

Centennial State Libraries

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State Library Completes Program Audit

Last year the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting asked the Department of Education to conduct a program of audit of all CDE programs over a three-year time frame. The Colorado State Library conducted its audit in this, the second year, of the program. The State Library engaged Dr. Augusto Diana from the University of Denver to coordinate the audit and write the final report. During the audit, a committee composed of representatives from the State Library, Regional Systems, the Colorado Resource Center at the Denver Public Library, the Colorado Council for Library Development, the Resource Sharing Board, and the Budget Office at the Colorado Department of Education met to oversee the audit. The Audit Committee analyzed each State Library program and conducted a survey of school, public, and academic libraries around the state.

The Audit Report was submitted to the CDE Budget Office in July and was submitted to the Governor's Office with the Department's official budget request on August 1. An

introductory summary of the Audit Report is available on the [State Library](#) web site along with a [PowerPoint presentation](#) by Dr. Keith Lance on the library survey.

Bolt Makes Presentation to the State Board of Education on Access to Resources

Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Nancy Bolt made a presentation to the August State Board of Education meeting. The previous month, Eric Feder, Director of Educational Telecommunications, presented four goals to the State Board. Goal 3 is: *all educators and learners will have access to high quality instructional and informational resources regardless of where they live.* Bolt's presentation discussed the benefits of access to online resources in the context of equity, economy, and excellence.

The Colorado State Library is asking for state funds to subscribe to on-line resources to benefit the entire state of Colorado. The subscription would provide **equity**: all schools and libraries would have subscriptions and the resources would be available to everyone in the state, regardless of geography. The subscription would provide **economy**: currently only about half the schools and even fewer public libraries subscribe to this level of resources. For one-third of what is being paid now by only half of the state's schools, the entire state can benefit from these resources. The cost to subscribe to these same resources in print would be \$50,000,000.

The subscription would provide **excellence**: these are resources that are not available on the Internet; they are carefully chosen to be relevant to schools and small public libraries; and they are safe for full access by children and adults. The \$400,000 contract will probably allow subscription to full-text articles in over 500 magazines, over 150 regional newspapers, 35,000 full text biographies and much more.)

The [PowerPoint presentation](#) can be found on the State Library's web site.

CCLS Annual Meeting Features Ken Dowlin

Ken Dowlin, Director of Distance Education in Library and Information Science at San Jose State University, will be the speaker at the Central Colorado Library System's annual meeting, September 28, 2001 at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities. He will address issues involved with the education of librarians, distance education programs, and the need for librarians to be in control of the process. Dowlin is a well-known innovator in library technology and services. His previous positions include Director of the San Francisco Public Library; Director of the Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs; Director of the Natrona County Public Library in Casper, Wyoming; and Assistant Director of the Jefferson County Public Library. All are invited to attend the free program at 1:00 pm. In addition, staff from CCLS member libraries are invited to a free members' meeting and luncheon at 11:45 am preceding the program. Please make reservations in advance by contacting CCLS: Phone: 303-422-1150; E-mail: ccls@qadas.com; Fax: 303-431-9752.

Colorado Libraries Receive Over \$1.7 Million in Bill & Melinda Gates Grant Awards

Congratulations to Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant recipients! Eighty-eight libraries including regional systems and the State Library received \$1,743,555 in Gates computer grants. Awards included computers, software, and, in many cases, additional funding for network and telecom upgrades. Nine libraries will receive computer labs equipped with 11 workstations, a content server, laser printer, and data projector. Durango Public Library, Rio Grande Library District-Carnegie Branch, La Veta Public Library, Southern Teller Library District, Limon Public Library, Aurora Public Library, Longmont Public Library, Greeley Public Library, and Sterling Public Library were all recipients of Gates computer labs. Installation and training will take place in the fall. For a complete list of Gates recipients and award amounts see the [Gates Grants](#) web site.

Teen Read Week Encourages School and Public Library Partnerships

Teen Read Week is October 14 through 20 this year, and again the Colorado State Library is encouraging participation by teachers, literacy coaches, kids' organizations, librarians, parents, anyone interested. As an added incentive, EVERYONE who registers a project will receive prizes. Our goal? To make reading a teen fad that becomes a permanent habit! In this first stage, sheer numbers do count.

What the Colorado State Library is doing:

- Providing bookmarks for your adaptation and easy printing.
- Providing short announcements for use over school public address systems or local radio stations.
- Working with school media centers and libraries to encourage their involvement.
- Sending releases to statewide media with information about the importance of free voluntary reading to teens' literacy skills, along with book lists to serve as story ideas.

What we ask you to do:

- Pick an activity from the ideas listed on the web site or create your own.
- Public libraries and schools to work together on a joint project, like-
 - Extra class credit for attending a public library event!
 - Display in the public library of writing or book reviews from local school!
 - School AND public libraries conduct read-a-thon to collect donations

for worthy cause!

- Prepare a news release or story concept for local media.

See our web site for details [Promotional Campaigns](#).

If you are unable to download the documents from our web site, contact the following and ask that a packet be mailed to you: librarytemp@cde.state.co.us

Mountains & Plains Booksellers Banquet and Breakfast Benefit Literacy

The Mountains & Plains Booksellers Association will hold its annual Author Banquet for Literacy on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the Terrace Gardens Event Center, 13065 East Briarwood Avenue. The banquet is open to the public, tickets are \$38.00. Featured guest author speakers for the banquet are Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Chabon, Susan Isaacs, Margaret Coel and Leif Enger, making his literary debut with *Peace Like a River*. The Author & Illustrator Breakfast for Literacy is also open to the public and will be held at 7:30 am on Sunday, September 16, at the Marriott Denver Tech Center, 4900 South Syracuse Street. Tickets are \$20. Featured guest author/illustrator speakers are James Howe and Patricia Polacco. Deadline for reservations is September 10. For information, contact, 800-752-0249, lknudsen@mountainplains.org, or visit the [Mountains & Plains Booksellers](#) web site.

Civil War Treasures Added to American Memory Web Site

The Library of Congress has announced an addition to its extensive resource, the American Memory Web Site. "Civil War Treasures from the New-York Historical Society," materials drawn from 12 collections, includes more than 730 stereographs, 70 photos, along with sketches, posters, etchings, and envelopes. The site is aimed at kids and families. Visit it at the [Library of Congress](#).

Prime Time Family Reading Time Bonds Families Around Reading

Applications are available for PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME(r), a reading, discussion and storytelling series offered by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The postmark deadline for applications is October 31, 2001. Based on illustrated children's books, PRIME TIME is designed to help under-served families

bond around the act of reading and learning together. It teaches parents and children to read and discuss humanities topics, and aids them in selecting books and becoming active public library users. Selected sites will receive honoraria, books, underwriting for training and other incentives. [Applications](#) are available online. For questions, e-mail to eness@leh.org.

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