



## Colorado's National Library Week Poster Contest

Students can win a gift certificate for books for themselves and for their school or library in the Colorado State Library annual children's poster contest. Children create and enter their posters according to the guidelines. The grand prize is a \$250 certificate for books for the sponsoring school library media center, public library, home school, or art program, and a \$100 certificate for books to the student artist. The grand prize-winning poster becomes the official school/library poster to promote libraries, books, and reading for National Library Week.

### Additional prizes include:

- 1st prize: \$75 bookstore gift certificate awarded in each category (4 awarded)
  - 2nd prize: \$50 bookstore gift certificate awarded in each category (4 awarded)
  - 3rd prize: \$25 bookstore gift certificate awarded in each category (4 awarded)
- The categories are:**
- Kindergarten through 2nd grade
  - Grades 3 through 5
  - Grades 6 through 8
  - Grades 9 through 12

### Finalist and honorable mention ribbons are also awarded.

The contest theme is *Readers: Leaders of the 21st Century*. Entrants should create their posters with this

theme in mind. Posters should be no larger than 11" x 14"; the winning poster will be reproduced in black and white, therefore neatness and contrast are important; color entries are welcome.

Each entry must include the following information attached securely to the back of the poster: Student artist name and grade; school, library, home school, or art program name, address, and phone; and the name of the sponsoring librarian or teacher.

Send entries to: Poster Contest - K.Sagee, Colorado State Library, 201 E. Colfax Ave. #309, Denver, CO 80203.

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## Educational Options for Students Who Use Talking Books: A Conference for Students, Teachers, and Parents

Get answers to your questions about non-print materials available to Colorado students, which agency is responsible for your child's needs, scholarships for reading disabled children, and how to make the best use of resources for print-handicapped students. Deputy Commissioner of Education Richard Elmer is the keynote speaker. Current technology will be on display.

This conference takes place Saturday, September 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Colorado Talking Book Library, 180 Sheridan Blvd., Denver.

### Representatives from the following will be available:

- Colorado Talking Book Library
- Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic
- Learning Disabilities Association of Colorado
- Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind
- Colorado Instructional Media Center
- Colorado Assistive Technology Project
- Disabilities Center of Auraria Campus.

There is no charge to attend the conference, but reservations are required because of limited seating availability. Call the Colorado Talking Book Library at 303/727-9277 or 800/685-2136 for reservations.

# What's Happening

FROM THE COLORADO STATE LIBRARY

## Cooperation Between Colorado and Bulgarian Libraries: An Update

by Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian,  
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I'm preparing a longer report of this year's Bulgarian 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 local government agencies can 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.

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 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.

We will have Bulgarian jewelry for sale and information about the programs above at the State Library's booth at CLA. Remember that 10% of all jewelry sales goes to the CLA fund for this partnership and will help pay the postage to send materials.

Thank you for all of your support in the past.

# Library News

Jefferson County Commissioners recently honored nine employees of the **Jefferson County Public Library** for their response following the tragedy at Columbine High School. The nearby Columbine Library was initially a safe haven for fleeing students. Later, following a middle-of-the-night request, it became a communication command center for county officials and law enforcement agencies.

Commissioner **Michelle Lawrence** commended the library building services staff, saying, "These are the people who kept the building open 24 hours a day. They moved furniture and books so that the circulation workroom could serve as counseling center, office, and television studio."

Building Services Supervisor **Bob Bobitsky**, Delivery Coordinator **Martha Martin**, **Al Santangelo**, **Martin Harrington**, **Craig Hanneman**, and **Greg Weiland** were recognized. **Dorothy Gallegos** of the library's automated resources department was praised by Commissioner **Patricia B. Holloway** for her expertise in providing computer and telephone services. Public Information Officer **Barbara Yost** was thanked for her service as liaison with library staff, locating resources and dealing with calls from citizens and the media.

Library Director **Bill Knott** was commended for the crisis response plan that made it possible to smoothly turn the county's busiest library from a public library to a crisis communication command center and back to a library again.

In addition to thanks, the library employees also received county jackets.

**George Machovec**, Associate Director of the **Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (CARL)**, is a new **LITA (Library and Information Technology Association)** board member. LITA is a division of the American Library Association (ALA). Machovec has served as both member and chair of the LITA Publications Committee, and has been active in a number of professional groups, including the International Coalition of Library Consortia.

**Gretchen Hamlett**, Reference Librarian, **Delta Public Library**, received a \$500 prize in the "What the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Service Means to Me" essay contest, sponsored by OCLC and its U.S. regional networks

and international distributors in honor of the 20th anniversary of the OCLC Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service. Hamlett said that the OCLC ILL service helps her small, rural library better serve the community. "OCLC Interlibrary Loan service means we have access to materials far beyond our own limited scope. It means our small staff has capabilities extending beyond our own collection and that we may speak confidently with our customers, knowing our resources are varied and wide." A panel of regional network directors and OCLC staff chose the winning essays from over 300 entries received from five countries.

**Spanish Peaks Library District** was selected by FOLUSA and Baker and Taylor Awards to receive an outstanding Friends Group Award. The Friends of the Spanish Peaks Library, formerly Huerfano County Library, fought a library budget decrease by starting their own community library.

The Friends collected data, set up a speakers bureau with four public speakers, and enlisted others to promote the library whenever possible. Eventually, 23 Friends took part publicly on behalf of the 1998 campaign. The Friends are now looking forward to continuing their used book sales, library week teas, assistance with the summer reading program, taking inventory, and contributing funds for book purchases and painting the library; their 1998 projects have successfully continued into 1999.

**Pikes Peak Library District** will preserve the complete photographic treasure of documentary and fine art photographer **Myron Wood** at the downtown Carnegie Library Building, adjacent to Penrose Public Library. The library purchased the collection and copyright from Mr. Wood in 1992. A nationally known photographer, Wood lived and worked in Colorado Springs for nearly half a century. He died in July at his home in Colorado Springs at age 77.

**Rochelle Logan**, MLIS, is the new associate director of the Library Research Service (LRS), a unit of the **Colorado State Library** and the Colorado Department of Education operated in partnership with the University of Denver Library and Information Services Department. Logan is a recent DU graduate, and is past president of the Library and Information Services Association, that library school's graduate student organization. She is also an active member of the Colorado Library Association and the American Library Association. She serves on the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) Education Committee and the Research and Statistics Committee of the Management and Operation of User

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Services Section (MOUSS) of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA). Logan succeeds **Ann M. Seidl**, who recently relocated to Tallahassee, Florida.

**Rose Nelson** was hired as the principal consultant for library technology at the Colorado State Library. Nelson, a graduate of Emporia State University master of library science program, was automation consultant for the South Central Kansas Regional Library System. She began her career at the Denver Public Library. She is a member of the American Library Association, Kansas Library Association, and Colorado Library Association. Nelson will administer the Graphical User Interface (GUI) and Gates grants, provide technology training in cooperation with the regional library systems, help libraries develop long range technology plans, and assist with the revision and recommendation of statewide technology standards. Contact her by email to <nelson\_r@cde.state.co.us> or by phone at 303/866-6900.

**John Courtney**, former director of the Haverhill (MA) Public Library, has been appointed associate director of Administrative Services of the Pikes Peak Library District. Courtney will direct the activities of the Human Resources, Facilities, and Public Relations offices and the Community Video Center.

## LSTA Local Needs Grants Awarded

The Colorado State Library has awarded \$176,000 of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) money in grants to schools and libraries throughout the state. Most of the projects will support improvements to libraries at schools or serving the public.

Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries, said, "This year's applicants demonstrate the commitment of libraries to broadening the use of resources, especially by the education community. Two major needs are collection development and making the catalogs available online. These grants enable the Colorado State Library and Colorado Department of Education to respond to local needs."

### Award recipients include:

#### **Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System, \$10,000**

Cooperation and partnership among

library systems and schools by improving student achievement in writing skills with workshops, training, and cluster meetings.

#### **Northeast Middle School, Northglenn-Thornton 12, \$10,298**

To improve selection of materials in the school library, implement a new reading-incentive program, and encourage voluntary reading, especially for targeted student groups, based on Model Content Standards for Reading and Writing.

#### **Hulstrom Elementary School, Northglenn-Thornton 12, \$5,060**

Links to Literacy project will build a relationship between the library at Hulstrom and the three preschool programs housed in the building, improve the collection for special-needs children and parents, and provide parenting workshops.

#### **Springfield School District RE-4, Baca County, \$7,499**

Creates conditions under which students can meet the district's new academic standards, improve students' reading and writing abilities, and

## LSTA Local Guidelines Released

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Local Needs Guidelines should be delivered to libraries and schools before November 1.

Regional systems, school districts, and BOCES can schedule training workshops for grant writing to the guidelines. Workshops are available October through January. Contact Dan Petro of the Colorado State Library to schedule a workshop: 303/866-6900, email <petro\_d@cde.state.co.us>.

If you have not received a copy of the guidelines by November 1, contact the Library Development Unit assistant at 303/866-6789.

extend school library hours to encourage additional student use.

#### **Northglenn Middle School, Northglenn-Thornton 12, \$10,000**

Increases resources to encourage voluntary and informational reading by students, and provides motivational activities, special family events, and support materials for students, teachers, and parents.

#### **Sierra Grande School District, Costilla County, \$13,680**

Updates and expands a deficient library collection, involves students in reviewing materials, produces a newsletter, and offers opportunities to achieve the goals of the Model Content Standards for Reading and Writing as well as the Visual Arts.

#### **Baker Middle School, Denver, \$13,737**

Increased the school library's role in mathematical literacy by helping students read, write, and discuss mathematical concepts using software and technology resources.

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**Samuels Elementary School,  
Denver, \$8,476**

S.O.A.R. (Student Online Access to Research) projects will involve the school librarian, teachers, and students in collaborative research using technology, field trips, interviews, printed material, and other resources.

**Poudre High School,  
Fort Collins, \$6,220**

Will open the school library to students and the community during selected non-school hours, and collaborate with the public library to offer information literacy talks to the community, specifically to senior citizens.

**Sabin Elementary School,  
Denver (\$6,862)**

Develops a library reference area with materials especially chosen for special education students, and for cooperative library activities between special education youth and other students.

**Moffat Consolidated School District #2, Saguache County, \$5,300**

Provides an automated circulation/cataloging system for expanding school library services to students, families, and the community, including retro conversion of past records, then mak-

ing them accessible through ACLIN.

**Irish Elementary School,  
Fort Collins \$12,452**

Money will be used to improve the quality of materials available to Spanish-speaking students in the school media center, consonant with the Colorado Model Content Standards for Reading and Writing, and enhance their literacy skills.

**Florence School District Re-2,  
Fremont County, \$13,000**

The goal is to improve K-8 student achievement in the areas of science and social studies by providing grade-level appropriate library resources in support of newly developed District Re-2 curricula and the Colorado Model Content Standards.

**Colorado Supreme Court Library,  
Denver, \$15,000**

Funds will be used to automate the library catalog, serials records, and acquisitions, and make resources available statewide through ACLIN.

**John Tomay Memorial Library,  
Georgetown, \$15,000**

Automates the circulation system, completes retrospective conversion of

16,800 bibliographic records, and provides statewide access to the catalog through ACLIN.

**Adams County Library System,  
\$4,625**

To expand educational resources to youth by providing public workstations in the youth sections of the five ACLS branches (Brighton, Commerce City, Northglenn, Perl Mack, and Thornton).

**University of Southern Colorado,  
Pueblo, \$5,406**

Provides improved equipment for access to information and resources available in CD-ROM format only.

**Berthoud Public Library, \$2640**

Bibliographic records will be accessible through ACLIN through upgrading the automated circulation/catalog system.

**Colorado Department of  
Corrections Libraries, \$11,000**

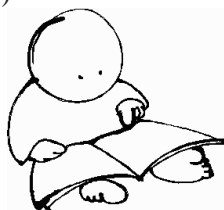
Library use among the under served Hispanic population in 18 of the state's 20 facilities will be encouraged through increased materials and cultural awareness training for staff.

## Colorado Summer Reading 2000

The Colorado Summer Reading Committee is seeking creative ideas for the summer reading manual. The committee invites ideas from across the state; all librarians, library staff, teachers, day care providers, and education and library students are encouraged to contribute. Steven Kellogg will create the artwork for the younger readers to the theme "Book Play." A different artist will create the "Summer Scene" teen theme clip art.

**Please submit your ideas, including:**

- booklists (by subject, age group, etc.)
- display/bulletin board
- craft ideas
- general program ideas
- partnering ideas with businesses
- clip art
- lesson plans (to be used by libraries, schools, and home schoolers)



- complete story time programs (booklist, finger plays, & activity all together)
- games/puzzles/finger plays
- ideas for serving ESL clients.

The committee plans to develop the manual quickly, and needs submissions by September, with a rough draft available to view at CLA in October. Think of what you've done this summer that worked well — a display, way of keeping track of readers, etc. — and share it.

**To contribute, contact:**

Carole Arnold, Dolores Public Library, P.O. Box 847, Dolores, CO 81323-0847, phone 970/882-4127, fax 970/883-2224, email <carole@fone.net>; or Mary McCarthy, ACLIN/Colorado State Library, 201 E. Colfax, Denver, CO 80203, phone 303/866-6939, fax 303/866-6940, email <marymc@sni.net>.

Instructions and information about contributing can be found on the 1999 TitleWave Summer Reading Web site, located at <<http://www.aclin.org/~ccftb/titlewave/>>.

## State Publications

### Additional Youth Violence Information

The titles on this list are published by the Center for the Study and Prevention for youth Violence, Institute for Behavioral Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Visit their Web site <<http://www.colorado.edu/cspv>> for these and other titles available online, plus free, in-house, database searches. See the June 1999 issue of *Centennial State Libraries* <<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/lib-news.htm>> for the initial bibliography on youth violence.

To borrow any of these publications, contact the *State Publications Library*, 201 E. Colfax Ave., Room 314, Denver, CO 80203; 303/866-6725; fax 303/866-6940. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Publications may also be available at depository libraries that carry state government documents, or through interlibrary loan. For information, access the Web site at <<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slstpubs.htm>>.

**D.A.R.E. Program.** UCB6/109.14/PS002. 1998. 1 sheet. CSPV position summary.

**Ethnicity, race, class, and adolescent violence.** UCB6/109.15/FS006. 1998. 1 sheet. CSPV fact sheet.

**Gangs and youth violence.** UCB6/109.2/G15/1998. 1 sheet.

**Gun control prevention efforts.** UCB6/109.14/PS003. 1 sheet. CSPV position summary.

**Juvenile sexual aggression.** UCB6/109.15/FS005. 1997. 1 sheet. CSPV fact sheet.

**Positive peer culture programs.** UCB6/109.14/PS004. 1 sheet. CSPV position summary.

**Prenatal and infancy home visitation by nurses/principal author, David L. Olds.** UCB6/109.11/7. 1998. 96 p.

**Prevention programs that work for youth: violence prevention/by Delbert S. Elliott.** UCB6/109.8/P92/1998. 4p.

**Promoting alternative thinking strategies (PATHS)/principal author[s], Mark T. Greenberg and Carol Kusche.** UCB6/109.11/10. 1998. 109p.

**Supporting youth by strengthening communities: helping children grow and preventing problem behaviors: the DART model, linking Development and Risk Together.** 1v. (various pagings).

**Youth handgun violence.** UCB6/109.15/FS001. 1 sheet. CSPV fact sheet.

The following are part of the CSPV School Violence Fact Sheet Series:

**Social contexts and adolescent violence.** UCB6/109.13/SV03. 1998.

**Reducing school violence.** UCB6/109.13/SV07. 1998.

**Community policing, schools, and mental health.** UCB6/109.13/SV11. 1998.

**Recommendations for safe school plans.** UCB6/109.13/SV09B. 1998.

**Evaluations of school-based violence prevention.** UCB6/109.13/SV08. 1998.

**Youth violence: a public health concern.** UCB6/109.13/SV02. 1998.

**School violence and social conditions.** UCB6/109.13/SV05. 1998.

**Safe school planning.** UCB6/109.13/SV09A. 1998.

**Juvenile aggression.** UCB6/109.13/SV04. 1998.

**Urban after-school programs.** UCB6/109.13/SV12. 1998.

**Preventing firearm violence.** UCB6/109.13/SV06. 1998.

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characters will be disqualified.

All materials must be received by January 31, 2000. Early submissions are encouraged.

Winners will be announced in February 2000. Prizes will be awarded in Denver at a ceremony in conjunction with National Library Week.

Contact the Colorado State Library for answers to questions about the contest: email <[sagee\\_k@cde.state.co.us](mailto:sagee_k@cde.state.co.us)>; phone 303/866-6900; fax 303/866-6940.

The 1999 winning poster was created by Leslie Trujillo, an 11th grader sponsored by the Lamar High School Library in Lamar.



## ACLIN Update



by Mary McCarthy, <marymc@sni.net>

The ACLIN Business & Consumer Web Site Road Show

### Do the following questions sound familiar?

- I want to start a new business. I need to find out about business plans and any other information that might help. How do I find out who my competitors might be?
- Where can I find information on making the best investment choices?
- I'm buying a new VCR. Do you have reports comparing the different make and models?
- Where can I get an application form for a passport and information on visa requirements?
- Where and how do I file a consumer complaint?



## BUSINESS & CONSUMER

- What are my rights and responsibilities as an employer?

Stop wasting time and money with search engines and get down to business. The ACLIN Business and Consumer Web site, located online at <<http://business.aclin.org/>> is where you can quickly find the answers to your client's business and consumer related questions.

The ACLIN Business and Consumer Web site is the place to find invaluable, Colorado-focused information side by side with national information on Personal Finance, Doing Business in Colorado, Laws and Regulations, consumer awareness, and much more. The site will be updated throughout the summer, and additional improvements will be made to the site, including a site search engine and index. We invite you to visit the site and to give us feedback on other resources you think might be useful.

The Business and Consumer Web site is a collaborative effort of the Colorado State Library, the Auraria Library, and Colorado business librarians as part of the ACLIN Collection Development project. This project serves as the statewide platform for cooperative collection development of Internet resources. ACLIN Collection Development projects are overseen by the ACLIN Collection Development Committee under the auspices of the Resource Sharing Board.

Librarians involved in the project have been providing

training sessions in the metro area on the uses and advantages of the ACLIN Business & Consumer Web site. These sessions are designed to introduce area librarians to the new site, enabling them to better assist their clients in the future. Overviews of the subject areas and helpful hints about this core collection of business-related sites were shared. Betsy Baxendale (Aurora Public Library), Elizabeth D'Antonio-Gan (Auraria Library), Dixie Malone (DPL-Central), Greg Mickells (Douglas Public Library District), Lou Petterchak (DPL-Central), and Caroline Urquhart-Adams (Maxtor Corporate Library) each provided trainings and demonstrations of the new site at area libraries.

The ACLIN Business & Consumer librarians will present their experiences and the Business & Consumer Web site at the upcoming CLA Conference in Snowmass. They will also speak of the professional development opportunities provided by working collaboratively through ACLIN. An additional ACLIN Collection Development session will focus on the Health & Medicine site, the Educational Standards site, and future Networking & Resource Sharing developments. Please join us for these informational sessions on Saturday, October 9th, and consider getting involved in the ACLIN Collection Development Project.

## Dial-up Change

Qwest/SuperNet is making important changes in the way clients dial-in using the ACLIN numbers. Currently, at the username prompt, users type in 'ac' and are allowed into the system. As of September 1, all users will be required to enter a username and a password. The new dial-up procedure is as follows:

- At the name prompt, type ac in lower case letters.
- At the password prompt, type ac in lower case letters.

Upper case letters will not work.

Please help us inform our clients statewide about these dial-up changes. Updated PR materials are available by calling 303/866-6939 or by visiting the "About ACLIN" section of the Web site.



## Colorado Talking Book Library: A Resource for Learning Disabled Kids

by Lois Rubin Gross, <gross\_l@cde.state.co.us>

Discovering books and reading should be one of the joys of childhood, but a reading disability steals that delight from many children. That's when the Colorado Talking Book Library (CTBL), a unit of the Colorado State Library, becomes a valuable resource for children who have this handicap.

Reading problems do qualify as a disability, and are recognized as such by the Library of Congress, which sets the rules for the CTBL. With a (required) medical doctor's certification, learning and reading disabled children qualify for books-on-tape to use in school and for recreational reading. Young readers also qualify for the specially engineered playback equipment so that they can listen to Library of Congress four-track tapes. These tapes represent a large spectrum of titles, everything from Dr. Seuss to *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The Talking Book Library does not supply textbooks, but can direct students and their care givers to other agencies that can help them get texts-on-tape, too.

On Saturday, September 25, the CTBL will be hosting a workshop entitled *Educational Options for Students Who Use Talking Books*. Seven agencies, including Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, the Colorado Assistive Technology Project, Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, The Learning Disabilities Association of Colorado, and the Disabilities Services for Auraria Campus will join the Talking Book Library to discuss library and educational support services that are available to students with print handicaps. The keynote speaker will be Dick Elmer, Deputy Commissioner of Education for the State of Colorado. Attendance will be limited to 75 because of the size of the room. If demand warrants, the workshop may be repeated at a later date. Call the CTBL at 303/727-9277 or 800/685-2136 to reserve your place.

The CTBL is on the Internet with more information and an application that can be printed from the Web site. Visit <<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/ctbl.htm>>. Parents, teachers, and students can also call the library to have applications and information sent to them by mail.

A recent survey of students using the CTBL as support source for schoolwork showed a high level of satisfaction with the resources that are provided. One user wrote of the "sense of freedom" that talking books provide; a mother wrote, "This program has opened the world to my son."

If you serve learning disabled students who need talking book service, tell them about the Colorado Talking Book Library. It may provide the key to a whole new world of books and reading!



by John Eric Noran, <noran\_j@cde.state.co.us>

### E-rate Upheld

A lawsuit filed to challenge the implementation by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) of the Universal Service Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has been decided largely in favor of the FCC.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit found that the obligation of carriers to contribute to the Universal Service Fund was not an unconstitutional tax, that discounts for Internet access and internal connections can lawfully be funded under the program, and that non-telecom carriers (for example, Internet service providers that do not also offer telephone services) can receive payments from the Universal Service Fund if they provide eligible services.

Although this action removes a significant threat to the e-rate program, other bills currently moving through Congress present additional challenges.

### Year 1 BEAR Forms

Although the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) set August 15 as the deadline for submitting BEAR (Billed Applicant Reimbursement) forms, they will in fact be accepted until December 15, 1999. These forms allow applicants who qualified for discounts in Year 1 to request reimbursement for costs that they had to pay in full because their service providers did not provide discounted invoices. Remember the following:

1. You must first file your Form 486 acknowledging receipt of services.
2. You must fill out the first three pages and the top of the fourth page of each BEAR form, fax the entire form to your service provider for a signature, and then mail or overnight the entire form (with your original signature and your provider's faxed signature) to the SLD.
3. You must specify to your service provider whether you want a check or a credit to your account for the reimbursed discount amount.

BEAR forms may be required for some applicants in Year 2 as well, though the SLD is working hard

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to minimize that possibility.

### Year 3 Applications

The SLD expects to open the window for filing Year 3 applications at the beginning of October 1999, though the actual start date may be later. If all goes as planned, each applicant should complete the application process (file Form 470, wait at least 28 days, file Form 471) by the end of January 2000.

This year applicants will be able to file Form 470 online with either Internet Explorer version 3.0 or higher or Netscape version 3.0 or higher. Form 471 filing online will require Internet Explorer version 4.0 or higher or Netscape version 4.0 or higher. The SLD encourages applicants to file online to reduce processing errors and speed up funding commitment decisions.

If you have any questions about the e-rate program, contact John Noran at 303/866-6894 or by e-mail to <noran\_j@cde.state.co.us>.

## Power Libraries: Helping Students Meet Standards LSTA Grant Now Available

by Eugene Hainer, <hainer\_g@cde.state.co.us>

The Power Libraries project is funded to offer a second round of grants this fall. This project began in 1998 with Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) funding to implement several projects impacting school libraries. The goals of this second round project mirror those of the original project, and include:

- 1) Provide schools with funding to add additional materials to the school library collection, along with staff development activities to engage the school staff to better utilize the library in the school curriculum.
- 2) Designate several model schools (known as High Performance School Libraries) to work with those receiving funding for materials on how to better incorporate library instruction and resources to improve student achievement.

A list of the schools to receive funding and recognition in the first round of the Power Libraries project can be found in the January 1999 issue of *Centennial State Libraries*.

Schools may apply for either part of the project. The following questions will help guide potential applicants to determine which part their schools should apply for.

### Recognition as a High Performance School Library

- Does your school library media center have a certified, endorsed library media specialist?

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- Is your library media program an integral part of your school curricula?
- Is your library media program essential in promoting student achievement through teacher-librarian collaboration?
- Does your library media program have current, adequate resources to meet student and staff needs?
- Would you like financial support to share your expertise with other schools in the state?

If you answered yes to all or most of these questions, you should consider applying to be a High Performance School Library. Up to ten schools will be selected for this honor and the associated funding and fame that accompanies such designation.

### Get expertise and funding to strengthen your school library

- Do you want to receive intensive training and ongoing support to help your library become an essential partner in the school curricula?
- Would you like to work cooperatively with a library media specialist in an exemplary school library?
- Would you like to develop partnerships with teachers and administrators in helping students achieve standards?
- Would you like financial support to improve your collection?

If you answered yes to all or most of these questions, you should consider applying for mini-grant funding. Up to ten schools will be selected to receive this financial support and be teamed with a High Performance School Library to learn how the resources and instruction in the library can enhance student achievement.

For an application packet further explaining both opportunities to help your school library, contact the Central Colorado Library System, 303/422-1150, e-mail <gbarhydt@ix.netcom.com>; or the Colorado State Library, 303/866-6900, email <hainer\_g@cde.state.co.us>.

## Library Media Blitz!

by Eugene Hainer, <hainer\_g@cde.state.co.us>

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in a becoming a school library media specialist? Many school districts in Colorado are experiencing a shortage of qualified people to fill existing and anticipated openings in school library media centers. To learn more about this rewarding career, plan to attend one of two Library Media Nights in September. These events are for interested classroom teachers or librarians who want to know more about moving into school library jobs.

Two Library Media Blitz nights will be held in the metro area. The first begins at 7p.m. September 7 at the Student Achievement Resource Center (SARC), located at 14188 Briarwood Avenue, near Briarwood and Jordan Road in the Cherry Creek School District. A second will be held September 15 in the Northglenn/Thornton area at a time and location to be determined. These events are being planned and sponsored by members of the Front Range Urban Media Professionals (FRUMPS), a consortium of front-

range school district library media directors and designees. Both evening events will follow the model of the highly successful District Media Night held by the Boulder Valley School District library media staff in June.

Featured speakers will discuss potential jobs, endorsement information, and higher education opportunities. Speakers include representatives from the Colorado Department of Education, Emporia of the Rockies, the University of Colorado at Denver, the University of Northern Colorado, and the University of Denver library education programs. Participation from area school district Human Resources Departments is also planned to field questions and offer a general overview of the future of the profession. Several practicing school library media specialists will also be available to answer questions about what they do, and why you should get involved in this always-exciting, ever-changing field.

For additional information, contact Eugene Hainer at the Colorado State Library, 303/866-6900; Roberta Ponis of the Jefferson County School District, 303/982-5953; or Su Eckhardt, Cherry Creek SARC, 303/486-4081.

## Partners in Student Achievement:

### Learning about the Role of School Libraries in Meeting Standards

by Eugene Hainer, <hainer\_g@cde.state.co.us>

A one-day workshop on ensuring that your school is an effective partner in achieving standards will be offered this fall. This workshop is for principals and their building-level librarians to attend as a team to learn about the importance of the library and library resources in student achievement. Topics to be covered include:

- Assessment: determining the quality of your school library program;
- Professional Development: defining the role of the library media program in student achievement;
- Collaboration: including the library resources and instruction as an integral part of the school curriculum;
- Planning: developing short- and long-range goals for the school library program.

This one-day workshop will be offered in three locations: Denver, September 28; Pueblo, September 30; Grand Junction, October 4. The workshop fee is \$25 per team (principal and library media specialist). Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided, lodging on your own. The seven Colorado Regional Library Service Systems, the Principals' Center at UCD, and the Colorado Association of School Executives are sponsoring these workshops, with additional support from the Colorado State Library.

For additional information and registration packets, contact the Central Colorado Library System, 303/422-1150; the Colorado State Library, 303/866-6900; or complete and fax the following registration request to CCLS at 303/431-9752.

**Please fax this request to the Central Colorado Library System: 303/431-9752.**

Yes, I would like to register for the workshop in: (Circle one)

- Denver - 9/28/99
- Pueblo - 9/30/99
- Grand Junction 10/4/99

Please send complete registration information to:

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Librarian/library staff names \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes to Note

The Wilkinson Public Library (Telluride) presents **Writers in the Sky**, a one-day event to encourage and promote reading for pleasure. (It is not a workshop for writers.) This year's featured authors include: Page Lambert, Stephen Walsh White, Kent Nelson, Terry Tempest Williams, and Karla Kuban. The event will take place on October 23rd from 9-4, at the Cimarron Conference Center in Telluride. Attendance is limited to 100. Admission is \$45, and includes a luncheon with Brooke Williams as the speaker. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.colosys.net/wilkinson/sky>, or by phone to 1/88-TELLURIDE or by calling the library at 970/728-4519. The Web site has additional information, or phone the library.

The **Colorado Digitization Project** will sponsor a leadership seminar on digitization September 30 - October 1. Two nationally recognized leaders from the museum and library communities will discuss collaborative digitization. The University of Colorado Museum will be the site of a reception where attendees will be able to view unique exhibits and collections on Colorado's history and culture. Attendees will be able to select from four technical sessions on organizing digital collections through metadata, scanning standards, legal issues associated with digitization, and a series of case studies by representatives from area museums, historical societies and libraries on their experience with a digitization project. The seminar will be held at the University of Colorado, Boulder, beginning at 3:30 on Thursday, September 30. Brochures on the seminar were sent to all Colorado archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums this month. For additional information email Liz Bishoff, CDP Project Director, at [bishoffl@concentric.net](mailto:bishoffl@concentric.net), or phone Renee Emeson at the Colorado State Library, 303/866-6900.

The Colorado ASI Chapter presents its **Fifth Rocky Mountain Indexing Conference**, Let's Get Profitable workshop by Susan Olason. The workshop takes place Saturday, September 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Depot in Boulder Colorado. Let's Get Profitable stresses that profits are the result of informed decisions at each stage of an efficient indexing and business process. This workshop will assist new indexers in setting up their businesses efficiently and provide experienced indexers with a technique to analyze their indexing workflow and increase productivity. Registration fee is \$20 for ASI members, \$25 for non-ASI members, and \$30 after September 8 or at-the-door. Register by sending a check made payable to Colorado Chapter ASI to: Lisa Lister, 2223 McArthur Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80909; 719/520-5913; email [WindsIndex@aol.com](mailto:WindsIndex@aol.com). Confirmation, map, and information about nearby restaurants will be sent to you. Refreshments at breaks will be provided. Please address any questions about the workshop to Susan Olason, [oleduke@ix.netcom.com](mailto:oleduke@ix.netcom.com).

Ninety-five libraries participated in a **survey for the Central Colorado Library System**, conducted by Schenkein/Sherman. The results can be found on the CCLS Web page by clicking "Survey Results" on the home page <http://www.cclsweb.org>.

*A Man to Cross Rivers With* is an historical novel inspired by the real-life 1800's legendary sheriff "Doc" Shores of Gunnison County. Shores worked dusty, life-threatening jobs all over the frontier. In the 1880's, he and his wife moved to Colorado and his greatest challenge began. This is author Richard Davis' first book, and is available for \$12.95 from Western Reflections, 800/993-4490, email [westref@ouray-colorado.net](mailto:westref@ouray-colorado.net); PO Box 710, 616 Main St., Ouray, CO 81427; 970/325-4490.

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and collaborator on the Library-Museum-Head Start Partnership, announces publication of *A Library Head Start to Literacy: The Resource Notebook for the Library-Museum-Head Start Partnership*. The publication is written by Virginia H. Mathews, a consultant and coordinator of the Library-Museum-Head Start Project, and Susan Roman, executive director of ALSC.

The book results from the Library-Head Start Partnership Project, administered by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. In 1994, the partnership was expanded to include the Association of Youth Museums. This project was designed to show libraries and museums that serve children how to work with Head Start classrooms to enhance learning by involving parents and other care givers in children's literacy and language development. All materials may be copied and used for education purposes as long as the original source is cited. The 295-page resource is available for \$6.50, which includes shipping and handling. To order, call ALA Order Fulfillment at 800/545-2433, press 7. The ISBN number is 0-8389-8065-1. For further information, call 800/545-2433, ext. 2163 or send e-mail to [alasc@ala.org](mailto:alasc@ala.org).

## CLC Update

As of July 31, 1999

### New members:

- Manassa Elementary, Manassa; Dora Gay Anderson, 719/843-5401
- Riverview Elementary, Durango; Marilyn Zion, 970/247-3862
- Sunnyside Elementary, Durango; Janet Oliver, 970/259-5249
- Mountain Valley Schools, Saguache; Deborah L. Flickinger, 719/655-2578

## IMLS Study Reports Library and Museum Partnerships are a Natural

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) released highlights of its research of library/museum partnerships at the American Library Association (ALA) annual meeting. The quantitative and qualitative study found an interesting paradox. Interview findings show that museums and libraries typically do not consider each other as partners, but when they do partner they report a very positive experience. Together they find they can:

- increase access to information in their communities;
- enhance education;
- attract new audiences;
- expand the reach of their programs.

Partners report that they have similar missions and audiences, and once in a partnership both museum and library partners view their collaborations as a natural fit.

What would help more libraries and museums achieve these benefits? The majority of libraries indicate that the availability of outside funding is a key criterion when considering a new partnership, however, very few are aware of IMLS funding that supports library/museum partnerships.

In 1998, IMLS awarded the first grants for library/museum partnerships under its National Leadership Grants. IMLS performed this study to assess the program's potential and gather insights to help encourage library/museum partnerships. The study details the partnership experience, the audiences targeted by partnership, challenges and suc-

cess factors, and resources and contribution needs. IMLS National Leadership Grant guidelines for FY2000 will be available in mid-fall, the deadline for application is April 2000.

Typical partnerships vary in scale. Large-scale projects include:

- opening new exhibit spaces;
- cataloging and digitizing collections;
- creating joint databases;
- creating digitized exhibits and/or collections on the Internet;
- opening a children's discovery center;
- offering computer training;
- developing traveling exhibits.

Some small-scale projects include:

- writing a short column for a museum newsletter;
- displaying artwork and creating exhibit-related bibliographies;
- distributing free museum admission passes;
- hosting lectures and workshops;
- developing children's summer reading programs.

IMLS was created by the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996. IMLS is an independent federal grant making agency serving the public by strengthening museums and libraries. For more information and grant guidelines, contact: IMLS, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20506; 202/606-8536; or visit the Web sit at <<http://www.imls.gov/>>. Email <[imlsinfor@imls.gov](mailto:imlsinfor@imls.gov)> for the full report.

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