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AIRS Statewide Databases Renewal Time – Special Half Price Offer for New Subscribers

It's time to renew your subscriptions to the AIRS statewide databases! Through the contribution of LSTA funds by the Colorado State Library and the discounted statewide subscriptions negotiated by the AIRS Committee, libraries can have access to a wealth of online information at prices that are significantly below what they would pay on their own. One set of databases, The OCLC/EBSCO General and Business Full Text databases, offers access to WorldCat and other general databases as well as to the full text of over 60,000 magazines and journals in all subject areas. The second set of databases, EBSCO K12 and Children's database package, is designed to support students in K12 schools as well as children doing research while visiting the public libraries. Higher education institutions with teacher education programs also will find them useful. **SPECIAL OFFER: Due to the generosity of the Colorado State Library and LSTA funds, new subscribers to the K12 and Children's databases get them at half price next year!** Information on the content of the databases, the costs to individual schools and libraries, and links to the online subscription order forms are

available on the Colorado Virtual Library's AIRS Committee website at:
www.ColoradoVirtualLibrary.org/committees/airs

New READ Poster Celebrates Colorado's Libraries

Libraries of all types throughout Colorado will be receiving a copy of the new READ poster, featuring Gov. Bill Ritter and Lt. Gov. Barbara O'Brien. Modeled on the ALA series, the local version has a Colorado flag in the background with officials holding copies of *The Angle of Repose* and *Lonesome Dove*. Copies went out in the monthly distribution to the directors of academic and public libraries, then in a separate mailing with other school library materials to school library contacts. There are several ways to get additional copies:



* You can contact Maura McGrath at the Colorado State Library, mcgrath_m@cde.state.co.us, and ask for a reasonable number of copies in either 11 x 17 or 18 x 24 inch sizes. PROVIDE COMPLETE CONTACT INFORMATION INCLUDING COURIER CODE.

* You can download the poster in a variety of sizes for free from our web site: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slpromo.htm>. You may want to double check the size to make sure your color printer provides you with suitable copies.

Lt. Gov. O'Brien said she would be happy to appear at library and school events promoting and encouraging reading as her schedule permits. So you might think about inviting her at some time.

You also may be interested in the joint resolution passed on Monday in honor of Library Week. See http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/NationalLibraryWeek_HJR07-1033.pdf for a copy, which can be downloaded and posted.

A big thanks to the Governor and Lt. Governor for their support of libraries, as well as Representative Morgan Carroll and Senator Sue Windels for sponsoring the resolution.

Library Week Celebrated with Storytelling

The Colorado State Library celebrated Library Week with a special presentation on "Raconteurs, Bards, Griots and Other Tellers of Tales:

Storytelling and Its Contributions to Literacy." The free event, held at the Department of Education, reached state employees.

Appearing were Lt. Gov. Barbara O'Brien, director of CSL Gene Hainer, and three storytellers. Many diverse cultures have strong traditions of oral storytelling. Parents and caregivers can capitalize on these entrancing and stimulating activities to reinforce literacy skills in children. Oral storytelling can be encouraged in families and schools to strengthen literacy skills.

The storytellers included Jessica Bordeaux-Vigil, "White Buffalo Calf Woman," a member of the Sicangu Lakota nation and a dancer, cultural presenter, and historical interpreter as well. Also appearing was Renee Fajardo, who tells stories with strong family and food themes and co-author of the *Tummy Tales* series, a collection of multi-cultural family food tales. Last was Rosalyn Kirkel, with stories of Eastern Europe/Jewish culture and the immigrant/pioneer experience.

Library Directors Receive Scholarships to Participate in Rural Forum at ALA

Representatives from three of Colorado's rural public libraries have been selected to receive scholarships to attend the 2007 American Library Association conference in Washington, D.C. They include:

- Judy Van Acker, Director of the **John C. Freemont Public Library** in Florence
- Patti Chapman, Director of the **Park County Public Library** in Fairplay
- Sue Keefer, Director of the **Las Animas-Bent County Library District** in Las Animas

They were selected following their participation in the Colorado State Library's recent Rural Library Sustainability (RLS) Project workshops. Some 70 workshop participants, representing more than 60 rural/small libraries, obtained resources for sustaining technology and advocating for libraries, shared ideas, and developed action plans.

The three representatives are leaders in rural library sustainability. To qualify for the scholarships, the three directors created and posted actions plans on WebJunction, finalized implementation of the first phase of their plans, developed a timeline for two subsequent plans, shared their experiences, actively participated in discussion forums, and submitted essays about how their rural library will benefit from their participation in the ALA annual conference. In Washington, they will meet with other rural sustainability participants during the Rural Forum sponsored by WebJunction and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The RLS Project, launched in 2005 and funded through a grant by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is a collaboration between WebJunction, state library agencies, and rural/small libraries' staff in 42 participating states. The program is designed to empower small and rural libraries with information, resources, and connections to help meet their unique challenges and better manage and sustain their public-access computing programs. Areas included are technology maintenance and planning, outreach, funding, training/support, promotion, and collaboration, as well as a forum for rural library staff to connect with one another.

Congratulations on being selected to attend ALA Annual in Washington D.C. as a part of the RLS Project!

Associate Director of Library Research Service Named

The Colorado State Library (CSL) announces the appointment of Zeth Lietzau as Associate Director of the Library Research Service (LRS). Lietzau has served as a Research Analyst of LRS since 2003, and has worked as Information Services Librarian at the Belmar Library of Jefferson County Public Library since October 2004.

Lietzau received his Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Denver and his BS in Spanish from Macalester College, St. Paul, MN. He is a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL).

As an LRS research analyst, Lietzau has been instrumental in transforming the web presence, www.LRS.org, into a dynamic web site that offers interactive statistics, and in the redesign of the CSL's www.LibraryJobline.org. He has also overseen projects such as the annual Colorado School Library Survey and the current Courier Cost Analysis Study, and has been involved in a number of LRS publications.

LRS generates library statistics and research for library and education professionals, public officials, and the media. It reports and analyzes statistics on all types of libraries and conducts studies on major library issues.

Recently Published Fast Facts from Library Research Service

The Library Research Service continues its review of remuneration for library employees with two new “Fast Facts.”

No. 250 [Is \\$40,000 the Magic Number?](#) by Daphne Eastburn
According to a February 2007 ALA release, \$40,000 is the wage most agreed upon as the minimum starting salary that should be offered to professional librarians.

View these and other Fast Facts at <http://www.lrs.org/fastfacts.php>

Out & About with CSL Staff

- Staff from the Colorado Talking Book Library represented the library at 15 9Health Fairs around the metro area during April as part of the interactive education centers.
- In April, Bonnie McCune presented workshops for the CLiC conference in Pueblo on Basic Marketing and Fact & Fiction About Volunteers. She also presented workshops at the CAL Paralibrarians Conference on “It’s Not
- Diana Reese presented at CAL's Paralibrarian Division Spring Workshop, reviewing progress and future directions of ALA/APA's Library Support Staff Certification Program Task Force. She also presented at CLiC's Pueblo Spring Workshop, training correctional library staff in basic Department of Corrections purchasing procedures.
- Teresa Allen (Institutional Library Services) provided periodicals management training at the CLiC Spring Workshop in Pueblo and consulted with library staff at Zebulon Pike Youth Services Center in Colorado Springs. Teresa has also made several trips to train library volunteers at Gilliam Youth Services Center in Denver.
- Nance Nassar presented a session on “Collaboration and Partnerships” at the International Baccalaureate “Middle Years Program” Professional Development Day in Westminster School District 50 for school librarians from all over the Metro area.
- Michaela Hansen, Patricia Froehlich and Sharon Morris presented a fourth Rural Sustainability workshop in Pueblo to provide participants with information to sustain technology and advocate for the rural public library.



9Health Fair volunteers at CTBL

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- Kris Johnson held AskColorado trainings in April at the Smoky Hill and Koelbel Branches of the Arapahoe Library District as well as the Pueblo City/County Library. In addition, she presented “Online Reference: Keeping Up with the Trends” at the CLiC Spring Workshop in Pueblo. *Right: Kris Johnson during her presentation at the CLiC workshop in Pueblo.*



- Patricia Froehlich attended the Collaborative Summer Library Program annual meeting in Portland, Oregon where she learned that the general concept for 2008 will be bugs/garden/food. The slogans will be: Catch the Reading Bug for children and Metamorphosis at your Library for teens. Patricia also presented a trustee orientation for the West Routt Library District library board in Hayden. She also gave the first of three sessions on Strategic Planning with the PLA Planning for Results model, along with a library board trustee orientation at the Upper San Juan Library District in Pagosa Springs.
- Sharon Morris had another busy month in April with presenting “Keeping Up with Technology” at the CAL Paraprofessionals conference and a “Hands on with Plinkit” session at the CLiC workshop in Pueblo. Sharon also attended the Southwest Colorado Libraries meeting to provide a State Library update as well as an E-rate training in Minneapolis.

Resources for Constitution Day

Colorado’s libraries once again are invited to be leaders in Constitution & Citizenship Day. The commemoration occurs September 17 each year, and was mandated by the federal government. While educational institutions that receive federal funding from the Department of Education are required to hold an educational program pertaining to the US Constitution, other libraries can use the event to spotlight the important role libraries play as the foundation for this country’s freedoms.

One resource is a group called Liberty Day. They are recruiting volunteers throughout the state to serve as chairs and contacts for cities and towns. Some activities could include presenting programs in schools, working with local elected officials, and fund-raising. The group offers materials like copies of the Constitution and study cards. For more information, visit www.libertyday.org, or call toll-free 866-718-3434 or 303-333-3434.

The Colorado State Library plans to update the resources prepared last year and alert libraries in late summer. But you can begin planning now, if you wish. For an overview of last year’s materials, see

www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/ConstitutionDay/index.html. For more information, contact Bonnie McCune, mccune_b@cde.state.co.us.

Special Populations & Issues News Notes:

- International Gateways, Colorado's monthly multicultural connection, has a free e-newsletter with information about diverse communities in Colorado. They also list events and news and have a directory. InternationalGateways.com® is an online portal to Colorado's ethnic, cultural, and international resources, organizations, businesses, and their announcements and events. Their purpose is to provide contacts, links, and notices to resources, merchants, non-profits, and support services within cultural groupings represented by country, region, language, and category. You can join their directory at no charge. <http://www.internationalgateways.com/index.php>
- Show Goes on the Road: "It's Not That Easy Being Green, or Blue, or Different in Any Way," Diversity Training in Cultural Responsiveness, debuted at the CAL Paralibrarians' conference. The free workshop can be booked elsewhere, depending on schedules and resources. For the complete presentation, including a panel of representatives from community organizations, please allow at least three hours (panelists may need stipends). A shorter one-hour version is also available. Description of content: "Open your eyes and ears. Get ready for new perspectives on libraries from the people who count--the diverse public. In this 90 minute overview, you'll take a self-assessment of your library's current status, hear about diverse groups and how to connect with them, and begin your own plan to respond to your service area's needs. Believe it or not, you'll leave with lots of ideas and even a strategy." Presenter is Bonnie McCune, Library Community Programs Consultant, CSL, 303.866.6891, mccune_b@cde.state.co.us

Delight in Diversity: Diversity News

Some articles of interest in the area of diversity. Although they come from a school library publication, the content is applicable to any setting serving children and families.

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- "The Things That Unite Us: teaching young children about other cultures," by Ann Welton (School Library Journal Curriculum Connections, Spring 2007). Titles dealing with families, neighborhoods and global connections. See <http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6427530.html>
 - "No Place Like Home: books can create a strong sense of place," by Mitali Perkins (School Library Journal Curriculum Connections, Spring 2007). Reading, storytelling and writing all can convey understanding, family history and roots. See <http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6427528.html>

A model program: Austin Public Library, in cooperation with the city, has established New Immigrant Centers in six branch libraries with service areas containing high numbers of immigrants. The Centers provide resources in various formats for newcomers to the US. Visit http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/index.cfm?action=i_about for an overview. Also see "The Unabashed Librarian," Number 142, #1 of 2007, page 10, by Diana Miranda-Murillo.

This news brought courtesy of the CSL Special Populations & Issues Committee, charged with improving library services to the underserved. See <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/ethnic.htm>

New Web Site, Health Sciences Library, University of Colorado

UCDHSC Library launched its new web site: <http://hsclibrary.uchsc.edu/>.

The new site was developed by Kevin Cullen and Jeff Kuntzman, electronic resources librarians at the Library. After months of planning, programming and design, they've created a site that their patrons should find easier to use.

The new library site features improved navigation and a search-centric design powered by Google technology. The search engine searches PubMed, Google Scholar, and the library catalog (IMPULSE) in addition to library web pages. Links to PubMed, Google Scholar, and IMPULSE library catalog results appear next to library web site search results.

Please direct any questions about the site or underlying technologies to Kevin Cullen, Kevin.Cullen@UCHSC.edu or Jeff Kuntzman, Jeff.Kuntzman@UCHSC.edu

Libraries of Medicine News

New Look for MedlinePlus Health Topics Page: MedlinePlus's 740+ health topics now feature medical images, summaries, synonyms, and the new "Start Here" category if you aren't sure where to begin your research. Customer feedback and usability studies lead to these enhancements and additions to the MedlinePlus database. Be one of the 28,000,000+ quarterly visitors to this authoritative and free resource. Explore it today. www.medlineplus.gov.

NIH MedlinePlus Magazine at Your Fingertips: Did you know that current issues of *NIH MedlinePlus Magazine* are just a keystroke away? This quarterly guide for patients and their families brings the latest and most authoritative medical and healthcare information from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as featured online on the MedlinePlus web site (www.medlineplus.gov). This free publication is sponsored by the Friends of the National Library of Medicine. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/magazine.html>

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