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Artist Donates Work to Enhance CTBL

The CTBL has been given 20 prints of original pen and ink drawings by Dori Hutson, one of our gifted patrons. The drawings, all of mountain settings or Colorado landmarks, are on permanent display in the library's conference room. At a small reception on Friday, May 17, Ms. Hutson's family and friends joined the CTBL as the artwork was presented to library supervisor, Barbara Goral.

Ms. Hutson has devoted her life to art, sandwiching a career as a department store

fashion artist and a greeting card designer in between raising her four children. When she moved to the mountains, she began to focus on the scenery of Colorado as her main artistic model. Ms. Hutson spent sixty years of her life producing both commercial and fine art, until her vision loss interfered with her work. Ms. Hutson is also the author and illustrator of a book, "Hidden Assets: Stories Behind the Throne," a cheeky history of outhouses. The CTBL thanks Ms. Hutson for her unique gift to the library.



Collaborative Virtual Reference Symposium in Denver

Colorado is pleased to host a symposium on Collaborative Virtual Reference, July 11-12, on the University of Denver campus in Denver, Colorado. The Symposium will focus specifically on issues related to multi-institution, multi-type, and multi-state collaborative virtual reference. Speakers from New Jersey, California, Ohio, Colorado, and the Library of Congress Collaborative Digital Reference Service will describe their projects and talk about the challenges of implementing and running them. Presentations also will be made by selected vendors, including LSSI, 24/7, OCLC, Convey, and tutor.com. The Symposium will conclude with participant discussion about what the next steps should be in Colorado regarding virtual reference, and other states that might be interested. The cost for both days is \$50. The registration form is attached. Please join us for two days of interesting and provocative discussion on collaborative virtual reference. For information and registration, contact (303) 866-6907, <u>bailey_b@cde.state.co.us</u>.

Revised Business and Economic Bibliography Available

Various Colorado government agencies provide valuable resources for businesses, large and small, plus economic information about the state. A selected list brings together both Internet sites and print publications called "<u>Colorado Business and</u> <u>Economic Information</u>". The print publications are available to borrow from the State Publications Library.

Electronic Newsletter Connects Librarians Serving Spanish-Speakers

"<u>SOL: Spanish in our Libraries</u>" is an electronic newsletter connecting librarians who serve Spanish speakers. Each issue gathers links, questions, and wisdom. Back issues of the newsletter are archived.

OCLC to Create Computing Portal for Public Libraries

The <u>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</u> has awarded the OCLC Online Computer Library Center a three-year, \$9 million grant to build a web-based, public access computing portal for public libraries and other organizations that provide open access to information. The new portal will build on the foundation's five-year-old U.S. Library Program, which is providing computers with Internet access to more than 10,000 libraries across the United States. The Colorado State Library is partnering with OCLC and three other agencies by developing the portal through its communications with other state libraries and is assisting in the evaluation of the portal's program and initiatives.

Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival Scheduled

The 14th Annual Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival and Workshops will be held August 1, 2, and 3, Palmer Lake. Full festival costs \$55 before 7/29/02; \$65 after. Admission to single events is available at the door. Free Thursday night opening concert in Castle Rock. For a brochure and more information, contact John Stansfield, Director, PO Box 588, Monument, CO 80132 303-660-5849 (Denver metro); 800-484-6963, PIN 8253 (outside Denver); jorcstan@bewellnet.com.

Power Libraries Project Opens for 2002-2003 Applications

Applications for participation in the 2002-2003 Power Libraries Project are now available at the <u>CCLS</u> web site. Heading into its fifth year, the Power Libraries Project uses outstanding school library media programs as mentors for schools that want to improve their programs and help student achievement.

Applications will be accepted for both new High Performance schools and New Developing Schools for next year. Applications can be submitted ANYTIME before September 16, 2002.

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