

## Centennial State Libraries

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### Local Librarians Make the Big Time in the Big Apple

The "New York Times" recently announced winners of its 2003 Librarian Awards. Out of the 27 exemplary librarians, two are from Colorado! Susan Oakes, coordinator of the Begin with Books Program, Arapahoe Library District, Centennial; and Terry Zarsky, business services librarian, Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado Springs, were recognized for major contributions and outstanding service. Nearly 2000 nominations were received. Congratulations! [Read the article online.](#)

### Changes Begin at Colorado Digitization Program

Liz Bishoff, who has served as Executive Director of the Colorado Digitization Program (CDP) since its inception in 1998, has resigned to assume responsibility as Vice President of Digital Collections and Preservation Services at OCLC. Her new role will enable her to continue national leadership in the digital library community.

Bishoff was with OCLC for eleven years prior to joining the CDP, including service in the position of Vice President for Member Services.

Nancy Allen, Dean and Director of the University of Denver Penrose Library, and Chair of the Board of the Colorado Digitization Program, will serve as Interim Executive Director until the Board launches a search after the New Year. Nancy Allen has been serving as Principal Investigator on the major Institute for Museum and Library Services grants supporting Colorado Digitization Program projects, including the Western Trails project and the Teaching with Colorado's Heritage project.

[Access information about CDP.](#)

## **Libraries Can Lead Colorado Celebrates Read Across America**

For the second year, an informal statewide coalition is encouraging participation in Read Across America. The 2004 event celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Seuss—a Suessenential! Pledged to major activities already are the Aurora Public Library, Pikes Peak Library District, and Douglas County Libraries. Douglas is – providing the site for a children’s literacy web page, which will be available year-round. Read Across America’s official date is March 2, but in Colorado (since CSAPs are in March), any date in March will do. For information, contact [Bonnie McCune](#), 303.866.6891.

## **Plan for Summer Reading Workshop**

Jump-start your Summer Reading Program on February 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join Kerry Aiken and Melanie Kozlowski, Estes Park Public Library’s Youth Services Staff, as they present the Colorado State Library’s Discover New Trails, the perfect theme for exploration into the creative arts and into the imagination. Learn how to customize and integrate the summer theme, design, and content into an interactive and engaging experience for your readers. Included will be room decorations, theme related story time activities, original SRP songs and cadences, craft ideas (kid tested!), puppet shows and skits, reader’s theater and creative programming ideas.

The workshop, only \$5 for registration, plus an additional \$5 if you want a box lunch, will be held at the North Branch of the Summit County Public Library. For information, contact [Maxine Curley](#), 970-683-2411, or [Van Woodford](#) at Summit County Public Library, 970-468-5887. They have ideas for inexpensive motels if you need to stay overnight. LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION TO BE RECEIVED IS JANUARY 30.

## **Why Should Kids Have All the Fun? Adult Reading Program Group Formed**

The idea of a reading program for adults, often in the summer, is gaining in popularity. A number of public libraries offer this activity all ready, and more are poised to begin. Becky Spilver, librarian at Bemis Public Library in Littleton, is organizing a group that’s discussing details, marketing, and possibly a statewide them. A successful meeting was held recently with 12 library representatives. She’s created an e-list of interested parties. Visit the [list web site](#) to join, or [e-mail Becky](#). You can also reach Becky at 303-795-3961, 303-795-3996 (fax)

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