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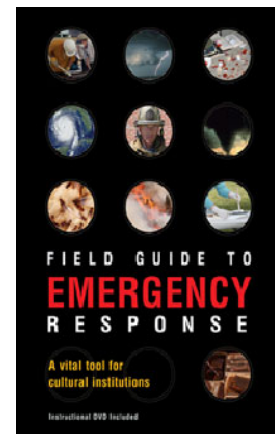
Salaries of Academic Librarians Topic of Fast Facts

The Library Research Service recently published a new edition of Fast Facts: "No. 245: [Salaries of Academic Librarians in the West & Southwest Region](#)," by Jennifer French. The analysis reveals most average salaries in the area were lower than the national averages. View these and other Fast Facts at <http://www.lrs.org/fastfacts.asp>.

More Katrina lessons for Libraries in New Guide

A new guide funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities is designed to help cultural institutions cope when disaster strikes. Every year, hundreds of museums, libraries, archives, and historic sites across the country experience emergencies large and small. In most cases, staff and volunteers are unprepared.

The new "Field Guide to Emergency Response" explains clearly and simply the steps to take in the first few hours of a disaster, enabling even those with no prior training to save collections



without endangering themselves. It is the first resource for collections to combine a handy reference guide with video demonstrations.

The Guide distills the expertise of conservation professionals who have responded to disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the recent flooding in the Northeast. Its interactive nature makes it unique. In addition to a readily understandable handbook, a companion DVD illustrates salvage techniques for typical problems like mud, mold, and soot. The DVD can be used on-site in a laptop or vehicle player, as well as for preparedness training. Also included are information panels that can be customized before disaster strikes, as well as helpful checklists such as a Disaster Supplies Shopping List organized by type of store.

“The Heritage Health Index found that 80 percent of cultural institutions lack an emergency plan with staff trained to carry it out,” said Heritage Preservation President Lawrence Reger. “The Field Guide to Emergency Response will help those institutions get through an emergency and then better prepare for the next one.”

The Field Guide is available for \$29.95 (\$24.95 for Heritage Preservation members) available at Heritage Preservation’s secure online [Bookstore](#) or by calling toll-free 888-388-6789. See <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/Update/2006/06suFieldGuide.HTM>

CSL Annual Report Now Online

The Colorado State Library Annual Report for 2005/06 is now online at http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/AR_06.pdf. The report summarizes activities and changes for the agency.








Free Video Offered to Libraries and Schools on Important Topic for Young Adults

A 60-minute documentary, to run on Comcast MetroBeat Magazine in September and October, examines a disturbing problem. “Student Voices: Teen Suicide” debuts on Comcast Channel 8 (Denver) repeats through October 11 at various times. (Check local program listings.)


Students from the Denver metro-area discuss the tragic problem and how it is affecting our community. Colorado has one of the highest suicide rates in the country, and it’s the second leading cause of death among teens in the U.S.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Comcast/MetroBeat TV producers will make DVD copies of this program available to schools, and youth, church, and civic groups after the show's first airing. Contact: Steve Hansen at MetroBeat TV, 720 236-9779, mcbunsen@msn.com.

Out & About with CSL Staff

-  Nance Nassar presented "Why Integrate Educational Technology and Information Literacy into the Curriculum?" at the Wiggins School District in August. This was one of the teachers' back-to-school professional development sessions. In September, her schedule calls for "Collection Mapping" with Sara Drongesen, Library Media Specialist at the North East BOCES, for school librarians, in Holyoke; "Information Literacy" as a guest presenter at a University of Denver library class; and the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., to staff Colorado's booth in the Pavilion of the States.
-  Diane Walden, Institutions, traveled in August to Cañon City for Dept. of Corrections Grants Management training; Buena Vista, for regionals' review of applications for Acquisitions Consultant vacancy; Sterling, for inventory and final testing of GLAS Inventory Procedure; Cañon City, for staff training in basic Ingram lpage procedures.
-  Kris Johnson presented AskColorado training in August at Mesa State College, Grand Junction; CU Boulder, Norlin Library; Auraria Library, Denver; and UNC library, Greeley.
-  Jean Heilig, financial officer, and Michaela Hansen, Library Development, attended the September "E-learning for State Libraries Workshop" sponsored by the Western Council of State Libraries Albuquerque, New Mexico
-  Diana Reese, Institutions, traveled to La Vista Correctional Facility in Pueblo to move the library's computerized holdings to a new server.
-  Andrew Breland, Institutions, took Elina Schneyder, the new Youthful Offender Services librarian, on a tour of some DOC facility libraries in Cañon City so she could observe how the libraries operate and what appropriate inmate-staff interactions look like.
-  In August Debbi MacLeod, CTBL & CSPL, traveled to Rocky Ford to be the guest speaker at a vision support group and then met with the staff at the La Junta and Lamar Public Libraries; then attended the Five States Government Documents meeting hosted by the University of Colorado in Boulder. She also met with staff at the Red Feather Lakes Public Library. In September she traveled to Grand

Junction to attend a Low Vision Fair sponsored by The Center for Independence.

 Bonnie McCune, community outreach, presented Every Child Ready to Read @your library in September to about 30 members of the Colorado Association of Family Child Care; and helps represent Colorado at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC, at the end of the month.

Aurora Public Library Invites School for ALA "Forever Free" Exhibit

The Aurora Public Library, the only Colorado stop for ALA's "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" exhibit, is encouraging schools to schedule tours. The exhibit will be located at the Aurora History Museum.

The exhibit reexamines President Lincoln's thoughts about slavery throughout his political career and the conditions that led to the Emancipation Proclamation. It features reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs and illustrative material, such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons and political ephemera.

The Aurora Public Library, in cooperation with the Aurora History Museum, also is hosting numerous free educational programs and activities on weekends in conjunction with this exhibit.

Tours may be arranged before or after regular exhibit hours, if needed. The schedule is January 7 to February 24; Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. To arrange a field trip tour or for more information, contact Patti Bateman at 303-739-6640 or e-mail pbateman@auroragov.org.

Children's Literature Conference Features Richard Peck

The 3rd annual Rocky Mountain Children's Literature Conference on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado takes place October 6 and 7. This year's conference features author Richard Peck along with Pamela Duncan Edwards, Henry Cole, Justin Matott, and Debbie Dadey, as well as interesting sessions dealing with a variety of aspects of children's literature in home, school, and library settings. More information and registration forms are available on the web at <http://www.unco.edu/childlitconf> or you can contact the conference coordinator, Keyleigh Gurney, at (970) 351-2807.