



# Centennial State Libraries

May 26, 2006

Summer Is A-Coming In @your library



Bookmarks:

- [Power Libraries Project Application Period Opens](#)
- [Literacy Grants Available through Mountains & Plains](#)
- [Out & About with CSL Staff](#)
- [Book News for May Online](#)

---

## Power Libraries Project Application Period Opens

The Power Libraries Project application and rubric for high performance and developing school libraries are posted on the Power Libraries Project web page.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/powerlib/index.htm> The Power Libraries Program is a statewide project under the management of the Colorado State Library, funded in part by the Library Services and Technology Act, designed to bring recognition to the role that school library media programs and staff play in promoting student achievement.

The focus is on developing and promoting quality school library media programs and practices that help students meet standards. Research shows that well-staffed, well-stocked media centers can contribute to CSAP scores that are as much as 18% higher than in those schools without such programs. For information, contact Nance Nassar, [nassar\\_n@cde.state.co.us](mailto:nassar_n@cde.state.co.us), 303.866.6772

---

## Literacy Grants Available through Mountains & Plains

To support community literacy activities, Mountains & Plains Booksellers Association annually offers grants ranging from \$500 to \$1000 to support nonprofit literacy programs. Visit the MPIBA web site, [www.mountainsplains.org](http://www.mountainsplains.org), to find an application within the "Literacy Grant" field on the home page. Applications should be submitted to MPIBA by August 15, 2006. Questions? Contact Lisa Knudsen at 800-752-0249, 970-484-5856 or David Quinn at 303-399-3024.

### Out and About with CSL Staff

- ✚ In March, Nance Nassar went to Fort Morgan to discuss 21st Century Learning, then to Grand Junction, presenting on the Big 6 Research Process. April saw her at CLiC workshops in Durango and Frisco, also presenting on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.
- ✚ Bonnie McCune traveled to Durango for the CLiC sessions and presented on diversity and service to diverse populations. In May she presented "Who's Buzzing Around Your Hive—Community Connections" at the Philip S. Miller (Castle Rock) staff day.
- ✚ Jean Heilig kept busy in late April with an exhibit at the 85th Annual Colorado PTA Convention; guest lecturing at DU on the topic of Business Intelligence for the "Introduction to Knowledge Technologies" class in the MLIS program; a session on "Customer Service" at the CLiC-SEALS Workshop; and another guest lecture at DU for the "Alternative Careers for Librarians" class in the MLIS program.
- ✚ Patricia Froehlich attended the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) annual meeting in Princeton, NJ, in April. Thirty-three states are now members of the collaborative, and six more states will join by 2007.
- ✚ During April, the Colorado Talking Book Library participated in many 9Health Fairs around the state as a sponsor. Debbi MacLeod met with referring agents at El Paso County's Dept of Human Services in Colorado Springs. And in early May she attended the Biennial NLS meeting in Portland ME.
- ✚ Gene Hainer attended the SEALS conference in Canon City, providing an update on State Library activities; attended the Western Council of State Librarians meeting in Cerritos, which included a great deal of continuing education on library planning, building, and funding, plus a dinner with author Ray Bradbury. (costs covered by the WCSL); and also attended the Chief Officers of State Librarians spring meeting in Washington, DC, for updates on current national library issues, committee meetings, and updates from prominent leaders in library-related agencies, such as IMLS. He also joined the Cherry Creek School

---

District Board of Education meeting to recognize school libraries in the Power Libraries Project.

- ✚ Yet another staff member at the SEALS conference was Sharon Morris, who participated on a panel about Technology Trends. Then in May, she presented on the future of libraries for the Philip Miller (Castle Rock) staff day.
- ✚ A whole series of activities from Institutional Libraries:
  - 🖥 Andrew Breland and Diane Walden went to Trinidad Correctional Facility and Colorado Women's Correctional Facility to train staff in performing collection inventory.
  - 🖥 Diane Walden went to Sterling Correctional Facility to train facility library staff in email and intranet communications.
  - 🖥 Diana Reese visited Rifle and Delta Correctional Centers to install and configure computers, conduct collection analyses, and train library staff.
  - 🖥 Sally Gillich and Diana Reese visited Grand Mesa Youth Services Center in Grand Junction to train staff in the use of the new automated library management system.
  - 🖥 Diana Reese and Mary Beth Faccioli presented sessions at the CLiC/SEALS Workshop in Canon City.
  - 🖥 Sally Gillich visited Pueblo Youth Services Center to weed the collection and train new library staff.

## **Book News for May Online**

The May "issue" of BOOC News is now available at: [http://www.coloradobook.org/booc\\_booknews.htm](http://www.coloradobook.org/booc_booknews.htm). This page lists events sponsored by member groups. We've changed it from a PDF format to an online format under the Book News tab. We hope this will make the information more accessible to more readers. The group's New Orleans Library book drive was overwhelmingly successful. Thanks to all who contributed. This site continues to grow with new members including the Telluride Writers Guild, Western Writers Guild, and the Colorado Poets Center. New and near-new "Friends of BOOC" include the Mountains Plains Library Association, New Mexico Book Association, University Press of Colorado, Wolverine Farm Press/ Matter Literary Journal, Reader to Reader, and the Academy of Lifelong Learning. This is also the site for the free Find An Author database to schedule presentations at libraries and schools.