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SWRLSS Changes Name

At its annual Membership Council meeting recently, the SWRLSS members voted to shorten/change the agency's name from Southwest Regional Library Service System to Southwest Library Services. Please note for future reference.

Free Web Research Link Closed Under Pressure from Pay Sites

The Department of Energy shut down its popular PubScience research site amid corporate claims that it competed directly with similar commercial services. DOE claims that removing the site, which cross-indexed and searched some two million government reports and academic articles, will actually save the federal government \$200,000 a year. The move alarmed researchers, who worry that similar government services might give way to private gatekeepers, ceding control over access to

information and research. Though the private firms offer free search services now, critics claim that this may only be a ploy to lure researchers into dependence on their product.

[SOURCE: [The Washington Post](#), AUTHOR: Jonathan Krim] (From the Benson Foundation newsletter)

Multi-Use Network Forum Scheduled

An information forum on getting connected to the statewide multi-use network (MNT) will be held Wednesday, December 4, 2002 1:00-3:30

- What is the MNT?
- How can my school or library get connected to the MNT now that it's available?

In addition to receiving assistance with completing E-rate forms, what are some other potential benefits of connecting to the MNT?

Participate in person at a Denver metro area location or at your computer via web conference. Register online by Monday, December 2 to receive directions to metro location or to get password for web conference. For further information contact [Gabriela Perez](#), or [Rose Nelson](#).

Congress Approves 'Dot-Kids' Measure

Congress has approved legislation designed to seal off a G-rated "neighborhood" for kids on the World Wide Web. The Senate and the House of Representatives passed a final version of the Dot-Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act, which calls for the creation of a dot-kids domain within America's dot-us addressing space. The bill now awaits White House approval. (From the [Washington Post](#), by David McGuire.)



Free Program for Libraries in Under-served Communities: Take A Leap With Say, "I CAN!" sm

[Say, "I CAN!" sm](#) is an energetic combination of storytelling, motivation, and history. The speaker fee is funded* by KBS Productions, Inc. and other corporate sponsors who want to bring under-served communities the benefit of live, educational programming.

About Our Speaker: Kathryn Beisner entertains while she inspires, regaling her listeners with adventure stories of Americans who said, "I CAN!" Woven into the stories are themes of self-esteem, making the most of what you have, and taking responsibility for your success. That's Kathryn skydiving in the photo!

About Hosting The Program: [Say, "I CAN!" sm](#) can be arranged for groups of 30 or more people. You provide the audience, the venue, and a microphone! Visit [KBS Productions](#), phone 303-469-6866 or 1-800-669-4127 for more information.

About KBS's Vision Of Collaboration: KBS seeks to bring schools and communities together for a live, special event where there is something for everyone to learn and enjoy. It's terrific "edutainment" for intergenerational events, community celebrations, and educational enrichment programs.

Barbie May Take Up Library Science

Barbie's new career is up for grabs, and librarian is leading. If you'd like to register your choice, log on to the [Barbie website](#). Debate rages in Colorado about the appropriate clothing, education and attitude that Barbara would have to assume to become qualified.

Local Personality Makes National Waves

A recent "[Library Journal](#)" carries a cover photo of local celebrity Christine Hamilton-Pennell. Even more important to the library community, the inside has an extensive article she authored on distance learning. Hamilton-Pennell also was interviewed for an article about the Colorado Library Marketing Council in this month's issue of "Information Outlook."

Still More Fame—School Librarian Selected National G & T Teacher of Year

Coloradan Karen Larsen, school media specialist at Cotton Creek Elementary in Adams SC 12, recently received the annual award for National Gifted & Talented Teacher of the Year. She exemplifies the major change that's occurred in philosophy about the approach to applying library--or information literacy, as the new term is--skills in school settings. Collaboration with classroom teachers, team teaching, incorporating all kinds of information resources into curricula, librarians as information experts. Larsen's been a participant in the Power School Libraries Project for several years, serving as a mentor to schools that wish to improve their libraries. (On [CCLSWeb](#) ; select green button on left: "Power Libraries") She also is the author of several books.

CDP Annual Leadership Seminar for Museums, Libraries, Institutions

The Colorado Digitization Project's annual seminar is scheduled for Friday, December 6, University of Denver, Sturm Hall. It will explore the impact of digitization projects in communities, museum and library visitation, access through databases or online exhibits, new partnerships, educational uses. Details are available online at the [Colorado Digitization Project's](#) web site.

Holiday Booklists Available Online for Downloading

Favorites from librarians are the subjects of holiday booklists for Christmas, Chanukah, Ramadan, and Kwanzaa. Visit the [CSL](#) web site and download and copy these for your library's customers.

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