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Collaborative Virtual Reference Symposium July 13 & 14

Please join us in Denver for a symposium, organized by the Colorado State Library, AskColorado Collaborative Virtual Reference Service, and the Bibliographic Center for Research, sponsored by Docutek, OCLC, and Tutor.com, to discuss:

- Managing the Collaborative
- The Millennial Generation
- Marketing
- Staffing
- Funding & Sustainability
- Evaluation

Speakers include Stephen Abram (VP for Innovation at Sirsi) and representatives from Maryland's AskUsNow!, Bibliomation, Washington State Library, Australia's AskNow, AskColorado, Wisconsin Library System, Library Research Service - and many more. Information on the Symposium including

registration details are at: <http://www.aclin.org/reference/symposium>

Second Annual Rocky Mountain Children's Literature Conference

The second annual Rocky Mountain Children's Literature Conference is coming October 7 and 8. The scheduled lineup includes: Laurie Halse Anderson, Arnold and Jaime Adoff, Chris Raschka, Kimberly Willis Holt, and Colorado author/illustrator Steve Jenkins. For information about the conference, the authors, and also a call for proposals for anyone who might be interested in presenting a concurrent session at the conference, visit <http://www.unco.edu/childlitconf>. Proposals are due by June 30.

2005 Banned Books Week Is September 24-October 1, 2005

Observed since 1982, Banned Books Week is held the last week of September each year. (<http://www.ala.org/bbooks>). Materials are available to help to encourage Americans to celebrate their freedom to read freely! The BBW kits will be ready to mail June 15. For information, images and ordering instructions visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bbwkit/bbwkit.htm>. For more information, contact the Office for Intellectual Freedom at 800-545-2433, ext. 4220, or bbw@ala.org.

New Interactive Tools Available from Library Research Service

Wondering what your public library's total circulation was in 1990? Or how many reference questions were answered in 1993? Look no further. The Library Research Service has just launched a new host of interactive tools that allow the viewing of Colorado Public Library Statistics as far back as 1987. With these tools, you select the years you would like to view, public libraries for which you would like statistics, and specific statistics that you want to see. Your selections are reported in tabular or graphical format. Find these tools at http://www.lrs.org/asp_public/historic.

Another tool, "Teens in the Library - Findings from the Evaluation of Public Libraries as Partners in Youth Development," is a study by Chapin Hall, the Center for Children at the University of Chicago. This report describes the findings from the Public Libraries as Partners in Youth Development Initiative, a 3-year, 9-site initiative funded by the Wallace Foundation to develop innovative models for public libraries to provide high-quality educational enrichment and career development programs serving underserved low-income children and youth. For a link to the study report,

visit <http://www.irs.org/topics.asp> and look under the first heading, Children and Youth Services. While there, take note of the many other topics on which the LRS monitors, and provides links to, research.

Also, if you haven't discovered the LRS Blog, visit it at <http://www.irs.org/blog/>.

Colorado State Library Honored in Washington, D. C.

The Colorado State Library was feted by the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) at a Washington, D.C. event this month. The state organization was recognized for its role in identifying libraries in Colorado with outstanding health information programs for an NCLIS pilot award program in 2004 (see report: <http://www.nclis.gov/info/ModelProgramsReport04-19-05.pdf>) and for partnering on a new NCLIS national health award initiative.

Colorado State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner Gene Hainer attended the May 2 event held at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland. He joined 37 other members of COSLA, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, from across the country to be recognized by NCLIS and to launch the NCLIS Health Award for Libraries, the first nationwide award for libraries with exemplary consumer health information programs.



(Colorado State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner Eugene Hainer accepts a gift egg decorated by NCLIS Commissioner Mitzi Perdue from NCLIS Chairman Dr. Beth Fitzsimmons. Photo by DJZ Photography)

Next year the NCLIS Health Award for Libraries initiative will identify libraries in each state with outstanding health information programs (see award fact sheet: <http://www.nclis.gov/award/2006AwardsFactsheet04-28-05.pdf>). A winning library will be announced, and representatives from that library will

travel to Washington, D.C. to receive a \$20,000 cash prize.

Colorado Talking Book Library Receives “Rerum Novarum” Award

The Colorado Talking Book Library recently received a “Rerum Novarum” Award from the Catholic Health Initiatives’ Health S.E.T. group, which notes individuals and organizations that show respect for the dignity of the human being and human labor and support social justice to move toward healthier communities. The award recognizes help for individuals to stay healthy, live independently and access health care resources.

Awards Go to Two State Library Staff

Two staff members of the Colorado State Library (Colorado Department of Education) recently have received awards for their outstanding leadership and work on behalf of libraries.

Sharon Morris, coordinator of AskColorado, the 24/7 online reference service, was noted as a national “Mover & Shaker” by Library Journal. The award was created to honor emerging leaders in the library world, who are innovative, creative, and making a difference. AskColorado, jointly sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education and Colorado State Library, launched in 2003 as a collaborative project of the state’s libraries, with over 200 staff members from Colorado libraries sharing responsibilities. Morris says she’s always chosen jobs that allow her to stretch and develop new ideas and talents. “The job assignment that’s the most fun is whichever project I am working on at the time. I get completely immersed.” For her, professionalism is about approaching each task with curiosity and a goal of achieving understanding and expertise. She says, “Being right is overrated. Being curious and open to learning will get you much further.”



Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Director of Networking and Resource Sharing, was selected as the Mountain Plains Library Association President's Board Choice Award for 2005. She has successfully planned, implemented and launched a number of continuing statewide, cooperative technology-based projects including the Colorado Virtual Library, Colorado Virtual Library for Kids (cataloged, searchable websites for K12), AskColorado (virtual reference), SWIFT (interlibrary loan), and Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection (digitized historic newspapers). Brenda currently serves on the boards of numerous state, regional and national library-related organizations and services. She is active in the Public Library Association, the Colorado Association of Libraries, Association of College and Research Libraries, Libraries, the Library and Information Technology Association, and the International Network of Social Network Analysis.



Reader Privacy in 2005

The CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee, the state's conduit to information on the US Patriot Act and reader privacy initiatives, encourages interested parties to visit the following web site: <http://www.readerprivacy.org/>. A number of national organizations, including ALA, are sponsoring efforts to amend the Patriot Act and protect reader privacy.

Book News Summer Edition Available Online

The summer edition of the BOOC Book News is now available for download at, www.coloradobook.org. Please feel free to pass this message along to readers and writers who might be interested in events, publishers, and signings; and download a copy for posting.

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