

# Centennial State Libraries

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## Capitol Event for AskColorado

State legislators, aides, and visitors learned more about statewide library services on January 26, when AskColorado set up a demonstration site in the State Capitol. From 7:30 to 9 a.m., library staff working on the collaboration provided PowerPoint shows and distributed information. The emphasis was on the multitude of educational benefits of AskColorado and Live Homework Help. An estimated 60 people received background. Later each legislator got a packet of information in order to let constituents know about the service.



(Debbi MacLeod from the Colorado State Library and the Colorado Talking Book Library briefs a state legislator about AskColorado.)

## Youth Services Workshops Held in Grand Junction

The Colorado State Library, with the essential support and hosting of Mesa County Public Library, presented workshops in early February on the Summer Reading Program, early literacy's Every Child Ready to Read @your library, along with a brainstorming session about reading programs for teens and adults. Response was enthusiastic and energetic. More than 60 people attended one or more of the sessions and made plans for their libraries' services. A new round of workshops statewide is planned for fall on similar topics.



(Some of the participants at the workshop trainings practice their kid-friendly skills)

## Intellectual Freedom Discussions on WebJunction-

## Colorado

The CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) has started a discussion forum on WebJunction-Colorado and you are invited to join the conversation at <http://webjunction.org/forums/forum.jspa?forumID=108>

Current topics include:

- Challenge to Bless Me, Ultima
- Bill of Rights
- Recommended Reading - The Librarian
- Patriot Act Survey
- Catcher in the Rye Challenge
- Staff challenges to materials

Intellectual freedom is vital to all libraries, so keep the dialogue going by sharing your opinions, thoughts, and IF news with your colleagues.

## No Question Is Beyond Our Answers

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

- Locations of high school rifle teams, not ROTC
- Aunt Clara Brown stained glass window at the capitol
- Initial number in Colorado General Assembly
- Paper of School Violence Prevention Manual as too expensive to download
- Hunting laws and regulations
- Help with the on-line education directory
- PUC carrier lists that involve transport of people
- Help finding dissolution -of -marriage data base
- Duties of the State Treasurer
- General Colorado budget materials available
- Publication outlining the operation of Colorado government for a high school government class
- A Boulder Valley school's accountability reports for 2002 and 2003
- Existence of an energy conservation plan for Colorado schools
- Help finding grade level expectations on-line List of parenting resources
- Monitor program for rehabilitated drug abuse teachers
- Cyanide state regulations
- Custodial contracts for K-12 and higher education buildings
- Colorado trespassing laws
- On-line location of the Information Literacy Standards
- Starting a food truck service

To get information like this, contact [HTTP://WWW.CDE.STATE.CO.US/STATEINFO/SLSTPASK.ASP](http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpask.asp)

## Regional Book Awards Announced

Mountains & Plains Booksellers Association has named recipients of the Regional Book Awards. They include:

- Adult Fiction: *The Work of Wolves*, Kent Meyers, Harcourt
- Adult Nonfiction: *Little Things in a Big Country: An Artist and Her Dog on the Rocky Mountain Front*, Hannah Hinchman, W.W. Norton & Co.
- The Arts: *The Pueblo Imagination: Landscape and Memory in the Photography of Lee Marmon*, Lee Marmon, Beacon Press
- Regional Reference: *Select Peaks of Greater Yellowstone: A Mountaineering History and Guide*, Thomas Turiano, Indomitus Press
- Children's Chapter Book: *Searching for Chipeta: The Story of a Ute and Her People*, Vickie Leigh Krudwig, Fulcrum Publishing
- Children's Picture Book: *Old Coyote*, Nancy Wood, Candlewick Press

The recipient of the "Spirit of the West" Literary Achievement Award, given to an author whose body of work captures the unique spirit of the Mountains & Plains region, is Leslie Marmon Silko, recipient of numerous awards for her poetry and fiction.

A banquet to honor award winners is scheduled for April 1 at the Marriott Tech Center. Tickets should be ordered by March 15. Proceeds fund literacy projects. For information, contact MPBA at [www.mountainsplains.org](http://www.mountainsplains.org) or call 1-800-752-0249.

A downloadable bookmark listing the winners and event is attached.

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## Writers' Boot Camp Presented by Colorado Authors' League

The Colorado Authors' League presents: WRITERS' BOOT CAMP: THE ART AND CRAFT OF NONFICTION. This workshop will cover topics ranging from getting published, writing proposals, marketing and promoting your nonfiction writing. The presentations will follow two tracks: nonfiction books and magazine articles.

Saturday, February 26, 2005  
9:00AM-3:00PM  
Park Hill Golf Club  
4141 E. 35th Ave.  
Denver, Colorado 80207  
Cost:  
\$85 Non-CAL members

\$95 Late registration (after February 18)

For a full schedule of topics and times or for more information, call Mary Taylor Young at 303-660-4960 (Book Track) or Sally Stich at 303-757-3765 (Magazine Track).

## Colorado Book News for February Available Now

The February edition of the Book News is available online at [www.coloradobook.org](http://www.coloradobook.org). Feel free to download and copy for your patron and staff use.

For additional information, E-Mail: [B. McCune](mailto:B.McCune)

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