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Fast Facts Cover Important Library Issues —1, 2, 3

"[Fast Facts](#)," the online publication from CSL's Library Research Service, has recently released three important issues.

- Colorado Library Districts Thrive While Other Public Library Types Face Big Cuts, [No. 193 June 13, 2003](#): centralizes information about public library funding that illustrates greater fiscal stability in library districts than libraries with other sources of funding.
- Projected Job Openings in Colorado Libraries, [No. 194 July 1, 2003](#): discusses the Colorado Department of Labor's projections for growth (1.9% for librarians, 2.8% for library assistants, and 3.2% for technicians). Many of the openings result from replacements rather than actual growth.
- Colorado Has a Variety of Legal Bases for Public Libraries, [No. 195 July 10, 2003](#): shows diversity in the state in types of legal bases for establishment, greater than regional and national averages.

Reaching Women in a Big Way: National Magazine's Online Book Club Taps Libraries

The first of 24 librarian book recommendations has debuted as part of Woman's Day magazine's online book club, available at [Woman's Day](#). This is the first-ever formal book club for the publication, whose web site receives nearly 300,000 visitors every month. (Idea for libraries: print off pages of the web site, enlarge, and create a display in your library! Use suggestions to route to your own library's book discussion groups! Or print as a bibliography!)

Twelve librarians representing ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries), PLA (Public Library Association) and RUSA (Reference and User Services Association) contributed book titles and reviews to the book club. Each librarian was asked to submit two book titles that would appeal to the Woman's Day reader. They also submitted discussion questions or personal thoughts about the books to encourage discussion among book club participants. Each title will be featured for two weeks, with the last title appearing the week of May 7, 2004.

The book club is currently featured on the site's "[Community](#)" section. Discussion about the books will appear in the "Book Club Forum" section of the site. The book club marks an expansion of ALA's partnership with the magazine. The Put it in Writing @ your library program began during National Library Week 2002, with eight libraries hosting sold-out workshops for aspiring writers led by Woman's Day writers and editors. Following the first year's success, the number of workshop locations was doubled during National Library Week 2003.

Woman's Day, published by Hachette Filipacchi Media U.S., Inc., is a founding partner in The Campaign for America's Libraries. Other founding partners include 3M Library Systems, Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Major League Baseball, Morningstar Foods Inc., maker of Hershey's Milk, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

For more information about The Campaign for America's Libraries, including how to subscribe to a discussion list for the latest updates and idea-sharing, see the [ALA](#) web site.

Power School Libraries Project Continues, Applications Due September 16

The Power School Libraries Project, now in its sixth year, is accepting applications for High Performance and Developing schools. Participants are selected through a competitive application process. "High Performance" school libraries must meet the criteria for being an exemplary library and agree to mentor other schools. "Developing" school libraries must have a professional library media specialist and be ready to move away from the old model of teaching library skills in isolation to the new

model of using information skills with content standards to develop good readers, information-users, and life-long learners. All Power Libraries must commit to a year-long partnership to increase collaborative teaching and learning, to share instructional ideas and best practices, to develop an action plan for continued improvement, and to commit to ongoing professional growth. Applications are expected to go online August 1 at the [Central Colorado Library System](#). Support through CCLS is enabling the continuation of Power Libraries. For further information, contact Joy Van Meter, vanmetej@qwest.net, 303.457.1503, or Betty Bankhead, Bbankhead1@aol.com 303.722.0428.

Final Training Offered for Gates Grant Recipients

Ralph Buchan, Senior Tech Support Analyst from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will be conducting three seminars in Colorado the last week of August to help libraries transition for Gates technical support, which terminates December 1, 2003. We strongly recommend that anyone who supports Gates computers attend one of the seminars, since this will be the last formal technical support that the Gates Foundation will offer to Colorado libraries. The session also will cover tips and suggestions for conducting the Gates computer upgrade. You can send more than one staff member to each of the seminars. Please complete one registration for each participant. (Note: Breakfast and lunch will NOT be served. Be prepared to cover this expense.)

WORKSHOP AGENDA:

- Tuesday, August 26th 8:30-12:30pm
Aurora Public Library
14949 E. Alameda Drive
Contact Library For Directions:
- Wednesday, August 27th 9:00-1:00pm
Pueblo Library District in cooperation with the Arkansas Valley Regional Library System
Frank L. Lamb Branch
2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.
- Thursday, August 28th, 1:30-4:30pm
Mesa State College,
John U. Tomlinson Library,
1200 College Place, Room 212
Grand Junction, CO.

Kudos and Congratulations

- Several articles in the Spring 2003 special issue of "Library Trends," on the topic, "Research Questions for the 21st Century," start by mentioning recent

work that is pointing the way to the future. In an article by Delia Neuman (U of MD), "Research in School Library Media for the Next Decade: Polishing the Diamond," the second Colorado study ("How School Librarians Help Kids Achieve Standards") leads the section headed "What are the contributions of library media programs to student achievement?" In Joan Durrance's (U of MI) and Karen Fisher's (U of WA) article, "Determining How Libraries and Librarians Help," the Counting On Results (public libraries' outcome measurement) project figures equally prominently. Likewise, it's mentioned in an article by Bertot and McClure, "Outcomes Assessment in the Networked Environment." These studies were conducted by CSL's Library Research Service office. Director Keith Lance says, "I'm especially proud of all of our DU students and their contributions to these achievements."

- Colorado's Summer Reading Program was mentioned recently as an outstanding product in the national e-newsletter for "Reading Rockets," a children's literacy effort. The writer writes: "Ok, I was blown away. Colorado State Library has put together a packet for libraries to help them launch summer reading programs for kids. The online packet has everything -- what books to display or read, activities for kids, promotional samples and ideas, registration how to's, a fill-in-the-blank evaluation form, clip art, prize information, fun Web sites, and more. The summer program's pun-filled theme is 'Chews to Read.'" Go to the [Reading Rockets](#) web site, choose May edition. Go down to section for educators. Congratulations to Patricia Froehlich and everyone who worked on this project.

Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival Scheduled

The [15th annual Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival](#) and workshops are scheduled for July 31, August 1 and 2, Palmer Lake, Colorado, with Thursday, July 31, opening concert (7:00 PM) at Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Dr., Castle Rock, CO. Sponsored by Colorado Artists Showcase, Inc. and Douglas Public Library District, cost is \$55 with pre-registration before 7/30/03; \$65 after 7/30/03, for the full festival. Admission to single events is available at the door. For more information, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 (Denver metro); or toll-free outside Metro area, at 866-539-7505; jorcstan@bewellnet.com.

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