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## 36th Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference – Denver, April 28-29

Registration is now open for the 36th Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference at the Marriott City Center in downtown Denver. This year's theme is "Sharing Visions: Evolving to Meet the Future." The registration fee for this day and a half event is only \$75, including breakfast for both days and lunch the first day.

This ILL conference is a premier event in the world of resource sharing, attracting attendees not only from Colorado but from throughout the nation. Don't miss it!

A pre-conference will be held on April 27 at the Executive Tower Hotel, that focuses

on the statewide Colorado library courier, the Colorado Library Advisory Board's new strategic plan for library service in the state, and a SWIFT ILL users group meeting. Please plan to attend the conference opening reception at the Denver Marriott from 5:30- 7:00 pm following the pre-conference.

The preliminary conference agenda, information on featured speakers, registration forms for both the pre-conference and the conference, and hotel reservation information are available at: <http://www.aclin.org/coloillconf>.

## **ILL Conference Scholarships Available from CLiC**

Need financial help with attending the 36th Annual ILL Conference? Up to 6 scholarships for up to \$300 per person are being funded by the Colorado Library Consortium. Applications are due by March 25, 2005. To apply, complete and submit the "Fund a Colleague Application" available at the conference website: <http://www.aclin.org/coloillconf/fund.html>.

## **Hit a home run at CASL'S "Spring Training for School Librarians"**

Major keynote speaker, presentation on "Shared Instructional Design," breakout sessions. Tailored to fit your real needs. Saturday, April 9, from 8:30 to 3:30 at Dakota Ridge High School (C-470 and Bowles) in southwest Denver. For more details and online registration, go to the CAL website <http://www.cal-webs.org> \$50 for CASL members (includes lunch). Bring a teacher and/or your principal for \$10 each.

## **CAL Paralibrarian Spring Workshop: Diversity Works @your library**

Registration is now open for the CAL Paralibrarian Spring workshop to be held on Friday, April 22, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library. Our keynote presentation will be about diversity in libraries. Participants will be able to choose from a variety of workshops: learning how to use your strengths to further your career, communicating with teen patrons, an overview of WebJunction Colorado, and making art out of books! Please see <http://www.cal-webs.org/#35> for more details.

Registration: \$50 for members of CAL, CCML, CoALL, and RMSLA and \$75 for non-members. This includes lunch, snacks, and workshop materials.

One \$50 scholarship will be awarded and used for attendance to the spring workshop. The application deadline is March 23, 2005. The application form is online at <http://cal-webs.org/ParaScholarshipApp.doc>.

## Día de los Niños Celebrated in Colorado

Día de los Niños: Día de los Libros, on April 30 every year, is becoming a date of importance in the U.S. as well as Mexico. In Mexico, the date traditionally allows parents to celebrate their children as well as connect youngsters to their most valued friend: el libro. For the library community, national REFORMA is taking the lead. The group is committed to promoting the value our communities' children and that we want their futures to be grounded in education and made possible by a firm foundation in early literacy experiences. Visit the web site for ideas and activities, <http://www.reforma.org/resources/ninos/dia.html>.

Here in Colorado, libraries and schools are making plans already. For example, the Rocky Mountain Storytellers Conference is working in Arvada on a story telling jam at Misty Hills Books on March 19, with tales from a new book, Chili Today, Hot Tamale, a multi-cultural collection of family food tales from Colorado residents. They'll also be doing activities at local schools.

## Resource for Rural and Small Libraries

The California State Library's Rural Initiative has opened an online archive of materials and resources to help California's rural libraries serve their users more efficiently. By providing examples of commonly needed documents, materials and programs in all aspects of library operations, the Clearinghouse benefits rural libraries by eliminating the need to "reinvent the wheel" for every new policy, practice, procedure or project needed locally.

Although intended primarily to benefit rural public libraries in California, the Clearinghouse is open to all libraries, anywhere in the country. There is no charge to access or use Clearinghouse resources. Visit the Clearinghouse at: <http://www.resourceroundup.net/>. For more information about the Rural Initiative Clearinghouse or other projects of the Rural Initiative, contact Carla Lehn, California State Library, 916-653-7743, [clehn@library.ca.gov](mailto:clehn@library.ca.gov)

## Free Useful Tools for Libraries Help Bean-Counters and Managers

The Library Research Service announces a new group of tools available on LRS.org - LRS-i (LRS Interactive). LRS-i is an array of interactive tools to help library decision-makers and others use statistics. LRS-i has budget calculators to help academic, public, and school libraries plan for the future. It also has tools that can be used to compare public or school libraries' statistics. Find these customizable tools at <http://www.lrs.org/interactive>.

## **Retirement, Retention, and Recruitment All Are Issues in Colorado**

Will the wave of "baby boomer" retirements have a major impact on the career of librarianship in Colorado and on services? A recently released report from the Library Research Service says, "Yes!"

More than 1200 Colorado librarians and other library workers responded to a voluntary statewide survey. Respondents came from every type of library and every corner of the state. Among the findings:

- More than 20% of responding librarians expect to retire within the next five years.
- Of all responding school librarians, about half plan to retire within five years, more than three times the proportion for public librarians and almost five times the proportion for academic librarians.
- Retiring librarians will take with them substantial administrative skills. Three out of four are supervisors.
- Respondents without immediate retirement plans expect their successors to have less education.
- For many library students, librarianship is a second career.
- Responding paraprofessionals say they would be encouraged to pursue an LIS degree or credential if financial aid was available, class times and locations were convenient or online, and work schedules were more flexible.

The report, "A Closer Look at Retirement, Retention, and Recruitment," includes recommendations for action, if Colorado is to avoid a crisis in professional librarianship. The full report can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.lrs.org/closer.asp>.

## **New "Fast Facts" Features Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries**

Each year the Library Research Service collects data on formally challenged materials as a part of the Colorado Public Library Annual Survey. In 2003, 20 Colorado libraries reported 63 challenges to books, materials, events and exhibits. The entire "Fast Facts," along with how these challenges were handled is available online at [http://www.lrs.org/documents/fastfacts/214\\_Challenges\\_Public\\_2003.pdf](http://www.lrs.org/documents/fastfacts/214_Challenges_Public_2003.pdf).

## Informational Meeting on Forming a School Library Cohort in Colorado Springs

On Monday, March 14 the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center will hold an informational meeting for persons interested in forming a school library cohort in the Colorado Springs area. The meeting will be held at the Tesla Educational Opportunity Center, rooms 110-111, 2560 International Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80910 from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

If you have any questions, please contact: Jody K. Howard, School Library Program Manager, 303-556-4911, [jody.howard@cudenver.edu](mailto:jody.howard@cudenver.edu).

## E-Lists Created for Writers

The Book Organizations of Colorado is a loose coalition of groups interested in writing and books. They have a web site, [www.coloradobook.org](http://www.coloradobook.org), and issue an online newsletter monthly.

Now they have initiated several e-lists as an additional service.

What are the BOOC lists?

The primary BOOC list is used by the representatives of some 50 different Colorado organizations to trade event announcements.

BOOC is also now hosting two additional lists: BOOC-chat (for discussing all things writing related) and BOOC-announce (an announce-only list of events for those who don't belong to any group and so don't get notices via the regular BOOC list).

How do I sign up? Your options:

- Are you an organization rep? Send an email to [BOOC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:BOOC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- Do you want to discuss all writing related issues? Join BOOC-chat by sending an email to [BOOC-chat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:BOOC-chat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).
- Do you want to get only event notices? Send an email to [BOOC-announce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:BOOC-announce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

If you have any problems joining these groups, please email [ASJADold@aol.com](mailto:ASJADold@aol.com).

## March Edition of Book News Now Available Online

The March edition of Book News is attached and ready for download at [www.coloradobook.org](http://www.coloradobook.org). It contains events for March and beyond of interest to libraries

and their patrons.

For additional information, E-Mail: [B. McCune](mailto:B.McCune)

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