

# Centennial State Libraries

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## Colorado Library Card Program Improves Marketing Tools

The Colorado Library Card Program, now in virtually all public libraries and nearly all school libraries, has improved tools so that libraries can better inform staff and patrons about the unique cooperative program. New downloadable bookmarks, sample articles for staff and public newsletters, FAQs and ideas will be available shortly on the [Colorado Library Card Statewide Borrower's Program](#) main web site. A program at CAL is scheduled for Friday, 3:45 p.m., to update everyone on the new marketing effort.

## Libraries Support English Language Acquisition Efforts

CDE's English Language Acquisition Unit is sponsoring a series of seminars from September through early December to provide professional development at the regional level. The Colorado State Library is spearheading information at all the meetings regarding valuable library services to schools working with non-English speaking students.

District teams (through BOCES) receiving the training will be comprised of about five key staff members who may be teachers, administrators, Title I staff, ELA/bilingual educators, library specialists or other personnel. Contents deal with systemic reform; rules and regulations (especially Title I and Title III), assessment and data analysis; curriculum and Instruction

CITY	REGION	LOCATION	SEMINAR DATES	DEADLINE
Alamosa	Southwest San	Louis Valley BOCES	Oct. 2-Oct. 3 ,	Sept. 13
Delta	West Central	Delta/Montrose Vocational School	Oct. 9-Oct. 10	Sept. 20,
Denver	Metropolitan	Doubletree Hotel (PENDING)	Oct. 16-Oct. 17	Sept. 27,
La Junta	Southeast	Santa Fe Trail BOCES (PENDING)	Oct. 23-Oct. 24	Oct. 4,
Glenwood Springs	Northwest	Ramada Suites	Nov. 6-Nov. 7	Oct. 18,
Akron	Northeast	Washington County Event Center (PENDING)	Nov. 13-Nov. 14	Oct. 25,
Colorado Springs	Pikes Peak	TESLA Center	Nov. 20-Nov. 21	Nov. 1,
Greeley	North Central	Best Western Regency	Dec. 4-Dec. 5	Nov. 15,

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## Two Special Populations Scholarships Awarded

Two people have received the annual Library Services to Special Populations Scholarships. The scholarships are presented by the Special Populations/Special Issues Committee of the Colorado Council for Library Development, Colorado State Library, each year to help students working toward a master's degree in library science. The scholarships are designed to encourage diversity in the library profession as well as support services to all people.

Sylvia Garcia of Fort Collins is studying at the University of Arizona (Tucson) in Information Resources and Library Science. She has been a library assistant at the Fort Collins Library for five years, where she provided adult reference services and managed the Assistive Technology Room.

Mark F. Skinner of Alamosa is the second award winner. He is currently enrolled in the Emporia State University in the School of Library and Information Management

program. He currently is librarian at Alamosa High School and previously was with the Monte Vista School District as a teacher and librarian.

Scholarships are awarded each year. Only those who have completed undergraduate work may apply. Deadline for the 2003 scholarship applications will be May 15. For information, contact [Special Populations Scholarship](#), Colorado State Library, 303.866.6900.

## "Our Documents" Web Site Serves Education with Milestone Documents

Several agencies have launched a new web site called [Our Documents](#). This site, designed for teachers and students, has as its core, one hundred milestone documents drawn from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Three new documents a week will be added to the site. The first week's include the Lee Resolution (1776), the Declaration of Independence (1776), and the Articles of Confederation (1777). Viewers get information about the document, a link to a larger version of the image for closer viewing, and the opportunity to download a printer-friendly PDF file of the document. Also available on the site are a Teacher's Toolbox of information (still under development), a list of news and events relative to American history, and a rather short "related resources" link list. (Thanks to Steve Therghesen for this tidbit.)

## We Have Seen the Future? Getting Information from State Web Sites at a Price

According to a study released by Brown University, as government web sites improve, they are becoming more likely to impose fees for information. Darrell West, who conducted the study of 1,265 state and federal web sites, said that the practice of charging fees for basic information is a worrisome trend that could result in two tiers of access to government information. "E-government planners are starting to segment web sites," Professor West said. "That really runs contrary to the open and transparent roots of the Internet." The study [Inside Politics](#) also found that in general, federal web sites did a better job offering information and services than did state sites. [SOURCE: Yahoo, AUTHOR: Duncan Martell] ([Related article on New York Times site, registration required.](#))

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