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New Colorado Power Educators Project Holds Promise

CDE has issued the Request for Proposals for the Colorado Power Educators Project, competitive grant programs funded under the Colorado Enhancing Education through Technology grant program. This RFP is issued provisionally, in advance of official approval by the CDE Educational Data Advisory Committee. CDE will fund this grant project with a total of approximately \$650,000. The Intent to Submit a Grant Application is due by April 9, and applications for these grants are due April 30 at 4 pm;

The Colorado Power Educators Project supports student achievement by promoting

collaborative work that produces powerful standards-based learning. Connected to CDE's work with districts on integrated plans for educational technology and information literacy, this project is designed to help teachers, schools, and districts incorporate educational technology and information literacy into their educational missions. The Power Educators Project operates through three grant programs:

- Power Classrooms—support for teams of teachers engaged in collaborative design and implementation of effective curricula and instructional strategies;
- Power Initiatives—support for schools and districts that are engaged in substantial, innovative efforts at improving curriculum, teaching, or community;
- Power Districts—support for district development and implementation of effective plans for educational technology and information literacy.

Further information about applying is available on the CDE web site at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/edtech/e2t2-PowerEd.asp>

Not News to Us! School Libraries Gain Attention Throughout the U.S.

- At Poor Schools, Time Stops on Library Shelves

At a poor school, the library is often the last priority, reports Michael Winerip of the "New York Times." At many schools libraries have been neglected for decades. Many collections are from the 1950's and 1960's. Children come in asking for Harry Potter, but there is no Harry Potter. Often there is no librarian, no card catalog, no VCR, and no computer. Fahtemah, who is 12, says if you look hard, you can find some good books in the library. "But it needs, like, more new and improved books," she says. "Some of the books you read, they fall apart." <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/03/10/education/10education.html>

(Article from PEN Weekly NewsBlast, a free e-mail newsletter featuring school reform and school fundraising resources, property of the Public Education Network. To subscribe, visit <http://www.publiceducation.org/cgi-bin/newsblastsubscribe/subscribe.asp>

- Closing Libraries Puts Schools' Core at Risk

The "San Francisco Chronicle's" Joan Ryan focused on school libraries in her column on March 28. "Locking up a world of ideas: Closing libraries puts schools' core at risk" discusses the importance libraries had in Ryan's own life and the damage closing school libraries can do to students at large. See the column at <http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2004/03/28/BAGIG5S40M1.DTL#sections>

Leadership @your library—School Libraries Spring Workshop

The Colorado Association of School Libraries presents its spring workshop on Saturday, May 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Denver area (site still being selected).

Keynote speaker is Deb Levitov, District Media Coordinator, Lincoln Public Schools, who helped put together the national AASL @your library toolkit, marketing strategy and training. Also on hand from CSL, Bonnie McCune and Nance Nassar, who will lead small group planning sessions.



Attend to:

- learn campaign strategies and tools
- prepare to engage customized school plans
- be eligible for grants!

\$40 for members (\$65 for non-members) of CAL or COALL/RMSLA/CCML; includes lunch and toolkit materials. Register by May 4 online at www.cal-webs.org.

Thank Goodness for Paralibrarians

The CAL Paralibrarian Spring workshop is scheduled for Friday, April 16, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Arapahoe Library District Administrative Support Building. The theme is TGIF: Thank Goodness for Information and Friends. Find more information and register for the workshop at <http://cal-webs.org/#20>. The cost is \$65, but for CAL, CCML, CoALL, RMSLA and MPLA members, it is \$40. Price includes lunch and refreshments. Registration deadline is April 3.

Featured speakers are:

- Kim Dority as our motivational speaker, speaking on change.
- Gary Penley, a local author, speaking on writing.
- Gwen Henderson and Ruby Olsen presenting a book repair workshop.

EBSCO Databases Up for Renewal at LOWER Costs

It's time to renew your library's subscription to the EBSCO K12 databases that are available through the AIRS Committee's statewide agreement with EBSCO -- new subscribers are welcome, also. Please fill out the renewal form by MAY 1, 2004 at: <http://www.bcr.org/reference/ebSCOMain.html> Some good reasons to renew:

- Subscription costs are 10% LOWER than last year
- EBSCO has added more full text and other content to the databases
- Subscribing to the paper copies of the magazines and journals included in the databases would cost a library over \$58,000 a year

School pricing is based on a per building price by grade level and population, ranging from \$225 to \$585. Public library pricing is based on legal service area population, with a tiered cost based on three different population ranges. The minimum charge is \$200.

More info -- including pricing details, an FAQ, and descriptions of the databases -- is available at: <http://www.aclin.org/committees/airs/ebSCodb.html>

Tech Beat Helps Adult Educators Integrate Technology into Instruction

An online service called Tech Beat, <http://swadulted.com/techbeat/techbeat.htm>, give tips to those educators working with adults on how to integrate technology into instruction. For instance, there's a lesson in creating a simple budget in Excel, web sites targeting teens with problems that are helpful for parents to read, resources for ESL students, etc. These are published monthly by Leecy Wise at the Four Corners Virtual Resource Center. Many are suitable for adolescents, particularly those learning English.

Find Out What Decision-Makers Are Doing

The State Publications Library has created a "Quick Guide to Colorado Legislative Information" online. The web links included in this brief list lead to resources for research on current and past bills in the Colorado House and Senate as well as discussion points on legislative issues by topic. This is a quick information guide to selected print and electronic publications, as well as web sites, maintained by state agencies only. Many current and historical print publications on this topic are available to borrow from the Colorado State Publications Library. For information contact Maureen Crocker or visit the library web site at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo>

Link to the Quick Guide at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/QGLegislativeInfo.htm>

Looking for Money for Student/Children Activities?

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program is accepting applications for the coming year. Libraries and school media centers that serve a low-income population may qualify if they want to provide tutoring, development, the arts, family literacy, etc. Several trainings are scheduled for April, and the RFP is due June 7. Minimum grant is \$50,000, and you increase your chances if you're collaborating with other community groups. This is a very competitive grant. For more information and to register on-line for the grant writing training go to <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/21stGWtraining.asp>. The RFP is located at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/21stGrant.htm>. Contact Valerie Bass at bass_v@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6791 for 21st CCLC program administration questions.

Adams County First Library to Offer Jobview

The Adams County Library District is the first library in the state to offer Jobview, a user friendly job-search tool that puts potential employment at your fingertips. Jobview is an employment kiosk provided by the Denver Newspaper Agency. It lists all the jobs advertised in the "Rocky Mountain News" and the "Denver Post" on a touch screen and is updated daily. Jobview users can easily search employment, print out job listings and send employers job seeker profiles. Anyone sending job seeker profile receives a receipt from the kiosk confirming the application. Kiosks are located at the Northglenn, Commerce City and Brighton branches. The Northglenn branch is showing the highest usage with almost 900 jobs searched in less than a week.

Library Director Mike Sawyer says the kiosks will provide the citizens an alternative to searching for jobs, especially for those who do not own a computer or have difficulty navigating through the internet. In addition, it allows people to search for work opportunities without the stigma of going to an Employment Center. Also, the libraries are open beyond the traditional 8-5 business hours. "We see this as another opportunity for people to utilize the library and hopefully they will then become library users", Sawyer says.

Book Community News Now Online Regularly

An informal coalition of organizations involved with and supporting books and writers, Book Organizations of Colorado, is now publishing a monthly online newsletter. BOOC BookNews, www.coloradobook.org, contains a calendar of events and author appearances. This is an easy, centralized way to let your patrons know about activities of interest to them.

Writing Seminars Continue in Denver

The Denver Woman's Press Club hosts its annual Saturday Seminar Sessions. Half-day, intense specialty-writing sessions will be presented by a stellar line-up of well-seasoned and well-published freelance writer experts ready to share the kind of information that will launch your own specialized writing career. The aim of each session is to give participants the tools to be able to do it! Come ready to learn how to be a success! Each session will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Three are scheduled for April. Seminars are held at the DWPC house, 1325 Logan St and cost \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. For information, visit www.denverwomanspressclub.org, or call 303-839-1519.

The Doctor Is Always In at the State Library

Dr. Keith Curry Lance from CSL's Library Research Service is a recipient of the University of Denver College of Education's 2004 Community Partner Award. Lance's work over the years has been innovative and change-creating, with much attention to the role of school libraries in the educational arena. Congratulations!

No Question Is Beyond Our Answers

Sample another selection of interesting questions over the past few weeks, answered by the staff of the State Publications Library. 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:

- The Romer and Lamm administration legal counsels
- Colorado Department of Education directories from 1960 to 1976
- Lobbyists lists from 1998 – 2002, needed by someone in Texas comparing states with citizen initiatives to those without, and what kinds of groups subsequently get involved
- Speaker of the House and chairmen of all House committees in 1997
- Tax Lead Time Study, a CGS 1974 publication
- Restaurant owner wanting to know if he could sell prepackaged foods not prepared on premises
- Law giving parents the right to view their child's records

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

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