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## “Quick Guide” Resources Available

The Colorado State Publications Library has made available three resource lists called “Quick Guides” which have been revised to include up-dated information. “Quick Guides” are short lists, of mostly Internet sites, that pull together Colorado state agency information on a topic for quick and easy access.

Revised guides are:

Quick Guide to Colorado Government Statistical Information  
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/QGGovtStatistics.htm>

Quick Guide to State Drought and Wildfire Information

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/QGFireandDrought.htm>

Quick Guide to Safe Schools and Youth Violence Information from State Agencies

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/QGSafeSchool.htm>

To view the entire list of "Quick Guides" go to:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/QuickGuides.htm>

For further information, contact Maureen Crocker, Colorado State Publications Library, 303.866.6728, [crocker\\_m@cde.state.co.us](mailto:crocker_m@cde.state.co.us)

## **New “Fast Facts” Highlight Library Issues**

Four new “Fast Facts” have been issued by the Library Research Service. They include:

- AskColorado Use Continues to Grow in Second Year, No. 231 - November 8, 2005
- State's Public Libraries Still Place Colorado in Top 10 But Rankings Slipping After 2002-03 Cuts, No. 230 - November 8, 2005
- Colorado's Low Ranking on State Funding for Public Libraries Plummet Further, No. 229 - November 8, 2005
- Six Out of Nine Colorado Library Ballot Measures Win Voter Approval, No. 228 - November 4, 2005

Access these at <http://www.lrs.org/fastfacts/index.asp?year=2005>

## **Free Service Links Libraries, Schools with Authors**

Book Organizations of Colorado, in cooperation with the Colorado State Library, has launched a new service. The “Find an Author” database enables libraries, schools and service organizations to search for authors who are willing to make presentations. The service does not schedule appearances; it simply provides contact information to authors. Details, including possible payment, must be negotiated with the individual author. To use the service, visit [www.coloradobook.org](http://www.coloradobook.org) and click on “Find an Author.” The service is expected to expand greatly over the next few months, so keep visiting!

## **NCLIS Award for Model Library Health Information Programs Launched**

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is launching a nationwide award for libraries with exemplary consumer health information programs. Until January 31, 2006, the competition will be open to any type of library that provides health information or promotes healthy lifestyles. Libraries wishing to submit an application may complete the form on the NCLIS web site: <http://awards.nclis.gov>. The first round of judging will be conducted at the state level. Ten finalists will each receive a \$1000 prize. A grand prize winner will receive \$20,000. For further information contact Information Office, 202-606-9200, [press@nclis.gov](mailto:press@nclis.gov). Also contact Gene Hainer at the Colorado State Library, 303.866.6900 for additional information about this award, or the selection process.

## **No Question Is Beyond Our Answers**

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

- Library system personnel records for 1971
- Rubric for school media specialist evaluations
- Statistics on El Paso County youth crime, education, health, etc.
- Historic coal mine records
- Information on landlord/tenant rights
- Colorado trespass laws
- High school attendance for the 2005 school year
- Juvenile crime rate in El Paso County, CO for 2004

To get information like this, contact the Colorado State Publications Library at [www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpask.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpask.asp). You also can order multiple copies of the new informational brochure about State Publications and the depository libraries around the state.

## **Literacy Grant from Mountains & Plains Goes to Aurora**

Library staff frequently wonder about resources to support special programs. Don't overlook some local possibilities. For example, the Aurora Public Library received a \$1,000 grant from the Mountains and

Plains Booksellers Association for our Ready to Learn Program which includes "Parenting Counts, A Focus on Early Learning" (three 40 minute workshops) followed by a two hour "Ready to Learn" workshop. The library is targeting parents with infants and young children.

## **New Edition of Book News Now Available Online**

The November edition of the BOOC Book News is now available online. It lists events of interest to the book community for November and beyond. Please share it with your groups. The newsletter is also available for download on the Book News page of the web site, [www.coloradobook.org](http://www.coloradobook.org)

## **Search Eased for Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection**

The new CHNC searching interface allows users to select newspapers by region by clicking on a map of Colorado. The newspapers published in each of these regions can be searched or browsed individually or as a group, or users can create their own customized group of newspapers for searching and browsing. Other new features include a What's New section with information on newspaper issues that recently have been added to CHNC and an expanded list of Featured Topics that highlights selected articles on topics of interest to Coloradans. New documents that provide helpful tips on using CHNC and searching in historic newspapers have been added. Users can access CHNC directly at: [www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org) or through links on the websites of the CHNC partners: the Colorado State Library ([www.aclin.org](http://www.aclin.org)), the Colorado Historical Society ([www.coloradohistory.org](http://www.coloradohistory.org)), and the Collaborative Digitization Program ([www.cdpheritage.org](http://www.cdpheritage.org)).

CHNC currently includes 86 newspapers published in Colorado between 1859 and 1928, with new material added once a month. Newspapers come from 46 cities and 34 counties throughout the state, published in English, German, Spanish, or Swedish. CHNC contains over 291,000 digitized pages from these newspapers. For more information on CHNC, including how your organization can fund digitization of newspapers from your community, contact Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Colorado State Library: 303.866.6907 or [bailey\\_b@cde.state.co.us](mailto:bailey_b@cde.state.co.us)

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