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State Librarian's Report

I was pleased to participate in the Collaborative Digitization Projects (CDP), "Western Trails Round-Up," on September 4. This Round-Up was an important milestone in the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Western Trails grant to CDP. We saw a preview of what the Western Trails web site will look like, and saw demos, and heard presentations from Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. A keynote by Daniel Greenstein, from California Digital at the University of California, focused on issues of sustainability.

COSLA:

The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) is a small association of only 50 members, all the State Librarians or their designee. At a recent meeting one important presentation was by Nancy Weiss of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), about CIPA. Since CIPA applies to all federal funds used to purchase computers to access the Internet or for costs to access the Internet.

Weiss said that IMLS had determined that, for IMLS funds, CIPA compliance follows the money. Whenever a state uses the funds, regardless of the federal year of funds, CIPA applies. The FCC has ruled that CIPA has a two-year initial implementation of CIPA. In the first year, a library must be preparing to comply, and by the second year they must be in compliance with CIPA. For school libraries, funds spent in '03 were for the preparation year, thus they must be in compliance in '04 or seek a waiver.

For public libraries because there was an injunction on compliance in FY03, then FY04 is the preparatory year, and FY05 will be the first full compliance year. Weiss said that IMLS is implementing CIPA as interpreted by the Supreme Court, i.e., Internet filtering should be turned off for adults upon request without any review of the purpose. Weiss said IMLS is inviting questions from state libraries so they can develop an FAQ. They would like these questions to come from the state level, so if Colorado libraries have questions, send them to the Colorado State Library, please.

Other questions asked had to do with who can unblock filters, for whom. Under IMLS rules, an adult can unblock for kids. IMLS has taken no position on whether a library page, underage, under the supervision of a library administrator, can turn off a filter for an adult. Weiss also issued an interpretation of Title VI prohibition against discrimination of people with limited English proficiency. Colorado can be proud of our recent activity to translate the Colorado Virtual Library homepage into Spanish.

Bob Martin, director of IMLS, reported on an analysis of how states long-range plans comply with the goals of LSTA. A preliminary analysis shows high compliance. The evaluation also looked at how a state Library conducted its needs-assessment and the ability to report outcomes or results of the use of LSTA plans. Overall, state plans are weaker in this arena (as we have noticed in evaluation of Colorado libraries' subgrants). IMLS wants us to work harder on evaluation and reporting results.

OMB has also issued a performance, assessment, and rating goals (PART) form that IMLS must complete. PART holds federal feet to the fire and requires them to show results of the use of federal funds. IMLS will be required to submit projected measurable results. Martin also announced a collaboration with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to launch the partnership for a Nation of Learners. It is intended to foster local community collaborations. IMLS is also developing an MOU with the Department of Health and Human Services on the value of libraries and museums to the Headstart Program and Early Childhood Education.

Beecher Wiggins from the Library of Congress spoke on their web archive program. They aggressively captured web sites relating to Election 2000 at the state and national level. They now plan to do the same for Election 2004, so real political junkies can follow day-to-day election activities. LC is also capturing information about the 9/11 tragedy. Wiggins also announced the availability of \$75 million for the preservation of at-risk digital collections. They want applicants to identify and justify the value of the collections, how they will be preserved, what partners are involved and where the digital collection will be housed with LC an option.

LC is collecting oral histories from WWII veterans. They are looking for partners at the

local level, so if you know of or are working with veterans, check out the LC web page.

The COSLA Legislative Committee reported that after three years of hard work, LSTA will most likely be passed this week. The appropriations for LSTA for next year are still under discussion. An amendment would raise the state grants, restore funding for Native American set-aside, and raise the school library program to \$27.5 million.

The COSLA CE Committee and the COSLA Network Committee are planning a conference for State Librarians and State Chief Information officers to discuss the role of State Libraries in e-government.

My sojourn in Tucson was interrupted by questions from the Colorado Office of Planning and Budgeting on two of our budget requests. They wanted additional information on the budget requests for the Colorado Virtual Library and to restore some of the materials budget for Institutional Libraries.

This week also saw the first meeting of our CIPA study, Advisory Committee. We have contracted with Carson Block to conduct this study. The Advisory Committee went over Carson's work plan and gave him suggestions on how to approach each assignment. Carson will be on the Intellectual Freedom Committee's program.

- Nancy M. Bolt, State Librarian

State Library Joins Collaborative

Just up on the web at [HTTP://WWW.CDE.STATE.CO.US/CDELIB/SUMMERREADING/INDEX.HTM](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/summerreading/index.htm) is information on "Discover New Trails" - the 2004 Colorado Summer Reading Program. Participating library sites will receive a manual and a basic kit (5 posters, 200 bookmarks, 50 reading certificates, and 200 stickers.) Check it out! Colorado has joined the Collaborative Summer Library Program, (CLSP) a multi-state consortium for summer reading. See [HTTP://WWW.SUMMERLIBRARYPROGRAM.ORG](http://www.summerlibraryprogram.org) for information on CLSP and to view the graphics for "Discover New Trails." Since Colorado is now a member of the Collaborative, all Colorado public libraries have access to the theme and materials for "Discover New Trails - READ!" For further information, contact Teresa Kalber, Kalber_t@cde.state.co.us or Patricia Froehlich, Public Libraries Consultant, 303.866.6908, froehlich_p@cde.state.co.us.

Summer Reading Mini-Grants Available with 2004 Program

For the first time, mini-grants of \$150 each (60 of them!) will be awarded to public libraries to support and promote the Summer Reading Program in their local communities. The intent is to provide direct monetary assistance to public libraries and their summer reading programs. Only those libraries (including branches) who use the state theme will be eligible. Criteria for selection are on the web site.

Applications should be sent by November 15, 2003, to Teresa Kalber, Library Development, Colorado State Library, 201 E. Colfax Ave., Denver CO 80203. Fax to 303-866-6940. E-mail: kalber_t@cde.state.co.us. The Colorado Summer Reading web site is [HTTP://WWW.CDE.STATE.CO.US/CDELIB/SUMMERREADING/INDEX.HTM](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/summerreading/index.htm) and the "Discover New Trails" web site (a cooperative effort) is [HTTP://WWW.SUMMERLIBRARYPROGRAM.ORG](http://www.summerlibraryprogram.org).

For further information, contact Patricia Froehlich, Public Library Consultant, 303-866-6908, froehlich_p@cde.state.co.us.



Libraries: How They Stack Up

OCLC has recently completed a new report for OCLC member libraries. This report, "Libraries: How they stack up," provides a snapshot of the economic impact of libraries. The report contains some interesting comparisons of library economics and activities to other sectors, professions and destinations in the worldwide economy. See the full report at [HTTP://WWW.OCLC.ORG/INFO/COMPARE](http://www.oclc.org/info/compare).

AskColorado Embarks to Immediate Demand

During September 2003, the first month of service, AskColorado received 865 questions. Of those questions, 32% were K-12 interest level. In the first week of October, more than 500 questions were posed. Service expansions continue. On September 22, AskColorado in Spanish was launched! As with the English version of AskColorado, the Spanish virtual reference service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. AskColorado in Spanish is available for all Colorado residents and students who prefer the Spanish language interface to get answers to their questions. Please direct library staff, patrons, and student to the AskColorado web site at: [HTTP://WWW.](http://www.askcolorado.org)



[ASKCOLORADO.ORG](http://www.askcolorado.org)

This page displays links to both English and Spanish versions. To obtain a marketing kit or supplies to help your library promote

AskColorado, contact Sharon Morris, 303.866.6727, askcolorado@cde.state.co.us.

Libnet Moves, Why Don't You?

Colorado's library e-list, Libnet has moved to a new host at BCR. If you're already a participant, use this address to post TO the list: libnet@bcr.org. This sends your message to everyone. To add or remove your address use: majordomo@bcr.org. This sends your request to the automated list software, which magically does its thing. If you're not signed on yet, why not? You're missing all the news and offers.

Remember to update your address books. If you have the address listed on a library internet or intranet, be sure to change it there also.

AOL Launches Spanish Version of Service

America Online recently launched a service for the burgeoning market of U.S. households where Spanish is mostly or exclusively spoken. In addition to the familiar "you've got mail" greeting, the AOL Latino service is wholly in Spanish, down to the instructions on installation CDs. The U.S. Hispanic population, the country's largest minority group, has grown over the past two years at nearly four times the rate of the overall population. Latinos are also catching up to whites and Asians online.

Online information outlets have responded. Yahoo! Inc., already has a "Yahoo! En Espanol" site with news, maps and even greeting cards, while Microsoft Corp.'s MSN has acquired the Spanish-language Yupi portal. Both companies also offer instant-messaging software and Web-based e-mail in Spanish. AOL's service goes further, offering a complete package -- including software to connect, send e-mail and browse the web in Spanish and a toll-free number for Spanish customer support.

According to a U.S. Commerce Department study last year, only 14 percent of Hispanics in Spanish-only households were online, compared with 38 percent in bilingual and English-dominant households. AOL already has some 2.3 million Latino subscribers in the United States, but they tend to be English speakers. The Commerce study shows Hispanics still trailing whites and Asians online, though their growth rate is higher. (Source: Associated Press)

Free Programs on Rare and Antiquarian Books Offered

Through the Rocky Mountain Antiquarian Booksellers Association, you can schedule a FREE presentation on rare and antiquarian book collecting at your library for your patrons, Friends, or staff. This is a pilot project. For information, contact Pam Clausen, Clausen Books, 719.471.5884, bookmail@clausenbooks.com.

Walter Isaacson to Address Annual Colorado Book Awards

The Colorado Center for the Book (CCFTB) has announced that author and journalist Walter Isaacson will be the keynote speaker for the 12th annual Colorado Book Awards gala. The awards are given annually to the Colorado authors of the best books published in the preceding year judged by the Colorado book community. The Awards ceremony will be the evening of Thursday, October 16, 2003, at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts in the Seawell Grand Ballroom. Walter Isaacson's

latest book, "Benjamin Franklin: An American Life," is currently a national bestseller. Nearly 200 books published in 2002 by Colorado authors were judged in this competition. Advance tickets may be reserved for \$50 (\$40 for members of CCFTB). Tickets at the door will be \$ 60, but seating is limited. For information, call 303 839 8320 or visit [HTTP://WWW.COLORADOCENTERFORTHEBOOK.ORG](http://www.coloradocenterforthebook.org).

ALA Midwinter Features "One Book" Planning

"Mastering the One Book, One Community Initiative," a full-day intensive seminar, will be offered at ALA Midwinter, on Friday, January 9. Cost is \$175, and registration begins early October. For more information, visit [HTTP://WWW.ALA.ORG/PUBLICPROGRAMS](http://www.ala.org/publicprograms).

Dun & Bradstreet Seek Nominations for Public Librarian Award

If you are or know a librarian providing excellent business reference services in a public library that needs financial assistance to attend the ALA Annual Conference, nominate that person for a \$1000 award. Nominations must be received no later than December For more information see [HTTP://WWW.ALA.ORG/RUSA](http://www.ala.org/rusa) and click on "Awards." Sponsored by Dun & Bradstreet

Adolescent Literacy Colloquium to Be Held

Just a reminder that the deadline is quickly approaching for registration to the Adolescent Literacy Colloquium on October 25. Laura Robb is the keynote speaker. For information, visit the web site [HTTP://WWW.SECONDARYLITERACYNETWORK.ORG/3AL.HTM](http://www.secondaryliteracynetwork.org/3al.htm).

Coloradan Nominated for National Commission on Libraries

Jose Antonio Aponte, director of Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado, has been nominated to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007. For complete information, visit [HTTP://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/NEWS/RELEASES/2003/10/20031002-7.HTML](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/10/20031002-7.html).

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