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Fast Facts Uncover the Truth About Library Salaries

The Library Research Service recently published a new edition of Fast Facts: No. 243, "[Special Library Salaries in Mountain Region Lag Behind Nation](#)," by Holly Cole. Another dealing with salaries, just published, is No. 244, "[Earnings of Library Staff in Mountain West Low Compared to Workers in Similar Jobs](#)," by Jennifer French. View these and other Fast Facts at <http://www.lrs.org/fastfacts.asp>

Colorado Library Law Quick Guide Facilitates Use

Curious about regional library authorities but terrified of legalese? Dip into this quick guide prepared by Patricia Froehlich, Public Library Consultant, which translates language of law into non-legal summaries. Find it on the Library Law web page at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/LibraryLaw/Index.htm>

Constitution Day Is Now @your library

Some 2500 packets of materials for Constitution Day @your library are speeding their way to school, college, institution, and public libraries across the state. Staff, both permanent and temporary, at the Colorado State Library performed above and beyond the call of duty as they hauled boxes, pushed stacks of materials, folded mailing cubes, corrected and recorrected contents. The commemoration, required for schools and colleges that receive federal money, provides an opportunity for libraries to perform a valuable service to teachers, faculty and the general public, as well as position libraries as foundations of our democracy. Thanks to the CAL Marketing Committee, which directed the project, and to webmistress Vicki Nichols, who's entered everything enterable at <http://cal-webs.org>.

Out & About With CSL Staff

- ✚ Technology coordinator Sharon Morris traveled to Grand Junction in August for AskColorado training with Kris Johnson, the new AskColorado Coordinator. She also presented an Emerging Technologies Workshop with Anne Knipe for the CAL Grand Junction workshops; and at the Parker Library staff training day on the Future of Libraries: Social change, technologies and libraries.
- ✚ State Librarian Gene Hainer headed to Madison, WI, in July for the first annual leadership training forum, presented by the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies. In August he participated in the CAL Board retreat in Grand Junction and visited the Lamar Public Library on the same round.
- ✚ Also working with CAL at the Board retreat were financial officer Jean Heilig and NRS assistant director Nicolle Steffen, who worked on the new mission statement, values, vision, and goals for the strategic plan.
- ✚ Institutions staff have had a busy few months as usual. Diana Reese visited the Grand Mesa and Platte Valley Youth Services Centers to train library staff and provide technical assistance. She, Diane Walden and Andrew Breland, attended an all-day training session with Department of Corrections administrators to learn new contract worker employment guidelines and spent several days orienting new staff to DOC libraries. Andrew and Diana interviewed and hired a new school librarian for the Youthful Offender System library. Andrew interviewed candidates for additional openings at LaVista and Arkansas Valley Correctional Facilities. Diana installed a new computer network at the Rifle Correctional Center library and interviewed candidates for the Delta Correctional Center library technician position.
- ✚ SWIFTer Lori Smith conducted SWIFT training at the Telluride Public Library, Pitkin County Public Library, Montrose Regional Library District, Front Range Community College, and Limon Public Library, all in August.

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- ✚ Ask Colorado received attention as new staffer Kris Johnson presented trainings at Mesa State College, Grand Junction; CU Boulder, Norlin Library; and Auraria Library, Denver.

Medical Libraries Fast Shots

For more information on these items , please contact Dana Abbey at dana.abbey@uchsc.edu or 303-315-4875.

- ✚ **The NN/LM Welcomes State Librarian to Board**
The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM)-MidContinental Region welcomes Colorado State Librarian Gene Hainer to its regional advisory board. He will be working in the Consumer Health project area, along with Karen Cole, Director of the Archie R. Dykes Library of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Missouri, and Dana Abbey, Consumer Health Coordinator for the NN/LM at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, Colorado.
- ✚ **NLM Adds Interactive Body Maps to MedlinePlus**
The National Library of Medicine recently released several enhancements to its web-based consumer health resource, MedlinePlus. The Health Topics homepage now showcases new graphical elements and an expanded color palette. Links to frequently requested topics and special resources are also featured prominently. Fourteen clickable, illustrated body maps were added to provide an interactive way to navigate to MedlinePlus health topics. Each of the Body Locations/Systems on the Health Topics homepage links to an interactive body map and a listing of related health topics. All of these enhancements are available in both English and Spanish.
- ✚ **Evaluating Internet Health Information: A Tutorial**
The National Library of Medicine has developed a program to help you find reliable health information online. This tutorial teaches you how to evaluate the health information that you find on the web. It is about 16 minutes long, and you need a Flash plug-in. For information, see <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/webeval/webeval.html>.
- ✚ **New Version of the NLM Gateway Includes Two New Resources**
The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has released a new version of the Gateway that includes access to two additional NLM resources. Users are now able to search the Household Products Database and the Bookshelf, a growing collection of full text biomedical books. For more information see What's New on the Gateway's features bar.

Report Released--Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2004

This report includes national and state summary data on public libraries in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, with an introduction, findings, and numerous tables. The report is based on data from the Public Libraries Survey for fiscal year 2004, and includes information on population of legal service area, service outlets, public service hours, library materials, total circulation, circulation of children's materials, reference transactions, library visits, children's program attendance, interlibrary loans, electronic services and information, full-time-equivalent staff, operating revenue and expenditures, and capital expenditures. The report includes several key findings:

- 🖼 Nationwide, library visits to public libraries totaled 1.3 billion, or 4.7 library visits per capita. (Colorado's was more than six!)
- 🖼 The average number of Internet terminals available for public use per stationary outlet was 10.3.

To see the publication, visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2006349>

Award Goes to Indian Law Library

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) recently awarded Monica Martens and David Selden at the National Indian Law Library (NILL), Native American Rights Fund, the Public Access to Government Information Award (PAGI), for their work in making tribal law available to the public. No other library devotes itself as completely as NILL does to the laws of sovereign Indian nations and Alaska Native villages, which number more than 560 and whose laws are rarely found in libraries across the nation. The National Indian Law Library was established in 1972 as a special project of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and is the only public law library specializing in Indian law. It serves both the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the public.

The library's work in providing access has focused on collecting hundreds of tribal codes and constitutions and offering a variety of user-friendly tools to access this difficult-to-find information, including full-text online copies, a "gateway" on the library's web site, and unique and thorough keyword searching capability through the library's Internet catalog. For more information about the library's tribal law project visit <http://www.narf.org/nill/index.htm> or contact the library directly.

NEA's The Big Read Grant Deadline Approaches

Communities across the country can apply for one of approximately 100 grants that will be awarded in 2007 as part of the National Endowment for the Arts' The Big Read program, "a national initiative to encourage literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book."

50 grants will be awarded for programming occurring between January and June 2007 (deadline: September 12, 2006), and 50 more will be awarded for programming occurring between September and December.

For 2007, communities will choose from eight American classics: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury; My Antonia by Willa Cather; The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald; A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway; Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston; To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee; The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck; and The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan. For more information, please visit <http://www.neabigread.org>.