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Interlibrary Loan Conference Scales New Heights

Mark your calendars for the 35th Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference, "Bold Moves in Boulder: Scaling New Heights in Resource Sharing," set for April 29-30, 2004 at the Millennium Harvest House in Boulder, Colorado. Visit < <http://www.aclin.org/coloillconf> > for complete information.

A FREE Preconference on Colorado specific issues will be held on April 28 at the Boulder Public Library. It includes an update on resource sharing, SWIFT User Group meeting, and reception.

Among the speakers on April 30 are:

- Stephen Abram, Incoming President, Canadian Library Association
- Collette Mak, OCLC - upcoming changes to OCLC ILL
- Jane Smith and Cristi MacWaters, Colorado State University - ARL cost study results
- Jeff Donlan, Salida Regional Library, and Heather Wicht, University of Colorado-Boulder - the intersection of Interlibrary Loan and Collection Development

The early registration fee remains the same as last year: \$75.00, which includes lunch on Thursday, as well as a continental breakfast on Thursday and Friday. After April 15th, registration is \$95.00. Special hotel conference rates are \$105.00/night. To reserve at this rate, please contact the Millennium Harvest House by March 17th at 303.443.3850. The closest major airport is the Denver International Airport.

Special Populations Committee Invites New Members

Diverse populations from the community and from libraries are invited to become involved in the Special Populations and Issues Committee of the Colorado Library Advisory Board (CoLAB). The Committee is responsible for advising the statewide CoLAB and related organizations about the needs of special populations and on special issues. These are defined as persons typically under-represented in the library community—both as patrons and as staff—such as:

- Ethnic groups
- Persons with mental or physical disabilities
- Senior citizens
- Non-English speakers

The Committee also plans and implements projects and activities on its own. Examples are programs at conferences, development of materials (web site, slide shows), collection guides, mentoring programs, annual scholarships for master's study, etc. The Committee meets approximately quarterly, usually in central Denver. Meetings normally are held during business hours.

For information, call 303.866.6900 or e-mail mccune_b@cde.state.co.us.

No Question Is Beyond Our Answers

The staff of the State Publications Library at the Colorado State Library deal with a wide variety of questions from the public in Colorado and around the nation. The questions come in by email, mail, phone calls, or in-person. Most are dealt with by the staff using either print publications or web sites, but some are referred to the appropriate state agency. For more about this service, visit the State Publications Library web site at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/>

Examples of reference questions this month:

- Geologic map of Colorado
- Prescription drug abuse in Kit Carson County
- Consulate address
- Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs 25 Year Report
- What electrical code does Colorado use?

- History/origination in the public schools of Gifted and Talented, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Family/Adult Literacy programs
- The state agency that could identify a particular piece of property as being state owned
- Kindergarten content standards for all subject areas, needed by a teacher who couldn't print it off the Internet

Marketing, Advocacy Trainings Scheduled Throughout State

The show goes on the road! A number of marketing and advocacy training sessions are scheduled this spring in locations across the state. These are adapted to the needs of specific types of libraries. Among them are:

- 4/5, 9 to noon, Cortez, Southwest Library Services, Schools
- 4/6, 9 to noon, Alamosa, Southwest Library Services, Schools
- 4/7, 2 to 3:30, Pueblo, Arkansas Valley Retreat, Schools
- 4/20, 4:30 to 6:45, Denver Public Schools
- 4/20, 1 to 3, Douglas County Schools
- 4/21, 8:30 to 10, Children's Hospital, Denver, Medical Libraries
- 4/22, morning, Grand Junction, Pathfinder Retreat, Schools
- 5/8, 9 to 3, CASL all-day conference, Denver, Schools
- 5/21, 9 to 4, Colorado Academic Libraries Assn all-day conference, Regis University, Colleges

For more information, or to schedule another training, contact Bonnie McCune, 303.866.6891, mccune_b@cde.state.co.us

\$100 Mini-Grants Distributed for Children's Literacy Programs

Eleven libraries are benefiting from mini-grants for children's literacy programs. This new cooperative venture through the Colorado Parent & Child Foundation included the Rocky Mountain Antiquarian Booksellers Association, the Colorado Association of Libraries, and the Colorado State Library Proceeds from the annual Rocky Mountain Antiquarian Book Fair in the summer underwrote the grants. Recipients include:

- Arriba-Flagler School (Flagler) for elementary fiction books
- DeBeque School Library (DeBeque) for bean bag chairs for the buddy reading program
- Holyoke Junior/Senior High School (Holyoke) for genre signage, a floor lamp, and cushions
- John Mall High School Library (Walsenburg) for non-fiction, biography, and reference books

- Merino Elementary School Library (Merino) for materials for the “Thirteen Colonies” unit
- Mountain View Elementary School Library (Longmont) for “Wish List” books in the biography, technology, lower level learners, and district curriculum areas
- North Park Middle School (Walden) for a student-driven middle school reading circle
- Park County Public Library (Bailey,) for supplies for high school volunteers to paint a mural in the children’s section of the library
- Plateau Valley School (Collbran) for “Bookworm Bag Packs”
- Sheridan Branch, Arapahoe Library District (Sheridan) for buttons and stickers for the “See Me Read” initiative
- Wellington Public Library (Wellington) for PBS “Between the Lions” video set

Library Workers of the World, Unite!

The ALA-APA Council voted last summer to designate the Tuesday of National Library Week, "National Library Workers Day". The message of National Library Workers Day is "Libraries Work Because We Do" and libraries are also invited to use the slogan "We work @ your library®" to tie into ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries. Libraries may customize the first slogan by adding the library's name to the beginning, e.g., Freedom Public Library Works Because We Do.

Libraries are encouraged to use National Library Workers Day to focus on individuals or units responsible for the number of materials selected, acquired, cataloged, checked out and back in, and shelved; for handling requests and sending them to other libraries; for answering reference questions; for planning, publicizing and presenting programs; for developing and maintaining the library's website; and for other elements of library service.

New customizable tools and materials to help libraries promote National Library Workers Day are available on the ALA-APA web site at <http://www.ala-apa.org/nlwd/index.htm>. If you have recognition and reward activities that you'd like to share (hint, hint, High Plains), contact Jenifer Grady at jgrady@ala-apa.org.

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

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