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## We'll Be Blue Without the Election "Blue Book"

The "Blue Book" usually distributed before major elections through libraries is NOT available this year because of its size (160 pages!) and timing on final text. The Legislative Council is unable to provide sufficient copies.

Libraries are strongly urged to note the web site for the Blue Book and make employees who work with the public aware that a PDF version is at [www.coloradobluebook.com](http://www.coloradobluebook.com). You may wish to make signs to inform the public and/or link to the site from your home page.

The Colorado Talking Book Library records the Blue Book for patrons. This year an audio file of the Blue Book has been posted on that web site. Anyone who prefers the

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audio version to reading can use the service. Visit [http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/2006\\_Legislative\\_Blue\\_Book.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/2006_Legislative_Blue_Book.htm)

## **Colorado Libraries Develop Long-Range Plan**

Colorado libraries have developed a new strategic plan to cover the years 2006 – 2010 called Moving Libraries Forward: A Roadmap for Colorado Library Cooperation. This document is meant to serve as a guide for how libraries, working together, can improve library services to the residents of Colorado, while acknowledging the continuing, difficult tasks of doing more with less. This plan will assist libraries of all types in strengthening their relationships with their communities and with each other.

The plan was created by a task force appointed by the Colorado Library Advisory Board, representing all segments of the library community. The task force surveyed library leaders, public library trustees, school library district administrators, and academic officers to identify the key issues and concerns that need to be addressed.

The final plan lists six major goals for activities:

- GOAL 1: ACCESS TO INFORMATION
- GOAL 2: DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROFESSION
- GOAL 3: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND LIFELONG LEARNING
- GOAL 4: SERVICE TO DIVERSE AND UNDERSERVED COLORADO RESIDENTS
- GOAL 5: ADVOCACY /FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- GOAL 6: RESOURCE SHARING INFRASTRUCTURE

Values common to all types of libraries across the state were the foundation of the goals. These values include:

- Literacy and education for all
- Equity of services, resources, and access
- Freedom of Information
- Best Practices
- Cooperation and Collaboration

The complete plan may be viewed at [www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/StrategicPlanForLibraries2005.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/StrategicPlanForLibraries2005.htm). For a printed version, contact B. F. McCune, [mccune\\_b@cde.state.co.us](mailto:mccune_b@cde.state.co.us), 303.866.6891.

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## Colorado Represented at National Book Festival



Nance Nassar, school library consultant, and Bonnie McCune, library community programs consultant, attended the National Book Festival in Washington D.C. at the end of September to represent Colorado in the Pavilion of the State. Also working the day-long shift, during which time thousands of children streamed by, was new coordinator for the Colorado Center for the Book, Josephine Jones. They distributed posters, bookmarks, fans, and coloring sheets. The annual event is a celebration of authors, books and reading. For more information, visit [www.ims.gov/news/2006/100506.shtm](http://www.ims.gov/news/2006/100506.shtm)

*Mary Chute, the Deputy Director for Libraries at the Institute of Museum and Library Services, joins Josephine (left), Bonnie (second from right), and Nance (right) at Colorado's booth. Note the wonderful cloth with Colorado symbols, located by State Librarian Gene Hainer, and the panorama of Colorado mountains and snow, created with plastic board and white shoe polish!*

## National Archives—Rocky Mountains Reaches Out

The Rocky Mountain Region of the National Archives and Records Administration, located in Denver, would like to make libraries and schools more aware of its services. They offer free workshops about their resources. Regional archives hold more than 48,000 cubic feet of materials from 1847 to the 1990s, including photographs, maps and architectural drawings. For information, contact Lori Cox-Paul, 303.407.5747, [lori.cox-paul@nara.gov](mailto:lori.cox-paul@nara.gov) or visit [www.archives.gov/facilities/co/Denver.html](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/co/Denver.html).

## Public Immigration Forum Available

Libraries can schedule and host a public immigration informational forum for their communities. The City of Littleton just completed a very successful public event at their community church and the Bemis library had several components assisting them. These activities are designed to reach the general public interested in knowing about

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citizenship. Contact Barbara Melton, USCIS/Community Relations Officer, (303) 371-0986 ext. 109, [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

## **Libraries Can Connect with Authors**

Children's Book Week, November 13 – 19, is an ideal time to strengthen your connections with kids and their families. Think about bringing a Colorado children's author to visit your library or school. Three resources make connecting easy:

- Find An Author: A free web-based listing service for authors and illustrators to help organizations, such as libraries and schools, find authors, match them to their programs, and set up speaking engagements. Search by name, genre, geographic locale. [www.coloradobook.org/booc\\_authorspeaker.htm](http://www.coloradobook.org/booc_authorspeaker.htm)
- Visiting Authors/Illustrators: RMC-SCBWI maintains a list of its members who are interested in making presentations. Go to web site [www.rmcsbwi.org/ourmembers/](http://www.rmcsbwi.org/ourmembers/)
- Colorado Authors League: has many children's authors. For information on this as well as free adult programs, contact Joy Overbeck, [overjoy@vail.net](mailto:overjoy@vail.net).

Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council. Theme for the 87<sup>th</sup> annual event is "More books, please!" See [www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/](http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/) for toolkit and resources. For information on the Colorado State Library's children's literacy efforts, contact Bonnie McCune, 303.866.6891, [mccune\\_b@cde.state.co.us](mailto:mccune_b@cde.state.co.us)

Additionally, the Colorado Authors League is able to provide FREE speakers on topics of interest to adults, especially those interested in writing, such as:

- Writing the Historical West
- Breaking into Magazine Writing
- Create Query Letters that Sell
- Make Your Fiction Characters Come Alive
- Writing About Nature and the Environment
- Writing for the Hot Self-Help Market

Other speaking topics can also be arranged. Contact Joy Overbeck, [overjoy@vail.net](mailto:overjoy@vail.net).

## **American Children and Internet Use**

A report from National Center for Education Statistics, "Use of computers and the Internet by American children enrolled in nursery school and students in kindergarten through grade 12," examines the overall rate of use, the ways in which students use the

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technologies, where the use occurs (home, school, and other locations), and the relationships of these aspects of computer and Internet use to demographic and socioeconomic characteristics such as students' age and race/ethnicity and their parents' education and family income.

This report confirms that patterns of computer and Internet use seen in previous research are observed in more recent data. One of the more important findings presented in the report is that schools appear to help narrow the disparities between different types of students in terms of computer use. Differences in the rates of computer use are smaller at school than they are at home when considering such characteristics as race/ethnicity, family income, and parental education. To download, view and print the publication as a PDF file, visit:  
<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2006065>.

## **Aurora Leads Way for Online Fun for Youngsters**

The Aurora Public Library announces the E-reader web page for young children. Children ages three and up can log onto the page from home or in the library to choose a picture book site to read, view, or listen to books. Books are available in English, Spanish, French, and other languages. Children in the library can ask for headphones at the nearest service desk.

The page was developed to provide access to books on line for young children, knowing that young children increasingly are viewing materials on the Internet. It is hoped that this page will contribute the development of literacy for children in Aurora and all over Colorado. There are four programs to choose: Tumblebooks (for which the child at home will need an Aurora library card), the International Children's Digital Library, the Story Place, and Story Line. Note that, with the exception of Tumblebooks, any library can link to information literacy fun for kids.

To reach the E-reader page, go the Aurora Public Library web site (<http://www.auroralibrary.org>) and click on the APL KidsOnline bar; when the page comes up, click on the E-reader tab.

## **Google Launches Literacy Portal**

Google has launched a portal to connect literacy organizations around the world. The Literacy Project Search engine, a resource for teachers, literacy



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organizations and anyone interested in reading and education, created in collaboration with LitCam, Google, and UNESCO's Institute for Lifelong Learning, is located at [www.google.com/literacy/](http://www.google.com/literacy/).

## **Map for Information Highway Prepared**

Ideas about how libraries use technology on the information highway are shared by consultant Nancy Bolt via [www.NancyBoltAssociates.com](http://www.NancyBoltAssociates.com). Click on “workshops,” then click on “information highway.” Some of the roles envisioned for libraries are information infrastructure, provider, gateway, teacher, organizer, creator and publisher.

## **Out and About With CSL Staff**

- Sharon Morris, Ask Colorado coordinator, presented “Emerging Technologies” for Highlands Ranch Library (Douglas County Libraries) and CAL Southwest workshops in Durango. She also presented on “Plinkit” at public libraries in Woodland Park, Fairplay, Georgetown, Salida and Durango Plinkit training in Bailey.
- Bonnie McCune, library community programs, and Patricia Froehlich, public library consultant, traveled to Grand Junction for two days of workshops about the Summer Reading Program and Early Literacy in Story Times.
- Michaela Hansen, library development, traveled with institutional libraries staff Diana Reese, Diane Walden and Andrew Breland to visit institutional librarians from correctional facilities in Arkansas Valley; Ft. Lyon; and Colorado Territorial, Four Mile, State Penitentiary and Fremont, all in Canon City.
- Michaela Hansen and Patricia Froehlich conducted trustee training with the board of the public library in Trinidad. They also participated in the Gates Rural Sustainability training in Seattle.
- Debbi MacLeod represented CTBL at a Low Vision Seminar in Grand Junction, a Low Vision Expo in Colorado Springs, Metro State Disabilities Day, and another Low Vision Seminar at Lutheran Hospital.
- Alex Hernandez represented CTBL at the Possibilities Fair sponsored by the Colorado Center for the Blind in Denver.
- Nance Nassar, school library media consultant, participated in the Continuing Education Forum; attended the AASL Fall Forum on Assessing Student Learning; participated on the Colorado Library PLACE Test committee to finalize the test standards; presented training for the Power Libraries Program; and presented a workshop on "Better Library Instruction Using Test Data" - in Colorado Springs.
- Bonnie McCune, library community programs, attended the Douglas County Early Childhood Coalition early literacy forum and provided an exhibit and materials.

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## Maureen K. Crocker Retired

Maureen Kasnic Crocker, consultant with the Colorado State Publications Library, retired at the end of September after 21 years with the Colorado State Library. She began work with CSL on August 1985 as the Public Library Consultant doing consulting and training with public library staff and trustees for six years. The first statewide "Guidelines for Public Libraries" were written under her direction. In 1991 she became the half-time consultant for state publication doing reference, collection development, training, and marketing.

Maureen has been a professional librarian for 40 years after graduating with a BA from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and an MLS from Indiana University in Bloomington. Her first job was as the Young Adult Librarian for 2 years with the Levittown Public Library on Long Island, New York. In 1969 she returned West for a position at the Denver Public Library where she stayed for 9 years. She held several positions at DPL including supervisor of the Young Adult Department at the Central Library and head of the Ford-Warren Branch Library.

In 1978 she attended the University of Denver School of Library Science and received a 6<sup>th</sup> Year Degree with a business specialty. This led to work at BBC Consulting, Inc. as a special librarian for this economic research firm. After 6 years at BBC, she wanted to work more closely with public libraries again so came to CSL in 1985 where she concluded her career.



## LRS Celebrates Tenth Year of Partnership with DU

The Colorado State Library's Library Research Service (LRS) and the University of Denver recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of their successful partnership. Over the past ten years Keith Lance, director of the LRS, has mentored student interns at CSL, providing them with work experiences in social research and statistical analysis. Student interns have benefited the LRS and the library community by researching a wide variety of topics. See "Fast Facts" and "Closer Look" pages on [www.lrs.org/](http://www.lrs.org/). The reception took place at the University of Denver. Attendees included present and past LRS staff, present and past student interns, DU faculty, MLIS Advisory Board Members, and CSL staff.