

# Centennial State Libraries

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## **Face Lift Benefits State Government Site**

A new web address for Colorado State Government means libraries and individuals should update their Internet bookmarks and printed material. The new <http://www.colorado.gov> home pages have a new look as well as additional direct links to popular web pages. The new pages replace top-level pages on the former [State of Colorado](#) web site. Both addresses will connect the reader for the present. Redirect pages have been added for those who have bookmarked the old pages and for those of you who have links on your web pages to the old pages.

## **State Librarian Receives Intellectual Freedom Award**

Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian, was one of the recipients of the Intellectual Freedom Award given at the recent Colorado Educational Media Association conference. Nancy, along with Colorado Library Association government consultants Jerry Braden and Ruben Valdez, received recognition for their work to educate the public about Internet filtering and intellectual freedom issues. The award was presented by Jenniffer Hudson (SIRS Publishing, Inc).



Nancy Bolt, state librarian, receives Intellectual Freedom Award from Jody Howard (CEMA) and Jennifer Hudson (SIRS Publishing, Inc).

## **National Center for Education Statistics Provides New Library Search Tool**

NCES' Public Library Locator will help you find information about a public library or libraries when you know some information about it. The information in this locator comes from the fiscal year 1999 NCES Public Library Survey. In addition to the locator tool, the Public Library Peer Comparison Tool has also been updated with the most recently available data. Or you might want to try searching for a public library by using the NCES Students' Classroom option. To use the [Public Library Locator](#), [Public Library Peer Comparison Tool](#), and the [NCES Students' Classroom](#), please visit their web site.

## **Local Book Club for Adults Helps ESL Students**

"Book Clubs Make Reading Fun for Adults," by Barbara Casey and Jennifer Quinn Williams (Dora Moore Adult ESL Project, Denver) appears in the November/December 2001 issue of ESL Magazine. Dora Moore's Book Club incorporates reading for fun into multi-level ESL classes. Instructors find that reading for fun in the book club format fosters reading more naturally, enlivens discussion, and improves students' English proficiency. The complete article is featured online in the [November/December issue](#). (News item from THE AEFL BIMONTHLY, a news update for AEFLA-funded programs from the Colorado Department of Education, Center for At-Risk Education, Adult Education and Family Literacy (AEFL) Services.

## **National PTA Adds Spanish Resources to Web Site**

Check out this collection of resources in Spanish to promote parent involvement in a variety of areas. The [National PTA](#) offers Spanish language publications on: understanding standards, talking to teens about AIDS, fighting discrimination, and creating healthy children and families.

## **Libraries for the Future Announces MetLife Foundation Reading America Grant Winners**

Bemis Public Library (Littleton) and Denver Public Library are among 12 public libraries across the nation selected for the MetLife Foundation Reading America Program, announced [Libraries for the Future](#) recently. The innovative, library-based national book and film discussion program for teenagers and adults, was developed to foster greater understanding and communication among youth and adults, especially in immigrant families. Reading America also aims to expand awareness and use of public libraries, particularly in communities experiencing significant demographic change, and is intended for libraries across the country to adapt to their own communities. Each participating library will receive \$5,000 for program start-up costs. Library staff members will receive training, program resources and support from Libraries for the Future. Based on the experiences of the grant-winning libraries, LFF expects to expand the model for use in libraries around the country.

Denver Public Library will emphasize the shared cultural heritage of the area's Native American teens, their parents and elders, and its relevance to the entire Denver community. The library will partner with the Denver Indian Center, meeting at both the library and the Indian Center in order to investigate cultural history and to expose participants to the library's extensive resources, including an important collection of photographs about Native American history and culture. In addition to discussions led by librarians, there will be presentations by Native American speakers and Native American storytelling.

Edwin A. Bemis Public Library is located in Littleton, an area with growing Hispanic and Asian populations. The seven-session program, the library's first program to target immigrant groups in the community, will bring together bilingual high school students and their families to explore family and health-related issues that affect them. Local experts will provide input and lead discussions along with library staff on books, films and other media related to the selected health topics. The library will work with community organizations including the Littleton Health and Wellness Clinic and the Colorado Center for the Blind.

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