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Building a State of Learners

While there is no way of accurately predicting what the trends of tomorrow might bring, the need for knowledge and information will forever top the list. Libraries play a crucial role within their communities as the key provider of information in all formats, for all needs. They constantly adjust to external demands and internal pressures for services. In spite of uncertainties, libraries remain a primary community anchor for all who use them.

If we are to grow a "State of Learners," we must address certain ongoing challenges at the core of this broad mission. Among these are enhancing and investing in individual literacy; learning in families; preservation of cultural heritage; improving access for all. Success means refining and growing a knowledge initiative that encompasses new, yet-to-be trends as well as the tried-and-true services people come to expect from libraries.

Four goals provide the foundation in this endeavor:

1. *Access.* Colorado residents are able to access information resources and services electronically through all types of libraries.
2. *Services for educational advancement.* Colorado libraries and librarians provide services in support of education and lifelong learning for students as well as adult learners.
3. *Services to underserved populations.* Targeted library services reach underserved residents with disabilities or from various ethnic groups and unique populations.
4. *Shared resources.* Libraries cooperatively develop resource-sharing, while reducing duplication of services.

These areas are further outlined in our new five-year plan for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and its corollary, the statewide strategic plan for libraries. Both are designed around providing direction for the library community. A "State of Learners" means strengthening the libraries so they are ready to meet challenges in the future, whether those are technological, social or political, financial, or just knowing who to call for answers.

Finally, the Colorado Department of Education is pleased to welcome a new Commissioner of Education, Dwight D. Jones. He will be an asset to the department, and libraries. We will work to ensure that he is well versed in the many services provided by and the roles of our school, public, academic and special libraries in meeting the challenges ahead.

Eugene Hainer
Director, Colorado State Library

FUNDING INFORMATION FY 2006–2007 Colorado State Library Budget Expenses

State: Library Program Support	
Personnel Services and Operating	\$ 324,117
Consulting Services to Libraries	\$ 91,417
Colorado Virtual Library (ACLIN)	\$ 359,796
Total	\$ 775,330

Federal Library Services and Technology Act: Library Program Support	
Personnel Services and Operating	\$1,483,480
Consulting Services to Libraries	\$ 190,189
Technology and Automation	\$ 228,228
Total	\$1,901,897

Colorado Talking Book Library	
State	\$ 344,812
Federal	\$ 244,323
Other Funds (Trust, Donations)	\$ 167,782
Total	\$ 756,917

Colorado State Publications Library	
State	\$ 183,609
Federal	\$ 88,385
Total	\$ 271,994

Distribution Programs: State	
Radio Reading Service of the Rockies	\$ 150,000
National Federation for the Blind	\$ 50,000
Colorado Library Consortium	\$1,000,000
Total	\$1,200,000

Grants to Libraries: Federal Library Services and Technology Act	
Local Projects	\$ 240,065
Statewide Projects	\$ 167,550
Total	\$ 407,615



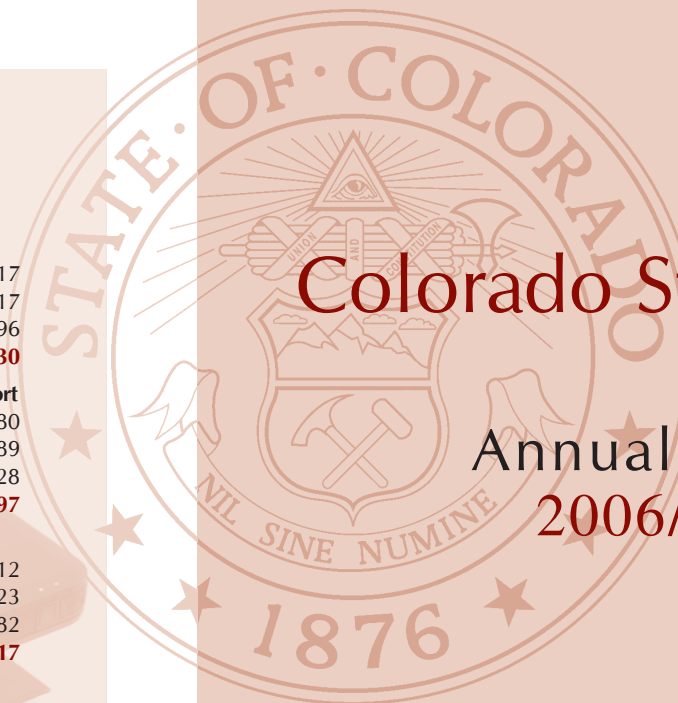
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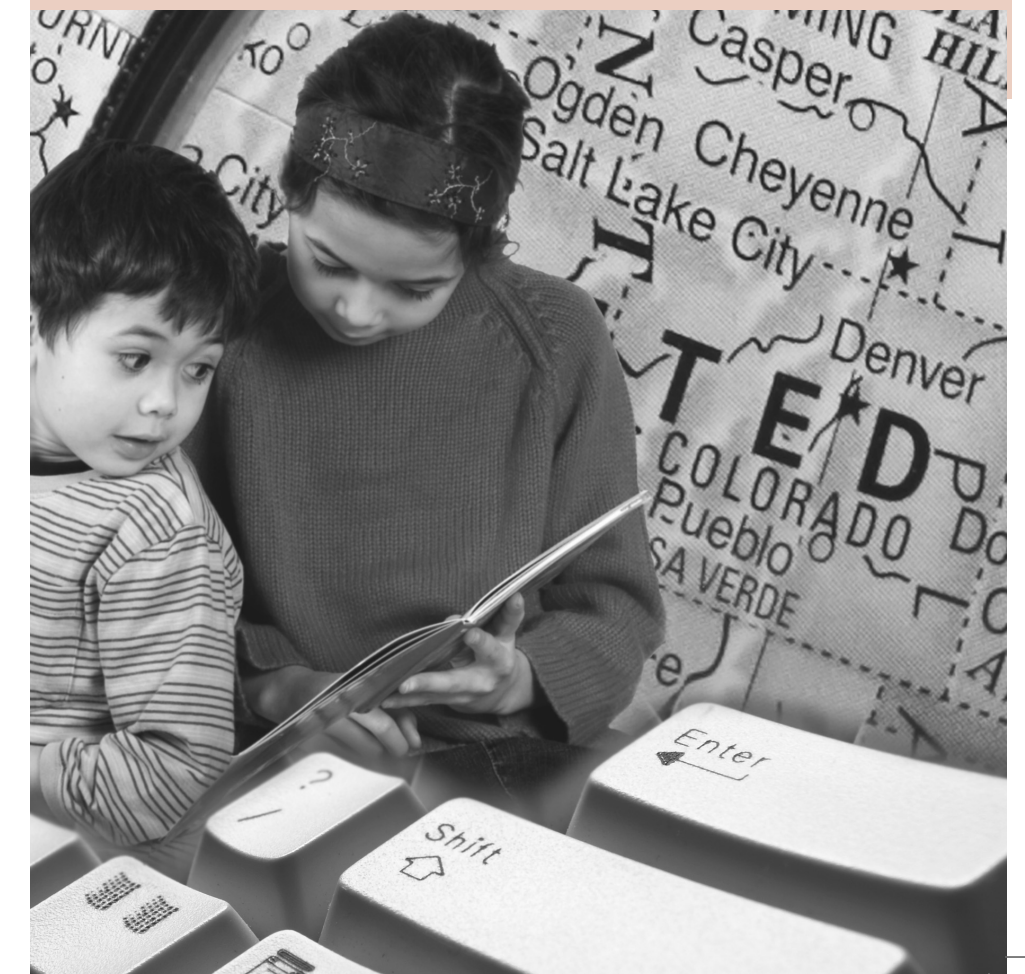
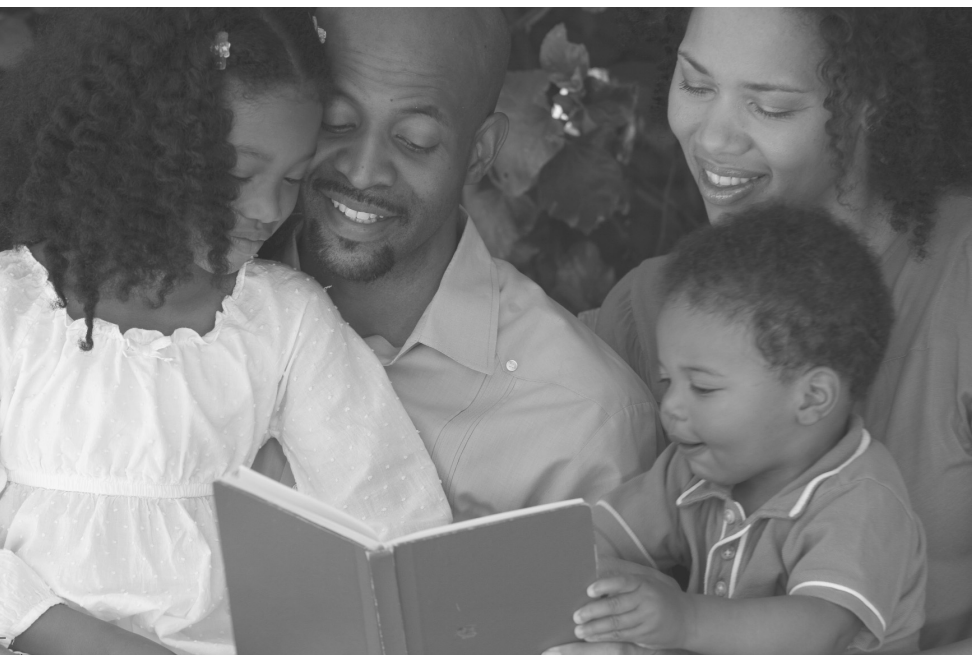


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Colorado State Publications Library

- Provided permanent public access to state agency publications for Colorado residents through the library headquarters in Denver and the depository system throughout the state. In this regard, received 3,867 new publications from state agencies.
- Answered many reference questions on topics such as DUI arrest statistics, government efficiency reports, election results since statehood, purchasing the state flag, sheet music for the first state song, executive orders, etc., and continued updating bibliographies of resources.
- Received 27,795 searches on the Online Public Access Catalog for the library and 59,587 site visits on the State Publications website.
- Initiated planning for a digital repository for born-digital documents to accommodate the approximately 80% of state agency documents that are digital, meaning a decrease of publications in print.
- The Colorado State Publications Library blog, created to share information on timely topics and links to state publications, continues to be popular with 4,145 visits during the year. Visit at www.cospl.blogspot.com/

Colorado Talking Book Library

- Provided free library service to 12,499 print-disabled Coloradans with 656 additional institutional accounts across the state, representing a 10% and 20% increase respectively.
- Circulated over 327,000 audio books, 28,000 large print books and 3,300 Braille books through its free mailing service of library materials.
- Welcomed the assistance of over 190 volunteers, who donated 17,000 hours of time to the library, the equivalent of eight 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.
- Hosted a 9Health Fair on April 17 at the library that focused on people with visual impairments. Kyle Dyer and Dr. Kate Sawyer for 9News provided morning news segments from the library.
- CTBL was represented at 51 outreach and vision support groups during the year, including 15 9Health Fairs throughout the metro area and Pueblo.

Institutional Library Service

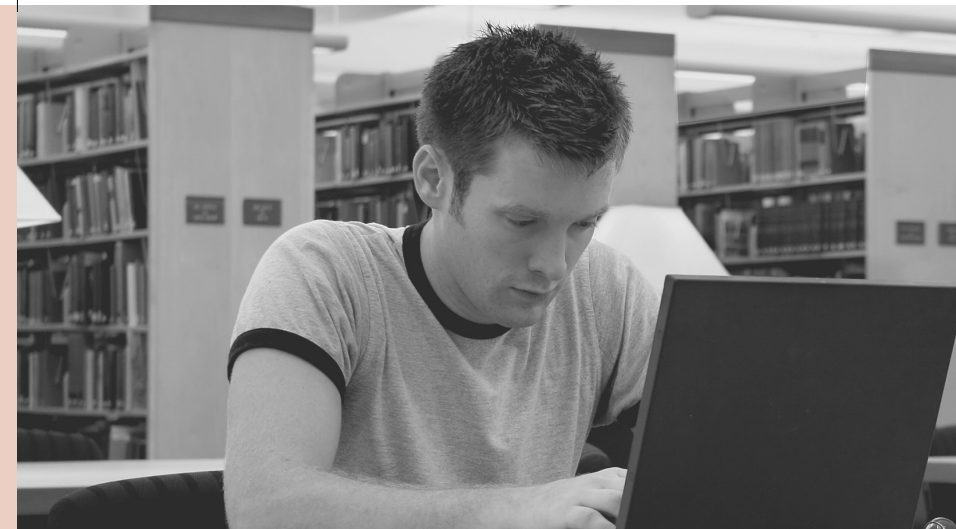
- Improved youth services in Division of Youth Corrections facilities by training library staff; selecting and purchasing library materials to support educational programs and promote reading.
- Started a new library at Sol Vista Youth Services Center (Pueblo); and reopened the library at Gilliam Youth Services Center (Denver).
- Partnered with Department of Corrections to assist inmates to succeed upon release into the community. Library materials in skill areas known to reduce recidivism were purchased, and facility librarians developed reentry library programs and instructed inmates about public library resources.
- Registered 89% of prison inmates as users of their facility libraries. Prison libraries circulated over 608,500 materials and had about 438,000 user visits.
- Provided training for 43 adult correctional library staff, through online modules, site visits and workshops; recruited and trained 13 new library staff for Department of Corrections.

Library Community Programs/Outreach

- Managed the statewide early literacy initiative, hosted workshops statewide, connected with community groups, created materials for parents and caregivers with Spanish language web resources and technology for small children.
- Guided the first Constitution Day effort, encouraging libraries of all types to feature their resources and roles for the nation's values, providing marketing materials, classroom tools, and websites for the event.
- Created popular outreach materials to make libraries visible in the community: a booklist of favorite childhood books from state legislators and a READ poster featuring Governor Bill Ritter and Lieutenant Governor Barbara O'Brien.
- Worked with the Special Populations Committee in developing a website with resources for staff and volunteer training, collection development, planning, programs and activities, plus a database that lets the state's libraries share their promising practices.
- Strengthened the statewide support group for libraries, Library People—Friends of Colorado Libraries, which provided unrestricted grants to several small/rural libraries, and provided technical assistance to libraries.

Library Research Service

- Launched the new www.LibraryJobline.org website, providing the Colorado library community with an interactive, online job-posting service. Both employers and job-seekers are able to post and search for jobs 24/7 using customized profiles. In addition, staff can mine LibraryJobline.org for data to provide statistics about jobs in the library and information professions, permitting trend analysis of the library job market.
- Helped library leaders and advocates learn how to use data to talk about their libraries. The LRS provided techniques, resources, and tools for using statistics to communicate effectively with library boards, community leaders, and patrons at the "Must-Know Strategies for Analyzing and Presenting Your Library's Data" session at the library conference's fall member meeting. Attendees at the New Library Directors Forum learned about their data-reporting obligations as well as the many interactive data analysis tools on LRS.org.



- During the second year of the "What's It Worth to You? A Return-on-Investment Study of Selected Colorado Public Libraries" research project, key informant interviews and library and patron surveys were conducted. With considerable help from the staff at eight libraries from geographically diverse regions of Colorado, almost 5,000 patron surveys were collected. Findings will be disseminated in fall 2007.
- Published ten Fast Facts editions with a focus on salaries for librarians and library staff [www.lrs.org/fastfacts.php]. Also evaluated two statewide library services and published the findings in "Statewide Courier Saves Libraries Thousands in Shipping Costs Each Year" and "CTBL Provides Essential Service to Community."

Networking and Resource Sharing

- Development of Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC) continued on this popular free service. Contents grew to include 117 newspapers published from 1859 to 1930, representing nearly 400,000 digitized pages. Users viewed more than 3.4 million historic articles, ads, and pictures. CHNC is based on the collection of the Colorado Historical Society with supplemental collections from libraries.
- Initiated a planning process to inform the design of a "next generation" Colorado Virtual Library (CVL). The goal is to create services and resources better matched to the evolving needs of libraries and users. Use of CVL continued heavy, with nearly four million hits to the site.
- Improved SWIFT—StateWide Interlibrary loan Fast Track—following the release of new software. SWIFT effectively makes collections available for interlibrary loan and lowers costs for participating libraries. With 370 libraries profiled and trained, more than 127,000 interlibrary loan requests were processed. Participating libraries increased their lending rate by 18%, meaning more library materials reach more users.
- The AskColorado 24/7 virtual reference service enjoyed a fourth consecutive year of operation and growth. More than 300 librarians from 67 libraries collaborated to provide this statewide service to Colorado's residents. Librarians answered nearly 56,000 questions on-line. Approximately 55% of the services' questions came from K–12 students.
- Provided Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping services to six public library districts. These services combine location information about patrons with locations of library services points, as well as demographic information for legal service areas. These services enabled library directors to work with their governing bodies on library issues.

- In the ninth year of the federal E-rate program, Colorado libraries received commitment for more than \$491,000 in funds to subsidize basic phone service and Internet connectivity.
- Initiated Plinkit, the new, free, template-based website toolkit that lets public libraries produce an intuitive, dynamic website. The web is a core technology for libraries to reach and serve their users. However, many libraries still do not have websites. Plinkit gets this core service into libraries with minimal effort or technical expertise.

Public Libraries

- Provided access for public libraries to the 43-state Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) consortium. This service provides high-quality summer reading program materials at the lowest cost. Five summer reading workshops were conducted for youth services librarians throughout the state. In 2006, 110 libraries and over 185,000 children and teens registered for summer reading programs. Mini-grants were awarded to 61 libraries, many small and rural, to expand and enhance program participation.
- Partnered with Dominican University, John Hopkins University—Center for Summer Learning and the Texas State Library and Archives in a National Leadership Grant from IMLS, investigating "Do Public Library Summer Reading Programs Impact Student Achievement?" This two-year study will publish results in 2009.
- Trustee workshops were conducted featuring basic trusteeship, ethics, rights and responsibilities, library law, the Open Meetings Law, and the policy governance model. Over 50 members of public library boards participated.
- Five statewide workshops, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant for Rural Library Sustainability, drew participation from 75 librarians from small and medium rural libraries. Participants were able to obtain information about and share ideas on sustaining technology-based library services, plus develop action plans for further work.

School Libraries

- Professional development workshops reached more than 350 school librarians on subjects such as library instruction using test data, collection development, information literacy, 21st century skills, and collaboration.
- Headed leadership of the Power Libraries Program, to develop and promote quality school libraries. This program recognizes the role that excellent school library programs play in student achievement. Forty-eight High Performance School Libraries and eight Developing School Libraries participated this year.
- Developed materials to support use of the 15-minute DVD on the role and responsibilities of the school librarian. Used widely as a conversation-starter for school administrators and principals, this video features ways for the library program to support student achievement. A discussion guide and brochure were sent to all school librarians to encourage them to discuss the content with decision-makers.
- Created extensive resources and training materials for the American Association of School Librarians Advocacy Committee's Advocacy Institute at the national conference. This national forum will reach thousands of librarians, and help inform advocacy efforts in Colorado as well.

