



Web Support Services

- Developed and launched interactive surveys on behalf of CDE Special Education Services and State Library Research Service to increase the speed and efficiency of these projects.
- Developed and launched the CDE Master Calendar, with links to meetings, workshops, conferences, deadlines and other key dates involving CDE staff.

Internet contacts:

- Colorado Talking Book Library
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/ctbl.htm>>
- CSL Staff/Contact Information
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slstaff.htm>>
- Library Community Programs/Children's Literacy
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/Childrens_Literacy_Resources.htm>
- Library Development/LSTA
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/lsta.htm>>
- Library Research Service <<http://www.lrs.org>>
- Networking and Resource Sharing <<http://www.aclin.org>>
- Public Library Consultant/Summer Reading Program
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slpromo.htm>>
- School Library Media Consultant/CSAP @your library
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slscap.htm>>
- Standards in Action
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_action.htm>
- State Institutional Library Services
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slinstit.htm>>
- State Publications Library <<http://www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/>>
- Web Support <<http://www.cde.state.co.us>>

First, change...

MUCH OF THE CHANGE HAS BEEN POSITIVE. Library Research Service's ground-breaking research about the impact of school libraries on student achievement continues to make waves. Both state and federal law now require schools to base their educational programs on research. We are thrilled that we have research done by LRS that shows the value of school libraries. This allowed us to advocate successfully for inclusion of an information literacy component in the accreditation rules and regulations and for inclusion of this requirement in the annual reports sent to school districts. Mentioned elsewhere in this report is LRS director Keith Lance's presentation at the White House at the request of First Lady Laura Bush about his research.

Another positive change was the introduction of SWIFT, the automated, statewide, interlibrary loan program that allows, first, libraries to more easily borrow materials from each other, and second, and most innovative, patrons to initiate interlibrary loan on their own. Again, Colorado is in the lead nationally on this effort.

...and challenge...

THREE BIG CHALLENGES CONFRONT US. First, Jim Schubert, deputy assistant commissioner for 30 years, retired. He is sorely missed, and it will be difficult to find a replacement.

Second, our efforts to achieve state-funded group licenses for databases was not successful, nor was the attempt to revise the Colorado Library Law. In view of the state's budget, we will not be applying for database funding next year. However, we will continue to work with the Colorado Association of Libraries to pass a revision of the Colorado Library Law.

The last big challenge faces us in the coming year. The State Library's budget was severely cut, precipitated by the state's financial situation. The State Funding for Libraries program, the annual allocation for the statewide Colorado Resource Center (with services delivered through the Denver Public Library), and the Payment for Lending program all were eliminated. Maintaining cooperative library service in the wake of such cuts is a major challenge.

...and with many thanks!

As always, the Colorado State Library could not accomplish what we do without the hard work of CSL staff and the cooperation and support of local libraries and the Regional Library Service Systems. We also thank our two major advisory bodies, the Colorado Council for Library Development and the Resource Sharing Board, for their wisdom in advising us on direction and action.

Nancy M. Bolt
Assistant Commissioner for Libraries

FY 2001–2002 State Library Budget Summary

Library Program Item	State General Funds
Personal services	\$968,728
Operating	45,205
CTBL Building Maintenance	46,380
Travel	3,981
Library Materials	101,899
Regional Systems	2,449,893
County Equalization	134,114
Colorado Resource Center	2,191,796
Payment for Lending	162,006
ACLIN	374,788
State Grants for Libraries	2,000,000
Reading Services for the Blind	93,800
General Fund Total	\$8,572,590
Library Services and Technology Act Funds	
Statewide Programs	\$1,427,836
Local Needs Grants	225,000
Statewide Impact Grants	657,000
LSTA Total	2,309,836
STATE LIBRARY TOTAL	\$10,882,426

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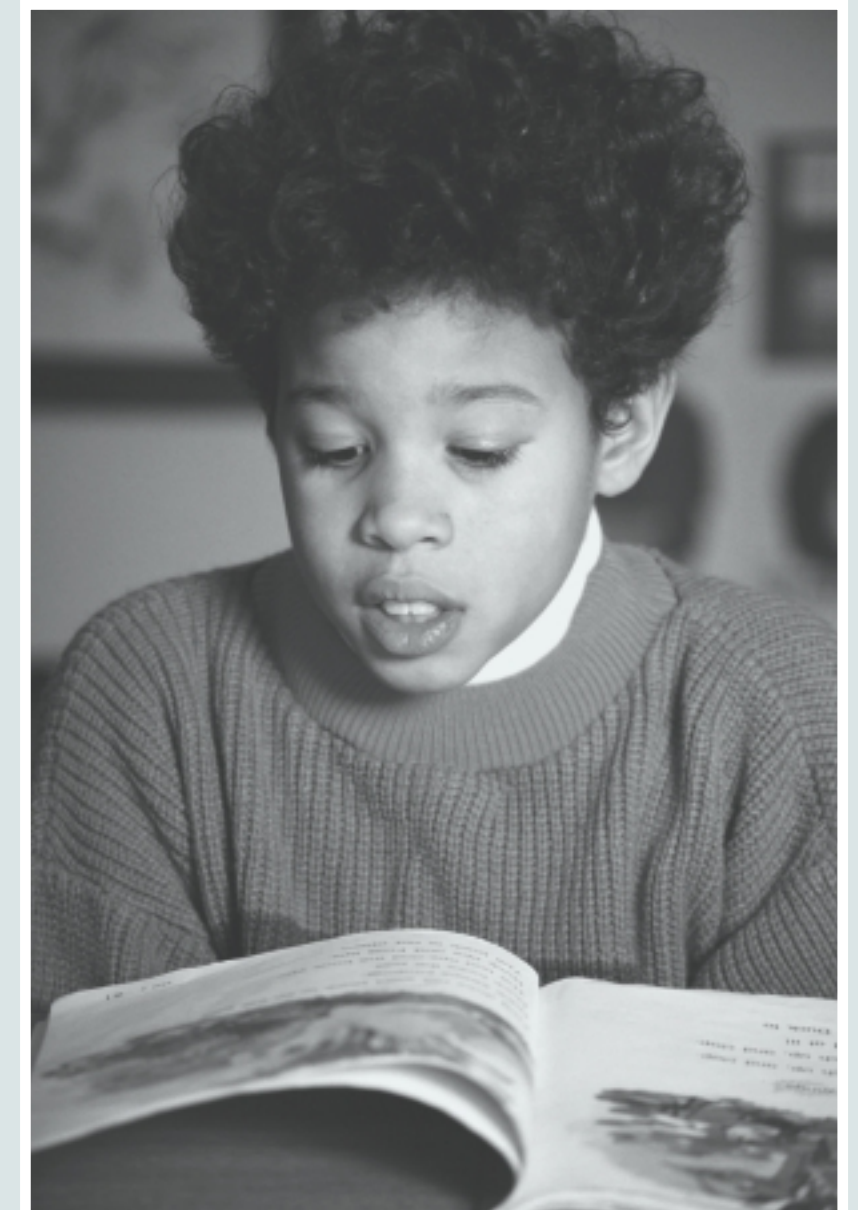


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CHANGE AND CHALLENGE

This has been a year of both challenge and change for the Colorado State Library.



Colorado Talking Book Library

- The CTBL library collection includes 51,982 titles with 338,007 volumes. The library circulated 319,355 books to 11,930 active patron. Ninety-three percent of patrons returning the annual CTBL survey indicated that they were satisfied with the services they receive at the Colorado Talking Book Library.
- As technology becomes more of the norm, the Colorado Talking Book Library encouraged its patrons to access the on-line public access catalog (OPAC) site located on the CTBL web site. As a result, OPAC searches more than doubled this fiscal year. Improvements in the CTBL web site and easier access to the library's collection via online access resulted in the increase of usage by patrons and their family members.
- This year the CTBL introduced a "family literacy" program. This program encourages users of the CTBL and their families to participate in family reading time. Each family participating receives a Ponderosa pine tree seedling to plant.
- Braille transcription service is now available at CTBL. Materials needed by patrons may be requested in Braille format. The CTBL newsletter and its listing of books, magazines, and descriptive videos are now available in Braille format.



Library Community Programs

- As part of a continuing emphasis on early childhood literacy, distributed nearly 100,000 copies of "Reading Tips for Parents," in English and Spanish, to schools, parent programs, libraries, medical facilities and education and service offices.
- To assist educators, parents, and service agencies, created adaptable packet and numerous flyers about library, educational and web-based resources on children's literacy, with emphasis on multi-cultural opportunities.
- Prepared exhibits and made presentations at a dozen conferences and meetings about library services and children's literacy.
- During Library Week, spotlighted services to the Spanish-speaking from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation computer program along with interesting facts about Colorado libraries in general.

Library Development Services

- Two new consultants completed the re-staffing of the unit. Patricia Froehlich is public library senior consultant, and Nance Nassar is senior consultant for school library media programs. Both have extensive background in their specialties. Along with director Eugene Hainer, LDS provides needed resources and expertise to all facets of Colorado libraries.
- A significant change for public libraries was the direct management of the Colorado Summer Reading Program "Reading, Rhythm, and Rhyme" ("Lectura, Ritmo y Rimas") by CSL. Over 200 libraries utilized the service. Delivered free of charge for the first time, the program was CD-based instead of the traditional, voluminous paper manual, to give additional options and information for libraries.
- The most notable addition to the school library vocabulary in 2002 was the phrase "Colorado Students Achieve Power@your library," the newly published standards and guidelines for information literacy and library programs in Colorado. Funded through an LSTA grant, this publication melds ALA-published information literacy standards with materials developed for and practiced by many libraries during the past several years of the Power Library project.
- Grant programs continued to provide funding for libraries throughout the state. The federal Library Services and Technology Act funded 15 "local needs" projects totaling \$225,000 amidst intense competition from over 95 applicants. In addition, six awards totaling more than \$650,000 were awarded for "statewide" projects. They cover services to limited English-proficient populations; Colorado's Western trails, a digitization project; an automation consortia to automate small, rural school and public libraries; a leadership institute on resource sharing; the Colorado Advocacy Project; and expansion of SWIFT (StateWide Interlibrary-loan Fast Track).
- A second grant program, created through the State Grants to Libraries Act legislation in 2000 provided nearly \$2 million to public libraries, school district library programs, and college/university libraries throughout the state. The number of eligible applicants increased over the first year of the program, with 299 libraries receiving funds for purchasing education-related materials for use by all.

Library Research Service

- Continued its primary ongoing work: meeting the research and statistics needs of school, public, and academic library decision-makers.
- Director Keith Curry Lance appeared as a major speaker at Laura Bush's White House Conference on School Libraries. He spoke about "How School Librarians Help Kids Achieve Standards: The Second Colorado Study" and similar studies completed recently in other states. Well-stocked, well-funded school libraries run by professional school librarians are one way administrators can ensure that no child is left behind in their schools.
- Staff and associates co-authored the final report of "Counting on Results: New Tools for Outcome-Based Evaluation of Public Libraries," an IMLS National Leadership Grant research and demonstration project. Staff made presentations on their findings, and articles based on the report appeared the Public Library Association's magazine.



- As of fall 2001, the LRS is conducting annual web-based surveys of both school and academic libraries via the CDE web site. The annual public library survey (in its third year as an online project) continues to employ Bibliostat Connect, a popular web-based survey service that is specially designed to facilitate Colorado's participation in the Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) for Public Library Data.

Networking and Resource Sharing

- The Colorado Virtual Library enjoyed record usage during the past year, with over 8,072,000 sessions on the web site.
- SWIFT—StateWide Interlibrary loan Fast Track—rolled out to 175 libraries. This project allows libraries to place requests for materials from other libraries using a web-based electronic requesting system. Additionally, the capability that allows library users to place their own SWIFT requests is now used by both public and academic libraries.
- Teachers benefited from a new section developed especially for them by the Colorado Virtual Library. This web site allows educators to search for resources using Colorado Education Content Standards and to identify both web sites selected for K-12 students and lesson plans.
- For the fourth year of E-rate (connectivity to the Internet), Colorado libraries received nearly \$567,000 in funding.
- Held a number of successful educational symposiums, including those on e-books and virtual reference service that attracted a statewide audience.
- Helped to negotiate group pricing for a package of databases that will bring participating libraries statewide over 5,000 full text titles.
- Worked with the Colorado Digitization Project to improve the searching interface to the Heritage database, and to support over 15,000 digitized images from more than 12 museums, historical societies, archives, and libraries.

State Institutional Library Services

- Purchased 4453 books, 1176 subscriptions, and 156 AV materials for institution libraries. Materials support standards-based curricula in K-12 institutions, enhance adult education programs in adult institutions, and provide informational and recreational reading materials.

- Eight school libraries in state institutions applied for and received State Grants for Libraries funding from the State Library for purchase of educational materials. CSL consultants and supervisor made over 300 consulting contacts with school libraries in youth institutions during the year.
- Provided coordination, staff training, and consultative assistance to libraries in facilities operated by the Department of Corrections facilities. Eighty-nine percent of all prison inmates were registered users of their facility libraries during FY '02. Libraries provided 30,355 service hours, made 459,455 user contacts, and circulated 572,007 materials.
- Worked with prison wardens, architects, education administrators and program managers to plan library services in new prisons being constructed in Ft. Lyon and Trinidad. Planned and implemented library expansions in the Denver Women's and Arrowhead correctional facilities.

State Publications Library

- Continued to emphasize student, educator and public access to electronic Colorado government information, enhancing the SPL web page by revising bibliographies of electronic and print resources as well as adding 25 subject access links to state government web sites, including business, natural resources, corrections, and human services/welfare.
- Experienced nearly a fourfold increase in monthly visits to the SPL web pages plus an 11% increase in reference questions answered via e-mail on the web site.
- Became a NACO (Name Authority Cooperative, overseen by the Library of Congress) participating library so that the SPL cataloger can establish the official form of state government names to be used by other catalogers around the world to provide standard access.
- Received nearly 3,500 publications from state agencies with about 250 involving Internet access. With a continued emphasis on capturing government electronic publishing, cataloging of Internet publications enhances subject access.
- Provided continuing education at the Colorado Library Association conference on how to catalog electronic web pages and publications and a workshop at Colorado State University on accessing electronic state information.

