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## Notable Books for 2003 for Adults and Children Compiled by ALA

The [Notable Books](#) Council of the Reference and User Services Association has compiled its 2003 list of outstanding books for the general reader, both fiction and nonfiction. The Association for Library Service to Children has selected its 2003 list of [Notable Children's Books](#). Numerous other lists to help collection development specialists, educators, literacy specialists and the public also are available through the American Library Association.

## Endorsement Rules for School Librarians Drafted

A review draft of the proposed [Endorsement Rules for School Librarians](#) is on the State Library web site. Your comments and questions are requested to assure that the document meets the needs of anyone who is considering library endorsement. Replies are needed by April 4, 2003. Send remarks to [Nance Nassar](#), or [Gene Hainer](#), or fax to 303.866.6940.

The proposed 2003 Rules address three issues:

1. Update the skills and knowledge section to conform with other endorsements at CDE, and incorporate changes in the profession since 1991. This would also result in updates being made to the test of library competencies (PLACE exam).
2. Create more flexibility in how librarians may obtain endorsements by creating three levels of endorsement dependent on educational levels and background.
3. Allow those without teaching experience, but with a library background and/or degree, to be eligible to obtain teaching practice through Alternative Teacher Licensure programs that are now open to other endorsement fields. Retaining teaching and library experience is still an overriding element of the revision.

This document will be presented to the State Board of Education on April 10 for preliminary approval. It will be presented again in the fall to the SBE for final recommendation.

## Colleague Connection Hosted by SLA, All Welcome

Join your library friends at the annual Colleague Connection 2003 Dinner Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2003 - The Driscoll Center North – Ballroom, 2055 E. Evans Ave., Denver, Colorado - University of Denver Campus. Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director of the American Library Association, will speak about: "[Building the Library of the Future: Surviving and Thriving in the 21st Century](#)"

As librarians, we face an unprecedented array of challenges. These include massive funding cuts, the continuing impact and implications of new technologies and vast societal changes in our communities, country, and world. And for the first time, libraries are at the center - not the sidelines - of struggles over copyright, censorship, and first amendment rights.

Vendor Displays: 5:00-6:30 PM  
Keith Fiels Presentation 7:15 PM

Register online at the [Colleague Connection](#) web site, by April 12. For additional Information: Sponsored by the Prez Group (Colorado Association of Libraries, Colorado Association of Law Libraries, Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, Special Library Association, Rocky Mountain Chapter) and the University of Denver

Library Information Science Program.

## **Library Resources on Grants Provided by Gay & Lesbian Fund**

The current edition of the Colorado Grants Guide, along with the online version with a fully searchable database, has been provided as a gift to metro area public libraries by the Gay & Lesbian Fund of Colorado. The Guide, published by the Community Resource Center, is a valuable resource for all types of nonprofits and government agencies seeking support for their activities. Thanks to the Gay & Lesbian Fund for the gifts.

## **Programming Idea for Singles a Swinging Success**

The Bemis (Littleton) Public Library drew 132 participants for a Valentine's evening of fun for single adults. The main event (the Back to the Fifties dance) was the most popular of the evening, which included trivia contests and a version of Fear Factor.

## **Public Libraries and Internet Connectivity 2002 Study Released**

No matter the wealth of the community, nearly all public libraries now have an Internet connection, a small but steady rise from the last comprehensive national study two years ago.

Some 98.7% of public library outlets have an Internet connection, up from 95.7% in 2000. No urban library lacks the Internet, while rural library access has increased from 93.3% in 2000 to 97.8% in 2002. Libraries offering public access have an average of 10.8 workstations per outlet, up from 8.3 in 2000. Over four years, public library outlets have doubled or almost tripled the number of public access workstations. Also, connection speeds have increased. Now 90.6% of public library outlets offer database subscription services, up from 81.1% in 2000. Some 44.3% of libraries provide remote database access, up from 36.1% in 2000.

The study asked libraries about filtering Internet services such as chat as well as content considered objectionable. Of respondents, 16.4% block Internet services on all public access workstations, 9.6% block on some workstations, and 73.9% do not filter these. As for Internet content, 24.4% of library outlets reported filtering on all workstations, and 17.5% reported filtering some workstations. Some 58.1% of respondents don't filter at all. Two years ago, 75.5% of libraries didn't filter, with 9.6% filtering all workstations and 14.9% filtering some workstations. Will libraries filter under pressure? The study found that 29.9% of libraries surveyed would continue to

apply for E-rate discounts if the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is upheld, and 18.9% would not. More than half weren't sure (From "Public Libraries and the Internet 2002: Internet Connectivity and Networked Services," a study released in December and commissioned by the Institute of Museum and Library Services)

## Arapahoe Opens Smoky Hill Branch with Celebration



In celebration of the new, 42,500-square-foot, Arapahoe Library District's Smoky Hill Branch, located at 5430 S. Biscay Circle in Centennial, the library held a grand opening event on March 1. Nearly 11,000 library patrons visited the library that day to see the new facility and check out more than 7,000 books, DVDs, books on tape, videos and other materials.

The new facility features a 6,200 square-foot children's library, quiet study rooms, a computer training room, a fireplace reading area, outdoor porches, an indoor courtyard, a teen area and public meeting rooms available for community use. The library even features an Internet café. The March 1 celebration featured Colorado's First Lady and Smoky Hill Branch patron Frances Owens who kicked off the event with a welcoming address. Smoky Hill Branch is one of nine libraries operated by the Arapahoe Library District (ALD). The [ALD](#) is a public library system serving more than 200,000 residents living in Arapahoe County.



## Association of Rural and Small Libraries a Reality

The recently organized [ARSL](#), comprised of libraries of all types including public, school, small urban branches, special and corporate, and small academic, has been started. The defining characteristics are a library with a limited budget and a diverse clientele. Librarians, support staff, governmental officials, trustees, friends of libraries, and professionals from other fields comprise this movement. This endeavor is supported by the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, Clarion University of Pennsylvania in cooperation with the H. W. Wilson Foundation, Bronx, New York.

## Mystery Clubs for Kids Get Free Support

The Mystery Writers of America has launched "Kids Love a Mystery" program. They will provide free support material to places that host a program for kids—either reading or writing mysteries. No strings attached. This is a literacy outreach effort. For information, visit the [Mystery Writers](#) web site. October is a key time in promoting the program, with certificates for kids who read a mystery by October 31. There's also a short story writing contest. Unfortunately there's no information on the web site for this year's [Mystery Writers](#) activities, but you can contact the national director [Janet Riehecky](#) at 847.695.9781.

## Rocky Mountain Storytellers Conference Invites Teachers, Librarians, etc.

The [28th annual Rocky Mountain Storytellers' Conference](#) is scheduled for April 25 and 26. "Stories that Circle the World" features major speakers, storytelling showcase, and will be held at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood. Cost is \$100 for full conference. For information, contact Carl Ruby, 303.426.7592. [RMSC@timbreline.com](mailto:RMSC@timbreline.com).

## Providing Consumer Health Information Services in Public Libraries

["The Challenge of Providing Consumer Health Information Services in Public Libraries"](#) by the American Association for the Advancement of Science contains key findings, model libraries, web sites, and an annotated bibliography. The 28 page document could be useful for libraries with services in this area.

## Internet Trends Important to Note

- Internet Firms Woo Hispanics

The Census Bureau estimates that the United States' Hispanic population increased by 4.7% between 2000-2001. As they become the largest minority group in the US, Latinos have also become increasingly Web-savvy, and Internet companies are taking notice. According to a poll taken by AOL and RoperASW, nearly half of 300 Hispanics polled reported that they have used the Internet for the first time since 2000, a figure twice the national average. This could signal a boon for Internet retailers and service providers, who have positioned themselves to capitalize on the market estimated at \$1 trillion by 2007. Several companies such as AOL, Yahoo and Lycos have tailored portions of their online services to the needs of Latino users.

[\[SOURCE: USA Today, AUTHOR: Jon Swartz\]](#)

- Surfing with Seniors and Boomers

Middle-aged and senior population groups will see swells in their numbers over the next four years, and various studies suggest that a corresponding change in Web user demographics is imminent. According to work performed by Jupiter Research, people 50 years of age and older will account for a quarter of all online purchases by 2007. Books and travel tend to dominate the purchases made by older online adults. Additionally, research by SeniorNet reveals that 94% of this age group uses email to stay in touch with family and friends.

[\[SOURCE: CyberAtlas, AUTHOR: Robyn Greenspan\]](#)


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