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Antiquarian Book Fair to Benefit Libraries

With the support of the Colorado Association of Libraries, the Colorado Parent & Child Foundation, and the Colorado State Library, the Book Fair—featuring used, rare, collectible and antiquarian volumes and ephemera—will benefit Colorado's libraries and children's literacy projects. The Fair is Friday, August 1, 5 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library staff who help promote the event are eligible for free, two-day admission tickets to the Fair. Simply request flyers to place by a checkout desk, distribute to friends, patrons, and to other locations. To get your supply of flyers and register for a free ticket, contact Bonnie McCune, 303.866.6891.

The Antiquarian Book Fair is held at the Denver Merchandise Mart, I-25 at 58th Avenue. Nearly 100 exhibitors from all over North America sell used, rare or out-ofprint books, maps, prints, photographs and paper collectibles. Admission is \$6 or \$10 for a two-day pass.

Celebrity Literary Limericks kicks off the event Friday evening from 4 to 6 p.m. with a "Duel of Limericks" between city auditor-elect Dennis Gallagher and mystery writer John Dunning. Political, media, writers, publishers, librarians and friends will join in and read their own limericks on literary themes. A signed and limited edition chapbook by Dunning titled "The Bookman's Limericks" is being sold at the event, which benefits Colorado library services to children's literacy programs. A \$10 admission fee includes a two-day pass to the fair.

Saturday begins with a children's (or young-at-heart) read-aloud from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Panel discussions follow with "Children's Books to Cherish" at 1 p.m., moderated by Robert Topp of Hermitage Antiquarian Bookshop, and "From Walden Pond to the Monkey Wrench Gang," moderated by Tony DelCavo of Bella Luna Books at 2:30 p.m. For further information, call 303-480-0220.

More Funding Opportunities from Mr. and Mrs. Gates

New matching fund opportunities for public libraries from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are here through the Colorado State Library. Your library does NOT have to have been eligible for the previous computer grants to apply for a matching fund grant.

- The first category of funding is to upgrade your internet connection to at least 200 kb/ps, which is the definition of broadband according to the FCC. The grant will pay for 66%, or 1/3 of costs towards the first time installation fees and equipment necessary to obtain a broadband connection. It will not pay for ongoing internet access fees.
- 2. The second grant, Public Computer Upgrade/Replacement will match two dollars to every one dollar you plan to spend toward the purchase or upgrade of public access computers.

We are accepting applications for the first round of grants from June 18 until August 22. Expected award date is October-November of this year. We will accept applications for the second round from June 18 to December 15. Expected award date is April 04. For further details, please download the application and guidelines. For further questions, contact Rose Nelson or 303-866-6946.

NO STOP Resumes with No Stops

The DPL NO STOP service that allows Colorado non-OCLC libraries to have their ILL requests forwarded to OCLC libraries, including those out of state, will continue to be available to Colorado libraries during the coming year (July 2003 through June 2004). The Regional Library System directors and their Board representatives met recently and chose to use part of the upcoming fiscal year's \$600,000 in state money for

systems to subsize this service for the state. For more information contact <u>Nancy Bolt</u>, 303 866 6733.

Suggestions Solicited for New National Education Technology Plan

As required under the No Child Left Behind Act, the Department of Education is soliciting input from an array of education stakeholders in crafting a new National Education Technology Plan. Interested parties have until July 1 (we think) to share top issues, opportunities, any policy or regulatory barriers or obstacles, and critical questions that need to be addressed through research. This will be the nation's third such plan. The DOE has provided a specific outline/questions for providing input online. (Editorial note: Interesting to see that the words "library," "librarian," or "library media specialist" do not occur anywhere, not even the list of self-identified roles. Library staff, especially school library media specialists, may want to stress the importance of information literacy.)

Spanish Training Resources Added to CSL Web Site

Some Spanish training resources, created by Vicky Nason, Education Program Assistant from the Denver Public Library and used in her classes, have been added to the <u>CSL</u> web site so others can utilize them. Resources include instructions on setting up a Hotmail and Yahoo account, Intermediate Word, Basic Word, and an example of a promotion for library cards. All resources are in MS Word format and completely in Spanish. If you adapt or use any of the resources, please give credit to Vicky. Thanks for your contributions, Vicky!

CAL Conference Features Big Book Bash Again

The Big Book Bash again will highlight Colorado authors at the annual CAL Conference. Last year over 150 authors attended. The Big Book Bash will be held late Saturday afternoon at the Keystone Conference Center. It will be followed by a dinner with authors appearing as speakers and as featured attendees.

This is a great opportunity for library staff to connect with local writers. Make time to attend, and let authors you know, know about it. Betsy Pink is again coordinating the Big Book Bash. Contact Betsy at: 720/972-4855; Betsy.Pink@adams12.org or BetsinColo@aol.com.

In addition featured events, keynoter Charles Levendosky appears as the speaker for the Julie J. Boucher Memorial Lecture on Intellectual Freedom. Levendosky is the editorial page editor, for the Casper Star-Tribune, a columnist, and creator and editor of the First Amendment web site. His presentation, "Civil Liberties Since 9/11," is sure to be thought-provoking.

More than 80 programs, designed especially for school, academic, public and special libraries, will be featured, along with a full day of preconferences. Don't miss this opportunity to meet colleagues and have fun.

Books and Babies Workshop Hosted by Douglas County Libraries

Looking to create enchanting, enriching lap-sit story times? Douglas County Libraries are hosting a books and babies lap-sit workshop Thursday, July 17 from 1:30 to 4 p. m. at the Highlands Ranch Library for librarians, educators and those interested in early childhood literacy.

Susan Oakes of the Arapahoe Library District will lead the workshop. Oakes has coordinated the Books and Babies program for five years and has been a teacher and media specialist for thirty years.

The extremely modest fee for this program is only \$10. For more information, or to register for the seminar, please contact Priscilla Queen, Outreach Coordinator for Douglas County Libraries, at 720-733-9640 or pqueen@mail.dpld.org. For more information about Douglas County Libraries, visit their online site.

New Historical Figures Join CEH Cast

Several new historical characters have joined the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities list of Chautauqua performers. Susan B. Anthony, L. Frank Baum, Edward Berthoud, Albert Einstein, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Frank Root, Rosie the Riveter, Robert W. Service, and Elinore Pruitt Stewart delight children and adults alike. Presenters are scholars who breathe life into the words of historical and literary figures through interpretive characterizations. Schools, libraries and community organizations can present a Chautauqua program. Through a grant program from CEH, sponsorship is quite reasonable. Sponsors generally need to provide some cash underwriting (about \$50 to \$75 per event per character) and in-kind assistance. For information, call CEH, 303.894.7951, or ceh@ceh.org.

Out-of-Print and Antiquarian Book Market Seminar

Librarians can join booksellers and collectors for the annual <u>Antiquarian Book Market Seminar</u>, a comprehensive survey of the out-of-print, antiquarian, rare and used book markets. Presentations cover basic procedures and problems, demonstrations and

workshops emphasizing internet, computers and internet bookselling, as well as traditional methods. The event is scheduled for August 3-8 at Colorado College, Colorado Springs. Cost is \$1095.

For additional information, E-Mail: B. McCune

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