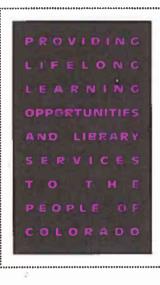


The Colorado State Library and Adult Education Office (\$LAEO) is defining new ways of delivering services, articulating an innovative vision, and leading libraries and adult education into an unprecedented standard of excellence.



The Library Services and Construction Act Program

distributed over \$935,930 in federal grants to Colorado libraries. This money funded 51 different projects. LSCA also funded part or all of the following State Library efforts: the White House Conference on Library and Information Services; the Statewide Summer Reading Program; Access Colorado; the State Library newsletter; the research project and report, *Statistics and Input-Output Measures for Public Libraries*, and "Year of the Lifetime Reader" activities.

The Colorado Library for the **Blind and Physically Handicapped** (LBPH) purchased and renovated a new facility with financial assistance from Colorado lottery funds, Library Services and Construction Act funds, Friends of LBPH, and various corporations. In November, LBPH moved to its new location at 180 Sheridan Boulevard in Denver. Columbia Savings funded a special "Children's Center" with books, tapes, toys and other items for children with special needs. Gates Rubber Company funded a "Technology Center" with special computers, Braille printers and visual aids.

Twenty-two Coloradans represented the state at the second white **House Conference on Library and** Information Services (WHCLIS) in Washington, D.C. in July, The conference was the culmination of two vears of state activities. Six of Colorado's top ten recommendations were adopted as priorities by conference-goers. These recommendations will be used to develop priorities for bettering the nation's library and information services. Colorado's delegates to WHCLIS are in the beginning stages of developing a plan to carry out the state's own recommendations. Top state priorities identified by the process are funding, marketing, networking and coalition building. The top national priority is literacy for youth.

A voluntary **Colorado Library Card Program** was initiated during 1991. The Colorado Library Card will enable Colorado residents to borrow materials from any participating library in the state. The program will be implemented in 1992 and is funded with a Library Services and Construction Act Leadership Initiative Grant. Fundraising to implement Access Colorado continued throughout 1991. Access Colorado will make library resources available to anyone in the state via a local phone call to a telecommunications network that links library and other information databases. Enough money has been raised to install most all local dial-in lines in spring, 1992.

The **Emporta in the Rockles** graduate library education program offered ten courses toward a master's degree in library science. The first class of nearly 100 students will finish course work in spring, 1992. A second class of nearly 50 began course work in May and will graduate in 1993.

The State Library and Adult Education Office (SLAEO) increased its support of the **Colorado Center For the Book**, a local chapter of the Library of Congress whose purpose is to actively promote reading, writing and literacy throughout the state. This year's promotions related to the themes "Year of the Lifetime Reader" and "Laughter, Literacy and Libraries": a statewide campaign encouraging those who need literacy assistance to seek help; the first Colorado authors contest; and a reading writing and drawing competition for students in grades K-12.

A process is underway to identify and certify adult education performance standards to meet the following needs: a statewide accountability system to measure program effectiveness; a means for adult learners to show accomplishment and measurable progress; and a means for programs and adult learners to develop community and business partnerships. Certificates at three basic skill levels have been designed. State Board of Education endorsement has been requested. Pilot testing will begin in 1992 with full implementation in fiscal year 1993.

Colorado Project LEAD funded two projects for the Colorado Department of Education's Resource Center. The **School Model Programs** database, furnishes up-to-date information on more than 275 effective programs and practices that can be replicated in Colorado schools. The new database can be accessed through the CARL system. The second project, *Resources for School Leaders*, is a bibliography listing materials in the Colorado Department of Education's Resource Center that are available through interlibrary loan.

The **Resource Sharing Stra**tegic Planning Committee was formed by the State Library and major resource libraries. Its goal is to coordinate development of Colorado's resource sharing system to maximize use of available library resources, thereby improving information services to state residents.



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The first **Interlibrary Loan Notebook** was compiled and distributed to all Colorado libraries. The publication lists policies and procedures for interlibrary loans and also suggests improvements to the process.



The **Payment for Lending Program** distributed \$162,000 to over 30 libraries that loaned more books than they borrowed. The interlibrary loan system makes it possible for libraries to borrow materials from one another to meet information needs of their patrons. In this way, residents are not limited to what is owned by their local library but have library resources of the state available to them.

The State Library and Adult Education Office and Emporia State University sponsored an institute, **The** School Library Specialist and the Curriculum, during summer, 1991.

■ SLAEO budget cuts and the freeze on hiring have unfortunately reduced services available to library and literacy programs. The Public Library Consultant position was vacant when the freeze began. Budget cuts reduced the position to half-time. This position will remain vacant through fiscal year 1991. Also, the Literacy Consultant position was reduced to provide only minimal training services to public libraries as part of the State budget cut. The State Library newsletter, *Centennial State Libraries*, has been reduced from 12 issues a year to six.



49,702 children participated in the 1991 Statewide Summer Reading Program, "Be A Super Sleuth: Investigate the Library." Almost a half million books were read in 179,144 hours by children during the summer. 3,069 programs were attended by 119,654 children. 2,088 young adults read 18,514 books in Colorado's second young adult reading program, "Bookjack."

III The **Directory of Environ**mental Education Resources (DEER) received more than 65 calls per

day by the end of 1991. The on-line database was introduced in conjunction with Earth Day, 1990 and has been used by teachers, students, business leaders and the general public. The Library Research Service answered 350 requests for customized data to assist in planning library service.

Three new prison libraries opened during 1991: the Arrowhead Correction Center in Cañon City, the Denver Reception and Diagnostic Center, and the Limon Correctional Facility. Two other libraries reopened in newly remodeled spaces: the Women's and Delta Facilities.

Prison libraries circulated 193,828 materials in 1991. Approximately 79% of the inmates incarcerated in Colorado adult correctional facilities are registered borrowers of their facility libraries which are staffed by SLAEO librarians and library assistants.

The Colorado Refugee English as a Second Language Program continues to teach refugees from

around the world. In fiscal year 1991, 881 refugees received instruction in classroom settings or in their homes. The program provides English classes in Fort Collins, Colorado Springs and the Denver metropolitan area.



Program ended in July, 1991. This year, 3100 students were served under this grant. Local providers are integrating many of these adult learners into existing Adult Basic Skills programs with no additional funding.

27 school library media specialists were selected and trained to serve as members of Partnership Assistance Review teams for accreditation visits in Colorado School Districts.

Circulation figures for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reached 300,000. The Library now serves 9,633 patrons.

Fifteen area adult literacy Area Resource Teachers (ART) provided training and technical assistance in curriculum development to 1,500 teachers and volunteers.

The State Publications Library acquired nearly 5,000 publications and added 1,400 new publications to its CARL database. 300 publications were distributed to the 18 depository libraries.

Under the Adult Education Act, 13,742 adult learners enrolled in programs: 1,708 successfully completed the GED exams, 131 obtained an adult high school diploma and 1,109 obtained employment or received promotions.

1,046 adult literacy students were instructed by eight libraries and three community-based organizations associated with the Adult Education Office.

The Library Research Service trained over 300 library managers in research-based decision-making; made statistics available to over 2,200 library decision-makers in all types of libraries; and conducted three major projects for individual libraries.

PHOTO FAR LEFT: "To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting." — Edmund Burke (1729-97)

Allove Center: Adam Haigh was one of 49,702 participants in this year's Summer Reading Program.

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Chuck Bates, Pueblo Library District Director, and Deputy State Librarian Nancy Both helped with a statewide campaign encouraging those needing literacy assistance to seek help.

1991 OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

LIBRARY PROGRAM ITEM	BUDGETED FUNDS
Personal Services	\$ 702,121
Operating Expenses	80,445
Travel	5,750
Library Materials	64,825
Regional Systems	1,619,936
County Equalization	134,114
Colorado Resource Center	1,092,792
Payment for Lending	162,006
	TOTAL \$3,861,989.

DULT EDUCATION PROG	RAM ITEM BUDGETED FUNDS
Personal Services	\$ 68,404
Operating Expenses	9,278
Travel	1,167
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