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Library and Information Technology Association 2007 National Forum

Are you interested in technology in libraries? The Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) division of ALA is having the National Forum. "Technology with Altitude: Ten Years of the National Forum," in Denver on October 4-7, 2007. This is a great opportunity for Colorado tech staff to see great programs and visit with vendors. Note the discount for registering by August 15.

Register now to save \$75 off the regular registration rate; this offer ends on August 15th! <http://www.lita.org/forum07/>

Two full day preconferences on gaming and library-wide IT proficiencies provide opportunities for hand-on experiences and in-depth discussions.

The LITA National Forum provides a wealth of opportunities for growth and development. In addition to the preconferences, there are 34 concurrent sessions and 11 poster sessions planned where attendees can find practical advice, new ideas, and tested solutions to technological issues encountered every day. Networking opportunities throughout the Forum will provide ample opportunity for interaction with colleagues.

All Forum events will take place in the Denver Marriott City Center hotel at a discount rate of \$139 per night. <http://www.lita.org/forum07>

Patricia Froehlich Receives Commendation from Collaborative Summer Library Program

Patricia Froehlich, Public Library Senior Consultant, Colorado State Library, received a plaque with the commendation for her tireless work in support of the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

The plaque reads "The CSLP Board of Directors and the 42 CSLP member states express...their deep appreciation to Patricia Froehlich for dedicated contribution to the work of the organization ...and outstanding service as Chair of the CSLP Diversity Committee - April 2007."



Colorado State Library Director, Gene Hainer presents Patricia Froehlich with commendation.

Rocky Mountain Chapter SLA Rebecca Jackson Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

Each year, the Rocky Mountain Chapter of SLA awards a scholarship to a library school student currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in Library/Information Science. Eligible candidates are required to be living in the Chapter region (Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, or South Dakota) and/or be enrolled in a graduate library school program in the Chapter region or abroad (distance program.)

This year's scholarship fundraising event features an afternoon of Stories on Stage - Great Stories Read by Great Actors! Belly laughs, passionate discussions, and homemade cookies...“Generations to Generations” on August 26 at 2pm at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, Stage Theatre. For more information – go to the RMSLA blog at <http://units.sla.org/chapter/crmt/index.asp>

Scholarship applications must be postmarked by August 31, 2007. A “fill-in” PDF application can be found on the RMSLA website at <http://units.sla.org/chapter/crmt/index.asp> Click on the Rebecca Jackson Memorial Scholarship link.

For further information about how to apply, financial need or other questions contact: Michelle Rainbolt, the RMSLA Academic Relations Chair, at 303-795-7151 or 303-204-2117 or mrainbol@du.edu

Free Spanish Language Parent-Child Early Literacy Resources

Washington Learning Systems has recently updated its Spanish early literacy parent-child activity materials entitled "Supporting Early Literacy in Natural Environments." The updates include more colloquial Spanish, and other editing. The resources are also available in English. Early math materials and other downloads are also anticipated later in the year.

These resources include forty-six home and community activities for adults and preschool children that encourage early language and literacy development in young children. They are appropriate for children with disabilities as well as children who are developing typically.

Each of the forty-six activities includes 1) An activity description, 2) Hints for making the activity fun and developmentally appropriate, and 3) A brief self-evaluation form that cues parents and other caregivers to notice their children's skills, and also cue adults to examine and grow their own interactions with their children.

The materials are made available by Angela Notari-Syverson and colleagues, and may be copied and distributed as long as they are not sold.

To download materials go to www.wlearning.com and click on the purple button that says "Free Parent Education Handouts" on the home page.

For questions please contact: Mary Maddox, Washington Learning Systems, 206-310-7401 FAX 206-283-9243, mmaddox@wlearning.com

The development of these materials was supported by Grant H324M020084 from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

Delight in Diversity: Diversity News

- New Web Site on its Way with Lots of Resources!

The Special Populations & Issues Committee of the Colorado State Library is nearing completion of a huge new website with lots of diversity resources. Tailored to the practical needs of busy library staff, the website will cover issues from collection development to programs, staff training to cultural competency. Look for it in August. You'll be able to share your own successes and lessons, too, with a Promising Practices database.

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- Have You Reached this Special Population?

Boomers (yes, that's many of us) are moving into the senior citizen bracket, and libraries can hone their services to the age-group while they recruit volunteers and supporters. "What Boomers Want," from Library Journal, offers a succinct and interesting oversight. See www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6457208.html.

- And Speaking of the Mature. . .

An appearance at the ALA conference by Dr. Gene Cohen, discussing the plus side of getting older, led me to buy his book, [The Mature Mind: The Positive Power of the Aging Brain](#). Yes, our brain cells can grow and develop. Yes, we can be amazingly creative and productive. Yes, there are many benefits to being mature. A great shot-in-the-arm read for individuals and maybe something your patrons would like, too.

This news brought courtesy of the CSL Special Populations & Issues Committee, charged with improving library services to the underserved. See <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/librarydiversity.htm>

Nonprofit Inclusiveness Conference

The Denver Foundation and the Community Resource Center is holding a day-long conference, "Building Inclusive Organizations: Stories from the Journey," on Thursday, September 27, to further explore how to help organizations become more inclusive.



This conference will provide learning opportunities for nonprofit board members, executive directors, and interested staff members seeking to become more inclusive of people of color.

For more information about the conference, along with registration, visit www.nonprofitinclusiveness.org. Registration will be open online August 6

Just launched: National Commission on Adult Literacy Web Site

For libraries interested in adult literacy, a new web site of the National Commission on Adult Literacy was recently launched. It can be found at:

www.nationalcommissiononadulthoodliteracy.org.

Along with various links and publications as resources, a DVD presentation made to the Commission on April 17th is also publicly available. It is a 17-minute talk about major findings of the New Commission on Skills of the American Workforce by Marc Tucker, president of the National Center for Education and the Economy and New Commission study director. The DVD may be viewed online on either Mac or PC platforms. It is the first entry on the Publications page.