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Carnegie-Whitney Awards for Librarians Up to \$5000

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Funded projects have ranged from popular, general-reader proposals such as "ReadMOre," a reading list for Missouri's state-wide reading program, to more specialized, scholarly proposals such as "Librarianship and Information Science in the Islamic World, 1966-1999: An Annotated Bibliography."

Applications must be received by November 5, 2006. Recipients will be notified by the end of February 2007. For more information and guidelines, visit <http://www.ala.org/work/pubs/Carnegie.html> or contact Ray Toler, Grant Administrator, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611; Fax 312-280-4380; email: rtoler@ala.org

Smart Start Colorado Goes Public for Early Childhood

Smart Start Colorado, the statewide early childhood alliance of agencies, organizations, and individuals, has launched its web site. Visit <http://www.smartstartcolorado.org/> to see the wide and valuable contents. Among the services is an e-newsletter, also available through the website or by going directly to <http://www.netnewsdesk.com/smartstartcolorado/>. Smart Start Colorado is a statewide alliance of early childhood partnerships building a comprehensive system for young children and their families. That comprehensive early childhood system results in young children being ready for school and ready for life. Feel free to forward this email to your organizations, networks, coalitions, list serves, etc.

Select Natural Standard Monographs Now Available in MedlinePlus

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has released another enhancement to its web-based consumer health resource, MedlinePlus (<http://www.medlineplus.gov>). In addition to information on thousands of prescription and over-the-counter medicines, MedlinePlus now includes over 100 herbal and dietary supplement monographs in English and Spanish from Natural Standard. Natural Standard is an evidence-based, peer-reviewed collection of information on alternative treatments. You can find Natural Standard monographs by choosing Drugs & Supplements from the MedlinePlus homepage. Contact Dana Abbey at dana.abbey@uchsc.edu for more information on MedlinePlus.

Out and About with CSL Staff

- ✚ School library consultant Nance Nassar visited the Boulder Valley School District in February to present professional development on "10 Easy Leadership Ideas to Help School Librarians Become Leaders on Their Campuses." Also last month, she attended the University of Denver as a guest presenter at a library class on "Information Literacy, the Collaborative Process, and Instructional Design.
- ✚ State Librarian Gene Hainer headed to a meeting with state library committee chairs in Chicago to do annual planning for that State Librarians group.
- ✚ Attending the February new public library directors' meeting in Salida, and helping organize the day, were Gene Hainer and Patricia Froehlich, public library consultant. Out of 25 new directors for Colorado public libraries in the past few years, 17 attended.

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- ✚ Library community programs consultant Bonnie McCune gave a condensed version of the Every Child Ready to Read @your library training to parents at two Adams County childcare centers in March.

Writers and Readers News Online

The March issue of BOOC Book News is available at <http://www.coloradobook.org/>. The free online publication summarizes meetings and events sponsored by member organizations. These include author appearances, classes, and other offerings. Print and post one for your patrons!