

# Centennial State Libraries

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### Quick Guide to State Fire and Drought Information by the State Publications Library

Various agencies of Colorado state government provide resources in the areas of drought management and wildfire impacts and recovery. This is a quick information guide to selected print and electronic publications as well as web sites maintained by state agencies.

- For records of print publications to borrow and/or links to electronic publications, search our library catalog with keywords “drought” or “water conservation” or “wildfires” or “forest fires” at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo>
- For state government web pages with resources from agencies such as the Office of Emergency Management, Agriculture, Public Health, Natural Resources, etc. click on [http://www.colorado.gov/fire\\_drought.html](http://www.colorado.gov/fire_drought.html)
- Colorado State University has several web sites related to fire and drought issues:
  - Drought and Fire Resources  
<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/menudrought.html>

- Colorado State Forest Service  
<http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS/>
- Drought.ColoState.edu: A Centralized Source of Useful Information Brought To You By Colorado State University  
<http://drought.colostate.edu/>
- Colorado Climate Center  
<http://climate.atmos.colostate.edu/>
- Colorado Water Resources Research Institute  
<http://cwrri.colostate.edu/>

For further information, contact [Maureen K. Crocker](#).

## Two New Workshops Teach Digitization Skills

The Colorado Digitization Project and the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries are sponsoring two new workshops:

- Introduction to XML (Extensible Markup Language)

This workshop introduces non-technical staff, administrators and project managers to Extensible Markup Language (XML). The course will offer a basic overview of XML, current applications in museums, libraries and archives, and considerations for XML project planning. October 23, 9:00 - 12:00; University of Denver; \$20 CDP/Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries Members \$30 non-members. Registration form online [http://coloradodigital.coalliance.org/wrk\\_xml.html](http://coloradodigital.coalliance.org/wrk_xml.html).

- XML Tutorial

This workshop offers technical staff an in-depth introduction to Extensible Markup Language (XML). The course includes the "Introduction to XML" workshop (see above), an overview of XML editing and validation tools, how to convert existing text to XML, how to apply styles and transformations to XML text and hands-on exercises using XML. October 23, 9:00 - 5:00; and October 24, 9:00 - 12:00; University of Denver - Penrose Library; \$125 CDP/Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries members; \$175 non-members. Registration form online [http://coloradodigital.coalliance.org/wrk\\_xml\\_tutorial.html](http://coloradodigital.coalliance.org/wrk_xml_tutorial.html). For information, contact Richard Urban, [rurban@du.edu](mailto:rurban@du.edu), (303) 871-4558.

## Federal LSTA Grant Guidelines Now Available Online

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) proposal guidelines are now available at the [Colorado State Library](#) web site with PDF versions of the project guidelines. If you are unable to download/print them, contact Teresa Kalber, Library Development Services, to have a print copy mailed to you. ([kalber\\_t@cde.state.co.us](mailto:kalber_t@cde.state.co.us) | ph: 303.866.6894 | fax: 303.866.6940).

There are two distinct grant opportunities for eligible libraries in the LSTA program.

**LOCAL NEEDS GRANTS:** for projects with local impact, addressing specific local issues. Due date: December 16, 2002. Cap: \$15,000. Number of projects to be funded: 15-20. Grant awards to be announced: March, 2003. Funding period: May, 2003 through June 2004. Available for distribution: \$225,000 (minimum).

**STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP GRANTS:** for projects with statewide impact. The resulting project must provide or improve services for many, or all libraries throughout the state. Due date: January 17, 2003. A Letter of Intent, included on the final two pages of the guidelines, must be submitted by an eligible library or consortium by November 11 prior to submitting a project proposal for Statewide Leadership Grants. Number of projects to be funded: 4-8. Grant awards to be announced: May, 2003. Funding period: May, 2003 though June 2004. Available for distribution: \$635,000 (maximum).

For more information, including details about the new LSTA priorities that must be addressed in all project proposals, see the "Strategic Plan" section on the [State Library's](#) web page. For answers to specific questions about the LSTA program, contact [Eugene Hainer](#), Director of Library Development , (303) 866-6730.

## Congratulations to DPL and Silverton Libraries—They Rate High!

The results of the [Hennen American Public Library Rating](#) have been posted and, once again, the Denver Public Library is the top-ranked library. Also making the list is the Silverton Public Library. Congratulations to staff and customers at both libraries.

## Scholarships Available for Women—Library Staff Take Note

The ESA Foundation has several endowments available to women returning to get more training or education which typically go unnoticed by adult non-traditional students. The [ESA](#) organization's web site provides information regarding this Fort Collins foundation and its scholarship program.

There are several scholarships specific to Colorado women

- Theta Zeta Fresh Start Endowment for \$500, for residents of Rio Blanco, Routt, Moffat, Mesa, Garfield and Summit. )
- Helen McSpadden Memorial Endowment for \$1500 (Colorado resident for continuing education - any major)
- Lucille Eastin Memorial Scholarship for \$500 (Colorado resident - any major)

## 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants Offered

The No Child Left Behind Act converted the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, an after-school initiative, from a federally administered discretionary grants program to a state- administered program. In addition, the program is now written so that community agencies can be the lead fiduciary agency in applying for the grants. In the past, only schools could be the lead agencies, but other organizations could collaborate with schools. Many states are now conducting their own competitions. For information, visit the [21st Century Community Learning Centers](#) web site.

## E-Rate Trainings Coming Up this Fall

Four Form 470 E-rate training sessions have been scheduled to date. Form 470 is the first form applicants complete for the E-rate funding cycle. The training will include a PowerPoint overview of the program. Applicants will also file the Form 470 at the training session. More training sessions will be scheduled as needed. For directions to locations, contact the hosting agency. To sign up for a session, complete the online E-Rate registration form.

- Monday, October 21  
9:00-12:30  
South HWY 285  
719/274-5858  
**\*Register by Friday, Oct 18**
- Thursday, October 24  
9:00-12:30  
Southwest Regional Library System  
701 Camino del Rio, Suite 212  
970 -247-4782  
Durango, CO  
**\*Register by Tuesday October 22**
- Thursday, November 21  
Aurora Library & Recreation Services

North Branch Library  
1298 Peoria Street  
Aurora, CO 80011  
303-361-2928

**\*Register by Tuesday November 19**

- Thursday, December 5  
Arkansas Valley Regional Library System  
635 West Corona Street Ste#113  
Pueblo, CO 81004  
(719) 542-2156  
Lunch is 6\$; make check payable to Arkansas Valley Regional Library System  
and send by December 3rd.  
**\*Register by Tuesday December 3**

Additional e-rate trainings have been offered for several years by the CDE Educational Telecommunications Unit and the Colorado State as video conferences and webcasts. As it seems that fewer people are attending these training sessions, this year we are taking an informal poll to find out how many school, district and library staff are interested in a training session this year on Forms 470 and 471. If you would be interested in a workshop, please send a reply e-mail to Gabriela Perez at CDE at: [perez\\_g@cde.state.co.us](mailto:perez_g@cde.state.co.us).

## **National REFORMA Releases Paper on Language Rights**

The national group to promote library and information services for Latinos and the Spanish-speaking, REFORMA, has released an official position on "Language Rights in the 21st Century." The document discusses initiatives and legislation about the language rights of the Spanish speaking and of other non-English speaking peoples in the U.S.

REFORMA says it is joining other organizations such as the National Association for Bilingual Education, the Linguistic Society of America and the American Library Association in their similar positions.

The document lists a number of reasons for the organization's position, including value of linguistic diversity and pluralism, the tenets of bilingual education, and the importance of multilingualism in the development of a global information society.

The document and information on the organization may be accessed online at the [REFORMA](#) web site.

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