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Online Database Vendor Fair and Annual Resource Sharing Board Meeting Scheduled

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The Colorado State Library and Resource Sharing Board will host the Online Database Vendor Fair and Annual Resource Sharing Board Meeting at the Denver Public Library Central branch downtown on October 19 and 20.

The Online Database Vendor Fair is an opportunity to listen to companies who provide online database products and services. Learn about their services and talk with them personally about the potential for implementing their products in your schools and libraries. Vendors will be giving short presentations on their products. They will also be available in an exhibits area to provide more detailed information.

Attendees will be asked to turn in evaluations of the products and services to provide feedback during a session held on October 20. Thirteen vendors will be attending, including bigchalk, Gale Group, EBSCO, Grolier, OCLC, INET Library, World book, NewsBank, Facts on File News Service, SIRS, Newsbank, HW Wilson, and ProQuest.

The fair will also present an opportunity for libraries to sign up for the current statewide FirstSearch and Gale Group agreements. Tommy Powell, a trainer sponsored through LSTA funds, will provide formal training sessions on FirstSearch and Gale Group, and assist with sign-ups. Libraries that have not yet participated in the statewide agreements may be eligible for a free year, or pay as little as \$250 for the first year.

Robin Murray, Managing Director of Fretwell-Downing Informatics in Sheffield, England, will be talking about resource sharing and future trends from an international perspective. He will address electronic interlibrary loan, electronic delivery of materials, digital libraries, community information databases, and more. Leslie Manning, Chair of the AIRS Committee (Acquisition of Information Resources Statewide), will lead a discussion session on statewide licensing. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide input on what databases should be pursued based on their evaluations from the Online Database Vendor Fair, a statewide survey, and informal suggestions from the group.

The meeting will also include updates on the accomplishments made in the past year toward the RSB's Strategic Plan goals and the status of specific projects in Colorado. The meeting will conclude with an information seeking session. Do you have opinions about the statewide funding for online

databases, Colorado Virtual Library, the courier, electronic interlibrary loan, regional union catalogs, Z39.50, or the Colorado Library Card? This meeting is your opportunity to provide feedback, as well as create a new vision, on what direction resource sharing should take in Colorado and influence key decision-making.

For registration information and a complete agenda refer to the Web site at: <<http://www.aclin.org/technology/onlinedb/index.html>>. For further info, please contact Carol Tagstrom at the Colorado State Library at 303/866-6789 or email <tagstrom_c@cde.state.co.us>.

Cooperation Between Colorado and Bulgarian Libraries: An Update

by Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian, <nbolt@csn.net>

I'm preparing a longer report of my trip, but here is some quick information and an opportunity for Colorado librarians.

Access to Government Information

One of the highlights of the trip to Bulgaria this past June was our meeting with Governor Inev of the Stara Zagora Region. The Bulgarian Parliament recently passed a Freedom of Information Act that requires local government to make information about regional and local government available to the people of the region. The Governor is struggling with how to do this. He is interested in working with us to teach local government and public libraries how to work together to provide information about local government to the public.

Based on this discussion, we are seeking funding to support two conferences on this topic, *and* we are looking for presenters to speak at the conference. We are looking for people who are knowledgeable about local and state government documents at the most basic level. Many librarians are talented at searching the Internet to find government information. That only works if local libraries have computers and if government puts its information on the Internet. Neither situation exists in Bulgaria to any great extent. We are looking for people who can help in four subject areas:

What information should be sought from local government, and how can local government agencies be persuaded to provide it to libraries?

Once local libraries have local government information, how should they organize it for public access?

How can local libraries tell their citizens that they have government information and convince citizens to use the library to learn about their government's activities and services?

If local governments and libraries were to automate this information, how should they go about it and what resources will be needed?

If you have skills in this area, please let me know. We are trying to find funds to support some, if not

all, of the expenses of this effort. What we cannot support with grant funds would be tax deductible for participants.

Senator Dojan is one of the sponsors of the Access to Public Information Act passed by the Bulgarian National Parliament that I mentioned in last month's article.

Like many Bulgarians, he spoke to me through a translator, but his body language told me he understood my English before it was translated. I commended him on the new law, but said it lacked the means to organize all of the government information across agency lines and make it easily available to the Bulgarian citizen. I suggested he consider an amendment that would create an official depository program through libraries. He smiled and said he would consider it.

Meeting with the Senator and I were the two woman who are the Executive Directors of the new Association Tolerance, Ajdjan Dieva and Kirilua Angelova. Ms Dieva and Angelova specifically asked for information about municipal government in the United States. They also expressed interest in having some mayors or city officials from the United States, particularly Colorado, visit Bulgaria next year. While Colorado will be the focus, we are also open to mayors or city officials from other states to come as well.

The mayors or city officials from Colorado will be asked to participate in three conferences with Bulgarian mayors, and visit several of the towns that the mayors serve. I will be sure the Bulgarian libraries are on the schedule.

I'm also anxious to see if our conferences and urging for public libraries to be depositories of local government information have had any success.

We would like to particularly thank our sponsors who helped make the conference on "Public Access to Government Information" possible. Their contributions supported conference speakers, translators, handouts, and presentations to the partner libraries. Our sponsors are:

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Friends of the Lone Tree Library
Follett Software Company
Sagebrush Corporation
JNR Associates
Pattern Research
Bulgarian Library Association
Colorado Library Association
Colorado State Library

Rebecca Ryan, an Emporia student, and Bonnie McCune, from the Colorado Center for the Book, are also working on this project.

Partner Libraries

While in Bulgaria, we also met with Alexander Dimchev, President of the Bulgarian Library Association, and Snezhana Ianeva, of the BLA Board, to discuss matching Colorado and Bulgarian libraries. We developed a plan to move this project forward. Here are our preliminary guidelines for the project.

*We will identify libraries in Bulgaria and Colorado that would like to engage in a partner relationship.

*I will publicize the libraries in Bulgaria who would like partners.

*We will identify a contact person in both libraries.

*We will encourage that they exchange letters and photos of the people and libraries before sending any materials to verify that the address is correct.

*Materials requested by Bulgarian libraries and Colorado libraries will be exchanged by sending from library to library to avoid tariffs in Bulgaria.

*In addition to requested materials, librarians can exchange information about library service and trends in the profession.

* CLA fund will assist with shipping costs if needed by the library.

* Partnerships can extend to visits in future years.

In the next month, we will be identifying the Bulgarian libraries that need help. We hope some Colorado libraries will be willing to volunteer as well.

Thank you for all of your support in the past.



***Take Time to Read!
October 15 – 20, 2000***

by Bonnie McCune, Library Community Programs Consultant, <mccune_b@cde.state.co.us>

Use Teen Read Week to spotlight your resources for young adults.

Capitalize on Teen Read Week to create a program for teens.

Encourage middle, junior and high school students by welcoming them to your library.

Teens are just about the most challenging group for libraries to reach. They're notorious for putting almost everything ahead of reading. But they're not impossible to draw into your library.

Today's teens say they would read more if they had the time. That's what teens told the American Library Association (ALA) in an online survey conducted last year in cooperation with Smartgirl.com.

The majority (72%) of the 3,000 respondents surveyed said they liked to read for pleasure when they have time. Mysteries are the most popular types of books among teens, followed by adventure, horror, and true stories.

To encourage teens to read for enjoyment, the third annual Teen Read Week is scheduled for October 15-21, 2000.

The Colorado State Library is sending releases to media statewide with information about the importance of free voluntary reading to teens' literacy skills, along with book lists to serve as story ideas. We've also prepared reproducible book lists for easy use by schools and libraries.

We're asking libraries to select an activity. Here's one from Ilene Abramson, Senior Librarian, Children's Literature Department, Los Angeles Public Library:

"Years ago I worked as a YA librarian and noticed lots of kids roaming around the library in the middle of the day during the week. Turned out they were in year round schools and they were off track so had nothing to do and were spending time in the library. I developed a BINGO-type chart in which they learned all about the library. Each of the 25 squares contained an activity for the child to do. For example: read a mystery; cook something from a cookbook; read to a child; listen to a tape; make something from a craft book; help the librarian. If they finished a row of activities, they got a bookmark or small gift. If they finished all the squares, they received a book. This was an easy, popular, interactive method of familiarizing kids with the library and getting them to read and explore topics they might never have been interested in."

Charli O'Dell from Boltz Junior High School in Fort Collins hosted a "Thanks-A-Latte" event in her school media center. She had wonderful success by involving supportive parents in selling and serving instant cappuccino, hot chocolate, and cider. She invited students and staff to the special day. In addition to a great turn-out, the activity raised nearly \$700. See the article in *School Library Journal*, 12/99, page 35.

Good Internet resources include <<http://www.ala.org/teenread/>> (general ALA site); <<http://www.ala.org/teenhoopla/>> (book reviews, Internet guide); <<http://www.cla-web.org/bluespruce/>> (Blue Spruce Award).

For more information, contact Bonnie McCune, Library Community Programs, Colorado State Library, 303/866-6891, <mccune_b@cde.state.co.us>.

TAKE A QUIZ: WHICH OF TEENS' TOP TEN BOOKS HAVE YOU READ?

1. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, by J. K. Rowling. Scholastic, 1998.
2. *Holes*, by Louis Sachar. Farrar, 1998.
3. *Love Among the Walnuts*, by Jean Ferris. Harcourt, 1998.
4. *The Killer's Cousin*, by Nancy Werlin. Delacorte, 1998.
5. *A Door Near Here*, by Heather Quarles. Delacorte, 1998.
6. *Armageddon Summer*, by Jane Yolen and Bruce Coville. Harcourt, 1998.
7. *I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade*, by Diane Lee Wilson. Orchard, 1998.

8. *Petey*, by Ben Mikaelson. Hyperion, 1998.
 9. *Soldier's Heart*, by Gary Paulsen. Delacorte, 1998.
 10. *A Long Way from Chicago*, by Richard Peck. Dial, 1998.
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The Colorado Virtual Library Announces a Great Resource For Teachers, Students, and Parents

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The Kids' Colorado Virtual Library provides unbeatable resources to support K-12 education in Colorado. Visit <www.aclin.org> and select "For Colorado Kids, Parents, and Teachers."

The Kids' Colorado Virtual Library is a search interface to over 6,200 hand-selected Web sites chosen by librarians and school media specialists. The Kids' Colorado Virtual Library is designed to be easy to use for K-12 students and a helpful planning and classroom aid for teachers.

Kids can type in searches, browse an A-to- Z list of subjects, or view an outline of popular topics. Web sites are summarized and annotated with:

- Applicable Colorado educational standards and benchmarks added by local librarians
- Reading levels
- Hyperlinked subject entries

Colorado librarians are also annotating Web sites specific to Colorado, such as:

- Biographies of famous Coloradans
- Colorado flora and fauna
- Colorado state symbols
- Colorado history
- Colorado's native peoples

Librarians and teachers can simply click on the appropriate educational standard and subject heading that applies to each Web site. Sites have been selected to be entertaining or enlightening, as well as educational.

Third Annual Colorado Digitization Project Leadership Seminar

The Digital Divide: Museums and Libraries Meet the Needs Through Digitization

by *Liz Bishoff*, *Colorado Digitization Project Director*, <BishoffL@concentric.net>

The Colorado Digitization Project will host the third annual leadership seminar for Colorado's archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums at Front Range Community College in Westminster on Friday, December 1. The focus of the seminar will be the digital divide and how

Colorado's cultural heritage institutions can respond to the needs identified by the divide and respond through digitization of primary source materials.

The seminar's keynote speaker will be David Bolt of Studio Miramar and producer of the PBS series *Digital Divide*. The issues of the digital divide are being addressed nationally by Congress and the President, by state legislatures, and by the private sector. Libraries and museums can begin to explore the role that our special collections and unique resources play in bridging the divide. In addition to the keynote presentation, small group sessions on technical topics will be held, as well as a closing general session on outsourcing the creation of digital content.

The Colorado Preservation Alliance (CPA) is cosponsoring this program. In addition, the CPA will be presenting a half-day seminar on the preservation of resources as part of the digitization process on Thursday, November 30, at the same location.

More information will be available in mid-September, so save these dates and plan to join us for a discussions on our the how cultural heritage institutions meet the needs of new communities and the pre-conference on preservation. For more information, contact Liz Bishoff, CDP Project Director, bishoffl@concentric.net, or phone 303/759-3399 - ext.107. Visit the Colorado Digitization Project Web site at <<http://coloradodigital.coalliance.org>>.

Family Literacy Week Takes Place October 29 to November 4

by Bonnie McCune, Library Community Programs Consultant, <mccune_b@cde.state.co.us>

The Denver Metro Early Childhood Literacy Coalition is encouraging organizations and libraries to support Family Literacy Week, October 29 to November 4, by having at least one special family event during that week with their children and parents that focuses on books, literacy and reading readiness. ECLC is putting together a packet of ideas that should be ready by mid-September to give you some suggestions for programs that are simple and fun. Additions to the idea packet are welcome and should be sent to Andrea Martinez by fax to 303/394-0059 or email at <alsesl@aol.com>.

Once you decide on an event, please let Ann Logan know what you are planning by email <HALN1@aol.com> or by fax 303/626-8228 with all the details. Information will be sent to all the local media for coverage of the week. Obviously, the more exciting and imaginative your event, the more likely you will be covered. Event information must be in to Ann by October 13.

ECLC is a new group. For information, contact Valin Brown, Denver Metro Bright Beginnings, 303/561-2235; fax 303/455-6462; or email <Valin_Brown@unitedwaydenver.org>.

Brief Papers on Library Topics Available Online

Library Research Service produces easy-to-read, brief papers on important library topics. The series is called *Fast Facts*. Sample these issues published online during 2000.

Trends in Library Paraprofessional Employment
No. 165, Feb. 29, 2000
<<http://www.lrs.org/pdf/Fastfacts/165paraprotrend.pdf>>

Public Library Statistics: How Colorado Ranks
No. 166, Mar. 3, 2000
<http://www.lrs.org/pdf/Fastfacts/166Bowker_rank.pdf>

The State of Intellectual Freedom in Colorado Public Libraries and School Library Media Centers
No. 167, Apr. 28, 2000
<<http://www.lrs.org/pdf/Fastfacts/167IntFreedom.pdf>>

Service to Seniors: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Segment
No. 168, Aug. 15, 2000
<<http://www.lrs.org/pdf/Fastfacts/168ElderUsers.pdf>>

You can reach the *Fast Facts* We page at <www.lrs.org/html/fast_facts_2000.html>.

Library News

Over 30,000 photographs from the **Denver Public Library's** internationally-renowned Western history collection are now featured on the American Memory Web site at <<http://www.loc.gov>>. The Library of Congress has gathered electronic artifacts from premiere collections across the country to form this online museum. The DPL photographs, the largest collection documenting life West of the Mississippi, are highlighted in the gallery *History of the American West, 1960-1920*.

The **Pathfinder** and **Three Rivers Library Systems**, in cooperation with the other five regional systems in Colorado are delighted to announce that they have signed a contract with ExLibris for the installation of an automated library system for use by libraries and schools throughout Colorado. This project has the working title of the **Nameless Project**. The project's two major objectives are to provide cataloging access to the LC/MARC and other databases, and to provide a Z39.50 online catalog home for records from smaller libraries and schools throughout Colorado. Training will be provided by the Regional Systems. Plans are to begin testing by the first of next year, with it going live statewide by next spring. More details are available at <www.colosys.net/nameless>.

Rochelle Logan, Associate Director of **Colorado State Library's** Library Research Service (LRS), has an article in the July/August 2000 issue of *Public Libraries*. The article, entitled "Ready, Set, Plan!" is about LRS's online document with embedded links and help for managers and planning committees working on the Community Scan form in the Public Library Association's Planning for Results packet.

CLC Update

July 2000 - No new members or changes

August 2000 - New members:

- Bill Reed Middle School, Loveland; Bobbie Zimmerman; 970/613-7212
- Turner Middle School, Berthoud; Deborah Johnston; 970/613-7409

Notes to Note

The eighth **Rocky Mountain Book Festival** will be held March 3-4, 2001. The Colorado Center for the Book presents this major community celebration of books and reading. The Colorado Center for the Book is affiliated with the Library of Congress and is headquartered on Denver's Capitol Hill in the literary landmark house of Colorado's late Poet Laureate, Thomas Hornsby Ferril. Hundreds of authors will appear, in a variety of formats, ranging from main stage readings to panel discussions and hands-on workshops on the craft of writing. Other special programs include a Book Arts demonstration area, a Reading Banned Books area, magnetic poetry and book club events. If you would like further information about this exciting event, call 303/839-8320 or email RMBookFest@ColoradoBook.org.
