

Centennial State Libraries

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Standards in Action Adds Resources

New integrated curriculum units have been added to Standards in Action. Applied Colorado Model Content Standards appear in parentheses.

- Colorado Animal Reports (Geography, Information Literacy, Reading/Writing, Science)
- Learning About the Organs of the Human Body (Information Literacy, Reading/Writing, Science, Six Traits)
- Mexican History and Conflict Resolution (Geography, History)
- Stereotypes: Understanding and Living Them (Reading/Writing)
- Values, Prejudice, and Anger: A Toolkit for Working Through Conflict (Geography, History, Reading/Writing)

These social studies assessments are from the Colorado Geographic Assessment Project:

- Designing a Cold War Museum and Visitors Guide (Civics, Geography, History)
- The United States of Europe (Geography)
- The Voyage of Thought Across Asia and the Middle East (History)

For the latest in curricula and assessments to help educators, visit [Standards in Action](#) web site.

Local Principal Receives Distinguished School Administrator Award

Colorado library personnel at the ALA conference in San Francisco were thrilled to learn of the selection of a local principal for the national Distinguished School Administrator Award. The award honors a school administrator who has made worthy contributions to the operations of an exemplary school library media center and to advancing the role of the school library media center in the educational program. Dr. Kathleen D. Smith, Cherry Creek High School (Englewood) received the award, sponsored by SIRS-Mandarin, Inc. She was nominated by Dawn Vaughn, library media coordinator.

Flash Technology Explains Technology in Techtionary

If you are interested in telecommunications and networking and would like more than a general definition of terms, check out [Techtionary](#). This is an online dictionary that uses flash technology to provide diagrams and pictures explaining complex terms such as ATM, Ethernet, and fiber optic cable along with functions. This seems to be a relatively new site, but coverage of terms appears to be growing. For the terms it does describe, the animation and diagrams provide a much richer understanding than just plain text, advises the CSL technical consultant.

Visual Arts Videos and Classic Cinema DVDs Offered

Two curated collections, "The Visual Arts" and "Cinema Classics on DVD," are the newest collections with discount consortiums from the non-profit Library Media Project, which evolved from the MacArthur Foundation Library Video Project. "Cinema Classics on DVD" combines a selection curated by Roger Ebert with a special public library discount. It includes some of the best movies from the silent era; foreign films from France, Japan, Italy, Sweden, Russia; classic American dramas; significant documentaries; and comedies.

"The Visual Arts" celebrates the contributions of artists from around the globe. It offers a rich texture of diverse artists and art genres and of art histories and cultures at special discount consortium prices. Both collections are available exclusively as web publications at [Library Media](#). For information, contact [Sue Stephenson](#).

BCR Program Provides Discounted CD-ROMs

The Bibliographical Center for Research announces another CD-ROM group

purchase. The annual program allows libraries and schools to obtain some of the most sought-after educational and productivity software at discounts. More than 200 titles will be available. Information, title list, and order form will be mailed to BCR member libraries after August 27, or see [BCR's](#) web site. Orders will be accepted only until October 19. For information, contact [Laura Chittivej](#), 303.751.6277, 800.397.1552.

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