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Notes to Note

Arapahoe Community College Offers Continuing Education for Library Staff

EDU 289 SPECIAL TOPICS: INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY RESEARCH

This course is designed to introduce students to locating and evaluating information from print, electronic, and other non-print sources. Students will learn the concepts of the research process and how information is organized. Students will learn the effective use of college library catalogs, periodical indexes and databases, traditional scholarly resources, and the use of the Internet for research. Emphasis is placed on the selection process, theories and techniques used in formal settings such as libraries, and informational situations such as job hunting. The two-credit, ten-week course will meet on Wednesdays starting on January 31 from 4 - 6:45 p.m. The course will be team taught by ACC Librarian Gene Hayworth and ACC Public Services Librarian Jan Dawson. For more information, call 303-797-5730.

LIT 255: CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Students will examine the criteria for selecting appropriate literature for children. Discussion topics will explore history of children's literature, present trends in children's publishing, age levels, values taught through literature, as well as literary and artistic qualities, including children's literature awards. The three-credit course meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Taught by Gene Hayworth, ACC librarian. For more information, call 303-797-5730.

For spring semester 2001 enrollment information for Arapahoe Community College, call 303-797-4ACC or visit www.arapahoe.edu

Free Speakers for Community Programs

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts offers a free speakers program to acquaint people in the metro area with the shows, plays, educational services and volunteer opportunities available at the DCPA. Volunteer speakers are available to come to your library, community, civic, religious, or business group to present this engaging, multimedia outreach experience about the dynamic programs at the DCPA. To sponsor a "speak," call Kari Chapin at the Denver Center, 303-893-4000, Ext. 4590.

2001 "River of Words" Student Poetry and Art Contest Announced

The Colorado Center for the Book has announced a new student contest for Colorado children. "River of Words," an annual environmental poetry and art contest for children ages five through high-school senior, is presented nationally by the Library of Congress and the International Rivers Network. Entries postmarked by February 15, 2001, will be entered in the current contest. Entries postmarked after that date will be entered in next year's contest. "River of Words" is designed to increase awareness and understanding of the natural world and its connection to artistic expression. For information, rules, and entry forms, visit www.irn.org; or write to "River of Words," P O B 4000-J, Berkeley, CA 94704; 510.433.7020. Information is also available from CCFTB, 303.839.8320.

Media Literacy Essay and Video Contest Enters Sixth Year

The sixth annual statewide media literacy essay contest, presented by PRIME TIME TODAY and Rocky Mountain PBS, is accepting entries through January 29. This year a video category has been added. The topic to be addressed is "Do the Media Affect the Democratic Process?" Teachers or home-school parents of sixth, seventh and eighth graders for the essay contest and ninth through twelfth graders for the video contest may obtain information at 303.770.3239, 303.620.5734, or visit www.primett.org/medialiteracy. Complimentary curriculum guides to help teach students how to think critically about the media's messages are available, too. State winners will receive digital cameras, and supporting teachers will receive cash prizes, along with other awards.

Library News

Art Exhibit Fundraiser for Local Teacher in Sled Dog Race

The Parker Library will feature The *Iditarod Sled Dog Race 2001 – Art Exhibit Fundraiser for the Teacher on the Trail*, from December 1, 2000 through January 3, 2001.

The show is a collection of donated work from local artists, including Becky Gale, Ziba Kelley, Helen Moseman, Tama Peck, Billi Pracht, Louise Schroeder, Julie Woods and Nancy Yarrison. Proceeds from all exhibit sales will help sponsor, Diane Nye, *Iditarod's "Teacher on the Trail in 2001."* Ms. Nye will report about the race to teachers and students across the United States, as well as to thirteen foreign countries.

The *Iditarod* is a sled dog race across Alaska that begins in Anchorage on March 3, 2001, and continues for up to sixteen days, ending in Nome. Ms. Nye was chosen from numerous applicants and has been a teacher for thirteen years (eight at Running Creek Elementary in Elizabeth). For many years she incorporated the *Iditarod* in every subject area of her third grade curriculum, for example: studying the geography of Alaska and its culture, analyzing the dangers that the mushers might encounter in the race; problem solving within the theme of the race; and reading poems, stories, and novels about the *Iditarod*.

For more information, please contact Ziba Kelley at the Parker Library, 303-841-3503.

Woodruff Memorial Library Reaches Milestone

Congratulations to the staff of Woodruff Memorial Library, La Junta. For the first time in the library's history, they were a net interlibrary-loan lender. They loaned five more items to Colorado libraries than they received in November 2000. They filled 115 requests from in-state libraries, many of them to area libraries, but they only received 110 items! Not bad for a library in southeastern Colorado, reports Donna Jones Morris, executive director of the Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System.

Pikes Peak Appoints Community Relations Officer

Pikes Peak Library District has appointed Sheila C. Ferguson as community relations officer, a newly created position. She will be responsible for public relations, development, and print, video and web communications functions.

Outreach Classes to Help School Library Media

Through the cooperation of University of Northern Colorado, classes will be held in several locations in the state in 2001. Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo will be the sites for offerings that will be applicable to "School Library Media Endorsements."

Colorado, like many states, is facing a shortage in professionally trained staff for libraries of all types. The outreach classes are one method to address this scarcity. For information, contact Lorena Mitchell (Colorado Springs), Plains and Peaks Regional Library Service System, 1-800-332-7181; Donna Morris (Pueblo), Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System, 719-542-2156; Sue Eckhardt (Denver), 303-486-4081.

Library of Congress Recruits American Memory Fellow

Teachers, librarians and media specialists are invited to apply for a year-long professional development opportunity. The American Memory Fellows Institute sponsors 25 two-person teams of exemplary grade 4 through 12 educators for a stay in Washington. The six-day Institute in Washington, D.C., in July is part of the program. For information, use the online application at learning.loc.gov/learn/amfp. Applications must be postmarked by February 26.

Librarians Form Summer Reading Club

Employees of Jeffco Public Library had their own reading club this summer, a companion to the annual children's offering. Each year the Jeffco Library Foundation pledges a donation to a local charity if kids meet a summer reading goal. So staff members set themselves a goal of 1,000 hours. A total of 169 library staff members participated, reading nearly 10,000 hours. The Library employee association donated \$500 to the Karlis Foundation, which assists children in threatening situations.

DPL Switches Numbers

Numbers at the Central Denver Public Library have changed. The area code for the building has switched from (303) to (720), and departmental and reference numbers are different from previously. For more information, call the general number at 720-865-1111, or check the Web site at <http://www.denver.lib.co.us>.

CLC Update: November 2000

Because of the requirements of the "state funding for libraries" grants, we have had an overwhelming number of participants added to the Colorado Library Card for November. Rather than list them here, please refer to the Colorado Department of Education website http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/sl_libcardindex.htm - "**Directory of Colorado Library Card Participants**". This has been updated, and all of the participating libraries, new and old, are listed. This site will be updated monthly. If you have any additions, deletions or changes, please contact Louise Conner at 303-866-6906 or e-mail Conner_L@cde.state.co.us.

Power School Library Participants Announced

Twenty-one school library media programs will help student achievement through a Colorado grant project to improve connections between school library resources and classroom instruction. These schools, selected for their exemplary school library media programs, will serve as mentors to 15 other school libraries. All are participants in the statewide Power Libraries Project, which uses commendable school library programs as models for success. Studies consistently show that scores on standardized tests of students attending schools with exemplary school library media programs average ten to 18 percent higher than those without. The concept behind the Power Libraries Project is based on these studies. Now in its third year, the project is supported by federal LSTA funds. Mentor schools, known as "high performance schools," agree to work closely with one or more other schools working toward improvements in their library media programs. Each set of school partners is charged with developing a year-long plan based on a team approach involving the principal, library media specialist, and teachers. The plans focus on integrating library instruction with content standards, building resources, improving instruction, increasing library use, and developing collaborative team-teaching strategies to improve how students utilize the library for research and pleasure reading. Seven of the model schools have not been paired but are available for special workshops in school districts throughout the state. Staff development and training will be expanded beyond the Power Libraries immediate participants so other schools in may benefit. Schools working toward improvements, known as "mini-grant schools," receive \$5,000 for books and resources to help meet standards. Most mentor schools qualify for a \$2,000 honorarium for use in library activities or program improvement. This year's participants in the Power Library Project are:

MENTOR (HIGH PERFORMANCE) SCHOOLS

- Baker Middle School, Denver
- Gunnison High School, Gunnison
- Bill Reed Middle School, Loveland
- Highland Park Elementary School, Pueblo
- Centennial Elementary School, Broomfield
- Hinkley High School, Aurora
- Century Middle School, Thornton
- John Dewey Middle School, Denver
- Cotton Creek Elementary School, Westminster
- McClave Schools (K-12), McClave
- Douglass Elementary School, Boulder
- Park Hill Elementary School, Denver
- Doull Elementary School, Denver
- Rocky Mountain Elementary, Westminster
- Eads High School, Eads
- Samuels Elementary School, Denver

- Eaglecrest High School, Aurora
- Schmitt Elementary School, Denver
- Eagleview Middle School, Colorado Springs
- Shawsheen Elementary School, Greeley
- Woodland Park Middle School, Woodland Park
- MINI-GRANT SCHOOLS
- Arapahoe Ridge Elementary, Westminster
- La Veta Schools, La Veta
- Aurora Central High School, Aurora
- Marshdale Elementary School, Evergreen
- Centennial High School, Pueblo
- Mountain View Elementary, Broomfield
- East Middle School, Grand Junction
- Northeast Middle School, Northglenn
- Fruita Middle School, Fruita
- Redlands Middle School, Grand Junction
- Glenwood Springs Middle School, Glenwood Springs
- Sabin Middle School, Colorado Springs
- Jefferson Middle School, Rocky Ford
- Sierra Middle School, Parker
- Skyview Elementary School, Thornton

Characteristics of exemplary school library media programs include expansion and integration of library instruction with content standards; staff development; instructional connections; funding to expand collections; flexible scheduling in the library media center to meet varying student and teacher needs; information literacy training; partnerships with classroom teachers and administrators; and collaborative team-teaching strategies to improve how students utilize the library for research and pleasure reading.

Since 1998 the Power Libraries project has

- Funded 52 schools in more than 30 school districts across the state.
- Involved over 40,000 students and 1,600 teachers and staff.
- Provided funds to purchase over 6,000 books for school libraries.
- Produced collaborative standards-based units.
- Improved the link between information literacy, library instruction, and content standards.
- Helped promote integration of the library program with instruction and CSAP assessments.

For information on the Power Libraries project, call 303.866.6891, mccune_b@cde.state.co.us.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION ABOUT COLORADO

By Maureen K. Crocker, Colorado State Publications Library, crocker_m@cde.state.co.us

General and specific resources to assist businesses plus information about economic development in the state are available from various Colorado government agencies. The following are selected Internet sites and print publications in this area. The print publications may be borrowed from the State Publications Library as described in the last paragraph.

Selected Internet Sites:

Business Information Page – Main index page site that includes links in the following categories: State Government Agencies Concerned with Business, Labor, and Employment; Business, Economic, and Demographic Information; Unofficial Lists of Colorado Business on the Web; Local Chambers of Commerce; and Books About Colorado by Colorado Publishers.

http://www.state.co.us/business_dir/businessmenu.html

Colorado Virtual Library – Business and Consumer Pages “Best Web Sites. This site, an information guide, links to numerous areas of interest to Coloradoans, all selected by librarians specializing in the field of business.

<http://www.business.aclin.org>

Demography Information Services and State Data Center – In addition to census data, this site contains base industry analysis, economic projections, personal income, employment by sector at the state, regional, and county levels.

<http://www.dlg.oem2.state.co.us/demog/datalist.htm>

Department of Labor and Employment – This web site includes links to Workforce Centers, Colorado's Job Bank, Labor Force Statistics, and wages and working conditions.

<http://cdle.state.co.us/default.asp>

Office of Economic Development and International Trade – This office works with companies starting, expanding, or relocating in Colorado. Services include small business programs, SBDC's, International Trade Office and Tourism Office.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/oed.html

Secretary of State, Business Center – Index page with links to everything from a searchable database of business records to a new business checklist to business name registration.

<http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/business/main.htm>

Smart Growth – The Governor's plan to accommodate population growth while preserving and enhancing the quality of life is divided into four components detailed on this web site.

<http://www.state.co.us/issues/Smartgrowth.html>

State Tax Information -- Department of Revenue site with links to personal and business tax resources and statistics.

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/revenue_dir/home_rev.html

Trade Names Via the Internet -- Companies registered as single owner or general partnership register their trade names with the Colorado Department of Revenue. This site enables the user to search and download trade names

<http://www.businesstax.state.co.us/pgBusTax.htm>

Selected Print Publications:

Colorado's Agribusiness System : Its Contribution to the State Economy in 1997; by Susan E. Hine, Elizabeth Garner, Dana Hoag.

Call Number: UCSU5/2.2/AG8/2000

Publisher: Fort Collins CO. Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University, 2000, 29 pages, also available via the Internet.

Colorado Business/Economic Outlook Forum (annual publication)

Call Number: HED2/20.9/2000

Publisher: Boulder CO, University of Colorado, College of Business and Administration.

Colorado Economic Development Data Book : statistics and comparisons of key indicators to evaluate Colorado's economic climate and to provide information of special interest to the business community; prepared by Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Research and Special Projects Division.

Call Number: GOV34/10.2/EC2/2000

Publisher: Denver CO, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade Research and Special Projects Division, 2000, 56 pages, also available via the Internet.

Colorado Exports by Region and Country, 1999 total US\$ Value

Call Number: GOV31.10/1999/2

Publisher: Denver CO, Office of Economic Development and International Trade, 2000, 5 pages.

Colorado Frontiers: Text and statistics reporting on the economy of the state by regions.

Call Number: GOV34.14/year

Publisher: Englewood CO, Wiesner Publishing; and Denver CO, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, 2000, 122 pages, also available via the Internet.

Directory of Colorado Manufacturers (annual publication)

Call Number: HED 2/26.11/1999

Publisher: Boulder CO, Bureau of Business Research, University of Colorado, Boulder, in cooperation with Colorado Development Council.

Environmental Concerns : the 1999-2000 Directory of the Environmental Industry in Colorado: editors Ginny Sue Hayden, Carol H. Krismann.

Call Number: UCB4/1.2/EN9/1999

Publisher: Boulder CO, Business Research Division, University of Colorado at Boulder, 369 pages.

Fit for Competition: prepared for Colorado Workforce Coordinating Council, by Mary Gershwin, Daniel Pilcher, with help from Shelley L. Parker [et al.]. Report on Colorado's training needs, growing industries, and employer-led solutions to Colorado's skilled workforce shortage.

Call Number: GOV23.2/F55/1999

Publisher: Denver CO, Workforce Coordinating Council, 1999, various pagings, also available via the Internet.

1999-2000 Colorado Biomedical Directory: editors Ginny Sue Hayden, Carol H. Krismann.

Call Number: UCB4/1.2/B52/1999

Publisher: Boulder CO, Business Research Division, College of Business and Administration, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1999, 262 pages.

Smart Growth : Colorado's Future: Moving forward; creating our transportation future; strong neighborhoods; protecting our way of life; natural landscapes; saving open space, ranches and farms; opportunity Colorado; statewide prosperity.

Call Number: GO40/22.2/SM2/2000

Publisher: Denver CO, Smart Growth Initiative, 2000, 4 pages, also available via the Internet.

Study of Development and Growth in Colorado : Report to the Colorado General Assembly

Call Number: GA4.9/460

Publisher: Denver CO, Colorado Legislative Council, 1999, 87 pages, Research Publication no. 460, also available via the Internet.

2000 Colorado Agricultural Outlook Forum : International Trade, GMOs and Environmental Markets: Agricultural financial outlook; agricultural inputs; livestock outlook; feed-grain outlook; wheat outlook; potato situation and outlook; vegetable crop production outlook; green industries; fruit industry; oilseeds and dry bean outlook; contribution of agribusiness to Colorado's economy; agricultural exports vital to Colorado economy

Call Number: UCSU20/6.2/F77/2000

Publisher: Fort Collins CO, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension; Denver CO, Colorado Department of Agriculture, 2000, 33 pages.

To borrow any of these print publications, contact the State Publications Library, 201 E. Colfax Ave., Room 314, Denver CO 80203; 303/866-6725; fax 303/866-6940. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Publications may also be available at depository libraries that carry state government documents, or through interlibrary loan. For further information, access the Web site: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo>.

From the State Library

by Nancy M. Bolt, State Librarian, nbolt@csn.net

I thought this month I would give you a flavor of the types of projects we have been working on at the State Library. So here is a November diary.

November 1: LSTA Evaluation Committee

The federal Library Services and Technology Act is up for reauthorization. As part of this process, Congress wants to know if we did anything worthwhile with the money. I personally favor the GOMGA principle (Give Us the Money and Go Away), but since we don't let our grantees get away with that, I guess it's not fair to demand it from the feds. We were all so pleased when the LSTA program was transferred from the U. S. Department of Education to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS doesn't require a lot of paper work on the part of states and we had few reports to submit. GUESS WHAT? Without those reports, IMLS doesn't really know the impact of the federal funds either. In the spirit of good will (and maybe masochism) I volunteered Colorado to do an early evaluation, so that IMLS has data to submit to Congress as part of the reauthorization process. We have formed a task force of State Library staff and two outside consultants (Augie Diana from DU and Christine Hamilton-Pennell of Mosaic Knowledge Works) to help with this evaluation.

We are going to be looking at a summary of how all LSTA funds are spent and focusing on two themes: projects to improve school library media services and projects to extend Internet connectivity and Web content to local libraries.

November 10: Final CCLD meeting of the year.

We had a number of CCLD members leaving for one reason or another: Arlene Ott, the small public library representative, is moving out of state. Job changes limiting attendance claimed Doris Haas, Congressional District representative from CD#1, and JoAnn Vergunst, representative from CD#5. Nancy Allen, representing library education, and Larry Wilkinson, representing library trustees, are completing six years and moving on. Michael Barentine, representing institutional/disadvantaged/handicapped users is moving to a new job, as is Ramona Hutchinson, making both of them ineligible. Pat Losinski, representing large public libraries, and Sandra Scott, representing library systems, have completed 3-year terms. All were presented with plaques recognizing their contributions to CCLD and library development in Colorado.

CCLD also took one more look at the Strategic Plan that will guide our activities in the next three years. It is available on the State Library Web site for your examination and comment.

<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/download/pdf/LRPSTD12.pdf>>

November 16-17: ILMS Training Session in Washington DC

IMLS, our host federal agency for the Library Services and Construction Act, held a two-day training session for LSTA coordinators in Washington DC. I was asked to do two presentations. The first was on Colorado's ground-breaking Colorado Digitization Project. Usually Liz Bishoff, the CDP project director, makes these presentations; but this time they wanted information from the State Library point of view: why we decided to fund a digitization project; the history of the funding; policy decisions that were made; future challenges. I'm particularly proud of the State Library's role in this project. In 1996, the State Library and the Regional Systems sponsored a retreat for System board members and representatives from other Colorado library groups at Mt. Princeton Hot Springs. We set priorities for the future at that meeting. One of the priorities, pushed strongly by Nancy Allen of DU and myself, was to work on a digitization project. At that time, I barely knew what digitization was, but it seemed like a bandwagon we should climb on sooner rather than later. That led to a successful LSTA project of \$70,000; then the successful hiring of Liz Bishoff; and the creation of a pace-setting project that included strong collaboration between museums and libraries, the setting of standards, and actual digitization of resources. Liz and Nancy catapulted this modest start into a \$499,999 direct grant from IMLS (\$500,000 being the maximum they could give). I think it's a great example of how a small LSTA grant can be used as leverage for much higher funding.

My second presentation was on our evaluation of our LSTA grants since we were the first state to submit and have approved a plan for this evaluation.

November 17: Deadline for State Funding Grants

Early this fall we hired Bobbi Ponis, retired director of media services at Jefferson County School District, to administer the State Grants for Libraries. Bobbi and our new administrative assistant, Vanessa Hudson, did a wonderful job of coordinating this complex project. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a report of how many school districts and libraries applied. Here I would like to reflect on what guided us through the process.

First, thanks to the many librarians who met to talk, discuss, argue, hassle, shout (occasionally) about what the guidelines should be. We were guided by two bedrock principles:

- We had to adhere to the law and, particularly, eligibility requirements;

- We would try and get as much money as possible out to local libraries.

Bobbie and Vanessa processed and reviewed each application. Where some element seemed to make the applicant ineligible, the duo worked with the library system to see if a solution could be found that adhered to the law and made the applicant eligible. The biggest problem, consistently, was the "maintenance of effort" requirement. When a school district or library fell below the "maintenance of effort" required funding, Bobbie would calculate exactly how much the governing entity would have to add to the library's budget to make them eligible. At least 10 school districts increased the school media budget to become eligible.

I'm writing this at the conclusion of our annual holiday party. The Talking Book Library is decorated with a Christmas tree in one corner, dreidel candles on the table, and a snowman on the wall. I am reminded how thankful I am for the talented and dedicated staff that work at the State Library. All of us wish all of you in the library community (be you library staff or library supporters) a happy holiday and a healthy and prosperous new year.

State Funding for Libraries Grants

The first round of grants has been completed under the terms of the bill passed last legislative session. Nearly \$2,000,000 is available for distribution. Each qualifying library or school district will receive a minimum of \$3000 to purchase library resources. The balance of the funds, some \$129,269, will be reallocated based upon population, and added to the minimum given to an institution.

POSSIBLE # OF FUNDABLE LIBRARIES: 324

OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: 297

OF APPLICATIONS DECLARED INELIGIBLE: 7

Reason: *Lack of maintenance of effort; 6 were school libraries*

OF FUNDABLE LIBRARIES 290

Academic libraries – 23

Public libraries – 107

School libraries – 160