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### Quotable Facts About America's Libraries now available in Spanish

En los Estados Unidos existen mas bibliotecas publicas que restaurants McDonald's -- un total de 16,220 incluyendo las sucursales. (There are more public libraries than McDonald's in the U.S. - a total of 16,220, including branches.)

This is just one of many fun and interesting facts included in the American Library

Association's (ALA) popular, wallet-sized Quotable Facts About America's Libraries. Available for the first time in Spanish from the ALA Public Information Office, the piece was compiled in with assistance from the ALA Office for Research & Statistics, the ALA Washington Office and the Library Research Service at Colorado State Library.

The new version was developed in response to the increasing need to have materials available for the growing Spanish-speaking populations that libraries serve.

ALA President-Elect Carol Brey-Casiano said, "Being able to promote libraries in multiple languages is important to ensuring that our communities know about the valuable programs and services we provide every day." Quotable Facts may be purchased for \$.25 each plus shipping and handling. A minimum order of 100 is required. To order hard copies, please contact the ALA Public Information Office at 800-545-2433, ext. 5041 or send an email to: [pio@ala.org](mailto:pio@ala.org). They also are available for free downloading in PDF format from the ALA Website. Click on Issues and Advocacy from the ALA homepage, then Resources/Advocacy Publications. For a Spanish version of this release, see <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/whatsnew/quotablefactsesp.htm>

## **Revised Standards for School Librarians Receive Board Approval**

The State Board of Education has approved revised standards for school librarians. You can retrieve the standards from the CDE web site: [http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeboard/download/bdregs\\_301-37.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeboard/download/bdregs_301-37.pdf). The revision distinguishes between a "teacher librarian" and a "school librarian." The standards address collaboration, literature, information literacy, and other pertinent points.

## **At-Risk Students' Use of Internet Addressed**

The Library Research Service has published a new "Fast Facts" entitled "Differences in Home, School, and Library Use of the Internet by At-Risk Students, 2001" <[http://www.lrs.org/documents/fastfacts/204\\_ARInternet2001.pdf](http://www.lrs.org/documents/fastfacts/204_ARInternet2001.pdf)>. The report notes that at-risk students are less likely to have access to the Internet at home. Internet access via schools and public libraries helps to compensate for this inequality.

## **WebJunction Brings Free Online Courses**

Brush up on a particular computer skill or take a self-paced computer course. Check out the FREE online learning opportunities on the WebJunction portal. There are quite a few courses/tutorials ranging from Microsoft Word to CGI/Perl script, to Macromedia

Flash. You will need to register with WebJunction, but the courses are free right now. Go to the WebJunction home page <http://www.webjunction.org/do/Home>, and select the "Learning Center" tab. You can then select the series you would like to view and see a complete listing of courses.

## **As True Today as Yesterday: From Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection**

“Does the young man who persists in being a loafer, ever reflect how much less it would cost to be a decent, respectable man? Anybody can be a gentleman if he chooses to be, but it is mighty expensive being a loafer. It costs time—days, months, years of it. It costs friends. Your consorts will be only the buccaneers of society. It costs health, vigor, comfort—all true pleasure in living, honor, dignity, self-respect, and the respect of the world when living, and finally all regret and consideration when dead.” From the Sunshine Courier, May 25, 1878.

The foregoing is an example of the content of historic newspapers in the state. The Collaborative Digitization Program, the Colorado State Library (CSL), and the Colorado Historical Society (CHS) are partnering to create “Colorado’s Historical Newspaper Collection.” This project serves as the foundation for a statewide historic newspaper database, beginning with 44 newspapers dating from 1859 to 1880. The database will include full text indexing of all articles, graphics, letters to the editor, and advertising. The user can view articles individually or in the context of the full page of the paper. Users are able to search a topic, individual or organization in a single newspaper, any combination of papers, or all 44 papers. The papers will be digitized from the microfilm version of the papers that are owned by the Colorado Historical Society. The Collection now has 18 papers from Boulder, Clear Creek, Denver, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Pueblo Counties ranging from 1859 through 1883. View or search these newspapers at: <http://www.cdpheritage.org/newspapers> or <http://www.aclin.org> - click on "Historic Papers."

## **Teleconference On “Making Parents Partners” in Schools, No Mention of Libraries**

Reading Rockets, a children’s literacy program and site, hosted a recent teleconference on how to involve parents in schools and their children’s education. The Colorado State Library has a video on the presentation available to lend. "Making Parents Partners" runs about 1 1/2 hours. With discussion by a principal, a parent representative, and a literacy expert, the tape is targeted mostly toward school age students, but has interesting points for all ages. Even more interesting, there was only one mention of a library performing any kind of service during the entire session! We know we do more, but why don’t others? Borrow the tape and make suggestions. Contact Bonnie McCune, [mccune\\_b@cde.state.co.us](mailto:mccune_b@cde.state.co.us), and give your library and courier code.

## **No News to Us: School Librarians Cut Despite Focus on Reading**

The Des Moines Register recently carried an article about cuts to school libraries. Several national studies done over the past decade show a direct link between youngsters' reading abilities and well-staffed libraries with up-to-date materials, reports Erin Jordan. Three studies released in 2000 showed that students in schools with well-maintained library collections and trained library staffs performed better on standardized tests, especially reading. Yet during a time when educators are working to boost students' reading skills, school leaders are slashing librarian positions as they look for ways to deal with tight budgets and rising insurance, utility and salary costs. (Source: <http://desmoinesregister.com/news/stories/c4780927/23930974.html>)

## **Library Instruction for Diverse Populations Bibliography Available**

The Instruction for Diverse Populations Committee of ACRL's Instruction Section (IS) has made available online the Library Instruction for Diverse Populations Bibliography. The Committee compiled this bibliography to meet the need of librarian-instructors for information about teaching diverse populations within college and university settings. The Committee hopes that librarians needing to teach a class to students of a particular group can turn to the relevant section of the bibliography, find an overview of issues and strategies relating to that population, and locate informational resources that will give them immediate help in preparing teaching methods and materials. The Bibliography includes print and electronic resources key to the development of effective methods and materials for providing library instruction and teaching information literacy competencies to diverse student groups. Visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrlbucket/is/publicationsacrl/diversebib.htm>.

## **Arapahoe Library Manager Named “Mover and Shaker”**



Library Journal recently named the Arapahoe Library District's Manager of Outreach Services Cynthia Chadwick as one of its 2004 Movers and Shakers, 50 up-and-coming people from across the U.S. and Canada who are "innovative, creative, and making a difference" in library service.



Chadwick manages a staff of 11 people and a variety of volunteers who run the District's satellite/Internet-equipped bookmobile; an award-winning early childhood literacy program called Begin with Books; a nationally recognized jail library at the Arapahoe County Detention Facility; innovative jail programs, such as book talks for inmates and the ability for inmates to read to their children via tape; homebound library services for Arapahoe County residents; and entertaining programs for seniors in the community and bookmobile patrons. Chadwick also has reached out to fellow library staff through her fellowship in the Urban Libraries Council's Executive Leadership Institute, as well as the Greater Littleton Youth Initiative. Congratulations!

### **Donna Jones Morris Appointed State Librarian of Utah**

Donna Jones Morris has been appointed State Librarian of Utah. Morris most recently was director of the Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System in Pueblo. She was active in a number of statewide projects and organizations, including the Colorado Association of Libraries and the Colorado Library Card program. Congratulations!

### **Sisters in Crime Presents Conference for Mystery Readers and Writers**

Saturday, June 12, 2004, the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Sisters in Crime presents Flatirons Blunt Instruments IX: Plot, Pitch, Promote, a workshop for mystery readers and writers. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Elks Lodge, 3975 28th St, Boulder. Cost is \$60 before May 31 for members, non-members \$70. For information, visit the web site at <http://www.trulydonovan.com/rmcsinc>

### **Seminar on Plotting Offered by RMFW**

On Saturday, May 22, 9:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m., Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers present Alicia Rasley and a one-day seminar, "Top Ten Plotting Problems and How To Solve Them. It will be held at Union Stations Coffee House, 1091 S. Parker Road, Denver. Cost is \$35 for RMFW members, \$60 for nonmembers and late registration. Visit <http://www.rmfw.org>

### **RMABA Offers Scholarship to Book Market Seminar**

The Rocky Mountain Antiquarian Booksellers Association (RMABA) is offering a \$500 scholarship to the 2004 Colorado Out-of-Print and Antiquarian Book Market Seminar (<http://www.bookseminars.com>), to be held August 8-13, 2004, in Colorado Springs. Competition is open to residents of Colorado, Montana, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming (RMABA member states). Applications may be requested by contacting Pam Clausen, Clausen Books, 1-888-412-7717, [pam@clausenbooks.com](mailto:pam@clausenbooks.com). Entries must be received no later than June 1, 2004. For information, visit <http://www.rmaba.org>.

## Public Invited to Be A Librarian For a Day

Women's Day magazine is conducting a contest that will select two women to be librarians for a day. The contest rules are online as well as in the March issue. ([http://www.womansday.com/article.asp?section\\_id=7&article\\_id=8534&page\\_number=1](http://www.womansday.com/article.asp?section_id=7&article_id=8534&page_number=1))

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