

# Centennial State Libraries

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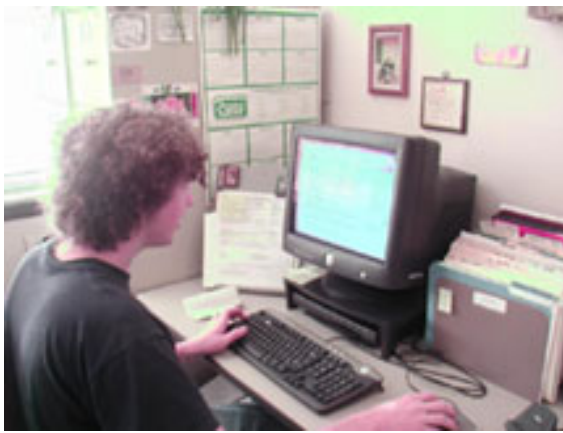
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## AskColorado Is Popular Service

AskColorado, the 24/7 online reference service launched in September, is experiencing skyrocketing demand. Students find it useful for school research, and the woman-in-the-street (your editor) depends on it to resolve debates with her spouse. Plans are underway to launch a marketing effort specifically to reach Spanish-speakers. To try AskColorado yourself, visit [www.AskColorado.org](http://www.AskColorado.org).



A student tries out the new AskColorado service.



AskColorado director Sharon Morris, demonstrates at CAL conference.

## ALA Advocacy Handbook Now Available in Spanish

ALA's excellent "Library Advocate's Handbook" is now available in Spanish, thanks to Helen Ladron de Guevara and Delin Guerra. This short, succinct guide is useful not only for library staff, but also for volunteers; not only for libraries, but also for general advocacy efforts. See it at <http://www.ala.org/PIO/libraryadvocateshandbookspanish.pdf>

## School Libraries: Grant and Collaboration Opportunity?

Why not take the lead in your district? Districts, consortia of schools and BOCES interested in improving opportunities for civic learning for all students may apply for one of four grants. Up to \$40,000/year for three years is available to support a self-assessment, planning and implementation process. Interested groups should submit a Letter of Interest by November 25, 2003. Contact Mary Vigil at [vigil\\_m@cde.state.co.us](mailto:vigil_m@cde.state.co.us) or 303-866-6897 with any questions.

What will it take to graduate all Colorado students as knowledgeable, thoughtful, and productive citizens? Answering this question brings a renewed focus on *the civic mission of schools* and calls attention to innovative strategies for civic education that involves *both* rigorous study of civic knowledge *and* engagement in the practice of citizenship through participation in civic life. One way to achieve this for Colorado students is by combining effective civic education with service-learning to expand opportunities for civic learning across all grade levels, for all students.

Service-Learning Colorado at the Colorado Department of Education announces the Innovations in Civic Learning (ICL) Initiative—a unique opportunity for selected Colorado school districts to develop and implement innovative, district-wide plans to increase students' civic competencies through high quality service-learning and civic education. This three-year effort, funded through a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service, offers grants of up to \$40,000 per year, for three

years.

Selected districts will then be invited to apply for Year One Grants to engage in a self-assessment and planning process to improve and expand innovative civic learning opportunities for all students. For more information on service-learning and this initiative, visit Service-Learning Colorado at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/servicelearning>.

## **Colorado to Create Digitized Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection**

The University of Denver Penrose Library, Colorado Digitization Program (CDP), Colorado State Library and Colorado Historical Society received a 2003 Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership grant for \$249,232 to digitize some 125,000 pages from Colorado's historic newspapers, 1880-1899. This project will add to an existing initiative that is converting 44 newspapers representing more than 50,000 pages. Through these projects researchers, genealogists, students, teachers and those interested in Colorado history will be able to search for a wide range of topics, people and events as well as view full page images of these historic newspapers. Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection will be available on the Internet through CDP's web site ( <http://www.cdpheritage.org> ) and the Colorado Virtual Library ( <http://www.aclin.org> ). The project will use Olive Software's ActivePaper Archive™ that is specifically designed to handle historic newspapers (<http://www.uk.olivesoftware.com>). Additional newspapers will be added to the Collection as funds are available. More information about CDP along with access to the Heritage Colorado database is available online at <http://www.cdpheritage.org> or by e-mailing the CDP.

## **Competition Launched for 21st Century Librarian Award**

The School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, announces the fourth annual competition for the 21st-Century Librarian Award. The award recognizes librarians who have been leaders in the evolution of the profession in the new information environment and carries a cash prize of \$5000. A second award for people new to the profession, the 21st –Century New Librarian, carries a cash prize of \$1000. For information, visit <http://21stcentury.syr.edu> Deadline is December 5.

## **LC Acquires Art Wood Collection of Cartoon Art**

The Library of Congress has acquired more than 30,000 original political cartoons, comic strips, animation cels and illustrator's drawings from the collection of award-

winning political cartoonist J. Arthur Wood, Jr. The collection includes works by numerous notables as well as images from his own work. The addition nearly doubles LC holdings of original cartoon and caricature drawings. For information on the collection, visit <http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/swann/artwood/aw-home.html>.

## Knowledge River Prepares Librarians for Service to Special Populations

The University of Arizona Libraries and School for Information Resources and Library Science announces that the first cohort from the Knowledge River project will graduate this year. Twenty-four students, Latinos and Native Americans, may be available to consider opportunities with Colorado's libraries. If interested, contact Patricia Tarin at [tarinp@u.arizona.edu](mailto:tarinp@u.arizona.edu) or 520.621.6428 to view resumes or post positions.

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