

# Centennial State Libraries

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## **LSTA Grant Applications Workshops Scheduled—New Partnership Category Added**

Free workshops to train people in the grant application process for LSTA are scheduled for the seven regional library service systems. Staff from CSL will present information and answer questions. Contact the following regional systems to register:

- November 5 - Plains and Peaks
- November 7 - Arkansas Valley (\$5 registration fee, this session only)
- November 8 - High Plains
- November 8 - SWRLSS
- November 9 - Pathfinder
- November 14 - Three Rivers
- November 19 - CCLS

The LSTA Local Needs Grants application has added a category for “partnerships.” A project is considered a Local Needs project when it provides a service or improves a service for one library or local consortium of libraries. Local Needs applicants may apply for up to \$15,000 per library or agency. Since this is a competitive grant, it is likely that some projects will not be funded. Successful proposals may be partially or fully funded.

If the project involves two or more partners from different types of libraries, the amount


available is \$30,000. If applying for a Partnership Grant, each library must be working toward achieving the same goals and objectives of the same project. The partners in a partnership application must consist of two or more different types of libraries. A total of \$225,000 will be distributed for [Local Needs](#) projects. A link to past [Local Needs](#) projects may be viewed online. [LSTA Applications](#) and other information are also online. Announcements of funded projects will be made in early March, 2002.

## Director of Networking & Resource Sharing Is Librarian of Year

Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Director of Networking and Resource Sharing for the Colorado State Library, received the Colorado Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award at the recent conference in Colorado Springs. Her leadership and vision for numerous projects were commended. Over the past two years, Bailey-Hainer and her staff have initiated the new SWIFT electronic interlibrary loan program as well as subscription databases for public, school and academic libraries statewide. Other major programs under her purview are the enhanced Colorado Virtual Library, federal GUI grants, and implementation of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation public library computer project.

## State Funding Has Second Successful Year; Some Policy Changes Under Consideration

State Funding for Libraries increased this year from 292 to 299 libraries out of a possible 327 libraries. This is a slight increase of 1% and continues to show the support and interest of libraries in the State Funding Program. Several policy issues arose during the implementation of 2001 funding. The State Library is proposing several policy changes for 2002 funds.

The Colorado State Library has prepared a [Power Point Presentation](#)  summarizing the program and the policy changes under consideration for 2002. In brief they are:

- Implementing a separate maintenance of effort for counties that provide financial support to the local city or county library to serve unincorporated areas.
- Changing the funding year permanently to operate from October 1 to September 30 with all applications due on October 1.
- Requiring 2001 reports on expenditures as part of the 2002 application as a condition of release of 2002 funds.
- Reviewing "maintenance of effort" requirements for all types of libraries, and revising as needed to make the formula as equitable as possible for all libraries.

The State Library will be convening a group of librarians to discuss and provide input

on the proposed changes. Any librarian interested in serving on this State Funding Advisory Group should contact Nancy Bolt at 303/866-6733 or [nancybolt@earthlink.net](mailto:nancybolt@earthlink.net).

## **“Networking and Resource Sharing in High School Library Media Programs: Keys to Information Literacy” *Fast Facts* Published**

The newest issue of *Fast Facts* addresses the link between strong high school libraries and higher CSAP scores. Once again, research shows Colorado students—this time high school—with stronger library media programs tend to score better on assessments. More successful high schools invest two to three times as much in their library media programs as less successful ones, particularly in networking and resource sharing activities that foster information literacy. See the issue on [Stronger High School Libraries—Especially Those With More Extensive Networks and Licensed Databases—Linked to Higher CSAP Score](#) on the Internet.

## **Mail Concerns Impact Talking Book Services to Students**

### **“A Message to Students, Teachers and Parents”**

As many of you know, the [Talking Book Library](#) has always tried to provide books-on-tape to students as a priority. It is our commitment to send a title in the mail to you within 24 hours, as long as it is in the library. However, with the current disruption of the mail system, we are expecting delays in mail service. Therefore, if it is at all possible, please give us the longest feasible lead time by consulting with the classroom teacher and finding out which books will be needed well in advance of the assignment.

Our loan period for students can be routinely extended to two months, so keeping a tape a little longer will not be a problem. However to keep your student current with their classroom deadlines, we do need advanced notice for mailing. If you need to pick up a book, call us and we will have it waiting for you, at the library. Books used in the classroom sometimes have to be duplicated on demand, so calling in advance is important to the process.

Finally, if we need to order a book from another state on interlibrary loan, this involves an added delay, and, while we will order the book immediately, we can't control other states' loan policies. Please discuss the potential delay with your student's classroom teacher so that your student is not penalized.

- Colorado Talking Book Library, Lois Gross

## **ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom Alerts Libraries About PATRIOT Act**

On October 25, 2001, Congress passed the "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act" (USA PATRIOT Act.) This law broadly expands the powers of federal law enforcement agencies investigating cases involving foreign intelligence and international terrorism.

The new legislation amends the laws governing the Federal Bureau of Investigation's access to business records. One provision orders any person or institution served with a search warrant not to disclose that such a warrant has been served or that records have been produced pursuant to the warrant.

The existence of this provision does not mean that libraries and librarians served with such a search warrant cannot ask to consult with their legal counsel concerning the warrant. A library and its employees can still seek legal advice concerning the warrant and request that the library's legal counsel be present during the actual search and execution of the warrant.

If you or your library are served with a warrant issued under this law, and wish the advice of legal counsel but do not have an attorney, you can still obtain assistance from Jenner & Block, the Freedom to Read Foundation's legal counsel. Simply call the Office for Intellectual Freedom and inform the staff that you need legal advice without disclosing the reason you need legal assistance. OIF staff will assure that an attorney from Jenner & Block returns your call. You do not and should not inform OIF staff of the existence of the warrant.

To stay current on this issue, visit [ALA's](#) new site online.

## **State Library Spotlights Services at Colorado Library Association Conference**

State Library staff participated in some 20 programs and presentations at the final Colorado Library Association conference in Colorado Springs in October. Services such as the new SWIFT electronic interlibrary loan, EBSCO databases, technology benchmarks, and services to special populations were among the offerings. Two new efforts—Bright Beginnings @your library (an early childhood literacy program) along with Colorado's participation in the national @your library campaign (an advocacy and marketing program)—were launched.



State Librarian Nancy Bolt leads Bulgarian folk dancing in her session about Bulgarian libraries at the CLA conference.

## Colorado Language Arts Society-Sponsors Writing Contests

Like library staff, language arts teachers go to great lengths to interest students in books, reading and writing. Some of the following items might lend themselves to collaborations between libraries and language arts:

- Middle level writing contest on "small acts" that may make a difference in reducing the violence touching our lives
- High school writing contest on free speech and free press
- Previous student contest winners writing about how they created their essays, and what winning meant to them
- News of NCTE student contests including Promising Young Writers, the Achievement Award in Writing, and the Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines
- CLAS member Patty Holloway's idea for helping students write and listen to poetry--a process one of her students dubbed "Listening for sizzling pickles"
- CLAS President Carol Sullivan's call to language arts teachers to nurture the healing power of literature, and High School Writing Contest chair Jon Larson's views on the significance of the contest subject of freedom of expression

Information may be obtained online at the [CLAS](#) web site.

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