

# Centennial State Libraries

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## **Favorite Holiday Books From Librarians on Book Lists**

The Colorado State Library suggests that families join the many people who make the holidays a time to share books. Continue a family tradition . . . or start your own. Staff at Colorado libraries suggested books posted on the Colorado State Library web site, which are among their own favorites, and include celebrations for a variety of ethnic groups. Read-alouds are especially fun for parents and kids, regardless of reading levels. You can download the lists and copy for your library, school, or friends on-line at the [State Library Publications](#).

## **Library of Congress Opens "Portals to the World" on Many Countries**

The Library of Congress has launched a new web site that provides unique data for 49 countries. Dubbed "Portals to the World," the project plans to have a web page for each country in the world by 2003. The service does not intend to rival the CIA World Fact Book, which is also on the Internet; however, it does have links to the CIA site. Users can access such information as current interest rates in Peru and how to register for language courses at Estonia's Tartu University. The [Portals to the World](#) web site also provides various links to the countries' own sites.

## Winners of “Question of the Week”

Winners of the CLA Conference “Question of the Week” contest have been selected. Maureen Crocker, from the Colorado State Library, received the Sandra Dallas book; and Sharon Partridge, from Jefferson County Library, received the SIRS portfolio. Thanks to all who entered, and we hope all readers of the contest had fun learning about Colorado library history. There were a total of 41 entries. Several people entered more than once. One person entered four times correctly. Only correct entries were entered in the drawing.

## South African School Libraries Project Offers Volunteer Opportunities

A Colorado project is helping township schools in South Africa. “Education for All” works with a variety of school programs – adults as well as youth – and school library materials have become a priority. Book donations can be shipped in an “M bag” for \$1 a pound. For information on the effort, contact Linda Nechrony, 303.282.5063, [EducationForAll@yahoo.com](mailto:EducationForAll@yahoo.com).

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