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Community Relations Awards Note Achievements with Prizes

Nominations are now being taken for the second annual Library Community Relations Awards. The Awards recognize library staff and volunteers who are the energy behind community relations and outreach, the foundation of all successful advocacy and marketing efforts. Libraries of all types are eligible.

It's simple. Write a letter of nomination for yourself, a coworker, a volunteer, or a group, telling about your community relations and outreach program. Send it to the Colorado State Library by February 7, 2005. The note should contain the following:

- A brief description of the program or project (can be new or continuing).*
- Time period of the project.
- What the outcome of the project has been, what positive impact it's made.
- Statistical information, numbers, evaluations, etc. IF ANY.
- Library name, type, address, phone.
- Nominator's name, affiliation, phone, and e-mail

- Projects that utilize the ALA or Colorado's @your library logo and/or materials will receive special consideration.

A minimum of SIX awards will be given. Awards for projects deserving special merit may also be made. Examples of community relations: registering for library cards at grocery store; presenting about school media center at PTA; giving promotional bookmarks to customers at used book sale; getting local computer store to stock bookmark or flyer with your library's web site; giving book talk at local senior residence. Awards include:

- Three cash awards of \$100 and three cash awards of \$50 to the person OR persons involved in the best community relations effort.
- Certificate
- Notice in CSL publication.

Send your letter of nomination to Bonnie McCune, Library Community Programs Consultant, Colorado State Library. E-mail is preferred to mccune_b@cde.state.co.us. Or send hard copy to CSL, 201 E Colfax #309, Denver, CO 80203, (fax) 303.866.6940. For information, contact mccune_b@cde.state.co.us, 303.866.6891.

Booking Break Summer Reading Showcases Possible Entertainers

Sample the diversity of Colorado performing artists that your library might use for Summer Reading performers. On Friday, January 14, ten to 15 acts take the stage to strut their stuff for libraries.

The showcase, sponsored by Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library, Aurora Public Library, Denver Public Library, and CoPA (Colorado Performing Artists) is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 10 am to 4pm. Come early for conversation and warm drinks! RSVP by January 10 to Megan Ellis, 303-739-6584, mellis@auroragov.org.

Information on performers through Megan; Katherine Dines, 303-298-7122; Jamie Jurgensen, 303-326-8620; Thora Hanson, 303-373-0767

AskColorado Adds Service, Wins Awards

AskColorado Live Homework Help for 4th to 12th graders and college introductory-course students provides expert tutors in math, science, social studies or English. A cooperative service from Colorado's libraries, tutoring is available everyday from 3 to 10 pm in English and in Spanish from Sunday through Thursday, 3 to 8 p.m. A first-time download required, and you can locate technical requirements at <http://www.askcolorado.org/tutor.html>

Please promote Live Homework Help heavily to schools and teachers with whom you

have contact. Feel free to use any of the Live Homework Help promotional items at: <http://www.aclin.org/reference/livehomeworkhelp/> This includes flyers you can copy (English and Spanish), PowerPoints, and logos you can insert into school, student, and parent publications.

AskColorado online information service recently received three awards from different sponsors. AskColorado is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in English and Spanish for students and residents. It allows anyone in Colorado to use the Web to ask questions and get the information they need in real time, without waiting, using a chat format and information resources like online articles and databases. The service, which is available free to users, is provided by 59 Colorado libraries and coordinated by the Colorado State Library. The awards included:

- Project of the Year 2004 from the Colorado Association of Libraries
- Exemplary Service Award 2004 Virtual Reference Desk from the U.S. Department of Education.
- An Innovator Award from Tutor.com.

Online information and homework help programs represent leading edge technology for libraries. For more information about AskColorado or online tutoring, visit www.askcolorado.org.

Talking Book Library Honors Centenarians

The Colorado Talking Book Library recently honored patrons who are ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD or more. At a recent event, five of the 46 centenarian patrons in Colorado attended in person and received plaques and awards in commemoration. They join the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped's "10² Talking Book Club" to recognize the accomplishments of the national reading program's centenarians. Those attending were:

- Rosemary Bardon, 100, Castle Rock
- Helen Daly, 100, Denver
- Rowena DeGood, 101, Loveland
- Thelma Low, 100, Canon City
- Edna Milliken, 100,



Edna Milliken (left) chats with fellow honoree Rowena DeGood

Denver

Presenting the awards were Kurt Cylke, Director of NLS; Nancy Bolt, Assistant Commissioner for Libraries, Colorado Department of Education; and Debbi MacLeod, Director of CTBL. Entertainment featured a reading of the book "The Polar Express" courtesy of Talking Book Publishers, Inc.

The national kickoff of the 10² Talking Book Club was held in October, when Edna White of Jacksonville, North Carolina, a 103-year-old woman, became the nation's first inductee into the 10² Talking Book Club.

The Colorado Talking Book Library, an affiliate of NLS, has more than 10,000 patrons. It loans a wide selection of recorded books and magazines, Braille books and magazines, and music scores in Braille and large print. Anyone who cannot read or use standard print materials because of a visual or physical handicap may qualify to join. Specific information is available at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl>

Workshops Scheduled for Summer Reading and Early Literacy

Two additional workshops packed full of ideas and support for Summer Reading Programs and Early Literacy Initiatives are scheduled for Grand Junction on Thursday, February 3, with sessions repeating Friday, February 4, 2005. Presented by the Colorado State Library with the support of Mesa County Library, the Western Slope presentations include a morning of summer activities and an afternoon during which participants can select either early literacy or reading programs for teens and adults. Registration is only \$9, which includes lunch. For information or to register, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/Downloads/pdf/WkshpRegisGrandJunctionrev.pdf>, or contact Maxine Curley, mcurley@mcpld.org; 970-683-2411; or Michelle Gebhart, 303.866.6894, gebhart_m@cde.state.co.us. Registration, including check, is due by February 1.

Three highly popular workshop were held in November in Weld County, Pikes Peak Library District and Westminster.



Patricia Froehlich shows off a wall mural created by workshop Participants.



Renea Arnold from the Public Library Association presents early literacy tips.

No Question Is Beyond Our Answers

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

- No-bullying law
- Motor Early history of North High School
- Web sites with county level statistics
- Size of state government, including number of service offices
- Carrier laws
- 1979 statute covering motor vehicle requirements
- Economic impact of skiing in Colorado
- States that allow corporal punishment in schools
- Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing FY06 budget request
- Location of private school records for those schools that have closed
- Newer edition of “Parent Guide to Section 504” publication
- Methods of archiving school records

To get information like this, contact <http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/slstpask.asp>

Task Force Report on Denver Public Library Funding Released

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper has released the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Future Library Funding. You can read the Report by visiting <http://denver.lib.co.us/taskforce/report.pdf>. Hickenlooper formed the Task Force in March 2004 to explore the Denver Public Library's (DPL) funding in light of its financial situation.

In their Report, Task Force members advocate a modest funding increase to help offset three years of severe Library budget cuts at both State and City levels. At its year-end meeting, the Denver Public Library Commission is reviewing and discussing the Report. The Library will develop its strategic next steps, which include an extensive process to seek public opinion.

Library Looks to Future Following Court's Decision

The Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) has prevailed in the court case filed against it a year ago in El Paso County District Court. Judge Thomas Kane of the Fourth Judicial District granted the motion for summary judgment submitted by PPLD based on the merits of the case, finding in favor of the District on the three points of the complaint:

- The District's 1986 mill levy authorization constituted voter approval in advance for the District's subsequent mill levy increases.
- The District has substantially complied with TABOR's limitations on fiscal year spending and revenues for fiscal years 1999-2003.
- The District's lease and purchase agreements include non-appropriation clauses and do not, therefore, equate to multi-year fiscal obligations.

The Plaintiff in the case has filed a notice of appeal to have the Colorado Court of Appeals review the District Court's decision. The Library is confident that the appellate courts will affirm the District Court's decision.

PPLD looks on the outcome of the court case as an affirmation of its policies and practices. The process has confirmed for the District the importance of fiscal responsibility to the community. Questions about the District's planning or the suit can be directed to the Pikes Peak Library District: José Aponte, Executive Director, 719-531-6333, x2010.

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