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- Colorado State Publications Library <www.cde.state.co.us/stateinfo/>
- Colorado Talking Book Library <www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/index.htm>
- CSL Staff/Contact Information <www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slstaff.htm>
- Institutional Library Services <www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slinstit.htm>
- Library Community Programs/Children's Literacy <www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/Childrens_Literacy_Resources.htm>
- Library Development Services <www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/LibDev/index.htm>
- Library Research Service <www.lrs.org>
- Networking and Resource Sharing <www.aclin.org>
- Public Library Consultant/Summer Reading Program <www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/LibDev/PubLib/publibrary.htm>
- School Library Media Consultant <www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/LibDev/SchoolLib/slschool.htm>

Internet Services:

- AskColorado <www.askcolorado.org>
- Historic Newspaper Collection <www.cdpheritage.org/newspapers>
- SWIFT Interlibrary Loan <www.aclin.org>



Opportunity for All

The past year was marked by many changes in the Colorado State Library (CSL), the library community, and the future of librarianship generally. This year saw the retirement of Nancy Bolt, who provided eighteen years of service as Assistant Commissioner and State Librarian. Although Nancy has "left the building," she leaves a legacy of partnerships, programs, and improved library services as the hallmark of a distinguished career. I was appointed as the Director of the Colorado State Library in May by the Commissioner of Education. I've been with the State Library since 1995, having worked previously as a school librarian, teacher, and music director after starting library work as an academic library aide 28 years ago.

The Colorado Library Consortium began its first year as the newly merged "regional" library system. The director and staff have diligently found ways to provide librarians with services and expertise. While one entity cannot adequately replace the work of seven regional systems, closed from lack of state funding, CLiC is dedicated to addressing the needs of libraries throughout the state.

Although the state's budget problems—a major discussion topic over the past two years—haven't been completely resolved, library funding is stable at the reduced level set in 2002/03. The services people have come to expect from CSL and its partners are still being provided to the best of everyone's ability, despite past reductions. Our capacity to continue services means increasing reliance on the finite amount of federal funding provided annually. The Colorado Library Advisory Board (CoLAB) has recommended that grants for developing the profession be provided in the coming year, along with grants for implementing statewide projects associated with the newly formed strategic plan for library development. Funding available for such grant programs is far less than in previous years, but every effort will be made to provide the most assistance as possible to improve libraries and their services.

Despite the changes and sometimes uncertain future, the dedicated CSL staff will continue to actively provide information and programs to improve library service and advocate for the role of libraries in society. As one eleventh grade student wrote after using CSL's live homework help, "This service is wonderful!!!! I am so grateful for it; please don't ever take it away." Even as times change, such testimonials give us the reason to keep doing what we're doing: because it's important.

—Eugene Hainer
Director of the
Colorado State Library

FUNDING INFORMATION FY 2004–2005 Colorado State Library Budget Expenses

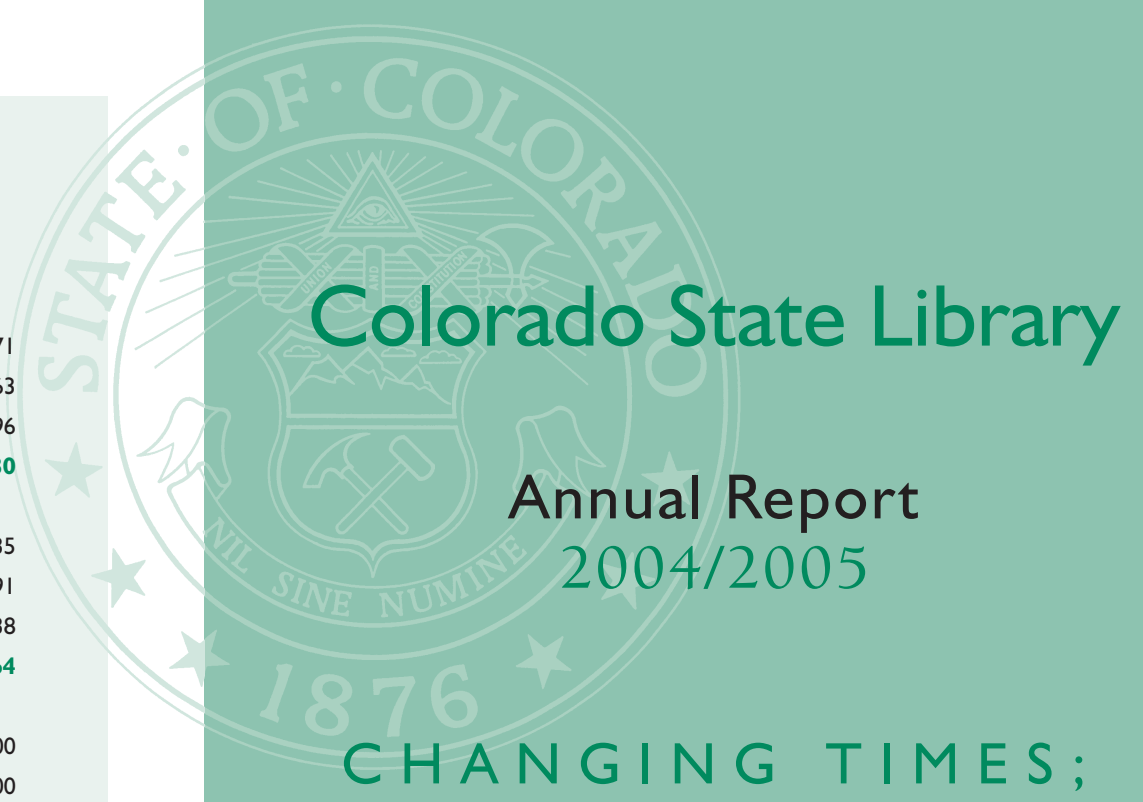
State General Fund: Library Program Support	
Personnel Services and Operating	\$ 818,971
Consulting services to libraries	\$ 24,563
Colorado Virtual Library (ACLIN)	\$ 359,796
	\$ 1,203,330
Federal and Other sources: Library Program Support	
Personnel Services	\$ 1,860,635
Consulting services to libraries	\$ 350,891
Technology and automation	\$ 166,238
	\$ 2,377,764
State General Fund: Distribution Programs	
Reading Services for the Blind	\$ 93,800
Regional Systems (Colorado Library Consortium)	\$ 600,000
	\$ 693,800
Library Services and Technology Act: Projects	
Statewide Programs and Services	\$ 245,909
Statewide Infrastructure Projects	\$ 190,000
	\$ 435,909

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Colorado State Publications Library

- Provided permanent public access of state agency publications to Colorado residents through the library in Denver and the depository system of 18 libraries throughout the state.
- Received 2870 publications from state agencies.
- Answered 582 reference questions on topics such as Colorado cemeteries, state government salaries, and the job market in Pueblo during 1980–91 for high school teachers.
- Received 22,302 searches on the Online Public Access Catalog for the library and 49,839 site visits on the State Publications website.
- Launched a project to upgrade the library's hardware and software to provide better access to information and the ability to store born-digital documents. Today approximately 80% of state agency documents are digital and the library is receiving fewer publications in print.

Colorado Talking Book Library

- Provided free library service to 10,793 print-disabled Coloradans.
- Circulated over 318,472 audio tape titles, many of multiple volumes, through its free mailing service.
- Welcomed the assistance of over 189 volunteers who donated 14,512 hours of time to the library, the equivalent of 7 full-time employees.
- Received 11,882 hits on the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) for the library, resulting in 22,648 searches.
- Honored the 44 active patrons who are centenarians at a reception in December 2004 where 5 were present.
- Attended 32 outreach and vision support groups during the year.

Institutional Library Service

- Assessed status of all youth facility libraries and chose to work in cooperation with library staff and teachers at Pueblo, Grand Mesa, and Marvin W. Foote to weed undesirable books and replace them with current materials.
- Worked with the Department of Corrections to create 10 new library staff positions so all libraries will be open seven days per week. Recruited and trained 13 new adult correctional library staff.
- Created a web-based “intranet” for the 42 correctional library staff, with 3 main purposes: 1) facilitate communication and the dissemination of information and procedures, 2) create a sense of community among prison library staff located throughout the state, and 3) provide a platform for future online training. Also planned a computer catalog and circulation system to be developed for use in small youth facility libraries.
- Registered 87% of prison inmates as users of their facility libraries. Prison libraries circulated approximately 593,000 materials and had about 446,000 user visits.
- Planned the remodeling of the library at the Colorado Correctional Center in Golden, and obtained full-time civilian staff there for the first time.
- Bid farewell to Barb Reilly, Supervisor of the Institutional Library Services program, who retired after 25 years of service.



Library Community Programs

- Launched an early literacy initiative, Every Child Ready to Read @your library, providing training to more than 100 individuals, distributing manuals and materials, and participating on statewide early childhood systems work.
- Supported the revitalization of Library People, a statewide library friends group, to offer opportunities for involvement and support by the general public.
- Coordinated the Marketing Committee of the Colorado Association of Libraries, to encourage collaborations among libraries of all types as well as visibility for their services.
- Assisted the Special Populations & Issues Committee to create a long-range strategic plan to improve library services and to enhance the Diversity Toolkit website.

Library Development

School Libraries:

- Coordinated leadership of the Power Libraries Program with CLiC, which develops and promotes quality school libraries, recognizing the role that excellent school library programs play in student achievement. Participants included 55 High Performance School Libraries and 20 Developing School Libraries.
- Promoted the @your library campaign in schools across the state by providing workshops and training, along with support materials such as posters, bookmarks, and ads, and developed leadership skills in school library staff while promoting quality library programs.
- Provided guidance and support to each school district to design and implement effective strategies for incorporating Educational Technology and Information Literacy plans into learning. These are necessary to meet requirements in school district accreditation rules, the e-rate application process, and for federal technology funding.

Public Libraries:

- Continued membership in the Collaborative Summer Library Program consortium to provide high quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible. Held five summer reading workshops for youth services librarians, reaching all parts of the state. In the summer of 2004, 174,000 children and teens registered for summer reading programs.
- Awarded mini-grants to 62 libraries (many small and rural) to encourage the expansion and development of summer reading programs. Additional grants went to the Colorado Adult Summer Reading Program, a new statewide project, and another statewide collaboration, Colorado Young Adult Advocates in Libraries (CYAAL), for its teen summer services.
- Completed and distributed the 2005 Colorado Public Library Standards to all public libraries, library boards, and trustees. Sponsored a trustee workshop featuring basic trusteeship, ethics, rights and responsibilities, library law, and the policy governance model.

Library Research Service

- Released a major report, “Retirement, Retention, and Recruitment: the Future of Librarianship of Colorado.” One out of five Colorado librarians—including half of the state’s school librarians—plan to retire within the next five years. This was the most stunning finding of the first statewide study of its kind examining relationships among the three phenomena reshaping librarianship. Several related publications focused on specifics, and an LRS article on diversity among library workers nationally appeared in *American Libraries*.
- Launched a special project, the Academic Library Study. Eight out of ten undergraduate students responding from nine participating Colorado colleges and universities report that academic library staff has helped them to find books, journal articles, and Web resources that support their studies. Almost 3,300 undergraduate students and 400 faculty answered surveys. The full report is slated for release this fall.
- Continued dramatic development of the award-winning website, LRS.org. Two features are of special note: LRS-i (“i” as in “interactive”) and the LRS Weblog. LRS-i includes dynamic online tools that enable users to extract specific data and create tables and charts. Customized profiles based on Colorado’s renowned school library impact studies are also available. Launched officially in January 2005, the LRS “blog” provides ongoing reports of the latest news related to library research and statistics, especially the work of the LRS itself. Little wonder that LRS.org continues to be the most popular website for library research and statistics, according to Google.



Networking and Resource Sharing

- Continued to experience heavy use of the Colorado Virtual Library, with over 286,000 searching sessions conducted in the databases. Launched a new service, CVL Community, for one public library with a specialized Spanish interface and for a group of libraries in Pueblo to interlink their catalogs more closely.
- Expanded the membership of SWIFT—StateWide Interlibrary loan Fast Track—to 360 profiled and trained libraries. Over 116,000 interlibrary loan requests were processed during the year.
- Trained two public library districts to use GIS tools to provide demographic and location information about their patrons. This information supported proposals for new locations and services and assisted in resolving library districting issues.
- Enabled Colorado libraries to receive \$614,398 in federal E-rate funds for Internet connectivity, basic phone service, and wiring.
- Expanded Colorado’s Historic Newspaper Collection to include 79 newspapers published from 1859 to 1928. Users viewed over 2.4 million articles, ads, and pictures. CHNC is a joint endeavor between CSL, Collaborative Digitization Program, and the Colorado Historical Society.
- Celebrated the second successful year for the AskColorado virtual reference service. More than 250 librarians from 59 libraries answered 43,600 questions. During a one-year pilot funded by CSL, offered Live Homework Help. Students used 3,415 sessions in math, science, social science, English, and writing.
- Participated in the WebJunction Spanish Outreach pilot program and provided training to 166 library staff on serving Spanish speakers and drawing them into the library.

