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## Colorado Students Achieve Power "@your library" Training Commences

Information literacy and library programs. . . this summer, school personnel can learn the latest in the new Colorado program standards, integrating standards for information literacy and instructional collaboration. They'll join practitioners with the

skills and historical perspective, along with experience, to train librarians and teachers to collaborate. New Colorado standards are covered, along with alignment with subject-content standards, guidelines for the improvement of library service in Colorado schools, and student and program evaluation strategies.

Workshops are scheduled throughout the summer at convenient locations around the state, beginning in June. Teams of school librarian and teacher are strongly suggested. Cost is \$10 per team, which includes lunch for both team members. Continuing education credit (.5 hours) is available.

The workshops are sponsored by the Colorado State Library; the CSAP “@your library” Committee Writing Team, and the Regional Library Systems: For information, visit the [CSL](#) web site or contact [Nance Nassar](#), 303.866.6772.

## Resource for Assistive Technology in Libraries Goes Online

The Library Technology Standards Committee has put together a new resource on [assistive technology](#) in libraries. The goal in creating this web-based document is to provide librarians and other staff with general information about assistive technology, links to in-depth information on accessibility, and referrals to other libraries throughout the state and nationally that are integrating assistive technology into their services. The resource consists of five categories:

1. General Information-overview and disability awareness,
2. Policy Issues-state and federal mandates,
3. Technology-web design, standards, low-budget options for accessibility
4. Libraries-examples of assistive technology in libraries
5. Training and Funding-local organizations that offer training and funding options

While most of the categories have a good share of resources, your feedback, ideas and suggestions are welcome, particularly in providing more examples of how local libraries are integrating assistive technology to better serve patrons. What has worked well for you library? What hasn't been such a success? Coordinator Rose Nelson is also putting together a list of library contacts that can help others with questions about integrating assistive technology. Contact [Rose Nelson](#) at 303.866.6946.

## Collaborative Virtual Reference Symposium in Denver Takes High Profile

The Symposium on Collaborative Virtual Reference, co-sponsored by Central Colorado Library System, Colorado State Library, BCR (Bibliographical Center for Research), and the Colorado Library Information Access and Resource Sharing Board, July 11-12, takes a high profile with recent cuts in state funding to libraries.

The symposium will focus specifically on issues related to multi-institution, multi-type, and multi-state collaborative virtual reference. It 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. For initial information, visit [CSL's Master Calendar](#) web site.

## **New Internet File-Sharing System Designed to Give Artists Control**

Altnet, a new file-sharing system, will allow users to trade music and video files that are coded with digital rights management (DRM) technology. The technology will allow artists to limit distribution of their work and collect fees before a song is played. Matthew Berk, an analyst at Jupiter Media Metrix said, "There is clearly a demand for file swapping...Whether or not if you lay on top of it a DRM system people will be keen on using it is another question." Altnet is currently developing a version of its tool for Linux computers and is exploring partnerships with companies. [[SOURCE: San Jose Mercury News, AUTHOR: Associated Press](#)]

## **House Votes to Make Net Safer for Kids**

Two bills were approved recently that focus on creating safer online environments for children. The first bill would expand wiretap authority to target suspected sexual predators in the hopes of stopping meetings between children and molesters. Wiretaps could also be authorized for people suspected in child pornography or enticing children to have sex for money. A similar wiretapping bill was killed in the Senate last year. The second bill approved on a 406-2 vote will create a "kids.us" domain overseen by the federal government for children under thirteen. Groups like the American Civil Liberties Union have called the bill an attempt at censorship. [[SOURCE: USA Today, AUTHOR: Associated Press](#)]

## **Valuable Resource on Gardening Web Sites Published**

The Central Colorado Library System's "Midnight at the Internet Café," for April 2002 features web resources on gardening. The research has been done for you! Sample the sites for yourself or library customers at the [CCLS](#) web site.

## **Federal Web Sites a Free Resource for Spacey Kids**



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has created "Club Space Place" to encourage kids to discover the universe. The [Club Space Place](#) web site is free and contains lots of ideas for activities, facts, and fun. In Spanish, too! If your kids or customers are more focused on this planet, sample the EPA's "[Planet Protectors Club](#)" with materials for classrooms, after-school, or at-home. Also in Spanish! Last, older kids can also opt for [exploring the solar system with NASA](#). This has in-depth information to fascinate budding scientists.

## Advocacy Seminar for Trustees Scheduled at ALA

An interactive workshop for library trustees is scheduled for Friday, June 14, at the ALA conference. Dynamic discussions on advocacy plans, funding, mentoring, community needs. Price is \$125 for ALTA members and \$175 for nonmembers. Space is limited. Call 800.545.2433, x 2161 for information.

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