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## **CDP Makes Western Trails Digitization Grants Available**

Do you have primary source materials on the topic of the Santa Fe Trail? On Native American Trails? On rail trails or recreational trails or a Coloradan's experiences on the trails? Are you ready to undertake a digitization project? Are you interested in a Colorado Digitization Project grant for digitizing some of these resources? The Colorado State Library has awarded the Colorado Digitization Project an LSTA grant to fund up to 15 digitization projects on the theme of Western Trails. If you are interested in one of these grants, the CDP will be holding several programs to assist archives, libraries, museums and historical societies to prepare for the upcoming grant application process. CDP staff will be available to answer questions about digitization, as well as answer questions about the grant application form:

The CDP grants are incentive grants, to which the grantee must make additional in-kind or cash to fund the project. For institutions that have already received CDP they are eligible for a \$4,000 award. A copy of the grant application form, and overview on the grant, and the LSTA proposal will be available on the [CDP](#) web site. For additional information contact Liz Bishoff at [Bishoff@concentric.net](mailto:Bishoff@concentric.net) or Richard Urban at [rurban@du.edu](mailto:rurban@du.edu). Deadline for the grant applications is July 31, 2002.

## **Parapros Schedule Summer Conference on Service**

Mountains and Plains Parapros is sponsoring a daylong conference on Friday, August 2 at Regis University. Cost is \$25 with lunch or \$20 without. Theme is "Serving All Stages of Life: Libraries Interact with an Ever Demanding and Changing World." Among featured speakers are Pat Wagner of Pattern Research on customer service, Denver City Councilman Dennis Gallagher, Kathe Fletcher, fiction buyer for Westminster Public Library, and many others. For information, check the new [Parapros](#) web site which should be up in July or contact chair Caren Clarke, [cclarke@regis.edu](mailto:cclarke@regis.edu), 303.458.4068.

## **First-Ever Survey of Technology Use in Libraries and Museums**

An [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) report, surveying more than more than 700 libraries and museums, quantifies, for the first time, the prevalence of computers, software and information sharing technologies in the day-to-day work of museums and libraries. The Colorado Digitization Project is cited as an exemplary project.

## Comments Sought on Effectiveness of Filtering

The National Telecommunications & Information Administration is inviting comments about whether current Internet blocking or filtering technology adequately addresses the needs of educational institutions. The NTIA also invites evaluations of the effectiveness of children's Internet safety policies. It will use the comments as a basis for recommendations to Congress on how to foster development of appropriate & effective technology protection measures. For further information, see the [NTIA](#) web site.

## White House Conference Features Coloradan on School Libraries



*(Keith Lance and Marcia Rodney meet President Bush)*

Keith Curry Lance, nationally known researcher on student achievement and school libraries, spoke to a group of nearly 200 education, library, government, and philanthropic leaders from across the country in early June at First Lady Laura Bush's White House Conference on School Libraries. The event featured the latest research and model programs.

Lance, who is director of the Colorado State Library's Library Research Service (Colorado Department of Education), is the author of many landmark library studies. He spoke about his research establishing the link between school libraries and student achievement

Also appearing was Kathleen D. Smith, principal of Cherry Creek High School, Cherry Creek, Colorado, on a panel of practitioners discussing how to put theory to work for children and teachers. Nance Nassar, CSL senior consultant for school libraries was a participant. For more information on the conference, visit the [Laura Bush Foundation](#) and [White House Conference on School Libraries](#) web sites.

To see a streaming video, go to the [C-SPAN](#) web site. Look for the White House Library Conference on the right side of the screen. If you don't already have a [RealOne](#) player in order to view this video, you can download a free one at. CSL and other contacts are ordering copies of the video, too. If you'd like to borrow a copy,

contact Keith Lance, [keithlance@earthlink.com](mailto:keithlance@earthlink.com).

## Free Library Materials for August's National Inventors' Month

Libraries can receive free display materials for National Inventors' Month in August. Banners, posters, bookmarks, a crossword puzzle, a reproducible, 4- page handout for kids and a recommended reading list are some of the materials that will be included. The United Inventors Association of the USA (UIA-USA), The Academy of Applied Science, and Inventors' Digest magazine have joined hands for the fifth year in a row to offer materials for libraries to use during this month long celebration of ingenuity. Materials this year include those designed just for school libraries that can be used any time of the year, along with free invention curricula guides for teachers. To order a free display, log on to the [Inventors' Digest](#) web site, click on National Inventors' Month-August, and fill in the appropriate information.

## OCLC to Design Public Access Computing Portal with CSL

OCLC is the recipient of a \$9 million, three-year grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to build a portal for public libraries and other institutions whose mission includes "open access to authoritative knowledge resources." The Colorado State Library, the Benton Foundation, Isoph, and TechSoup are partner organizations that will help design, develop, and operate the portal. The portal is being developed to meet the ongoing needs of managing hardware and software, deploying advanced services, training staff and patrons, and delivering digital library services. The portal will host various digital services such as online tutorials, training modules, web casting message boards, and expert assistance. The planned release date for the portal is April 2003. The Colorado State Library will serve as the communicator with other state libraries and help evaluate the portals programs. (Library Hotline, pg. 1, Volume XXXI, No. 19, May 13, 2002)

## Samples of Successful Grant Proposals Online

[SchoolGrants](#), a web site devoted to sharing grant information, receives many requests from people wishing to see examples of successful grant proposals. Several generous grant-writers have shared successful proposals they've written. These samples are provided as examples of what a successful proposal is all about – a needs statement, goals and objectives, activities, evaluations.

## CCIRA Features School Libraries

The Colorado Council of the International Reading Association would like to encourage attendance by school librarians at its February conference. It's soliciting program proposals to serve this group. If you have an idea for a program, contact Ms. Eddie Ellington, (303) 688-5799, fax (303) 688-2227, e-mail [eellingt@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:eellingt@jeffco.k12.co.us). Or download a program proposal from the [CCIRA](#) web site.

## Online Stories for Developing Readers Hold Interest

Libraries that serve ESL learners or adults in literacy programs will want to know about a new online resource—stories for developing readers. Hosted by the SWBOCS Adult Education Program (Unlimited Learning - Ann Miller), "[Stories for Adult Readers](#)" are being written by experienced writers specifically for readers at the 4th to 6th grade reading level. This is short fiction with a heart! Each story is followed by comprehension and discussion questions. The resource will grow to a minimum of 50 stories soon. Other resources are also available—soon online streaming videos, lesson plans in development for younger and older adults. Thanks to Leecy Wise, Four Corners Virtual Resource Center, for this information.

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