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Fast Facts: Public Use and Support Skyrocket in New Libraries

The Library Research Service has released a new “Fast Facts,” Public Use and Support Skyrocket When New Libraries Are Built (#26), http://www.lrs.org/documents/fastfacts/226_public_use.pdf. The study of seven new facilities constructed since 2000 confirms the theory, “Build it, and they will come.”

Energy Conservation Support Offered

Office of Energy Management and Conservation, <http://www.state.co.us/oemc/>, contains many documents to encourage energy

conservation. Grants may be available for libraries performing extensive renovation or constructing new buildings. Other items include a guide to better design, case studies of past Colorado public sector projects, lists of professionals who provide needed services, and technical documents like solicitation and contractual language. The purpose of the program is to provide assistance to public entities and their design teams (architects, engineers) in the earliest conceptual phases of design in order to optimize a building's design and operation.

Tuition Scholarships Available for Online School Library Degree

Mansfield University (MU) of Pennsylvania, in cooperation with the Colorado State Library, has received an IMLS grant offering scholarships to enroll in the MU online library program. LAPIS—Librarians and Principals in Sync—will provide approximately 45 scholarships, with 7 to 10 available to teachers or others interested in working in Colorado school libraries. The scholarships offer 50, 75, or 90 percent tuition reductions to become certified school library media specialists. It will also provide an online summer library advocacy program for school principals. Print the flyer for more information, or visit the LAPIS Website at <http://libweb.mansfield.edu/lapis/>

NEA School Library Book Grants Slated

The NEA Foundation will award \$5,000 to 36 public schools serving economically disadvantaged students for purchase of books and other reading materials for school libraries. Deadline for the current grant cycle is September 15, 2005. More information is available at <http://nfie.org/grants.htm>

Family Literacy Grants Deadline Approaches

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy applications are being accepted for projects supporting literacy skills development for adult primary caregivers and their children. Applications are due September 9, 2005. More information is available at: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com>

Mix It Up with Grant Program

Mix It Up offers \$500 grants to support projects created and put into practice by youth that focus on promoting collaborations across society. The goal of this program is to help support students in their efforts to cross social boundaries within their schools and out in the community. There is no deadline for applying. More information is available at <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>

Prime Time Family Reading Time Adds Sites

Applications are currently available for Prime Time Family Reading Time, an award-winning 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). Statewide organizations including state libraries, state humanities councils, centers for the book, and library associations are invited to apply. The receipt deadline for applications is October 31, 2005. See www.ala.org/publicprograms.

New Director at Red Feather Lakes

Sarah Myers has been appointed director of Red Feather Lakes Community Library. She has six years of library experience, seven years in management and technology, and holds an MLS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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