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An E-Book About Libraries—Free!

"Why Libraries Matter: A Story Long Overdue," from the Alliance Library System and TumbleBooks, is a new animated online book. Also available in downloadable format, the book is available free to all public libraries and elementary schools in North America for use on their websites. "Why Libraries Matter: A Story Long Overdue" is the charming tale, told in rhyming verse, of a young girl who shows her family and neighbors how important the library is to them and their community.

The link below will also give the opportunity to view, download, and e-mail the book to yourself. <http://www.librariesmatter.com/books/index.cfm> For more information, contact Ron Zevy, TumbleBooks Inc, (416) 781-4010, rz@tumblebooks.com; or Sandy Albrow, Alliance Library System, (309) 694-9230, salbrow@alliancelibrarysystem.com

IMLS Sponsors Pavilion of the States at National Book Festival

The Institute of Museum and Library Services, for the fourth consecutive year, hosted the Pavilion of the States at the National Book Festival on the Mall, Saturday, September 24th. Colorado was represented by Gene Hainer, Colorado State Library, and Margaret Coval, Colorado Endowment for the Humanities. Thousands of visitors swept through the tent, searching for information about states, books, and libraries. The event is sponsored by the Library of Congress. Read all about it at <http://www.ims.gov/whatsnew/current/092805.htm>

Volunteers Needed

The Community Programs office of the Colorado State Library is actively seeking a few bright, reliable, interested volunteers with time regularly during business hours to work on fascinating projects related to libraries and literacy. Two high priorities are:

- Colorado's early literacy initiative, working to enhance reading readiness skills as well as libraries' involvement statewide. See <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/earlyliteracyflyer.pdf> for a description.
- Library People—Friends of Colorado Libraries: Get in on the ground floor organizing this new statewide group. Launch statewide advocacy campaign, plan events and promotions.

Other activities, including general administrative work, are also possible. You'll gain skills, make new contacts, and contribute to the development of the library community. An interesting and challenging way to help libraries, for retired folks, student interns, and others.

Nominations Sought for 2006 Sage Library Support Staff Travel Grants

The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) announces that nominations are being accepted for the 2006 Sage Library Support Staff Travel Grants. Underwritten by a generous contribution from Sage Publications, the Library Support Staff Travel Grants (six to be awarded) make it possible for library support staff to attend the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference to be held in the summer of 2006.

The travel grants cover the expense of attending the conference, including airfare, three nights lodging, and conference registration, up to \$1,000 for each recipient. To apply, send a letter, brief resume and a short statement (ca. 250 words). Deadline is December 1. For additional information on the grants, visit the ALCTS Web site at <http://www.ala.org/alcts>

Child Care Quality Expansion Grants Available

Applications are being accepted by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), Division of Child Care, for federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grants. The purpose of the fund is to increase the availability of affordable, quality early care and education for low-income families. Program proposals should include meeting the needs of low-income families, effective use of community resources, and the direct connection between high quality child care programs and successful outcomes for children. This includes collaborating with child care stakeholders in the community such as non-profit organizations, home-based child care providers, center-based providers, faith-based organizations, business organizations, foundations, and governmental entities. The goal of such collaborative efforts is to create and implement quality child care programs based on community needs and objectives. Applications are due February 8. See <http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/ccqe.htm> for information.

Teacher-Librarians Honored

Sam's Club and Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year: Nancy England, Centennial Elementary School, media resources teacher for the Adams 12 School District school, has been honored as the Sam's Club and Wal-Mart Colorado Teacher of the Year. She was showered with everything from a crystal apple to a proclamation of "Nancy England Day" by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Griep. She also received a \$10,000 grant to be used at Centennial Elementary School.

Vicky Reiersen, Teacher Librarian at Creekside Elementary School, was recently selected as one of 20 participants in the nation to join the Aramco Educators to Saudi Arabia Program. The Aramco Program is a professional development study visit for 20 librarians or social studies teachers selected from TX, IL, FL, NY, CA, CO and Washington, DC. The sponsoring organizations are Aramco Services Company and the Institute of International Education in Washington, DC. The educator group will travel to Houston mid-November for

orientation, and on to Saudi! The Aramco Educators to Saudi Arabia Program aim is to cultivate a greater awareness and understanding of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in U.S. primary and secondary schools and communities.

October Edition of Colorado Book News Now Online

The October edition of the BOOC Book News, containing event listings for October and beyond, is available for download on <http://www.coloradobook.org/> This is a good resource for readers, writers, and libraries.

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