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### Applications Accepted for 2007-08 LSTA Grants

*FY 2007-2008 LSTA Grants* are provided by the Colorado State Library to help libraries and library-related agencies develop or enhance programs and projects that enable Coloradans to receive improved library services. The funds are part of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Most of the projects support improvements to libraries at schools or serving the public.

Projects that request a significant portion of the available funds may be asked to reduce the size of the project prior to approval.

Here are general guidelines for this coming year's grants:

- CSL will distribute approximately \$300,000 in this funding period on a competitive basis.
- Projects that are local in nature, involving a library plus one additional organization, may request a maximum of \$20,000.

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- Projects that have statewide influences, involving more than two library entities, may request more.
  - Funding requests will be for 12-month projects to begin in October 2007, and be completed by September 30, 2008.

Please note: This year's proposals MUST address Goal #4 from the five-year strategic plan for libraries. This targets service to diverse and underserved Colorado residents. (See the application for exact language.)

*Deadline for RECEIPT of proposals is Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 5 p.m.*

For information, check online at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/lsta>

## **Help Set the Course for Colorado's Libraries for the Next Year Volunteer to be a Grant Reader for the 2007-2008 LSTA Grants**

The Colorado State Library seeks volunteer Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant proposal readers to evaluate grant proposals from Colorado libraries submitted for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

If interested in participating as a LSTA grant reader for this grant cycle, please read the description and qualification requirements at [http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/lsta/lsta\\_call\\_for\\_readers.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/lsta/lsta_call_for_readers.htm)

Please submit your Reader Application form by July 2, 2007. Apply online at: [www.cde.state.co.us/scripts/LSTARReaderAppForm/form.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/scripts/LSTARReaderAppForm/form.asp) Qualifying readers will be notified by e-mail by July 16, 2007.

For further information, please contact Michaela Hansen at [hansen\\_m@cde.state.co.us](mailto:hansen_m@cde.state.co.us) or 303-866-6730.

## **3rd Collaborative Virtual Reference Symposium**



The Networking and Resource Sharing Unit (NRS) of the Colorado State Library will be hosting the 3rd Collaborative Virtual Reference Symposium! The event will be held this summer, July 31 - Aug. 1, and will be located at The Curtis Hotel, a newly renovated hotel in downtown Denver. <http://www.thecurtis.com/>

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This symposium will be very similar to the previous two held by NRS <http://www.aclin.org/reference/symposium/index.html>: 2 days in length, small, intimate group (75 participants), single-track presentations, focused on practical vs. theoretical or research based, lots of opportunities for small group conversations, sharing, and brainstorming, all on the topic of collaborative virtual reference. The program is diverse and one session is comprised of entirely of non-U.S. participants (Canada, New Zealand and Sweden!)

Please refer to the website for more details <http://www.aclin.org/reference/2007VRSymposium/> or contact Kris Johnson, [johnson\\_k@cde.state.co.us](mailto:johnson_k@cde.state.co.us), 303-866-6922, with any questions.

## **New Senior Consultant with Institutional Library Services**

Erica MacCreaigh is a new Senior Consultant with Institutional Library Services, responsible for coordinating and supervising library services and training library staff at nine Department of Corrections facilities across the state. Erica pursued her MLIS (Univ. of Wisconsin) with the intent of devoting her career to correctional librarianship. She supervised the Arapahoe County Detention Facility library, and most recently was the Coordinator of Outreach Services for the Arapahoe Library District. She co-authored *Library Services to the Incarcerated: How to Apply the Public Library Model in Correctional Facility Libraries*, published by Libraries Unlimited in 2006. She plays the Irish penny whistle cheerfully and very badly, regularly and not very gracefully practices Day-Star yoga, and as a professional river guide, her mantra is: "Get the customers down the river...preferably in their canoes."



## **Diana Reese, Colorado State Library, Receives ASCLA Exceptional Service Award**

Diana Reese, institutional library services coordinator, Colorado State Library, Salida (Colo.), is the 2007 recipient of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) Exceptional Service Award. The ASCLA Exceptional Service Award is a citation to recognize exceptional service to patients and inmates; the homebound; medical, nursing and other professional staff in hospitals; and inmates, as well as to recognize professional

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leadership, effective interpretation of programs, pioneering activity and significant research. The award is presented by ASCLA, a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

“As a state library consultant to libraries serving incarcerated persons, Diana Reese has helped develop some of the best institutional library facilities in the country,” said Ruth O’Donnell, ASCLA awards committee chair. “Working through periods of financial cutbacks as well as better times, she has kept a positive attitude and worked very hard to assure continuing access to libraries for offenders because she believes in the importance of library services in educating and encouraging them to improve their lives.”

“Diana’s 2005 study of the impact of correctional libraries on academic pursuits confirms her belief and provides strong support for this service around the nation.” The award will be presented during the ASCLA President’s Program, “Is Your Information Technology Accessible? Section 508 and Libraries,” on June 25, 2007, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., during the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

Don't forget to check out the ASLCA homepage: [www.ala.org/ascla](http://www.ala.org/ascla)

## **Recently Published Fast Facts from Library Research Service**

The Library Research Service reviews the financial impact of the courier service in the new “Fast Facts.”

No. 251 [Statewide Courier Saves Libraries Thousands in Shipping Costs Each Year](#) by Zeth Lietzau

With public libraries sending an estimated two million items via courier every year, the savings to libraries using courier can be tremendous. One example is between \$600,000 and \$1 million when comparing courier costs to the US Postal Service.

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

## **Out & About with CSL Staff**

- Sharon Morris attended and presented programs at CAL Circulation Supervisors Workshop and the Colorado Horizon Users Group meeting. She also presented a program on Library 2.0 for the Lone Tree Library, Douglas County Libraries. In May, Sharon attended the REFORMA

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Colorado meeting and the CALC Summit while also visiting Rangeview Library District to work on E-Rate applications and issues.

- Diana Reese attended the final “Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges” project meeting. The B4 Project is a collaborative effort between the Colorado Dept. of Labor & Employment, the Colorado Community College System, the Colorado Dept. of Education (Adult Basic Education unit), and the Colorado Dept. of Corrections. Its purpose is to identify barriers facing offenders and ex-offenders who wish to attend college and develop bridges to assist this population transition from prison to college
- In May, Lori Smith held SWIFT trainings at Colorado Technical University, Denver Tech Center Campus, Middle Park High School in Granby, Denver Women’s Correctional Facility, and Colorado Academy in Denver.
- Diane Walden spent the early part of May sharing policy and procedure of service delivery to Colorado institutional libraries with Washington State Library staff Laura Sherbo and Elizabeth Jahnke. She introduced them to CSL staff and took them on tours of seven of the Colorado Department of Corrections libraries.
- Kris Johnson conducted AskColorado training at the Auraria Library.
- Teresa Allen, Institutional Library Services, picked up generous book donations from Windsor-Severance Public Library and CU-Boulder Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race and delivered them to several Youth Services Centers.

## **Report on Economic Value of Libraries**

In an article from the Urban Institute, the Making Cities Stronger report presents how programming at public libraries contributes to local economic development in American cities. The entire document can be accessed at:

<http://www.urban.org/publications/1001075.html>

## **Resources for Summer Reading**

Many, many resources exist that can help you quickly and easily reach out to parents, caregivers, and teachers to encourage children to keep up important literacy skills. Assemble the ones you like best OR simply download and copy!

- Activities (for holidays and vacations) Parents and Children Can Do Together: Handout.  
[www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/HolidayParentChildResources.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/HolidayParentChildResources.pdf)

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- Communication & Technology for Kids: A handout summarizing the idea of "information literacy" as it applies to little ones. It lists public libraries with free telephone stories, five interesting Internet sites for preschoolers and primary grades to learn how to use a computer while practicing reading and writing, and other information.  
[www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/CSL\\_%20SitesOnKids.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/CSL_%20SitesOnKids.pdf)
  - Free Resources for Early Childhood Literacy: Most of these are Internet sites. The emphasis is on "how-to" along with easy activities for parents, caregivers, preschools, and other groups. Materials can be downloaded, then copied. A number are in Spanish!  
[www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/Early\\_childhood\\_resources.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/Early_childhood_resources.pdf)
  - Prevent Summer Setback: Keep students reading all year long. A handout for teachers or parents. Has some research information. English version:  
[http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/Downloads/pdf/Prevent\\_SummerSetback\\_English07.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/Downloads/pdf/Prevent_SummerSetback_English07.pdf)  
Spanish version:  
[http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/Downloads/pdf/Prevent\\_SummerSetback\\_Spanish07.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/Downloads/pdf/Prevent_SummerSetback_Spanish07.pdf)
  - Spanish Language Resources on the Web: Support for teachers, parents and librarians. These are written in Spanish. They are a good way to introduce general use of the Internet.  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/SpanishLiteracyWebResourcesForKids.pdf>
  - Summer Literacy Activities: This page has links to several quick, succinct resources.  
[www.kidsliteracycolorado.douglascountylibraries.org/summer.htm](http://www.kidsliteracycolorado.douglascountylibraries.org/summer.htm)

Prepared as a public service by the Colorado State Library, 303-866-6900,  
[www.cde.state.co.us/index\\_library.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_library.htm)

## **Step Up to the Plate @ your library Program**

As the temperature rises and the school year draws to a close, it is time to batter up for summer reading. Help your community's kids and teens beat the heat this summer with Step Up to the Plate @ your library.



Developed by the American Library Association and the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the program brings together two of America's favorite pastimes - baseball



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and libraries - to encourage reading. Children and young adults between the ages of 9 to 18 years of age are invited to go to their library, check out a book about baseball and describe how their favorite character inspired them. One grand prize winner will receive a trip to the Hall of Fame in October 2007. First place prizes in four age groups will also be awarded.

You can register now for free tools to help libraries promote the program locally at [www.ala.org/baseball](http://www.ala.org/baseball). Tools include program logos in both English and Spanish and a toolkit that includes sample press materials and programming ideas.

Kids are not the only winners in Step Up to the Plate. The library that brings in the most entries will win a \$100 bookstore gift certificate, and three runners up will be awarded a \$50 ALA Graphics gift certificate. All four will also receive a copy of Lawrence Hogan's "Shades of Glory: The Negro Leagues and the Story of African-American Baseball" (published by National Geographic Society).

The Step Up to the Plate @ your library program was officially launched during National Library Week in Peoria, Ill., with program spokespeople and Hall of Famers Ryne Sandberg and Ozzie Smith.

The program concludes September 1, 2007. Step Up to the Plate is part of The Campaign for America's Libraries, ALA's public awareness and advocacy campaign about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is a Campaign Founding Partner.

For more information visit [www.ala.org/baseball](http://www.ala.org/baseball)

## **ALSC's Kids! @ your library Campaign Tool Kit Continues to Grow**

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, has added new resources to its Kids! @ your library online tool kit at [www.ala.org/kids](http://www.ala.org/kids).

The campaign's extensive tool kit, produced by librarians for librarians, contains free resources for promoting the library and its services to children and their families. The latest materials added to the kit include:

- Spanish-language resources. The So Much to See. So Much to Do. @ your library logo is available in Spanish in black and white, color, high and low resolution versions. The list of Top Ten Things for Kids to Do @ your library also has been translated into Spanish. Print-ready public service advertisements in various sizes, scripts for audio public service



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announcements and word search puzzles with library themes also are available in Spanish.

- A list of “Top Ten Ways to Use Bill Harley’s “At Your Library” Song in Your Library and Community” provides examples of how libraries can use the upbeat song to grab attention.
- A story theater script- *The Chicken and the Librarian* -adapted by Dianne de Las Casas and used with her permission, can be downloaded and used for library/school/community events.
- Kids! @ your library Best Practice Wiki at [http://wikis.ala.org/alsc/index.php/Kids%21\\_%40\\_your\\_library\\_Best\\_Practices\\_Wiki](http://wikis.ala.org/alsc/index.php/Kids%21_%40_your_library_Best_Practices_Wiki); provides a free, open space where librarians can share how they have successfully used campaign materials within their libraries and communities.

ALSC encourages libraries large and small to visit the Kids! @ your library Campaign Web site at [www.ala.org/kids](http://www.ala.org/kids) and take advantage of the free materials, resources and ideas.

## **Additional Resources for Libraries for Banned Book Week**

Banned Books Week is observed each September in the USA, under the auspices of the American Library Association.

In support of this observance, Amnesty International USA makes available information regarding half a dozen or more persons imprisoned in foreign lands because of their writings. These are authors, journalists, poets, bloggers, playwrights, editors, critics and even sportswriters.

Amnesty's web site at <http://www.amnestyusa.org/bannedbooks/> provides links to case sheets, posters and background information for each of the prisoners highlighted in the current year. There is also a link to a list of previously featured prisoners who have been released.

Steve Marquardt, retired Dean of Libraries at South Dakota State University and currently Amnesty International USA Legislative Coordinator for Minnesota, creates petitions that can be part of any library's Banned Books Week display. The petitions, asking for the release of the imprisoned writers, or for the safety of those who have been threatened, are ready to be signed by library patrons. At the conclusion of Banned Books Week, the petitions are sent to an official of the government that has imprisoned or threatened the writer.



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## 2007 Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival and Workshops

Some of the West's best storytellers present workshops and concerts for children and adults. Storytelling concerts reflect this year's Festival theme – Southwestern Heritage. Events to be held Friday, July 27, at The Wildlife Experience Museum in Parker and Saturday, July 28, at Palmer Lake Elementary.

Sponsored by Douglas County Libraries, the Wildlife Experience Museum, and Colorado Performing Artists. For more information and free brochure, contact John Stansfield at 866-462-1727 or visit the festival web site at <http://www.coloradoperformingartists.com/> and click on the festival link.

### Check Out the New Smithsonian Web Site

SmithsonianEducation.org now aligns more than 1,200 free educational resources to standards of learning in every state. This is another resource that librarians can use to collaborate with teachers or adapt to work with other programs. Simply by entering the name of the state into the search engine, teachers and librarians can find lesson plans, virtual exhibitions, photographs and artworks, and databases of research information that apply to their curriculum. The state standards are correlated to all subjects-from language arts and social studies to mathematics and technology. Visit the website at <http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/>