

# Centennial State Libraries

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## **Summer Reading Program 2002 Ushers in New, Enhanced Services**

The Colorado State Library is delighted to announce enhancements and expansions to the annual Summer Reading Program. Patricia Froehlich, Public Library Consultant for CSL, has assumed management of the children's literacy effort and will direct production of manual and materials, along with increased outreach to libraries, schools and communities.

Next year's theme is "Reading, Rhythm, & Rhyme," a bright and appealing topic around which libraries of any size can create activities. Two people with experience in creating materials for reading programs –graphic designer Mike Jaynes of Seattle and writer/editor Kathy Barco, a youth services librarian—are producing the manual directly on CD.

For the first time, the CSL will provide the manual absolutely free for all participating public libraries. All graphics and text will be available in digital format so that youth services librarians may choose, edit, tweak, and manipulate materials for their own specialized local uses and programs. Clip art will feature many useful designs in digital format for libraries to adapt to folders, flyers, and other promotional items. Materials will be on display at the CSL booth at the CLA conference in October and demonstrated at the program, "Potpourri of Services," Saturday, 10 p.m. The manual is expected to be ready for distribution by January 2002.

Graphic materials will include a poster, bookmarks, and a sticker. Text on the back of

the bookmark is a 'user-friendly' adaptation of the Colorado Reading/Writing Standards in both English and Spanish. It is intended to make children, their parents, teachers, and the general public aware of the connection between public libraries and student achievement. More materials will be available online, such as a list of entertainers, artists, and speakers suitable for children's events.

"Children read more when they have more access to books," said reading guru Stephen Krashen. And librarians have been convinced of this for decades. The Summer Reading Program Advisory Committee, with representatives from across the state, helped put together the innovative Summer Reading Program.

For more information, contact Patricia Froehlich, 303.866.6908, froehlich\_p@cde.state.co.us. She is available to discuss the Summer Reading Program and its implementation at selected meetings throughout Colorado.

## **State Publications Library Staff Meet New Challenges**

Two staff members from the State Publications Library are dealing with major changes in their lives. Maureen Crocker is recovering from surgery and in good spirits. With a diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, she will be receiving treatment in the coming months. Maureen said that she gains continued strength from the concern and support of friends around the state. Allan Brown retired recently and immediately set off on travels through the Mid West.

## **CTBL Web Site a Major Resource for Libraries as well as Individuals with Print-Handicaps**

As you navigate the Internet, don't forget a stop-over at the outstanding web site created for the Colorado Talking Book Library. The web site is the newest innovation in making the CTBL accessible to the wider community of print-handicapped users in Colorado. The address for the CTBL site is <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl>, which takes the user directly to the homepage.

Among the features of the site are a current, printable application and list of subject headings; the Talking Book Library Newsletter online; lists of magazines available in accessible formats; lists of narrated videotapes circulated by the library; and, perhaps most importantly, a place where registered users can order books online. This increasingly popular feature permits Talking Book patrons to reserve and check-out books even during the hours when the CTBL is not open.

Of special interest to our youngest users is the Children's Corner. Currently, this area of the web page features the results of last year's Summer Reading Program and thumbnail pictures of collages created by program participants to show what tactile outer-space aliens might look like. This feature enabled program participants to share their creations with family across the country. There are also staff-recommended talking books for both adult and young readers. In response to the recent terrorist attacks on the East Coast, the staff recommended books include lists of talking book

titles relevant to the situation in Southern Asia. The recommended titles are updated frequently, so check to see the new reviews that are available on the site.

The potential for making CTBL users more independent and reaching out to patrons at a distance makes this a most exciting addition to the services of the Talking Book Library.

- Lois Rubin Gross

## **“Part of a Soul,” Calendar for 2002 Created by Canon City Correctional Facility Inmates**



Illustration from the calendar

A project to encourage visual art talent and provide a positive program for prison inmates has taken form in a calendar for 2002. Joyce Attebery of the Four Mile Correctional Center Library initiated the project, and the Museum of Colorado Prisons produced the calendar. Twelve original and collectible works of art by prisoners highlight the wall calendar. This unique piece (think “holiday gift”) is available for \$10.65 plus \$2.50 shipping from the Museum of Colorado Prisons. For information, call 719.269.3015 or email [curator@prisonmuseum.org](mailto:curator@prisonmuseum.org).

## **Teen Read Week Encourages Reading, Gifts Offered for Library Staff, Teachers**

Teen Read Week, October 14 to 20, will involve thousands of teens across Colorado in schools, bookstores, and libraries. Sponsored by the American Library Association, the annual event encourages teens to make a habit of reading for the fun of it. Voluntary reading is a valuable acquisition for teens. A reading habit increases reading proficiency and leads to better scores on standardized tests as well as more success in school.

As part of the “Teen Read Week” celebration, SmartGirl, a nonprofit organization owned and operated by the University of Michigan, and the American Library Association want to know what teens think about reading. Teens (boys AND girls) are invited to take a survey online at [SmartGirl](http://SmartGirl.org). (Identities and addresses will remain anonymous.)

In Colorado, the Colorado State Library will provide multiple copies of Weekly Reader's teen publication, "Read," Stifled Laughter by Claudia Johnson; courtesy of Fulcrum Publishing., and a "Paradise as library" poster from Jones e-Global Library, to any adult who registers ANY type of organized youth activity in a library, school, or community organization for Teen Read Week. Plus these people become eligible for a drawing for prizes like more books and hotel accommodations. Information is available on the [CSL](http://www.csl.state.co.us) web site, or by contacting Bonnie McCune at 303.866.6891, [mccune\\_b@cde.state.co.us](mailto:mccune_b@cde.state.co.us).

## Early Childhood Literacy Collaboration to Be Explored

The Colorado State Library, Arapahoe Library District and Colorado Bright Beginnings are beginning planning for a possible early childhood literacy effort. "Bright Beginnings@your library" will be a collaboration between local libraries and regional representatives of Bright Beginnings, reaching children birth through three and their parents. Based on Bright Beginnings' existing services for newborns and toddlers, the effort will also utilize the Public Library Association's new Preschool Literacy Initiative. An initial session will explore possibilities for the collaboration at the Colorado Library Association Conference, Saturday, October 27, 2 to 3:15 p.m. Any interested person may attend. For information, contact Bonnie McCune at 303.866.6900, [mccune\\_b@cde.state.co.us](mailto:mccune_b@cde.state.co.us).

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