's guide for grades 7-12 that will be distributed to schools through PBS stations. Librarians may request the

guide by contacting their local PBS station or by calling the project at 801/378-8450.

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