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Library Community Programs, Relations, Outreach
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/sloutreach.htm>>

Library Development Services
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/LibDev/index.htm>>

Library Research Service <<http://www.lrs.org>>

Networking and Resource Sharing <<http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org>>

Public Library Consultant
<<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/LibDev/PubLib/publibrary.htm>>

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Connect to the World!

In the past fiscal year, the single biggest incident to impact Colorado's libraries was not library-based. In November, voters supported Proposition C, enabling the state to stabilize its financial foundation and get on with the important work of state services. The library community was a key participant in providing information to citizens that helped decide the fate of this proposition. With the results in, taking steps to improve the future for libraries is the next order of business.

The first step was creation of *MOVING LIBRARIES FORWARD: A ROADMAP FOR COLORADO LIBRARY COOPERATION*. This statewide strategic plan for library development includes goals, statements on library values, and other 'givens' for library services. Created through the consensus of hundreds of library staff, it identifies six important goals for the library community, plus visionary objectives and success indicators. The six goals include:

- Access to information
- Development of the profession
- Student achievement and lifelong learning
- Service to diverse and underserved Colorado residents
- Advocacy/financial support
- Resource-sharing infrastructure

See <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/StrategicPlanForLibraries2005.htm> for the complete document.

A second step will be working with the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL). There has always been a strong connection between CAL and the State Library. As the ideas arise about libraries' needs, CAL will be an important player in securing the backing to achieve results. A third step is continued cooperation with the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC). Filling the void left by the regional library service systems, CLiC is another link to improving library service for Colorado residents. Besides weathering the storm of an unexpected courier change, the regional consultants' travels produced an impressive number of continuing education opportunities for library staffs.

In my first full year as Director, there were ample opportunities to meet new challenges and lead libraries into more cooperative ventures as well as gain visibility within the education community. One of those challenges was staff change. We said goodbye to some long time personnel, including Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Barbara Dey, and Renee Emeson. We welcomed several new people, including Michaela Hansen, Jean Heilig, Kris Johnson, and Maura McGrath. The assistance of new staff has already made a major influence in productivity to help us strengthen connections and reach out to libraries.

Eugene Hainer
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FUNDING INFORMATION FY 2005–2006 Colorado State Library Budget Expenses

State General Fund: Library Program Support

Personnel Services and Operating	\$ 304,102
Consulting Services to Libraries	\$ 67,960
Colorado Virtual Library (ACLIN)	\$ 359,796
Total	\$ 731,858

Federal Fund: Library Program Support

Personnel Services and Operating	\$ 1,459,342
Consulting Services to Libraries	\$ 187,336
Technology and Automation	\$ 223,151
Total	\$ 1,869,829

Colorado Talking Book Library

State General Fund	\$ 308,675
Federal Funds	\$ 226,488
Other Funds (Trust, Donations)	\$ 111,435
Total	\$ 646,598

Colorado State Publications Library

State General Fund	\$ 177,142
Federal Fund	\$ 160,540
Total	\$ 337,682

State General Fund: Distribution Programs

Radio Reading Service of the Rockies	\$ 150,000
National Federation for the Blind	\$ 40,000
Colorado Library Consortium	\$ 600,000
Total	\$ 790,000

Library Services and Technology Act: Projects

Statewide Programs and Services	\$ 67,138
Statewide Infrastructure Projects	\$ 255,079
Total	\$ 322,217

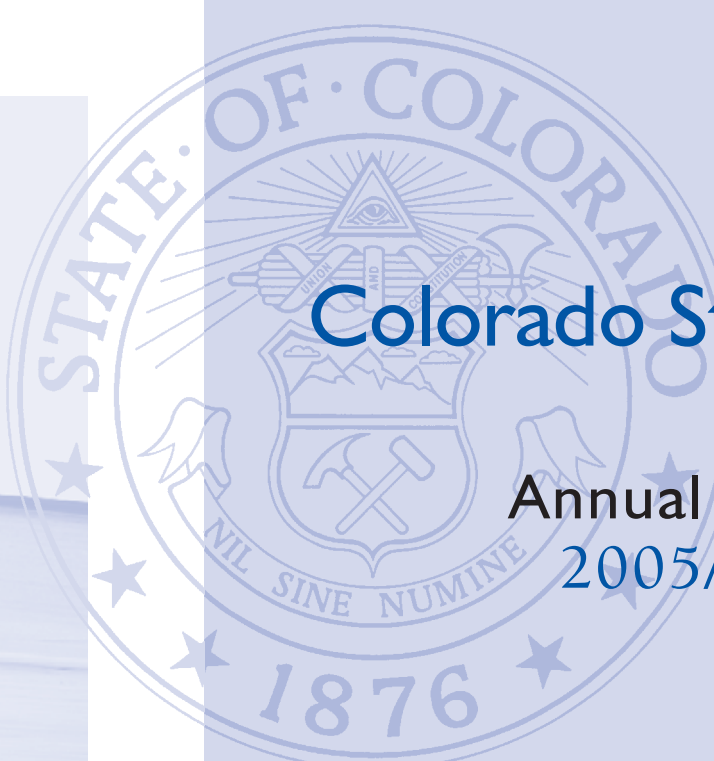


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Colorado State Publications Library

- Provided permanent public access of state agency publications to Colorado residents through the library in Denver and the depository system throughout the state. In this regard, received 2650 publications from state agencies.
- Answered many reference questions on topics such as Colorado economic projections, state licensing rules, early oil shale white paper, adoption and vital records, statistics on state corrections, etc., and continuing updating bibliographies of resources.
- Received 37,031 searches on the Online Public Access Catalog for the library for a 59% increase over last year and 68,472 site visits on the State Publications website for a 37% increase over last year.
- Completed the upgrade and migration of 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.
- Launched the Colorado State Publications Library Blog for information and links to state publications on timely topics. Visit at <http://www.cospl.blogspot.com/>.

Colorado Talking Book Library

- Provided free library service to 11,435 print-disabled Coloradans with 563 additional institutional accounts across the state for a 15% and 23% increase respectively.
- Circulated over 320,000 titles, many of multiple volumes, through its free mailing service of audio tapes.
- Welcomed the assistance of over 190 volunteers, who donated 17,000 hours of time to the library, the equivalent of 8 full-time employees. Honored a volunteer for 30 years of service to the library.
- Received 11,882 hits on the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) for the library, resulting in 22,648 searches.
- Celebrated the talking book network's 75th anniversary in March. First Lady Frances Owens served as hostess and guest reader to several hundred customers, including representatives from the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. The Colorado State Legislature unanimously supported a resolution congratulating the Colorado Talking Book Library (CTBL).
- CTBL was represented at 51 outreach and vision support groups during the year, including serving as a sponsor for the Channel 9 Health Fair throughout the state.

Library Community Programs/Outreach

- Continued early childhood literacy initiative with workshops, presentations, and connections with community groups.
- Collaborated with the book community to create a Colorado authors' database, to encourage authors to make presentations at libraries and schools.
- Lead the Marketing Committee for CAL—to offer training, coordination and information to libraries statewide.
- Staffed the Special Populations Committee, to prepare a long-range strategic plan for library services and provide scholarships for masters level training.
- Strengthened the statewide support group for libraries and their advocates, Library People—Friends of Colorado Libraries, which provided many small grants to small/rural libraries.

Library Development

Institutional Library Service

- Increased services to youth facilities by purchasing materials to support educational programs and reading, training library staff, planning for new library space in three facilities, and installing a computer catalog and circulation system.
- Provided training for 40 correctional library staff, including two all-day workshops.
- Surveyed Department of Corrections' (DOC) incarcerated college students. Results showed that correctional librarians play a crucial role in teaching information literacy skills to students, contributing to their educational success.
- Registered 87% of prison inmates as users of their facility libraries. Prison libraries circulated approximately 592,000 materials and had about 455,000 user visits.
- Continued implementation of the Read-to-a-Child program in nine DOC facilities. The award-winning program connects incarcerated parents with their children and promotes reading.

Public Libraries

- Continued membership in the Collaborative Summer Library Program consortium with 40 other states 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 2005, 176,000 children and teens registered for summer reading programs.
- Awarded mini-grants to 61 libraries (many small and rural) to encourage the expansion and development of summer reading programs.
- Completed and distributed the 2006 Colorado Library Board and Trustees Pocket Handbook to all public libraries, library boards, and trustees. Includes information on types of boards, duties of trustees, Intellectual Freedom, and Colorado Library Law and Trustee Resources. Sponsored trustee workshops featuring basic trusteeship, ethics, rights and responsibilities, library law, and the policy governance model.

School Libraries

- Provided professional development to school librarians. Offered 12 workshops entitled "Better Library Instruction Using Test Data" for over 350 participants to help them analyze CSAP test data to improve library instruction and reinforce content standards. Other workshop topics included 21st Century Learning, the Big 6 Research Process, Collaboration, Leadership, and Educational Technology and Information Literacy (ET-IL).
- With CLiC, coordinated leadership of the Power Libraries Program, which develops and promotes quality school libraries, recognizing the role that excellent school library programs play in student achievement. Participants included 48 High Performance School Libraries and 17 Developing School Libraries.
- Provided guidance and support to school districts to help them incorporate effective strategies for ET-IL into learning. The information literacy component ensures that critical thinking is embedded in all learning. ET-IL Plans are necessary to meet requirements in school district accreditation rules, the e-rate application process, and federal technology funding.
- Produced a 15-minute DVD for school administrators and librarians to highlight the role and responsibilities of the school librarian. Intended as a conversation-starter, this video features several prominent educators discussing ways for the library program to support student achievement. See http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_library.htm.

Library Research Service

- As part of the LRS's new interest in the changing library workforce, published an article on the "Retirement, Retention, and Recruitment" study in *Bowker Annual* and was cited by ALA as one of the year's major contributions to library workforce studies. The summer 2005 issue of *Colorado Libraries*, edited by LRS staff, carried the theme "The Future of Librarianship in Colorado."
- Continued its long-time focus on the impact of school libraries. Keith Curry Lance presented a pre-conference—Power Librarianship: Research-Based Strategies for Leadership, Collaboration, and Technology Integration—at the American Association of School Librarians conference, and participated in a panel discussion at the Classroom Libraries Work! event keynoted by First Lady Laura Bush at the American Library Association conference. See the School Library Impact Studies page: <http://www.lrs.org/impact.asp>.
- Launched a new "Colorado study" of school libraries, "How School Librarians Teach Critical Thinking: the Third Colorado Study." See: <http://www.lrs.org/Blog/ViewItem.asp?Entry=67>. Data collected makes it possible for the first time to assess the extent and manner school librarians are teaching information literacy skills (i.e., critical thinking about information).
- At the November 2005 Colorado Association of Libraries conference, an LRS session showcased LRS.org's interactive data tools for public libraries, and led to the development of similar tools for school and academic libraries. See: <http://www.lrs.org/interactive/index.asp>.
- Having measured the impact of both school and public libraries, turned its attention to academic libraries with "How Academic Libraries Help Faculty Teach and Students Learn." For the results of this study—including some predictable and some surprising findings. See reports based on this study at <http://www.lrs.org>.

Networking and Resource Sharing

- The AskColorado virtual reference service enjoyed a third successful year. Over 325 librarians from 71 libraries collaborated to provide the service, which answered nearly 47,000 questions, more than 50% of which came from K–12 students. The state portal (<http://www.colorado.gov>) and its Live Help link partnered with AskColorado for software and back-up service. Librarians answered over 86% of the Live Help questions.
- NRS took over management of Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC). This popular service grew to include 93 newspapers published from 1859 to 1930 and 327,000 digitized pages. Users viewed over 3.4 million articles, ads, and pictures. CHNC is based on the newspaper collection of the Colorado Historical Society.
- The Colorado Virtual Library continued to be used heavily during the past year, with over 5.4 million hits to the site and over 164,000 searching sessions conducted in the databases.
- Improvements were made to SWIFT—StateWide Interlibrary loan Fast Track—following the release of new software. SWIFT maintains its effectiveness, making collections available for interlibrary loan and lowering costs for participating libraries. With 360 libraries profiled and trained, more than 123,000 interlibrary loan requests were processed.
- Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping services were provided to six public library districts with demographic and location information about their patrons. This enabled library directors to work with their governing bodies on improving board representation, proposing new physical locations and services, and to assist with resolving library districting issues.
- In the eighth year of the federal E-rate program, Colorado libraries and schools received over \$15 million for basic phone service and Internet connectivity.

