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*First Lady Frances Owens Helps
CTBL Celebrate*

Seventy-Five-Year-Old Helps 11,000 People

“I don’t think I could survive without my Talking Books.”

This praise comes from a patron of the Colorado Talking Book Library (CTBL), the free statewide service for print-disabled residents, celebrating its seventy-fifth throughout 2006. See <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/>.

CTBL is part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Washington, DC, established by an act of Congress in 1931 (the Pratt-Smoot Act), and was one of the original 19 state libraries.

On Friday, March 3, First Lady Frances Owens joined Commissioner of Education Bill Moloney, State Board of Education member Peggy Littleton, president of CTBL Friends Michael Jones, and some 150 patrons and staff for an open house and cake-cutting. Preschoolers from Anchor Center for Blind Children and teens from the School for the Deaf and Blind heard readings from Mrs. Owens as well as other narrators.

Currently some 11,000 Colorado patrons use this free service, which provides books for visually, physically and learning-disabled people. Reading materials come in audio format, Braille and large-print books and magazines as well as descriptive videos. Tours and informal conversations also were offered.

Patrons are effusive with their praise. They have said, "Thank you for all of your help in keeping my mind active with all of the Talking Books." "You are a godsend for my blind 93 year old mother." Both of our lives have been enriched by the stories we have read." "The service keeps getting better all the time."



Not Another Blog?!

Do we need another Blog?
You don't have time to read another Blog?

The Colorado State Publications Library's new blog about state information is worth your time! It is a quick read and full of useful facts, web site links and titles of state publications.

Check it out at: <http://cospl.blogspot.com/>

Recent topics covered by staff entries include:

- ✚ Colorado tax questions – where to find answers
- ✚ Colorado educational standards
- ✚ Wolves in Colorado
- ✚ Goose (or rather geese) on the loose
- ✚ Facts on smoking for Colorado residents
- ✚ Guide to Colorado's varied architectural styles
- ✚ Bald Eagle recovery story
- ✚ Energy conservation
- ✚ Hunting safety statistics
- ✚ Colorado State Capitol
- ✚ History of K-12 public education in the state
- ✚ School research using state information on the web
- ✚ Colorado Governors
- ✚ Directories of lobbyists

Keith Curry Lance Receives ASCLA Leadership Achievement Award

Keith Curry Lance, director, Library Research Services, Colorado State Library; affiliated professor, Library and Information Science Program, University of Denver; and independent consultant, is the 2006 recipient of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) Leadership Achievement Award presented by the ASCLA, a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

The ASCLA Leadership Achievement Award is a citation presented to recognize leadership and achievement in consulting, multi-type library cooperation and state library development. The award recognizes sustained activity that has been characterized by professional growth and effectiveness and has enhanced the status of these areas of activity. The award will be presented during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Out and About with CSL Staff

- ✚ Maureen Crocker presented about Colorado State Publications Library and StateLINC services to program managers of the Chronic Disease Section at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- ✚ Diana Reese and Sally Gillich visited Adams, Gilliam, Lookout Mountain, and Spring Creek Youth Services Centers libraries, as well as the youth library at CMHI - Ft. Logan, to consult with library staff on curriculum support and collection development needs.
- ✚ Diane Walden and Andrew Breland visited the Trinidad Correctional Facility library to consult with staff on access to library services, library technology issues, and collection development.
- ✚ Debbi MacLeod, Director of the Colorado Talking Book Library, spoke about the services of CTBL at the Board meeting of the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind in Colorado Springs and at the Lions Club of Golden.

April Book News Now Online

The April edition of Book News may now be downloaded. Writers and readers can learn about what's happening in the state by visiting www.coloradobook.org.