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ACLIN Update

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Coming in May 2000: The Colorado Virtual Library via a New ACLIN Interface

Imagine a system where available information on a topic is delivered regardless of format. In one search, a student could find information about available library books, state documents, the best Web sites, historical photographs, and more.

The Networking and Resource Sharing team at the Colorado State Library, headed by Brenda Bailey, has been hard at work implementing a new ACLIN interface that will provide access to the "Colorado Virtual Library." The Colorado Virtual Library will be created virtually by searching multiple library catalogs at once -- without utilizing Telnet applications. Users also can elect to search library catalogs, ACLIN Best Web sites, and materials that are part of the Colorado Digitization Project. This Colorado Virtual Library will be of great use to librarians, researchers, the public, and students.

Users can search this resource through a variety of access points. A Colorado map will allow users to search the libraries in a specific geographical region. The Best Web sites for Coloradans section will let users search a database of high-quality, annotated Web sites that have been selected by the volunteer team members of the ACLIN Collection Development Project.

One of the most exciting features of the Colorado Virtual Library will be the ability for users to create their own group of resources, which will remain available during their searching session. They will be able to create their own unique group of specific library catalogs, Best Web sites, Digitized Collections, and more. Need information about businesses in Colorado? You could create a group that contains your local library, the Best Web sites selected by the volunteer Colorado librarians, as well as government documents and images about Colorado businesses, and find that information with a single search. You could create a group to find the medical information you need that includes public and health sciences libraries, and also Web sites selected by the Health and Medicine volunteer librarians -- again, using a single search.

The new ACLIN interface that will provide access to the Colorado Virtual Library utilizes OCLC SiteSearch WebZ software. This software provides a Web gateway to library catalogs and other resources using Z39.50 protocols. Z39.50 allows searches and responses to be translated from one library automation system to another in a way that both systems can understand. And it is all transparent to the user. In order to be searched through a Z39.50 connection, a library must have a Z39.50 server installed with their automation system. Currently, only libraries with Z39.50 servers can be searched simultaneously through the Colorado Virtual Library.

Access to other library catalogs will continue to be available through a link to Colorado Libraries A to Z on the new ACLIN interface. If the only access to your library catalog is via a Telnet application now, you will still access your library catalog through Telnet. Please check the information for your library catalog on ACLIN, and let us know of any updates that need to be made. If you have recently changed from a Telnet to a new Web-based catalog, please contact us with the Web address of your library catalog.

Under the direction of Paula Busey, ACLIN Coordinator, the Colorado Virtual Library interface has been designed utilizing the expertise of evaluators from across the state. These volunteer librarians and educators have graciously given their time and energy to help create an attractive, user-friendly design. The interface design team volunteers are: Spring Lea Boehler, Alamosa Public Library; Chris Brown, Denver University Penrose Library; Kim Dority, Jones Knowledge; Juli Halverstadt, Douglas County Public Library; Judy Hoffman, Pathfinder Regional Systems Office; Barb Jaques, Bayfield Schools; Steve Miller, Estes Park

Public Library; Meg Sica-Brown, Auraria Library; Rychie Nelson, Cheyenne Mountain High School; Jim Pinamont, Denver Public Library; Diana Reese, Arrowhead Correctional; Kristin Weber, Colorado Mountain College; and Rickie Wertz, Montrose Public Library.

In order to use the Colorado Virtual library, you may need to upgrade your Web browsers. For further information about browser requirements and the specifics on upgrading your browsers, please see [Rose Nelson's article](#) in this month's Centennial (April 2000).

Help files and general instructions about how to use the Colorado Virtual Library will be available on the site. Eventually, we will have staff and public training documents available on the site as well. Watch for further updates and be prepared to search the Colorado Virtual Library!

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What's Happening at the State Library

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What does it take to help kids achieve academically? Colorado has been struggling with this for many years.

I guess you would have to be Rip Van Winkle, still asleep, not to know what has been happening in public education in Colorado. The Colorado Legislature and the Colorado State Board of Education have raised the standards and the stakes for local school districts and buildings. Over the past six years we have seen:

- the requirement that there be content standards by the Colorado legislature;

- the passage of model standards by the State Board of Education;
- the adoption of local standards by every school district;
- the establishment of statewide tests called CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) in reading, writing, and math (with science soon to come) with grade level expectations for each;
- the revision of the state's accreditation rules and regulations to be based on student scores on the CSAP tests;
- the establishment of standards for what teachers need to know and be able to do in order to receive a teacher's license in Colorado;
- the requirement that Colorado schools of education revise their teacher education curriculum to meet these new teacher standards;
- passage of SB 186 that will provide a letter grade to each school based on student CSAP performance (and some other factors) and the extension of the CSAP to additional grade levels.

Whew! That's a lot in a short period of time. We at the State Library have not been sitting idly by while all of this has been happening.

First, in cooperation with CEMA, we developed Information Literacy Guidelines as a companion to the content standards. We urged local school districts to adopt these guidelines as they were adopting content standards and some did. When the national standards for school libraries (Information Power) came out, we discovered that they had borrowed heavily from our document. We also developed rubrics for the guidelines.

Second, Keith Curry Lance of the State Library's staff conducted a study in 1992 to determine the impact of school libraries on student achievement. With former State Library staffers, Lynda Welborn and Christine Hamilton Pennell, Lance used the Iowa Test of Basic Skills results of Colorado students and found that where there is a good school library, student scores tend to be higher.

Third, we put State Library staff on all of the Department of Education's Regional Teams, working to help local school districts write the accreditation contracts. State Library staff have been traveling the state, meeting with school administrators, and trying to show the role that school libraries play in increasing student achievement.

Fourth, we have been working with Bill Ottey, the CDE staff member working on the Teacher Education Standards. We pulled together a group of school librarians who met with Dr. Ottey and suggested that there be at least one standard related to school libraries. Dr. Ottey agreed and part of Standard Five reads: *The teacher has demonstrated the ability to: Work in cooperation with library media and other source specialists in providing student instruction on how to access, retrieve, analyze, synthesize and evaluate information, and integrate these information literacy skills into the curriculum to accomplish standards-based learning activities.*

Now Keith Lance, with the help of Marcia J. Rodney and Christine Hamilton-Pennell of the University of Denver, has now replicated the landmark 1992 study, bringing it up to date using CSAP rather than ITBS test scores. Many schools found that they had high ITBS scores, but low CSAP scores. Would school libraries still prove to have a positive impact when the CSAP scores were used?

The answer is an overwhelming YES!

The [results of this new study](#), reinforce and extend the earlier work. When certain factors are present, CSAP scores can increase as much as 18%.

Here are some of those factors:

- When teachers have a professional librarian to work with, where the librarian knows the resources, can do some team teaching, and work to support the teacher's efforts, CSAP scores go up.
- When there are sufficient staff in the media center to work with students and teachers, CSAP scores go up.
- When there current print and electronic resources for the kids to use, CSAP scores go up.

- When there is flexible scheduling so the kids can come to the school library when they want to find something to read, when they have an assignment, or when they want to learn about something, CSAP scores go up.

What's even more important, these school library predictors of academic achievement cannot be explained away by:

- school differences, including:
 - school district expenditures per pupil
 - teacher/pupil ratio
 - the average years of experience of classroom teachers, and
 - their average salaries; or
- community differences, including:
 - adult educational attainment
 - children in poverty, and
 - racial/ethnic demographics

So, how can we help kids achieve? We are finding some answers and one of them seems to be a quality school library.

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Upgrade Old Browsers to Access the NEW Colorado Virtual Library

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On May 17, ACLIN will release a new interface that will provide access to the Colorado Virtual Library. This will allow users to search multiple library catalogs, digital images, and more. To effectively access the Colorado Virtual Library, you will need an Internet Web browser that supports frames and tables. Below are instructions for downloading the latest Internet Explorer and Netscape browsers. Version 4.0 or greater of either browser will support frames and tables.

You can determine the browser version you have for Internet Explorer or Netscape by selecting "help" from the menu items and then choose "About Internet Explorer/Netscape"; the browser version will display.

Downloading an Internet Browser

(Instructions may vary, depending on the current browser you are using)

1. Go to the respective Web site where you wish to download the software www.netscape.com or www.msn.com
-From MSN under "Other Resources" (see bottom left-hand section of screen) select "Get Internet Explorer". Follow the step-by-step instructions on how to download and install the browser.
-From Netscape select the "Download" option that appears at the top of the screen Follow the step-by-step instructions on how to download and install the browser.
2. Be sure to select the appropriate operating system for the computer where you are downloading and installing the software.
3. Be sure your computer meets the minimum system requirements for downloading the browser application. These should be posted on the Web site, next to the application you are going to download.

Depending on the speed of your connection and the size of the browser (minimum-12mb), download time can take a few minutes to over an hour.

You can also order Netscape/Internet Explorer in CD versions. From www.netscape.com click the download button. There are several options for downloading; the last option is to order the CD for \$5.95. From MSN under "Other Resources" select "Get Internet Explorer" choose "Order the CD" for \$6.95.

For more information, please contact your Regional Library Service System or Rose Nelson, Technology Consultant at the Colorado State Library, nelson_r@cde.state.co.us, 303/866-6946. For more information on the Colorado Virtual Library, see [Mary McCarthy's article](#) featured in this issue of *Centennial State Libraries*.

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Resource Sharing Board Needs New Members

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The Colorado Library Resource Sharing and Information Access Board (CLRSIAB) is seeking nominations for two new members:

- One member representing school districts with enrollments of less than 10,000;
- One member representing special libraries serving for-profit organizations.

The mission of CLRSIAB is: To ensure that the people of Colorado are provided with the information they want, when and where they want it.

Members serve three-year terms, and are asked to attend meetings approximately six times per year. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2000.

To apply or nominate someone, please contact Sue Coldren, Nominating Committee, at: Ellen.Coldren@Columbia.net. For more information on CLRSIAB, please visit www.aclin.org/libraries/clrsiab/.

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The Library Automation Fair: A Fun and Informative Event

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It may have had a chilly start from the unexpected snowstorm that fell on Denver, but this did not stop librarians from across the state from attending last month's Library Automation Fair held at BCR in Aurora. Librarians, media specialists, and information professionals came from all parts of the state from Durango to Fort Morgan to Rifle to Delta to see demos of library automation systems and find out about existing consortia in Colorado.

Automation vendors presenting at this two-day event included OCLC, SIRS Mandarin, TLC, Companion, Sagebrush, EOS, Chancery Software LTD, Follett, Winnebago, CARL, and epixtech. Resource sharing was a threaded topic at the fair as well. Rick Woods from Marmot, Donna Jones Morris from Colorado Nexus, and John Campbell from Tripath discussed union catalog solutions for libraries. While Brenda Bailey from the Colorado State Library explored future changes to ACLIN, Rose Nelson also of the State Library discussed the basics of automation, and Rosario Garza from BCR made a presentation on retro conversion options for libraries.

Each vendor had an hour to present various modules of their system, which included public access catalog, cataloging, circulation modules, and resource sharing software. To help distinguish between the variety of systems and modules presented, participants were given a checklist to note the various features of each presentation.

Networking opportunities at the conference were plentiful. Lunch and breaks gave participants a time for brief discussion of demos with colleagues, while a two-hour reception at the Double Tree hotel allowed time for lengthier discussions with individual vendors.

The Library Automation Fair is over, but networking and discussion continue through a listserv hosted by the State Library. All librarians, media specialists, and information professionals interested in automation are encouraged to join this low-volume list. To join the list, send a message with the subject line blank to majordomo@colosys.net with just the message: subscribe techlib

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Library Services to Ethnic Minority Populations Scholarship Awarded

Suzanne Libra of Westminster received the 1999 Library Services to Ethnic Minority Populations scholarship. She is enrolled in the library media program at the University of Colorado at Denver.

Libra has worked as a home school instructor and as a birth partner for unwed teens, primarily serving Hispanic and African American populations. She has developed at least six projects or papers on various aspects of service to Native American students, including developing an evaluation form for selecting Native American materials and planning a Native American arts and literature unit.

Libra said that if students cannot find materials that reflect their reality, if they cannot find books that present their cultures positively and accurately, they will not want to visit the media center and will lose one of the best opportunities to increase their academic and life-long skills; she added that one way to improve the achievement level of ethnic minority populations is to create access to and interest in media programs. "Serving ethnic minority pops is crucial to our future if we truly believe in the necessity for an educated and prosperous electorate."

For information on applying for this year's scholarship, contact Ray Peterson, peterston_r@cde.state.co.us, 303/866-6900. The deadline for applying is June 16.

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Latino Authors Appear at Schools

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Two metro area Latino authors are appearing at Denver high schools as a public service from REFORMA/Colorado, the association to promote library services to the Spanish-speaking.

On Tuesday, April 18, Abelardo (Lalo) Delgado, visited West High School. The public was invited to join students in an informal presentation in the school media center. Delgado, one of the leading writers of the Chicano political movement of the late 60s and early 70s, is a poet, essayist and novelist whose work includes *Chicano: Twenty-five Pieces of a Chicano Mind* and *Letters to Louise*. A political activist and educator, he won a 1997 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

On Tuesday, May 2, Anthony Vigil visits North High School, 2690 N. Speer Blvd. at 9 a.m in the school media center. Vigil has a bachelor's from St. John's University and an MFA from Colorado State University where he won the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for academic and humanitarian activism. His poetry has appeared in a number of literary publications; and his first collection, *The Obsidian Ranfla*, was published in 1998.

The presentations are free and open to the public, but non-students should register at each school's main office before they proceed to the media center.

REFORMA is a professional association of library staff members and other interested individuals, dedicated to encouraging library use by and services to the Spanish-speaking and people of Latino, Chicano, or Hispanic heritage. Author appearances are supported by national REFORMA and the Marcia Mounsey Memorial Foundation.

For information on the programs or REFORMA, contact president Judith Valdez, 303/556-4999, jvaldez@carbon.cudenver.edu.

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Colorado's National Library Week Schools and Libraries Poster Contest

Contest rules

We regret that due to major budget cuts, the Colorado State Library no longer can sponsor the poster contest.

History Resources

- [Bibliography of Colorado-Related History Books For Students](#)
- [Colorado Settings, Colorado Authors: Bibliography for Older Students](#)
- [Colorado Digitization Project](#): Online access to the visual and oral record of Colorado's history, culture, government and industry in full text and graphic content.
- [Colorado Virtual Library for Kids](#): Online access to web sites, with reading levels, standards, etc.
 - Click on "For Colorado Kids, Parents & Teachers" button.
 - Click on "Kids" button.
 - Click on "About Colorado" button.

For additional information, contact Sharon Morris, morris_s@cde.state.co.us, 303-866-6900.



More Ideas for Promoting Your Library's Summer Reading Program

by Bonnie McCune, Public Relations Consultant, mccune_b@cde.state.co.us

Any group of two or more children is a potential contact for Summer Reading Program (SRP) outreach. Your efforts and enthusiasm will tempt youngsters to visit your library and begin reading for recreation! Consider these ideas.

Set up visits to all elementary schools and middle schools in your area. (You may need to get approval from the district superintendent and/or principal first.) Your goal is to get information into the hands of each and every student. Depending upon your resources, you can: Personally visit every classroom; or Organize and train a core group of library volunteers to make the school visits; or Work with the school media specialist and ask that person to schedule visits to every class; or Contact the school's public relations person and request that the school distribute printed information or stickers to each student, along with putting a letter into the parent newsletter.

Ask the president of the Parent-Teacher-Student Association to get parents to visit every class, or at the least distribute information.

Obtain a list of preschools and home childcare centers. Try calling your local Department of Human/Social Services for an initial list. Create a sign in the library encouraging people to register their preschool/care center for SRP information. Then make a personal visit, telephone, or, at least, mail information.

Utilize your existing contacts with homeschoolers to expand into this area. Ask current homeschool users for other names, addresses, and numbers. See if they have information about newsletters or Web sites where you can post SRP details. Again, create a sign in the library encouraging people to register their homeschool for SRP information.

Make participation even easier for groups of kids. Work with the adult leaders -- whether from preschool, homeschool, Scout troop, or summer day camp -- to encourage them to manage the details of book lists, reading times, and certificates.

The Colorado State Library has created and sent to every library the master artwork for a mask. You can add information about your library's SRP to this piece and photocopy it in bulk for distribution to children. When they take the mask home, they'll carry along the message about your library. If you need another copy of the artwork, contact Bonnie McCune, 303/866-6891, mccune_b@cde.state.co.us.

No one can change the world overnight. But we can build from summer to summer on our successes with summer reading programs. Kudos to all of you who have dedicated yourselves to bringing the joy of reading to children.

You still can order SRP manuals and materials from the Colorado Center for the Book. Call 303/839-8320 for information.

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School Research Topics: Notable Internet Resources from State Government

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The staff of the State Publications Library at the Colorado State Library is pleased to publish a list of school research topics for educators, librarians, and students. The Internet is a valuable resource in education. The State Publications Library tracks computerized reports, statistics, and other educational information from state agencies as part of its many services. While the sites listed here are all available via the Internet, the State Publications Library can help you find publications in printed format, too, deliverable to you via interlibrary loan or your closest depository library.

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Action! News from Standards in Action

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ERIC Clearinghouse Recognition

Colorado Department of Education was recognized by the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology for its contribution to and support of ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center). ERIC is a federally-sponsored education information system. Its core product is the ERIC database, the world's largest source of education information. The Standards in Action Web site and the Standards and Assessment Resource Bank CD-ROM have both been indexed by ERIC.

ESL Inquiry Kit

The ESL Inquiry Kit represents a K-12 professional development effort initiated by Colorado Springs School District Eleven to < <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us> > address the shortage of ESL specialists in the district by providing training modules for regular classroom teachers.

The kit includes the following units:

- Introductory Unit: Helping LEP Students Meet or Exceed Standards
- Unit One: Culture
- Unit Two: Language Acquisition
- Unit Three: Sheltering Content
- Unit Four: Literacy
- Unit Five: Special Education

ESL Teaching Guide

This guide has been excerpted from *Colleagues Collaborating: Maximizing Second Language Learning and Teaching Potential*, Second Edition - 1998, by Janis K. Angermayr and Lia Ridley, ESL Teachers, Cherry Creek School District 5 www.ccsd.k12.co.us. The purpose of the guide is to provide practical assistance to classroom teachers in order to successfully integrate English language learners into their classrooms. The guide provides strategies for literacy and content area instruction to meet the needs of English language learners, but is not designed to provide detailed direction on implementing a beginning ESL program. The full guide was field tested in Cherry Creek School District 5, where teachers who evaluated the first edition reported success in using its strategies for all students in the classroom.

View or download the Kit and/or the Guide from the (*this link is no longer available*) page.

For further information, contact: Evelynna Donnelly, English Language Acquisition Unit, Colorado Department of Education, Tel: 303/866-6757; fax 303/830-0793; e-mail: donnelly_e@cde.state.co.us.

Gateway to Educational Materials

Standards in Action has been offered membership in the Gateway to Educational Materials (GEM) Consortium. GEM is a special project of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology (ERIC/IT) that specializes in Library and Information Science and Educational Technology. The Gateway collection includes preschool to higher education level educational resources submitted by organizations and individual teachers.

To have resources accessible through The Gateway, it is necessary to catalog them (i.e. create metadata records). It is the metadata that makes The Gateway such a fast and efficient tool. GEM will assist Standards in Action in this process by:

- Cataloging a portion of the site (up to 100 records) for free
- Providing guidelines, cataloging training, and assistance so that Standards in Action can continue to add its resources to The Gateway
- Publicizing Standards in Action by adding it to the GEM Membership directory, www.geminfo.org/Consortium/members.html.

For further information, contact: The Gateway to Educational Materials (GEM) Project, email geminfo@geminfo.org; www.thegateway.org.

Harvard Education Letter

The lead article in the current issue, "Successful School Reform Efforts Share Common Features," lists Standards in Action in its bibliography, www.edletter.org/current/

Social Studies Assessments

Several new and revised history and geography assessments have been added to Standards in Action from the History, Geography, Civics Summer Institute run annually by Marianne Kenney, Colorado Department of Education Social Studies Consultant. Marianne also recently submitted her guide to writing standards-based social studies performance assessments for publication on Standards in Action. According to Marianne, Standards in Action provides one of the largest single Web-based collections of standards-based social studies classroom materials available on the Web today.

For further information, contact: Standards in Action, Colorado Department of Education, Tel 303/866-6915; fax 303/830-0793; e-mail kenney_m@cde.state.co.us

Visit the Standards & Actions Web site at www.cde.state.co.us/index_action.htm.

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Colorado Educational Media Association Opens New Web Page

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CEMA Online, the Web page of the Colorado Educational Media Association has moved. The new address for CEMA's web site is www.cemacolorado.org. The board of directors approved in January the purchase of the new domain name for two years, with annual renewals thereafter. The new pages have undergone extensive renovation by board liaison and Web master Gene Hainer, prior to coming online in April with the assistance of Steve Walker of BCR.

The new pages will provide more efficient access to information and news about the organization, schools, and libraries in the state. The pages are updated regularly, with links to many sites useful for all CEMA members and school library staff. The old address, www.aclin.org/code/cema, will continue to exist to redirect visitors to the new site. You are encouraged to change any old bookmarks to the new address.

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Outstanding Library Advocates to be Honored in 2000

Outstanding library advocates of the 20th century will be honored at a banquet during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in July. A National Advocacy Honor Roll has been announced by ALA President Sarah Ann Long in cooperation with the newly renamed Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA), a division of ALA.

Up to five honorees from each state and up to five posthumous honorees were selected to be honored at the banquet. Colorado's honorees are:

Camila Alire

For ongoing advocacy for library service to ethnic minorities. Dr. Alire took the lead in establishing a

statewide committee on Library Services to Ethnic Minority Populations in Colorado. The work of the committee includes workshops, at which Dr. Alire is a frequent presenter; a scholarship for a person who commits to working with ethnic minorities; and a mentoring program to pair ethnic minority librarians and potential librarians with Colorado library leaders. Dr. Alire was the first recipient of the Colorado Library Association's Award for Exemplary Services to Minority populations and the first recipient of the ALA Elizabeth Futas Award. She is also the author of Library Services to Latino Communities, which gives encouragement and guidance to libraries seeking to provide library service to ethnic minorities.

Nancy Bolt

For leadership in support of libraries during her tenure as Colorado State Librarian. Ms. Bolt has been Colorado State Librarian since 1987. During that time, she has initiated the development of the Access Colorado Library and Information Network; initiated the establishment of the Colorado Library Card program, allowing Colorado residents to borrow materials from any public, school, or academic library in the state; acquired a new building for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; established the Colorado Center for the Book; ensured that libraries are included in prominent state telecommunication legislation; established a successful e-rate discount education program; and invited Emporia State University to bring ALA-accredited library graduate education to Colorado after an absence of 15 years.

Evelyn Brewster

In her 24 years as the public library consultant at the Colorado State Library, Evelyn Brewster worked tirelessly for the development of public library services statewide through consolidating and forming new libraries, establishing county libraries, training librarians and trustees, establishing public library systems, implementing Library Services and Construction Act grants for local libraries, and developing the County Equalization Grant program. Mrs. Brewster traveled the state extensively representing the State Library, and her consulting was characterized by her congenial manner and remarkable ability to bring groups together in support of libraries. She was recognized by the Colorado Library Association as the 1976 Colorado Librarian of the Year and received the Mountain Plains Library Association Distinguished Service Award in 1978.

Donna Jones Morris

For unstinting advocacy on behalf of libraries, Donna Jones Morris, Executive Director, Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System, Pueblo, was selected. She served as co-chair of the Colorado Library Association Legislative Committee from 1995-98. During this time, she persisted in building better relationships with key legislators, particularly the members of the state's powerful Joint Budget Committee. During her tenure as co-chair, Morris coordinated the successful campaign that added over one million dollars in ongoing state funds to support Colorado library programs. Morris has also been president of the Colorado Library Association (CLA) and received three awards from CLA: the Career Achievement Award in 1998, the Project of the Year (Near Project) Award in 1996, and the Librarian of the Year Award in 1992.

Larry Wilkinson

When Larry moved to Telluride in the early 1970's, not only was there no ski area, but there was no library. Deciding that something had to be done, Larry and his wife Betty established, on their own, the Telluride Community Library, Inc. in an old, dilapidated Quonset hut. As they searched for a permanent home for the library, they found the old jail that was no more than a pile of rocks and bars. Finally securing a lease from the town, they set about rebuilding the old jail while going to the voters to establish a legal San Miguel County Public Library District #1. Now, the second new library under construction – some 30,000 square feet – the Wilkinson Library will be a jewel in the Telluride community. Larry went on to serve on numerous statewide committees, served as chairman of the board of the Pathfinder Library System for over 20 years, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1985 by the Colorado Library Association. He has been a continuing asset to Telluride, as well as to the entire Colorado library community.M

Colorado's honorees for posthumous recognition are:

- Gordon Bennett
- John Irwin
- Pauline Seely
- Clyde Walton
- Malcolm Wyer

Sarah Ann Long, 1999/2000 ALA President, said, "Library trustees and advocates are often the 'unsung heroes' in their communities. I can't think of a better way to showcase how 'libraries build community' than by honoring those who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to America's libraries."

The purpose of the National Advocacy Honor Roll is to identify and celebrate those individuals and groups who have actively supported and strengthened library services at the local, state, or national levels over the last 100 years. The honorees are advocates who have led major initiatives or sustained efforts to enhance library development and/or public awareness. Their accomplishments are noteworthy and provide models for others who wish to expand advocacy efforts.

Each state library will receive a plaque listing their state's honor roll advocates to display in their facilities.

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Library News

Dr. Camila A. Alire has been elected to serve on the American Library Association (ALA) Executive Board. Her three-year term will begin in July 2000 and conclude in July 2003. Alire was elected by the ALA Council at the recent ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Alire is the dean of libraries at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She previously was dean/director of libraries at the Auraria Library, University of Colorado at Denver, for six years. Her library experience includes serving as the director of the Learning Resource Center at Pikes Peak (Colo.) Community College; assistant to the dean/instructor at the University of Denver Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management; and librarian/information specialist for Mathematica Policy Research (Denver).

Alire is a researcher and workshop presenter whose work focuses on library services for Latinos and other minorities. She is the co-author (with Orlando Archibeque) of "Serving Latino Communities."

Alire has served as president of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library Services to the Spanish Speaking, and EDUCAUSE. She has chaired the Colorado Library Association's (CLA) Legislative Committee and the Colorado Council on Library Development's Committee on Library Services to Ethnic

Minority Populations. Alire received a master's degree in library science from the University of Denver and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

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Notes to Note

Want to know what famous people are reading? The Gardiner Public Library in Maine has been writing to celebrities each year since 1988 asking just that question. The Web site www.gpl.lib.me.us/wrw.htm lists the books, indexed by celebrity name and by year, with comments from more than 400 people such as Muhammad Ali, Judy Blume, George W. Bush, Cher, Al Gore, Yo-Yo Ma, Shimon Peres, Winona Ryder, and Alex Trebek. You can even suggest people to be on the next annual list. The project is sponsored by Gale Research.

The **winners of the Alex Awards for 2000** have been selected by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA) and Booklist, ALA's flagship review journal, as part of the observance of National Library Week, April 9-15, 2000. The Alex Awards were created to recognize that many teens enjoy and often prefer books written for adults, and to assist librarians in recommending adult books that appeal to teens.

The top ten adult books for young adults published in 1999 are:

- *Barefoot Heart*, by Elva Trevino Hart, Bilingual Press
- *Educating Esme*, by Esme Raji Codell, Algonquin
- *Ender's Shadow*, by Orson Scott Card, Tor
- *High Exposure*, by David Breashears, Simon & Schuster
- *The Hungry Ocean*, by Linda Greenlaw, Hyperion
- *Imani All Mine*, by Connie Porter, Houghton
- *Plainsong*, by Kent Haruf, Knopf
- *The Reappearance of Sam Webber*, by Jonathon Fuqua, Bancroft
- *River, Cross My Heart*, by Breena Clark, LittleBrown/Back Bay

- *Stardust*, by Neil Gaiman, Avon/Spike

An annotated list of the Alex award winners will appear in the April 1 issue of Booklist and will also be available on the Web at www.ala.org/yalsa, or from Fax-on-Demand, 800/545-2433, press 4. For more information, call YALSA at 312/280-4390. E-mail: yalsa@ala.org.

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has released its **new Standards for College Libraries**. After years of focusing on traditional inputs (financial support, space, materials and staffing) in assessing academic libraries, the new standards take the groundbreaking approach of focusing on outcomes assessment to determine the effectiveness of the academic library program, services and collections. Standards for College Libraries is available on the ACRL Web site at www.ala.org/acrl/guides/index.html, in the March issue of College & Research Libraries News, or by calling ACRL at 800/545-2433, ext. 2514.

The Naropa University is hosting the **Grantsmanship Training Program** the week of May 15-19. The five-day program will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center, the world's oldest and largest training organization for the nonprofit sector. If you are looking to hone your grant research and proposal writing skills, this is a great opportunity. People have had great success with this program in the past. The class is kept at a maximum of 26 participants. The cost of the program is \$675. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$250,000. For more information please call Kathi Rosenfeld at 303/546-3586 or Jacob Eichert at 303/245-4616; or contact The Grantsmanship Center at 800/421-9512. You might also want to check out The Center's new library of federal grant proposals on CD-ROM which lets you download the text of top ranked proposals for dozens of major programs. More information is at the Web site <http://www.tgci.com>.

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Reference Tips

www.enature.com is a new nature site that offers online searchable field guides to over 4,800 plant and animal species. Derived from 35 different Audubon Society Field Guides, Regional Guides, and Nature

Guides, the database is keyword-searchable by group (mammals, amphibians, fishes, trees, etc.) or browseable within subheadings for each group. The field guide entries include a large thumbnail image, description, and varying additional information. Users can also conduct an advanced search by size, color, habitat, region, and other options within each group. Registered members (its free) can add selected plants or animals to their "Life List," which is saved at the site, along with notes or comments. While the field guides alone make the site worth a visit, there is more, including an Ask an Expert message board, Habitat Guides, news features, tips for teachers, and in the future, a comprehensive Outdoor Planner.

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NOTE:

The Colorado State Library is sponsoring **free Colorado Reading Readiness 2000: Libraries and Early Childhood Educators Working Together training** for early childhood care providers, librarians and library staff, home educators and parents. We will explore the importance of Reading Readiness and pre-literacy activities for children.

Topics include choosing books for children, early childhood literacy, language play (songs, fingerplays), and much more.

Training takes place **Saturday, May 6th, Noon to 5 p.m., at Jefferson County Public Library, Columbine Branch, 7706 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, CO 80123.**

This is a free training, but seating is limited. Please R.S.V.P. to ensure your place at this exciting event. To reserve your space or if you have further questions, please contact: Mary McCarthy at the Colorado State Library, 303.866.6939, mccarthy_m@cde.state.co.us.