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Public Library Standards

The new Colorado Public Library Standards - 2005 were mailed to all public libraries earlier this month. The Task Force developed these in a year-long process that culminated in a thorough review by many public library directors, staff, boards and trustees, and others interested in commenting. The final document may also be downloaded from the Colorado State Library website at www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/Standards/Index.htm. If you have questions about the standards, please feel free to contact Patricia Froehlich Public Library Consultant, 303-866-6908, froehlich_p@cde.state.co.us

School Library Endorsement Rules

Changes have been made in the requirements on endorsement of teacher-librarians or school librarians in the state of Colorado. The category of "teacher-librarian," requiring a master's degree and teaching experience, is separate from "school librarian." A school librarian may or may not have teaching experience, but a minimum of 30 hours in an accredited library science program is necessary for this endorsement, and teaching experience for school librarians may be earned through Teacher in Residence programs, or designated Alternative Teacher Preparation Programs in the state". For more information, visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/LibDev/SchoolLib/Endorse_Rules.htm .

Three Library Staff Noted for Advocacy

The Colorado State Library and Colorado Association of Libraries recently announced that three Colorado library staff have been placed on the "Advocacy Honor Roll" of the American Library Association/Association of Library Trustees and Advocates (ALA/ALTA). The three librarians are Maria DeHerrera, Director of the Conejos County Library District; James LaRue, Director of the Douglas County Libraries; and Bonnie McCune, Director of Library Community Programs at the Colorado State Library. The purpose of the ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll is to identify and celebrate those individuals and groups who have actively supported and strengthened library services at the local, state or national levels.

The Advocacy Awards were presented at a banquet in Chicago in late June at the American Library Association's Annual Conference. The awards are given every five years.



(from top left clockwise: State Librarian Eugene Hainer, James La Rue, Bonnie McCune, Maria DeHerrera)

New Book for New Immigrants to the U.S.

Welcome to the United States, a new informative guide now available from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, is designed for new permanent residents arriving from other countries. The booklet contains practical advice, encourages immigrants to become involved in their communities and to learn about the structure and function of American democracy. It provides references for those who are interested in becoming citizens and the rationale for why anyone would want to pursue that end. Online (www.uscis.gov), free versions are offered in English, Spanish, traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese with more languages (including Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Portuguese, French, and Haitian Creole) being added as quickly as possible. You can also order hard copies.

Authors@Your Library

Authors@Your Library is an online database for matching libraries with authors for events. Still in the development stage, Authors@Your Library is sponsored by The Association of American Publishers (AAP), and should prove to be a good resource for libraries hoping to book author visits. For more information, visit <http://www.authorsatyourlibrary.org/>

The Rocky Mountain Antiquarian Book Fair

Two opportunities to get free admission to the Rocky Mountain Antiquarian Book Fair, August 5 and 6, at the Denver Merchandise Mart.

1. Volunteer: Contact Karen Sbrockey [ksbrockey@earthlink.net, 303.237.5669] and sign on to help with set-up, staffing the main information desk, or clean-up.
2. Publicize: Libraries that request and distribute information (book marks, flyers, and/or small newspapers) to patrons, staff, etc., are eligible for two free admissions (two-day passes) per library. Contact Lois Harvey, westsidebooks@qwest.net, 303.480.0220.

Part of event proceeds will go to support children's literacy projects in libraries, through Library People: Friends of Colorado Libraries. One-day pass \$7; two-day pass \$10. A SILENT AUCTION will be held during the event as one avenue to obtain donations.

Friday August 5 (5pm – 9 pm) Saturday August 6 (10 am – 5 pm)
Denver Merchandise Mart
This year's theme is Catch Some Great Ones!
See www.rmaba.org

Colorado Gold Writers Conference

The 22nd Annual Colorado Gold Writers Conference, sponsored by Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers (RMFW), will be held September 9-12, 2005 at the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec. Registration is open to the public. For conference and agent/editor registration information, call 303-331-2608 or go to www.rmfw.org, to download registration forms.

The 2005 Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival and Workshops

Some of the West's best storytellers will perform at the 2005 Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival. Free children's and family storytelling performances and a free evening concert with the featured storytellers take place on Friday, July 29 at The Wildlife Experience Museum in Parker. This year's storytellers include well-known musician Julie Davis of Caribou, Colorado, Cherie Karo Schwartz of Denver, and John Stansfield of Monument. Adult and children's storytelling workshops and more concerts of story and music for all ages occur on Saturday, July 30 at Palmer Lake Elementary in Palmer Lake. Festival cost is \$50 in advance, or pay for individual events and workshops separately at the door. For more information and a free brochure, contact John Stansfield at PO Box 588, Monument, CO 80132, 303-660-5849 (Denver metro) or toll-free 866-462-1727.

Partnership with Local Business Benefits Rangeview

Thornton's American Furniture Warehouse recently supported Rangeview Library District with an in-kind donation. The local business gave \$1,000 worth of furniture to Rangeview's Thornton Branch. The furniture is being used to make the community-oriented Book Nook an even better place for folks to embrace the joys of reading. In the Book Nook, parents can read with their children and people of all ages can enjoy (and even purchase) fiction, non-fiction, biographies, self-help, music, and romance books. This is a good example of a partnership to benefit the business, the library and the community at large.

Awards for Colorado Libraries...

- The Bud Werner Memorial Library was selected as the Grand Prize winner for the 2004-2005 Web Junction Award in the Building Digital Communities Category for the www.yampavalley.info project.
- The Steamboat Library's Freedom Book Cart Drill Team won as best group in Steamboat Springs' Fourth of July Parade! They worked hard perfecting a precise and entertaining routine and were definitely the hit of the parade this year. Read more about their triumph at: http://www.steamboatpilot.com/section/frontpage_lead/story/31183

I Fought the Law and the Law Won?

The American Library Association (ALA) recently announced preliminary findings of a study measuring law enforcement activity in libraries with a significant impact on the public of federal law enforcement activity in America's libraries. Based on the survey findings, ALA believes that public anxiety and librarian concern over law enforcement activity in libraries is justified. Survey results indicate a total of at least 137 legally executed requests by federal and state/local law enforcement in both academic and public libraries have taken place since October, 2001--63 legally executed requests for records in public libraries and 74 legally executed requests in academic libraries. See complete ALA news release at: <http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=News&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=97058>

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