



Wildcats Write Like Wow!!!

LSTA Spotlight: Fleming Community Library

By LeeAnn Nichols, Director, Fleming Community Library

Writing. Writing for a wide variety of audiences. Writing in a wide variety of styles. Writing using a wide variety of resources.

Writing was the focus of a year-long effort at Frenchman School District this past year, and the Fleming Community Library, a joint school/public library in the northeast corner of Colorado, was able to join that effort thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant entitled *Wildcats Write Like Wow!!!*

LSTA funds were used to purchase five computers and a printer that are located in a mini lab in the library. Students use these computers to access reference CD-ROMs, access the Internet, and to do

word processing. The computers are kept humming by the K-12 school population as students do research then write reports and stories for class. To assist in the research process, the library has also purchased a one-year subscription to Electric Library, an online database of full text magazine and newspaper articles, book articles, pictures, maps, and radio and TV transcripts to help students as they collect information for their own writing.

Students studied author Avi, then had a visit from him so they could discuss the writing process, from generating an idea to rewriting to completing the finished product.

Prior to Avi's visit, each student read at least one of Avi's books and worked with classmates to prepare a report on it. Most classes read more than one of his books. It was a delight to read *Poppy* then dissect owl eggs, read *The Barn* then visit an old barn

and build bars from popsicle sticks, and read *The Blue Heron* then research blue herons on the Internet. Students who read *Who Was That Man Anyway?* listened to old radio shows then wrote a radio show of their own. They made dioramas, searched the Internet to find Avi's site <www.avi-writer.com>, and thoroughly enjoyed Avi's writing.

February 23 was "Avi Day" at Fleming School. Avi did a general session with all grade 2-12 students that provided an overview, with slides, of his life, family, and work. (Ask us what his real name is—we know!) The classes were divided into smaller groups, and he spent some time talking about his writing process with the smaller groups, and even read the first chapter of an upcoming book. He took a minute to say hello to the small people in grades K and 1 who were not included in the events, but who had also had an Avi read aloud from the book *Poppy*. After an autographing session, Avi finished the day with a wrap up with the teaching staff.

The students at Frenchman School District take writing assessments twice a year to evaluate their progress. We are waiting for the final report on the May assessments to determine the overall success of this project, but if enthusiasm and use of resources are a measure, then *Wildcats Write Like Wow!!!* had a very positive impact on the writing skills of the K-12 students in Fleming.



Avi autographs books for Courtney Sellards and Bethany Atkins.

Business and Consumer Web Site Debuts

<<http://business.aclin.org/>>

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Do the following reference questions sound familiar?

- I want to start a new business. I need to find out about business plans and any other information that might help me. I also need to find out who my competitors might be. How do I do that?
- Do you have any information on investing?
- I will be buying a new VCR. Do you have reports comparing the different make and models?
- Where can I get an application form for a passport and do you have information on visa requirements?
- Where and how do I file a consumer complaint?
- How do I find out what my rights and responsibilities are as an employer?

Stop wasting time and money with search engines and get down to business. The ACLIN Business and Consumer Web site, located online at <<http://business.aclin.org/>>, is where you can find the answers to these and other business and consumer related questions to help your library users. You can also access the site from ACLIN's main page by following the links to Information Resources and then to Business and Consumer Resources. Continually updated, this site contains timely, accurate Internet resources selected, evaluated, and organized by experienced Colorado business librarians. These information professionals are committed to bringing the best Internet resources to the libraries and residents of Colorado.

ACLIN's Business and Consumer Web site is the place to find invaluable, Colorado-focused information side by side with national information on personal finance, doing business in Colorado, laws and regulations, consumer awareness, and much more. The site will be updated throughout the summer, and additional improvements will be made to the site, including a site search engine and index. We invite you to visit the site and to give us feedback on other resources you think might be useful.

The Business and Consumer Web site is a collaborative effort of the Colorado State Library, the Auraria Library, and Colorado business librarians, as part of ACLIN's Collection Development project. This project serves as the statewide platform for cooperative collection development of Internet resources. ACLIN's Collection Development projects are overseen by the ACLIN Collection Development Committee under the auspices of the Resource Sharing Board.

The following participants generously contributed to this project:

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Library of Congress Invites Participation in Local Legacies Project

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The Library of Congress has launched an ambitious project to celebrate its bicentennial. Local Legacies documents a full range of cultural traditions from across our nation that demonstrate the diversity and depth of contemporary American life—folk arts, street fairs, performances, parades, sports, religious celebrations, and more.

Libraries and their staffs are integral components of the process. Local Legacies is coordinated through members of the U.S. Congress, who are expected to submit one to five examples of legacies by December of this year to the Library of Congress. Most legislators will be calling upon constituents to help select, research, and document legacies. Documentation can include photos, writing, video, audio, and other media.

Colorado libraries may receive requests for assistance from congressional delegates, or the public might ask

about the project. Certainly library staff who wish to become involved in the selection process can inquire of their U.S. representative's office.

Colorado libraries can use Local Legacies to spotlight their own resources and services. Book lists, displays, perhaps even duplicates of the final local legacies installed as a special exhibition are some of the possibilities. A benefit of the effort is the archiving and eventual digitization of the hundreds of local legacies selected to be permanently located at the Library of Congress.

Public libraries were sent information in the Colorado State Library monthly mailing. For an additional packet, contact Bonnie McCune, Public Relations/Advocacy Consultant, 303/866-6891, <mccune_b@cde.state.co.us>. Visit the Library of Congress bicentennial Web site at <www.loc.gov/bicentennial/>.

Library News

Donna Levene, Library Media Specialist, **Overland High School** (Aurora) is among the 50 educators selected by the National Digital Library Program of the Library of Congress to participate in the 1999 American Memory Fellows Program. The program is an opportunity for teams of outstanding middle and high school humanities teachers and library/media specialists to improve the teaching of American history and culture in their schools by using digitized primary sources from the Library of Congress. The American Memory Fellows gathered in Washington, DC, for a National Digital Library Educators Institute in July, and will cooperate throughout the school year in an online National Digital Library Teacher Network.

American Memory Fellows are selected from among teachers, librarians, curriculum coordinators, media specialists and other educational professionals who are frequent users of technology in the classroom and are experienced using primary sources to motivate

students, promote critical thinking, and help students connect history to their own lives. Each Fellow is an active leader in the field of education and has the ability to disseminate his or her expertise to educators in their region. A list of all 50 1999 American Memory Fellows is available online at <<http://lcweb.loc.gov/today/pr/1999/99-066.html>>.

Denison Memorial Library at the **University of Colorado Health Sciences Center** is undergoing a long overdue facelift that will continue through October. Denison's ILL service to other libraries will be affected temporarily when staff moves to an interim location in July, and again in October when staff moves into the renovated office space.

The \$2 million project, funded by the state legislature in 1998, will result in major improvements for library patrons and Denison staff. Although no new space will be gained, the improvement to the existing facility will enable Denison staff to better serve patrons during the 8-10 years before a new library building is constructed at the Fitzsimons campus. For current information about the progress of the renovation project, including a time line and list of areas that are affected, please check the "Renovation at Denison Library" Web page at <<http://www.uchsc.edu/library/renovation.html>>.



ACLIN Update

Access Colorado Library & Information Network

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The following web Information Resources were added to the ACLIN Health & Medicine site during the month of April. The Health & Medicine site can be accessed at <<http://health.aclin.org>>, or from the Information Resources page. Please note two new categories, Arthritis (Diseases and Conditions) and General Reproductive Health (Men's and Women's Health), have been added.

Alternative Therapies

- Alternative and Complementary Medicine, <<http://medsch.wisc.edu/chslib/hw/altmed>>

Diseases and Conditions: Aging

- Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services, <<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/oss/aas/index.html>>
- Alzheimer's Association <<http://www.alz.org/>>
- AARP Webplace: Health and Wellness, <<http://www.aarp.org/indexes/health.html>>

Diseases and Conditions: Aids

- HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service, <<http://www.hivatis.org/>>
- ACTIS: AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service, <<http://www.actis.org/>>
- The Body: An AIDS and HIV Information Resource, <<http://www.thebody.com/>>
- AEGIS, <<http://www.aegis.com/>>

Diseases and Conditions: Arthritis (New Category: 4/8/99)

- CenterWatch: Arthritis, <<http://www.centerwatch.com>>
- Arthritis Foundation: Rocky Mountain Chapter, <<http://www.arthritis.org/offices/rm/>>
- Arthritis Center of Colorado HealthNet, <http://www.coloradohealthnet.org/arthritis/arth_center.html>
- Arthritis Center at Johns Hopkins University, <<http://www.hopkins-arthritis.som.jhmi.edu/>>
- AMA Health Insight on Arthritis, <http://www.ama-assn.org/insight/spec_con/arthritis/arthriti.htm>

Diseases and Conditions: Cancer

- American Cancer Society Colorado Division, <<http://www.cancer.org/state/co>>
- AMC Cancer Research Center, <<http://www.amc.org>>

- Colorado Central Cancer Registry, <http://governor.state.co.us/gov_dir/cdphe_dir/pp/ccchom.html>
- Leukemia Society of America-Rocky Mountain Chapter, <http://www.leukemia.org/Rocky_Mnt/Rocky_Mnt.html>
- National Cancer Institute (NCI)-Cancer Research Program, <<http://rex.nci.nih.gov/>>
- Cansearch: A Guide to Cancer Resources in the Internet, <<http://cansearch.org/>>
- Medicine OnLine-Cancer Links, <<http://meds.com/cancerlinks.html>>

Diseases and Conditions: Diabetes

- CenterWatch: Diabetes, <<http://www.centerwatch.com>>

Diseases and Conditions: Kidney

- National Kidney Foundation, <<http://www.kidney.org/>>
- CenterWatch: Kidney, <<http://www.centerwatch.com>>

Diseases and Conditions: Pediatrics

- Band-Aides & Blackboards, <<http://funrsc.fairfield.edu/~jfleitass/title.html>>
- American Academy of Pediatrics: You and Your Family, <<http://www.aap.org/family/famhome.htm>>
- KidsHealth.org, <<http://kidshealth.org>>
- Familydoctor.org: Information from Your Family Doctor, <<http://familydoctor.org>>
- Dr. Greene's House Calls, <<http://www.drgreene.com/>>
- Child Health Plan Plus, <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/states/fs_co.asp>

Diseases and Conditions: Skin

- Mayo Clinic Library of Skin Conditions, <<http://www.mayohealth.org/mayo/library/htm/tocskinc.htm>>

Health Plans and Providers

- Child Health Plan Plus, <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/states/fs_co.asp>

Men's and Women's Health: General Reproductive Health

- Planned Parenthood, <<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/>>
- Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment, Epidemiology Division, <<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/dconsec.html>>

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- Dr. Koop Community - Sexual Health Resource Center, <http://www.drkoop.com/centers/Sexual_Health/>
- Ask NOAH about: Sexuality, <<http://www.noah.cuny.edu/sexuality/sexuality.html>>
- Ask NOAH about: Sexually transmitted diseases, <<http://www.noah.cuny.edu/stds/stds.html>>

Men's and Women's Health: Men's Health

- AMA Health Insight - Men's Health, <http://www.ama-assn.org/insight/h_focus/men_hlth/men_hlth.htm>
- Mayo Clinic Men's Health Center, <<http://mayohealth.org/mayo/common/htm/mensp.htm>>

Men's and Women's Health: Women's Health

- Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment. Family and Community Health Services Division, <<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/fc/fchom.html>>
- AMA Health Insight - Women's Health, <http://www.ama-assn.org/insight/h_focus/wom_hlth/wom_hlth.htm>
- Mayo Clinic Women's Health Center, <<http://www.mayohealth.org/mayo/common/htm/womenpg.htm>>
- Dr. Koop - Women's Health, <<http://www.drkoop.com/resource/womens/>>

Support Groups

- Elderweb Colorado Community Services, <<http://elderweb.com/region/co/local.htm>>
- Mental Health Net: Our Community, <<http://forums.cmhc.com/>>
- Welcome to Support-Group.com's Home Page, <<http://www.support-group.com/index.htm>>
- Dr. Koop's Interactive Community, <<http://www.drkoop.com/community/>>

CLC Update

As of May 31, 1999

New members

- Centauri Middle School, La Jara; Norma Chacon; 719/274-4241
- La Jara Elementary, La Jara; Paula McCarroll; 719/274-5957
- Needham Elementary, Durango; Pat Lambert; 970/247-4791
- Park Elementary, Durango; Mary Kay O'Neil; 970/247-3718
- Washington Elementary, Colorado Springs; Kristen Nelson; 719/630-3670
- Wetmore Community Library, Wetmore; Judy Van Acker; 719/784-6399



Notes to Note

The 5th annual **Rocky Mountain Antiquarian Book Fair** will be held July 30, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., and July 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Denver Merchandise Mart, I-25 and 58th Avenue. More than 100 dealers will be on hand selling rare, out-of-print, antiquarian, and used books. There will also be two panel presentations, one covering book collecting on the Internet, and the other a group of local mystery writers. This event gives attendees the opportunity to see, feel, and purchase volumes of bargains and book gems not found anywhere else. Admission is \$4 for one day, or \$6 for both days. Parking is free. For more information, call 303/480-5193 or access the

RMABA Web site at <<http://www.rmaba.com>>.

Materials for hosting the **From Rosie to Roosevelt: A Film History of Americans in World War II** viewing and discussion project are available to libraries from National Video Resources (NVR). The curated series explores the social, political and military issues created by the involvement of the United States in World War II. It features such documentaries as "The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter" and "D-Day" with two program themes, "The American Command" and "The American People." The full series package costs \$995 each and includes 14 award-winning documentaries focusing on the two project themes.

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It also includes 50 participant booklets with essays and resources for further study for each theme, a library programmer's manual, five posters and a publicity kit. Film discounts and negotiated rights are included. The individual theme packages includes seven videos each, 50 program booklets, a planner's manual, five posters and a publicity kit. The cost is \$595 for "The American People" series and \$450 for "The American Command" series. Program books, the planner's manual, posters and publicity kits are also available separately. Order forms can be printed from the NVR Web site at <http://www.nvr.org>. For more information, contact Sally Mason-Robinson at 312/491-0844 or via e-mail at sallymaro@aol.com. Information is also available on the ALA Public Programs Office Web site at <http://www.ala.org/publicprograms>.

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has developed a new Web site to help celebrate the second annual **Teen Read Week**, October 17-23, 1999. The site can be found at

<http://www.ala.org/teenread/>. The site offers ideas for promoting this year's theme, "Reading Rocks! Read for the Fun of It!" Sample publicity materials, tips for parents, teachers and teens, resource lists and research on teen reading are included. The site also provides examples of successful events conducted for the first Teen Read Week in 1998 and allows librarians to order new Teen Read Week posters and other promotional materials online. Libraries are encouraged to register their participation in Teen Read Week 1999 at <http://www.ala.org/teenread/register.html>. Libraries without Internet access are able to obtain a printout (23 pages) of the Web site through ALA Fax-on-Demand at 800/545-2433, press 8. For more information, contact YALSA at 800/545-2433, ext. 4390 or by e-mail at yalsa@ala.org.

The Prison called Hohenasperg: An American boy betrayed by his Government during World War II, is a book about the author's personal and family experience. For a synopsis of the book and ordering information, visit <http://www.upublish.com/books/jacobs.htm>.

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