

Centennial State Libraries

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School Libraries Work! Spread the Word on This Proof Positive

Scholastic has just released a comprehensive, easy-to-read booklet about school libraries and their impact on student achievement. The publication summarizes many studies (including the ones done by CSL's Library Research Service) and succinctly presents the necessity of supporting school library media programs. Download the 19-page paper at www.scholastic.com/librarypublishing (upper right corner) and present it to any school principals, school board members, superintendents and PTA types you know. Put the link in your holiday cards. Send the study to reporters and editors. Spread the word.



Students crowd the library at Fort Collins Boltz Junior High School's "Thanks a Latte Day"

Free Workshops for Youth Services Staff and Volunteers

There's still time to register for two workshops especially developed for youth services staff. The workshops are free (you pay for lunch) and bring two nationally known experts to Colorado. Summer reading will be presented in the morning, and early literacy in the afternoon. The entire day runs 8:30am – 4:00pm. Registration should be made by November 5. You will find more information on these sessions at: Colorado Summer Reading: www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/index.htm. Registrations will be taken first-come, first-served. Dates and locations follow.

Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

Centennial Park Branch, Weld Library District
1939 61st Ave. Greeley, CO

Registration Contact: Kristi Wilson, Children's Supervisor
970.506.8600 kwilson@weld.lib.co.us

Thursday, November 11, 2004. 8:30am – 4:00pm

Westminster Public Library
3705 W 112th Ave. Westminster, CO

Registration Contact: Vicki Sisto, YS Coordinator
303.404.5108 vsisto@ci.westminster.co.us

Friday, November 12, 2004. 8:30 – 4:00pm

East Information Branch, Pikes Peak Library District
5550 North Union Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO

Registration Contact: Vicki Fox, Children's Services Manager
719.531.6333 ext.1401 vfox@ppld.org

Better Service to Spanish-Speakers through Free Outreach

Training

The Colorado State Library is offering ten regional Spanish outreach training sessions through a special grant administered by OCLC. The first workshop will be at the Aurora Public Library North Branch at 1298 Peoria Street on December 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nine more will be scheduled around the state after January 1.

This workshop will build on concepts in the first round of Spanish outreach training that the State Library offered a couple of years ago. Participants will learn how to provide better outreach to Spanish-Speakers in their local community, facilitate partnerships with local agencies, and begin developing an action plan for providing library services to Spanish-speakers.

This training is open to ALL staff from ALL types of libraries. As part of the ongoing training, workshop participants will be encouraged to sign up for the Spanish Outreach forum on WebJunction Colorado. Participants will be able to share ideas with colleagues and also ask questions of staff within the state and throughout the country about their expertise in building successful Spanish Outreach programs through their libraries.

Please spread the word around about this training and be sure to check out the new Spanish Resources section on WebJunction: <http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=7840>. You will find lesson plans for teaching technology courses in Spanish, tutorials, ESL resources, and more. If you plan to attend the Aurora workshop or if you wish information on upcoming training, contact Rose Nelson, nelson_r@cde.state.co.us. Include your name and name of your institution.

Popular Student Resource Updated

The Colorado State Publications Library has recently updated the popular list of web sites from state government agencies that are useful for students doing research papers. "School Research Topics: Notable Internet Resources from State Government" provides links to government sites on topics such as government, health, history, criminal justice system, education, kids' pages, energy, outdoors/wildlife, etc. The list can be viewed at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpschbib.htm>. An additional resource for student papers is the "Quick Guide to Colorado State Government Statistical Information" for links by subjects to statistics on state web sites. View at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/QGGovtStatistics.htm>.

Boltz Junior High School Library Hosts Another Outstanding Day

Thanks-a-Latte Day, now a tradition at Boltz Junior High School in Fort Collins (Poudre School District), again drew hundreds and hundreds of students, teachers

and community members to learn about services and the joys of reading. Dignitaries and community members served lattes to students and staff in the library, which raises money for special library activities in addition to creating visibility



Fort Collins Mayor Ray Martinez serves students refreshments in the school library during the recent Thanks-A-Latte Day.

No Question Is Beyond Our Answers

Some of the very interesting questions received—and answered!—by the State Publications Library recently include:

- Licensing agency for Colorado travel agents, if it exists
- Colorado resources for an elementary student's report
- All state legislative members and party affiliations for 1993
- Minority breakdown for students and teachers in charter schools
- Eligibility of a common law spouse for State of Colorado employee health benefits
- Population in unincorporated Arapahoe county in 1995
- Appropriations for higher education in Colorado from 1904 to the present

To get information like this, contact <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpask.asp>

Project Healthy Serves Illinois Seniors, Eavesdroppers Welcome

Timely consumer health topics of interest to seniors go online each month over the next year. Presented by the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center (MITBC), part of the Alliance Library System, in partnership with the UIC Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria (LHS-Peoria), the sessions provide library content and services to the print-impaired population. Programs are offered online in live, interactive mode, on CD, and

on cassette for talking book readers. Explore the web site (<http://www.projecthealthy.org/index.htm>) for more information on programs, topics, and helpful links on program topics. (Thanks to Stephanie Weldon for passing this along.)

For additional information, E-Mail: [B. McCune](mailto:B.McCune)

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