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Recently Published Fast Facts from Library Research Service

The Library Research Service continues its review of remuneration for library employees with two new "Fast Facts."

No. 249 [Salaries of Staff Working in Archives](#) by Jennifer French
Despite similar training and education, salaries of many working in archives vary widely from those in public libraries.

No. 248 [Non-MLS Salaries in Public Libraries Disparate: Non-MLS Salaries & Number of Positions Closing Fast on MLS](#) by Jennifer French
Library support staff are an integral part of many public libraries. With salary information from an overwhelming 62 non-MLS positions, the data shows which positions are catching up to those with MLS.

View these and other Fast Facts at <http://www.lrs.org/fastfacts.asp>

New Director at Helm of Library Research Service

The Colorado State Library announced the appointment of Nicolle Steffen as Director of Library Research Service (LRS). Steffen has served as

Associate Director of LRS since 2001. Previously she was with Regis University's Dayton Memorial Library in the Interlibrary Loan Department. Before she worked with libraries, she held sales and marketing positions.



*New Director of Library
Research Service,
Nicolle Steffen*

Steffen received her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Denver and her BS in business administration and marketing from Metropolitan State College of Denver. She is a member of the American Library Association (ALA), the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) and the Special Libraries Association. She has just accepted an appointment to the ALA Human Resource Development and Recruitment Advisory Committee. She is active with the CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee and served as chair for two years.

As director, she manages LRS, a unit of the Colorado State Library and the Colorado Department of Education, operated in partnership with the Library and Information Science (LIS) Program, College of Education, University of Denver, which provides library professionals, educators, public officials, and the media with research and statistics about libraries.

Out & About with CSL Staff

- March proved to be another busy month for Institutional Library Services. Teresa Allen provided iPage training for Department of Corrections staff in Cañon City and visited library staff at Colorado Territorial, Fremont, Arrowhead, and Four Mile Correctional Facilities. She assessed needs at the State Veterans' Nursing Home in Rifle and consulted with library staff at Grand Mesa Youth Services Center.
- Diana Reese traveled to Chicago for a meeting of the American Library Association – Allied Program Task Force (ALA-APA) Library Support Staff Certification Program Task Force. She also spent four days at the Youthful Offender System facility in Pueblo, providing training for library staff from all three Pueblo facilities.
- Michaela Hansen, Patricia Froehlich, and Sharon Morris presented rural sustainability workshops in Greeley and Grand Junction in March. These rural sustainability workshops are designed to empower small rural public libraries with information and resources to sustain technology and advocate for their library in their community.
- Sharon Morris also presented at several CLiC spring workshops in Greeley and Grand Junction. These workshops covered podcasting and video, along with Plinkit. The workshop on technology in Greeley was given along with Jim Duncan.

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- Nance Nassar participated on the TLF/CoSLL subcommittee to write the ET-IL grant proposal (RFP submitted by CDE) which will provide eighth grade technology literacy guideline for school district. She also presented and participated at the CASL Mid-Winter workshop in Colorado Springs, which focused on all types of school data.
 - Bonnie McCune presented workshops on children's literacy, community connections and volunteerism at the Adult Education Conference and CLiC events in Greeley and Grand Junction. She also met with CoPLA/CASL representatives to discuss collaboration between school and public libraries.
 - Kris Johnson, AskColorado consultant, presented "Pros and Cons of IM/SMS for Virtual Reference" at the New Mexico/Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference in Albuquerque. In March, she also presented "Online Reference" at the CLiC spring workshop in Grand Junction and AskColorado training at the Mesa County Public Library.

Keith Curry Lance Retires

Dr. Keith Curry Lance, recently retired after 22 years with the Colorado State Library and the Library Research Service. During Lance's tenure, LRS obtained a national reputation for ground-breaking studies about the impact of libraries on student achievement as well as providing methods for public libraries to evaluate the value and use of their services to the public. For more information, see www.lrs.org



Keith Curry Lance celebrated his retirement after 22 years with the Colorado State Library.

Colorado Spanish Language Library Resource Booklets Available

The Colorado State Library has about 300 booklets in English and Spanish that spotlight a number of public libraries in the state that have resources in Spanish.

These booklets were prepared in fall of 2006, and the State Library is happy to provide free copies while supplies last.

If you would like to request copies, please contact Maura McGrath, 303-866-6900, mcgrath_m@cde.state.co.us

An online version can be viewed at http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/Spanish_Lib_res_rev.pdf

There also is a four-page flyer on Spanish language web resources for children's literacy at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/SpanishLiteracyWebResourcesForKids.pdf>
Download and copy.

CDE Presents Colorado Reading Summit

School libraries and librarians should stake their claim as a leading resource in literacy. The Colorado Department of Education is presenting the 3rd Annual Colorado Reading Summit on May 7, 2007. This year the summit will focus on how schools increase their return on investment in literacy development by leveraging their resources. For more information and to register visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/cde_readsum/index.htm

Free Space-Science Workshop for Children's and Youth Librarians in Colorado

The Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) will be offering a free NASA-sponsored space-science workshop for children's and youth librarians in Colorado on May 8 and 9. The two-day workshop, *To the Moon and Beyond*, will provide information on the moon, its environment and further exploration, along with training, discussion and resources to use in libraries. For further information about the free workshop contact Stephanie Shipp at shipp@lpi.usra.edu or 281-486-2109. Additional information on LPI's Explore! Program can be found at <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/>.



PBS Launches New Teacher Resource Site



PBS TeacherLine

PBS Teachers, PBS portal for pre-K-12 educators was launched in March. This Web site is the front door for all educational resources and services that PBS offers. With a section for Library Media and Tech Coordinators and the ability to adapt many of the resources, this could be a useful tool for librarians teaming with classroom teachers. Also offered are thousands of free lesson plans, teacher professional development, videos, blogs, and local and national educator resources. Visit the Web site at <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/>.

CDP to Merge into BCR

The Collaborative Digitization Program (CDP) and the Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) announced their intention for the CDP to merge into BCR, effective April 1. Both organizations provide services to libraries and other cultural heritage organizations throughout a multi-state area focused in the West. The digital services programmatic offerings of the merged organizations will be known as CDP@BCR.

The merger of the CDP – with its nationally recognized digitization expertise – into BCR – a multi-state library cooperative serving more than 1,100 member libraries – will enable BCR to build new service programs in the area of digitization and reach out to cultural heritage organizations in addition to bringing CDP-based training, best practices and guidelines, and consulting services to member libraries.

For additional information, contact Brenda Bailey-Hainer, the Executive Director of BCR, at bbailey@bcr.org or (303) 751.6277 or Leigh A. Grinstead, at leigh.grinstead@du.edu or (303) 871.2006.