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CSL Joins Summer Reading Outcomes Task Force

The Colorado State Library is participating in IMLS's Summer Reading Outcomes Task Force. In early September, Kristie Wilson - Weld Library District, Jane Palmer - Pueblo City/County Library District, and Maxine Curley - Mesa County Library District, and Patricia Froehlich – CSL Public Libraries Consultant traveled to Washington, D. C. to plan both our statewide outcomes and local district outcomes for 2006 "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales." This is an opportunity for Colorado to be a major player in demonstrating the value of summer reading programs.

You can register your library for the 2006 program at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/SRPRegistration.asp>. Registering online gives you the best chance of getting a Program Manual, as well as a Basic Kit, which includes posters, bookmarks, stickers, and certificates. The manuals will also be available at the CAL session, Friday, November 11, 2005, and at the Summer Reading Workshops. The workshops are scheduled for October 26 - 28 in Littleton, Greeley and Pueblo; and November 2-4 in Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, and Dolores.

Renee Emerson Retires from CSL

The Colorado State Library bids goodbye to Renee Emerson, assistant to former State Librarian Nancy Bolt, at the end of September. Renee is retiring and will (no surprise) continue her volunteer involvement with animal welfare. Thanks to Renee for many many years of devoted service.



Free Workshops for Summer Reading and Community Connections

The Colorado State Library is offering six regional workshops to provide ideas and energy for summer reading programs and community outreach. The workshops are free; a small fee is charged by hosting libraries to cover food.

Morning session: Priscilla Howe (October sessions) or Patti Sinclair (November sessions), workshop presenters introduce ideas for decorations, crafts, and programs that fit the "Paws" theme, storytelling, puppetry, crafts, songs, books.

Afternoon session: - Make community connections that count! Identify key issues for both library and community, determine the connectors and gatekeepers, enhance your partnerships. Panel and exercises. Children's services as an example, but applicable to any area of the library.

Wednesday, October 26 - Littleton, CO
Thursday, October 27 - Greeley, CO
Friday, October 28 - Pueblo, CO
Wednesday, November 2 - Glenwood Springs, CO
Thursday, November 3 - Grand Junction, CO
Friday, November 4 - Dolores, CO



For information or to register, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/Workshop2005.htm>

No Question Is Beyond Our Answers

Some of the very interesting questions received—and answered!—by the Colorado State Publications Library recently include:

- The governor's name, five major Colorado cities, and names of their newspapers in 1950.
- The year the first primary election was held.
- The latest version of special education's IDEA.
- A 1978 gasohol/gasoline market report.
- The Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing budget back to 1994, annually and as a percent of the state's total budget.
- Information for starting a private school.
- Superintendent of Public Instruction election results from 1904 to 1930.
- Trespass laws on fenced land.
- Land Mobile Plan for Colorado.
- First highway contracts.
- State Treasurers from 1990-1995.
- How Amendment 23 funds are spent.
- Recorded copy of "Where the Columbines Grow."

To get information like this, contact the Colorado State Publications Library at www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpask.asp. You also can order multiple copies of the new informational brochure about State Publications and the depository libraries around the state.

September Book News Online for Readers, Writers

The September edition of the BOOC Book News is attached and is also available for download at the Book Organizations of Colorado web site, www.coloradobook.org. This edition lists events of interest to

the Colorado book community for September and beyond.

Dolores Library Wins Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence

The Dolores Public Library District recently won a Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence from the Colorado Community Revitalization Association, Colorado Municipal League, Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Qwest, and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The "Colorful Colorado Award" mentioned community synergy as well as the twelve years of persistence that won Dolores a new library. The old library, located adjacent to town hall, had outgrown its small 2,200 square foot space. Popular collections had to be stored, there was no room for children and parents to participate in children's programs, and staff had no room to work on books and assist patrons. The library district passed a mil levy for the new building and successful grant applications provided an additional \$437,000, yet funding still came up short. That did not deter the library board, staff and director, though. They turned to a grassroots fundraising effort, aided by the community. The result is a 6,500 square foot building nestled along the Dolores River. Information will be posted at www.ccrainline.org.

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