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"Fast Facts" Elucidate Jump in Circulation, Other Library Insights

Three new "Fast Facts" contain a wealth of information about libraries and their status. A major finding comes in April 15's issue " Colorado Public Libraries Outpace National Trend on Circulation Per Capita,1988-2000." This report shows that Colorado residents have been checking out books and other items from public libraries at a much higher rate than Americans in general. Our increase has nearly doubled (from about 5 to 9.5) while the US circulation increased modestly (5 to 6.5).

Another "Fast Facts" covers library staff salaries in the mountain west. February 13's issue, "Earnings of Library Staff in the Mountain West Low Compared to Workers in Similar Jobs," shows the discrepancy. Both librarians and administrative support staff positions were included in the analysis.

Circulation again is the theme in May 1's "Book Displays Increase Fiction Circulation over 90%, Non-Fiction Circulation 25%," includes information from a recent study by the Lafayette Public Library. The study concluded that bookstore-like displays resulted in major increases in circulation for the titles on display.

Statewide Library Projects for 2002-2003 Top $650,000

Six projects dealing with libraries and their services statewide have received approval for the coming year. The projects address a variety of community outreach activities, as well as increasing accessibility to library resources and services. The total amount available for project awards was $657,000. For information on the projects, visit the LSTA web site.

Resources for Programming and Services to Latino Children and Youth

The Colorado State Library has prepared a variety of resources to help library staff, teachers and media specialists address the needs of Latino children. These include:

- Resources on School-Aged Children Literacy
- Resources on Early Childhood Literacy
- Bibliotecas Publicas Que Ofrecen Servicio
- Spanish-Language Library Resources
- Parent Tips (English and Spanish) and order form
- Libros de cuentos en Espanol (picture book list)
- Web Resources to Serve Latino Children

- Latino Voices in Books and Poetry for Young Adults

The flyers for early childhood and school-aged children's resources list numerous Internet sites. A number of these have information in both English and Spanish, for caregivers, parents, and others. In general, you can simply download a document and copy it, as long as you give credit to the source.

If you would like a sample packet OR if you would like an e-mail version, contact Bonnie McCune or 303.866.6891. You may copy pages as needed, but please retain credit line to Colorado State Library.

A Latino-based Framework for Early Childhood Educators

The Center for Children & Families at Education Development Center, Inc, has launched a new web site—"Connections and Commitments: A Latino-based Framework for Early Childhood Educators." This includes values, principles and practices for working with Latinos, one of the publications featured on the web site. The home page also provides other resources and links.

Teens in the Library: Who Are They and What Do They Want?

The regular meeting of Colorado Young Adult Advocates in Libraries features Bobbie Patrick, who will report on the findings of the Arapahoe Library District's Teen Task Force, followed by an open forum discussion of teen advisory boards, teen volunteers, and staff attitudes toward teens. Bring your experiences, questions, and concerns! Meeting is free and open to all interested, and lunch is provided. Thursday, May 16, Denver Public Library, Central Library ,10 am – 3 pm. To register, contact Jan Knauer, 303-795-3961, (fax) 303-795-3996.

Tasty Reads for TBL Families: First Ever Family Summer Reading Program

For years, the CTBL Summer Reading Program has been strictly for kids but now everyone in the family can share the joy of reading and listening to books. Talking Book Library families – parents of a child who uses Talking Books or a parent who uses Talking Books--are invited to be part of this program. Families simply register for Tasty Reads for TBL Families for the months of June, July, and August. The CTBL Family Reading web site includes family-oriented booklists and activities. Participants

receive a coupon for a frozen Anchor food treat redeemable at neighborhood food markets. Our sincere thanks to Anchor Foods, the National Frozen Food Association and the Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library for making Family Reading rewarding for all Colorado Talking Book readers.

New on Colorado State Library Technology Resources Web Site

- Instructions for cloning Gates' PC's

- Selected results from Automation Vendor survey published in Library Systems Newsletter *(BEST viewed with Internet Explorer)*

Automated Systems Reviewed

Every year Library Journal publishes the "automated system marketplace." This is a review of library automation products and vendors. It provides sales data, systems sold by type of library, mergers, trends and new features in automated system products. To view the full-text article and charts online go to the Library Journal site and perform a search on "automated system marketplace".

The Library Systems Newsletter publishes results of the Information Systems Consultants Inc. (ISCI) Automation survey each year. The March issue focused on vendors and products using UNIX, NT server, Windows 2000 server, and other multi-user operating systems. The April issue provides survey results on vendors of PC and Mac based products that use Windows 95/98/ME/2000 or Mac operating system. Both issues provide information on vendor sales, number of development staff and customer support staff, and general trends in library automation. Find out more about the Automation Survey. You can also find updates on the Library Automation Toolkit.

Survey Gauges Value of Gates Grant

By the end of 2003, the Bill and Melinda Gates U.S. Library Program will have placed 40,000 computers in close to 10,000 libraries nation wide. The program makes a $250 million commitment to bring public access computing, digital information, and the Internet access to library patrons in low income communities. Results from a research study on Public Access Computing conducted by the University of Washington indicate that Americans do support paying higher taxes or fees to provide free access to computers and the Internet in public libraries. Those surveyed, however, believed that public library computer services should be funded primarily by government agencies, library fundraising initiatives, or local businesses. Over three quarters of the those surveyed also believed that providing public access to computers and the

Internet will help eliminate the gap between the "have" and "have nots".
(Library Hotline, March 25, 2002, page 1)

Colorado Librarian Attends Opening of New Library of Alexandria

Lorenzo Gurreri, a retired librarian from Colorado, attended the recent opening of the Library of Alexandria (Bibliotheca Alexandrina). The library, destroyed 1600 years ago, was successfully rebuilt and will again offer scholars from over the world a chance to study and learn. The inauguration occurred in late April and was attended by the president of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H., E. Mohammed Hosni Mubarak, and his wife.

Literacy Through School Libraries Grant Information

Literacy Through School Libraries was passed and funded as part of the ESEA Reauthorization bill, H.R. 1, No Child Left Behind. Literacy Through School Libraries is part of Title 1, Part B, Subpart 4, section 1251. Because the funding level was set by appropriators at $12.5 million, the funds will be distributed through the Department of Education as grants to local education agencies. More information is available on the Department of Education Web site by viewing Chart 3. In Chart 3, scroll down to OESE CFDA No. 84.364 for dates of the application notice, application availability, application deadline, estimated average size and number of awards, and the program contact person. ALA suggests it is critical that as many local education agencies as possible apply for these dollars. The level of need can be measured by how many school districts across the country apply for these funds.

Call for Program Proposals: AASL Eleventh National Conference

Once again, AASL is using an online process to receive program proposals for its national conference. Beginning May 1, 2002, you will be able to enter information about your proposed preconference workshop or concurrent session and its presenters in the appropriate form online at the AASL web site. General information about the Conference, scheduled for October 22 through 26 in Kansas City, MO, is available online.

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