

Centennial State Libraries

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ANOTHER HARD WORKER

Dennis Petro, who works for the Talking Book Library, also received a 5 year pin for service to state government. Congratulations, Dennis.

FIRST LADY HONORS LIBRARY WEEK

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"Palaces of the People," by Laura Bush

Americans love a celebration. Nearly every week of the year is devoted to a special purpose, cause or campaign. This week -- April 1 through 7 -- is one of my favorites: National Library Week.

When I was young I fell in love with reading. I remember looking forward to trips to our local library with my mother. We would pick just the right book from the huge selection. At home, my mother would put her arms around me and read to me. Those times are among my favorite childhood memories.

Not surprisingly, I grew up to become a public school teacher and librarian.

Early reading isn't just good medicine -- it's an important part of a child's daily activities. Children benefit greatly from reading activities starting at a very young age. Parents should read to their children early and often, and once children learn to read, they must practice reading every day.

Parents who are looking for other inexpensive or free ways to stimulate reading opportunities for their children should also go to their local libraries. Beyond the bounty of books, many libraries have wonderful programs to encourage and reinforce reading skills.

I hope you will join me, and many other American bookworms, in visiting the library. And, while you're at it, sign up for a free library card. You'll be among good company.

(To view the entire article, go to [Washington Post Online](#))

Pikes Peak Launches Cable Show

@ Your Library - a new monthly informational video magazine show featuring the activities and events of the Pikes Peak Library District - will premiere at 5 p. m. on Saturday, April 14, on cable channel 17 (The Library Channel). It will be shown again at 7 and 11 p.m. on April 14, and also on April 15 at 5, 7, and 11 p. m. Features include an interview with library Director Pat Losinski, restoration of the historic downtown Carnegie Library, and the new electronic catalog. Call (719) 531-6333, x1170 for more information.

Speak Up!

The U. S. Department of Education sponsors a free-loan open-captioned media loan service for deaf and hard of hearing persons and professionals who serve the population. Over 4,000 captioned video titles are available to registered users. A collection of these materials is housed in Colorado. The office sends out a free E-zine to keep users up to date about materials. Contact the CMP at: 1-800-237-6213, info@cvf.org, Web site at [Captioned Media Program](#)

National Chautauqua Collection Debuts on American Memory Web Site

"Traveling Culture: Circuit Chautauqua in the Twentieth Century" is now available on the [Library of Congress American Memory Web](#). The collection

comprises nearly 8000 publicity brochures, advertisements and flyers who were part of the circuit. Standard Chautauqua programs included lectures, musical performances, variety acts and dramatic readings for family enjoyment.

Collaboration the By-word at American Indian Project Second State Convocation

American Indians in Colorado's tribal communities are coming into the information age through a program designed to enhance community libraries, archives and museums. Tribal representatives from the Southern Ute Tribe in Ignacio and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc continue to develop activities in consultation with statewide organizations including the Colorado State Library, the Colorado State Historical Society, the University of Colorado Museum and the Colorado Digitization Project.

On March 13 and 14 the tribes significantly expanded their presence and knowledge by touring the National Indian Law Library at the Native American Rights Fund offices in Boulder, the University of Colorado Museum in Boulder, the National Archives and Records Administration in Lakewood, the Denver Public Library Western History Collection and the Denver Art Museum. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science provided an extraordinary meal and celebration at the Buffalo Feast and Honoring Ceremony.

Serendipity played an important role during the two days of visits to local resources. During the tours tribal members began recognizing and naming relatives and places contained in documents in the National Archives and the DPL Western History Collection. Tribal participants delighted in accessing collection areas, obtaining first-hand information about managing collections, methods of housing collections, technological trends, accessing databases and reference policies of the institutions.

The hosts of the institutions met members of Colorado's tribal communities, sharing in discovering immediate connections between the tribes and their collections. David Selden, National Indian Law Library, using the National Indian Law Library Database, obtained documents for Manuel Heart (Ute Mountain Ute) directly related to a Tribal Council issue.

"We are copying and sending Dorothy Naranjo, (Southern Ute), information as well as photos of her family" said Eric Bittner, National Archives and Records (over) Administration. At the Denver Public Library Western History Collection, Phil Hamblin helped Daisy Frost (Southern Ute) and Cassandra Lainer, (Ute Mountain Ute) of Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Research Library access the digital photo archives. Dixie Naranjo, (Southern Ute) and Margaret Foderaro of the Denver Botanic Gardens updated cataloging information on Dixie's great-great-grandparents. These experiences are a way of fostering understanding that Colorado's tribal peoples are equal and important contributors to Colorado's information resources.

With remaining funds, the Colorado Collaborative American Indian Project grant and the Colorado State Library will continue to assist with developing and/or refining needs assessments on the status of tribal libraries, museum, archives and to bring together tribal representatives and non-tribal librarians, museum and archive personnel. The Five State American Indian Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services continues to develop, strengthen and expand collaborative relationships with American Indian tribal communities by announcing a National Convocation in Mesa, Arizona May 7,8,9 2002.

Per recommendations of the convocation participants, the project director and participants will continue to involve Tribal Council members and other departments and agencies within the tribal governments. They will also remember to learn from the elders and, as importantly, learn from young people who are interested in their heritage. They will continue to discover other useful resources and also be led by the good will of the convocation introductions to continue to learn and honor each other, their work and spirit. As C.J.Brafford (Lakota Sioux), Director of the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose and the Master of Ceremonies for the Convocation, reminded all, "Smiles and good thoughts."

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