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New School Library Consultant Joins Staff

The Colorado State Library welcomes Nance Nassar as School Library Senior Consultant in Library Development Services. Nance comes to Colorado from Houston, Texas, where she was director of Library Media Services in the Aldine School District for 13 years. She also served as a practicing library media specialist for 16 years. She holds an MLS from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Nassar will provide expertise and consulting to schools and their library media centers as well as help position school libraries in the educational community. She may be contacted at nassar_n@cde.state.co.us.

Nance Nassar, new School Library
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US Education Offers "Home for the Holidays ... Reading Together"

The US Department of Education has prepared a web site and materials for a holiday reading project for teachers, families and young people—and, we assume, libraries! Visit the site "[Home for the Holidays. . .Reading Together](#) for bookmarks to create and color, booklists, and ideas. And Helen Littlejohn, Regional Public Affairs Officer for Region VII, Dept. of Education, has converted the bookmarks to [coloring sheets](#).

TIME WARNER Closes E-Books Division

In another blow for the fledgling electronic book market, Time Warner Books announced Tuesday it was shutting down its e-publishing division, iPublish.com. Laurence J. Kirshbaum, chairman of Time Warner Trade Publishing, said in a statement: "The market for e-books has simply not developed as we hoped." The demise of iPublish.com comes just one month after Random House closed its own e-book imprint, AtRandom.com. iPublish was conceived as an accessible outlet for emerging writers, using the Internet not just for distribution but for democratizing the publishing process. It encouraged opinions and feedback from readers as well as other writers on submitted manuscripts. [[SOURCE: Washington Post, AUTHOR: Hillel Italie](#)]

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Off-Campus Library Services Conference Scheduled for April

The Tenth Off-Campus Library Services Conference sponsored by Central Michigan University will be held at the Omni Netherlands Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 17-19, 2002. Over 70 librarians and administrators will be presenting their research, experience, aspirations and good common sense approach to library services for distance education students. Attendees are dedicated to providing library services and instructional support to adult learners located at a distance from their main campuses, corporate or institutional headquarters, or primary training sites. For more details please go to the [Off-Campus Library Services](#) web site or e-mail [Connie Hildebrand](#), phone 989-774-6080.

University Report Urges that Librarians Be Included to Strengthen Searches

Library Hotline reports in its September 17 issue that Johns Hopkins University's research policies and procedures have been criticized by an external committee charged with reviewing them. The report follows the death of a volunteer who died following an asthma study during which he inhaled a substance and subsequently developed complications. The doctor in charge of the experiment had reportedly done his research using online resources, and the coverage of the electronic sources was not historically complete enough to reveal earlier articles that warned of lung damage associated with the substance. Among the actions suggested to strengthen research was "Requiring investigators to collaborate with a librarian and a pharmacist to strengthen literature searches."

Scores and Books About Music Now Available on Web-Braille

Music scores and books about music have been added to Web-Braille, a program of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the Library of Congress. More than 250 music items are now available with more material to be added as it is produced. The specialized digital holdings contain items not available from any other source, including many Braille music scores For information, visit the [NLS](#) site.

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