



# Centennial State Libraries

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## Schools Selected for Power Libraries Project

Sixty-five schools are participants this school year in the prestigious Power Libraries Project under a program sponsored by the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) and the Colorado State Library. The schools' libraries were recognized for their critical role in helping students achieve academic standards.

Forty-eight schools and their school library media centers in the "High Performance" category will serve as mentors and assist in training personnel from schools in the state. These school libraries exemplify high qualities of service, collaboration with staff, and professionalism and serve as models for other Colorado schools.

Seventeen schools and their library media centers are "developing." They will receive training and professional development support. These school libraries were selected because they are dedicated to systemic change so the school media center can better meet the needs of students and staff and is developing its library program.

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The award is part of the Power Libraries Project, a program designed to recognize and encourage the important role that Colorado school libraries play in student achievement. To see a complete list of participants, visit [HTTP://WWW.CDE.STATE.CO.US/CDELIB/POWERLIB/INDEX.HTM](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/powerlib/index.htm) This is the Project's eighth year. For information on the statewide Power Libraries Project, contact Joy Van Meter, 303.457.1503, [vanmetej@qwest.net](mailto:vanmetej@qwest.net); or Betty Bankhead, 303.722.0428, [bbankhead1@aol.com](mailto:bbankhead1@aol.com).

## **Education for Librarians Benefits from DPL Grant**

A \$670,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has been awarded to the Denver Public Library. The funds will sponsor a three-year scholarship program for librarians to attend the University of Denver or Emporia in the Rockies a program of Emporia State University in order to develop bilingual staff and staff who can serve minority populations. The IMLS grant is the largest Federal grant the Denver Public Library has ever received.

20 full-grant recipients will be able to receive full tuition and fees for a Master's Degree in Library Science at either the University of Denver, or Emporia State University's Program in the Rockies. Emporia State University is based in Kansas. 10 of the grant recipients will be Denver Public Library Employees and 10 will be from outside the Library.

Candidates for the program must possess one of the following criteria: 1.) be an ethnic minority, or 2.) be fluent in 2 or more languages, or 3.) demonstrate a commitment to becoming fluent in a second language.

A range of activities have been developed to support recipients. Each student will work with a mentor at one of the participating educational institutions. Quarterly group development sessions will be conducted to enrich classroom learning. Additionally, students will be considered as internal job candidates to the Denver Public Library.

## **World Digital Library Planned**

The Library of Congress is launching a campaign to create the World Digital Library, an online collection of rare books, manuscripts, maps, posters, stamps and other materials from its holdings and those of other national libraries that would be freely accessible for viewing by anyone, anywhere with Internet access. This is the most ambitious international effort ever undertaken to put precious items of artistic, historical, and

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literary significance on the Internet so that people can learn about other cultures without traveling further than the nearest computer, according to James H. Billington, head of the Library of Congress. [SOURCE: Washington Post, AUTHOR: David A. Vise]

## Small Libraries Receive Support from Library People

Four small libraries in Colorado were awarded grants of \$500 each to benefit their communities. The grants were awarded by Library People—Friends of Colorado Libraries, an organization that provides an avenue for individuals, corporations and foundations to enhance library collections, services and programs. The recipients of these grants were:

- ✚ Baca County Library. This library in Springfield serves a population of older adults; they desired more large print books and books in the western genre. With this grant, they are able to provide these resources to their readers.
- ✚ Conejos County Library District. This grant enabled the library district to make a difference at a new branch library established to serve the population of Antonito. The library will purchase books to encourage children to read and take part in the summer reading program.
- ✚ Dacono Public Library. It has been found that when viewing movies or programs based on books, young patrons often want to read the book that the movie was based on. The Dacono library will use its grant to purchase videos and DVD's that are based on children's literature.
- ✚ Flagler Community Library. The library found a need to strengthen its services to preschoolers and their families. They will use the grant to purchase picture and alphabet books and enhance activities that support early literacy.

Library People—Friends of Colorado Libraries is a statewide not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing library collections, services and programs. Library People provides small grants to public and school libraries to initiate projects that would otherwise be impossible. The group also sustains services in the areas of the state which most need this help with unrestricted grants. For additional information on Library People, contact [librarypeoplecolorado@yahoo.com](mailto:librarypeoplecolorado@yahoo.com), 303-938-8766



## **CSL Staff Member Contributes to National Geographic**

Patricia Froehlich, public library consultant for CSL, is featured in a new publication from National Geographic. "Quilt of the States" contains an essay from her about Colorado. Librarians from all states were asked to contribute a close-up look at their own state and the events that lead them to join the Union. The quilt maps were created by Adrienne Yorinks.

## **Jean Heilig Appointed**

Jean Heilig has been appointed as the Finance Manager / Special Projects Coordinator for the Colorado State Library, Colorado Department of Education. Most recently Heilig was Senior Director of Research and Information for e-global library at Jonesknowledge.com as well as the Library Director for Jones International University. She is adjunct faculty in the Master of Library and Information Science Program at the University of Denver. She holds an MLIS from the University of Denver, an MBA from the University of Colorado (Denver), and a BS from Colorado State University. A member of a number of professional library organizations, she has served as president of the Special Library Association, Rocky Mountain Chapter. At the Colorado State Library, Heilig is managing finances and a statewide recruitment and retention project concerning librarians.



## **Out and About with CSL Staff**

Consultants from the Colorado State Library travel the state to present trainings, participate in programs, and encourage communication with all types of libraries. Over the past few months, here are some of their visits:

Nance Nassar, school library media consultant visited Haxtun to deliver "Ideas for Team Teaching With Classroom Teachers." At the CAL conference, she participated in a pre-conference, "School Librarians as Managers and Leaders." Mid-way through November found her in school district Academy 20 (El Paso County) working on "Collaborating to Meet Standards: Increase Student Achievement Through the Curriculum and ET-IL



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Connection. Most recently she presented six "Mini" Power Libraries Workshops with an ET-IL and CSAP Focus in Jeffco. She also presented a session at the AASL National Conference on "School Librarians Leading the Way to 21st Century Learning."

Patricia Froehlich, public library consultant, continued her site visits, which she conducts throughout the year, with the latest round to Burlington, East Cheyenne, Kiowa Co—Eads, Las Animas/Bent, and Trinidad/Carnegie. Depending upon the location, her trips may include a thorough tour of the facility; discussions about local issues and concerns; distribution of materials like the new pocket handbook for trustees and summer reading materials; and a statewide perspective on advocacy, visibility, government climate and communication. She welcomes ideas and questions that CSL might help with.

Bonnie McCune, community programs consultant, joined Patricia for a series of trainings throughout the state on the Summer Reading Program and community collaborations at Bemis (Littleton), Weld County, Pueblo, Grand Junction, Dolores, and Glenwood. She also presented an overview of Every Child Ready to Read @your library for Jeffco library staff.

### **December Book News Now Online**

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