

Colorado Association of Libraries Newsletter

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President's Message

by Donna Jones Morris, CAL President

Change is what will typify society for some time to come. Libraries, a big part of our society, must be ready to not only embrace change, but we must be planning for a different environment in which we will be delivering service and we must plan for changes in service.

The recent reductions in library funding are a result of the tight economic condition of the Colorado economy. Many state programs were reduced or eliminated. But in tight economic times it is a fact that library use increases.

Folks wiser than I have said that one is not given more challenges than one can handle. Through my life I have often felt like the challenges I have faced are beyond what I can deal with appropriately, but as I assess my life to this point, I have dealt with each challenge, and gone on from those seemingly monumental challenges to new challenges. This is what the Colorado library community must do now.

We have had some staggering blows to library funding. The CAL Web site gives details concerning the library cuts. The library community is actively looking at how best to continue providing Colorado citizens the best possible library service, within the allocated resources. This will mean change, which means challenge. So just look at each change as a challenge that you will not only handle, but develop the best scenario for your clientele.

Please know that the CAL Lobbyists -- Jerry Braden and Ruben Valdez --, the CAL Legislative Committee, and the CAL Executive Board have done their best for libraries. We all just have new challenges, many of which will change directions for Colorado libraries, but I have all the confidence that Colorado libraries will work together to provide the best possible service to our patrons.

The Colorado economic situation will improve. Librarians and library supporters need to

position themselves so we are ready to rebuild library infrastructure as soon as feasible. Take an interest in your institution, and local, state, and national political environments. Then determine how you can best utilize your library skills and provide information and resources to decision makers. Develop a relationship with your elected officials and participate in the CAL Legislative Network. Libraries are and will be only as influential as you make them! Much of the value of libraries is the value of each of you who work in libraries, and you are the navigators to needed materials.

With regard to CAL business, at the February 21 Board Meeting the Board continued to work on establishing a solid foundation for our new organization. I expressed appreciation for having Kathleen Sagee Noland, the CAL Executive Director, working full-time for CAL, after several months of part-time work, in the CAL Office re-located within the Central Colorado Library System (CCLS) office. CAL officially thanked CCLS for providing CAL office space. Kathleen is coordinating the work of all CAL staff including part-time contractors Heidi Baker, Special Projects Coordinator; Vicki Nichols, Web Coordinator; and the two Co-Editors of *Colorado Libraries*, Janet Lee and Eileen Dumas. Through the CAL LSTA @your library grant, Bonnie McCune and Porcia Chen Silverberg are also part of the CAL staff team.

There was extensive discussion of awards, and decisions were made concerning 2003 CAL Awards, all of which are listed on the CAL Web site. Awards Committee Chair Mary Katherine Johnson and committee member Penny Shiel presented the Awards Committee report. There was a resolution presented by the Intellectual Freedom Committee concerning the Patriot Act that was vetoed via an electronic vote prior to the February meeting. CAL voted electronically to submit a grant for a second year of LSTA funding for the @ your library grant. Bonnie McCune, the @your library project director, suggested and CAL agreed to
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support the Rocky Mountain Book Fair with our name. Bonnie indicated that the Rocky Mountain Book Festival will not take place this year. All CAL members are encouraged to attend the Colleague Connection dinner and program on Tuesday, April 22nd, <http://www.sla.org/chapter/crmt/cc/>.

The next CAL Conference will be October 16-19 at Keystone Resort and Conference Center. Kim Meyer, Library Information Specialist, Marshdale Elementary, Jefferson County School District; and Patt Paul, Library Manager, Parker Library, Douglas Public Library District; are the Co-Chairs of the Conference Planning Committee. Patt discussed conference plans with the Board.

George Jaramillo, CAL Treasurer, reported that CAL is fiscally sound and operating within our budget. David Gleim, At-Large CAL Executive Board Member, and Kathleen Noland were charged with writing an official procedure for CAL Board meeting agenda reports. Linda Van Wert, CAL Secretary, reported that she is getting materials ready to deposit in the CAL official archives at Denver Public Library. Judy Barnett, Colorado Association of School Librarians President, reported that the American Association of School Libraries (AASL) meeting was a good one. Judy further reported that AASL will be offering a leadership institute that Colorado's Betty Bankhead developed.

Lynn Silipigni Connaway, CAL's ALA Councilor, discussed her written report, mentioning that many state library associations have supported and adopted the ALA resolution against the patriot Act and she suggested that CAL think about doing so. Gail Dow reported that March is the Colorado Library Political Action Committee's (CLPAC) big fundraising month. Contributors cannot give more than \$250. See the CLPAC Web site at <http://colibpac.org/> for further information.

Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian, reported that LSTA is up for reauthorization and that ALA Legislative Day is May 12th and 13th. Nancy also reported that she was accepted to an ALA-sponsored congress on professional education in May in Chicago. Nancy reported that because of budget cuts resource sharing may change. She reported that two advisory bodies at the state level may merge, which will save about \$10,000 and form a new group the "Colorado Library Advisory Board," CoLAB.

Bev Moore, CAL Parliamentarian, is working on a master calendar for CAL. Please email any recurring activities that should be part of the master

calendar to her at beverly1234@aol.com. Kathleen Noland reported that office activities are being coordinated and reported cooperatively.

Spring workshops were highlighted; details are available on the CAL Web site. Jim Weber, Chair, CAL Trustee Division, announced that Margery Smith, the library director at Bemis Public Library, Littleton, will fund and sponsor a trustee workshop. Nancy Bolt, reported that the Bulgarian Libraries Interest Group has a new partner, the Montrose Library District, and that partners have been sending their Bulgarian counterparts American flags. Trips to partner libraries are planned for May-June.

Patti Bateman, Legislative Committee Chair, reported that the CAL-athon was a "phenomenal success" and that the committee has made recommendations for the future. Shannon Cruthers, Membership Committee Co-Chair reported that CAL ended 2002 with 1,424 total members. Marcellus Turner, Publications Committee Chair reported that a British company has contacted CAL about royalty payments for the journal. Judi Maki and Dodie Ownes, Site Selection Committee Co-Chairs, asked for Executive Board direction. The consensus on multi-year agreements is that if this saves money it should be considered. There was caution against arrangements more than 3 years ahead.

The next CAL Board meeting will be April 18, 2:30-6:00 p.m. at Chaparral High School, 15655 Brookstone Drive, Parker, 303/805-6048. Directions are available on the CAL Web site.

Thanks to each of you for all you are doing to share what libraries provide Colorado residents.

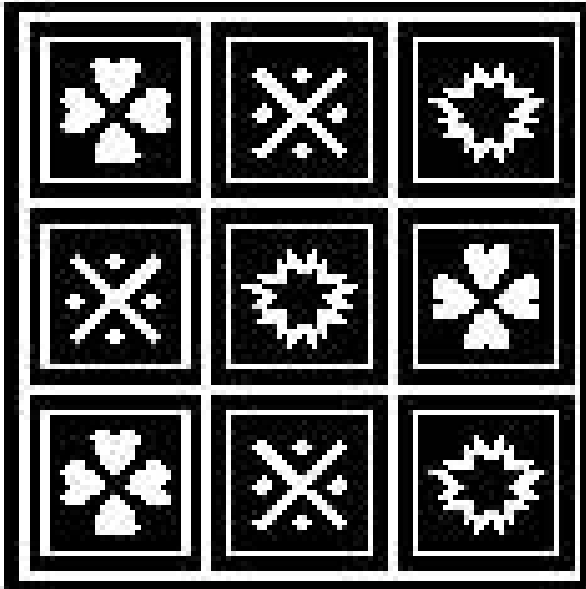
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Deadlines for articles and information are:

February 1
April 1
June 1
August 1
October 1
December 1

Working Together -- Works!



Why attend the CAL conference?

What better way to work together -- to participate in practical workshops, meet other professionals, and have the opportunity to discuss issues that impact our future!

Come together with your colleagues to “piece together” the answers to current issues facing libraries. Meet with your peers to find some common “threads” and to get new ideas – all in the beautiful setting of crisp, sunny days in the Colorado mountains.

Once a year the Colorado Association of Libraries pulls together a stunning line up of professionals and key players to bring you

thought provoking, worthwhile, and fun information.

This year's theme -- *Working Together -- Works!* -- will highlight issues that affect us all:

- surviving budget cuts
- understanding the Patriot Act
- dealing with challenged books
- and working with the rich diversity of the patrons we serve

So make plans to **attend the conference in Keystone, October 16-19, 2003**. You will come away with a head full of good ideas and a sense that, working together, we can meet our challenges with renewed excitement in our wonderful profession.

Watch the CAL Web site for details and registration:
<http://www.cal-webs.org>

Working Together – Works!

The CAL Conference Committee Needs You!

Here's your chance to part of the group that makes it all happen!

Conference Co-Chairs Kim Meyer and Patt Paul need volunteers to work on all aspects of the conference. There are a variety of tasks and time commitment levels available – contact Kim or Patt to talk about your skills or area of interest and availability –

Kim Meyer, kmeyer@jeffco.k12.co.us, 303/982-5168; or

Patt Paul, pattpaul2@earthlink.net, 303/841-6344.

AASL Affiliate Assembly Report

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL), one of the 11 divisions of ALA, is the only division structured to provide a channel for states to communicate priorities and concerns of individual members and regions to the AASL Board of Directors. The AASL Affiliate Assembly, composed of two delegates from each affiliated state organization, meets at each annual conference and midwinter meeting to discuss ideas, initiatives, and concerns from the members. And most importantly, each of the 9 regions is represented by a director on the AASL Board. Our regional director on the AASL Board is Gene Hainer of the Colorado State Library.

Affiliate Assembly met twice in Philadelphia in January at ALA midwinter. One of the highlights was the address of the new ALA Executive Director, Keith Michael. He's the former state librarian from Massachusetts who began his career as a school librarian and seems very supportive of school libraries. His message was "If you are going to invest \$1 in your school, put it into your library because that is the most effective investment."

! @your library / school library

Another highlight was the announcement of the launch of the @your library / school library ALA publicity campaign for Spring 2004. Graphics, posters and press releases will be specifically targeted to show the importance of school libraries. Several posters were on display and were well designed. Information will be available at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary. But until then, this site has information about several other @your library campaigns, such as the partnership with major league baseball and the writers workshop initiative that would be great ways for school and public libraries to collaborate to encourage students' reading and writing. You may also be interested in the AASL Advocacy Tool Kit, <http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/index.html>, which has many excellent materials specifically designed for school libraries.

! Information Literate Student Award

A new Information Literate Student Award was explained. Any AASL member will be able to give an award to a student who shows how they meet the 9 information literacy principles. It was piloted in Region II last year and is now available to all affiliates. Students submit essays describing how they employ the 9 information literacy principles which are judged by a local teacher committee. The winning student receives a certificate with the AASL seal and the

president's signature. Any other costs of ceremonies, plaques, gift certificates, etc., are at local discretion and cost. The CASL Board is considering possibilities for promoting this award in Colorado.

! Candidates for Office

Each of the candidates for AASL office were introduced and Region IX was well-represented by Dawn Vaughn, who has been nominated by AASL for President-Elect, and Jody Howard who has been nominated for AASL Board of Directors from the Supervisor's Section.

! National Conference

In other news, AASL members are hard at work on the official preliminary program of the AASL 11th National Conference and Exhibition, October 22-26, 2003 in Kansas City, Missouri. The preliminary program, including registration and hotel information, will be mailed to all AASL members in late March.

Here's what's in store for Kansas City: 15 preconference workshops, 115 concurrent sessions, two general sessions, the Exploratorium, seven school tours, five continuing education tours (with lessons plans and bibliographies for you to use in your own school), a storytelling festival, hundreds of exhibitors, special vendor programs, and opportunities to interact with authors and your colleagues. In the meantime, you can stay apprised of all the latest national conference news by reading AASL Hotlinks and visiting the official AASL National Conference Web site at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/kc>. You can also subscribe to the AASL newsletter at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/newssub.html> and read *American Libraries* online at <http://www.ala.org/alonline/index.html>.

With the realization that some Colorado AASL members will attend the CAL conference in Keystone October 16-19 rather than the AASL National Conference October 22-26, plans are underway for a "Connect to AASL" event at the CAL Conference. CASL members who are attending the national AASL conference will be available to discuss the programs, preconferences, and exhibits they will attend and make plans to bring specific information and program materials to Colorado colleagues.

The next Affiliate Assembly will meet in Toronto in June. If you have any questions or concerns for the AASL Board of Directors please contact Betty Bankhead at 303/722-0428 or bbankhead1@aol.com.

▲Submitted by Betty Bankhead, CASL Delegate

Working Together Works for CAL Awards

It's time to put on your thinking caps and get to work! Planning for the next CAL conference is under way and we need to hear about the hard-working, award-deserving people in Colorado libraries.

Several changes were made to the awards this year. We "merged and de-dupped" the awards from CLA and CEMA to produce one list. Wording was changed to provide a clearer meaning of each award. Here is the list of awards that will be offered this year, approved by the CAL Board at its February meeting.

- Colorado Librarian of the Year
- Distinguished Service Award
- Career Achievement Award
- Outstanding Volunteer Service Award
- Outstanding Citizen Award
- Library Benefactor Award
- Outstanding Administrator Award
- Project of the year
- Media award
- Literary Award
- CAL student stipend award
- Library or Media Center Design Award
- Exemplary Library Media Center Program Award
- Exemplary Library Services to Ethnic Populations
- Jean Maio Award for Excellence in Adult Literacy
- Lucy Schweers Award for Excellence in Paralibrarianship **
- Julie J. Boucher Award for Intellectual Freedom **
- Legislative Award **
- CAL/Econoclad summer reading program awards **



(** denotes those award recipients selected by a committee other than the CAL Awards Committee)

Visit the CAL Web site at <http://www.cal-webs.org/> for a detailed description of each award. Click on "Executive Board" and then on "Awards" or go directly to <http://www.cal-webs.org/awards.html>. You will also find the nomination form as well as the criteria for nominations. The deadline to submit an awards nomination is June 15, 2003. Thanks to all committee members for their hard work on this!

▲Submitted by Mary Katherine Johnson, Chair



CoALL News

! Creativity Workshop

The Colorado Association of Law Librarians (CoALL) invites you to attend "Creativity - Moving Without Changing your Phone Number: Thinking Outside the Box to Maximize Value" on Tuesday, April 15. The workshop begins at 5 p.m. with 45 minutes of networking and library tours, followed by the hour-long workshop. The event takes place at the 44th floor Conference Center of Holme Roberts & Owen, 1700 Lincoln, Denver. 80203. Cost is \$10.

Today, more than ever, librarians need to adopt a genuinely pro-active, user-defined, service-oriented approach to library services in their institutions. This workshop is built on a series of exercises and discussions to enable the participants to be more effective at the job and more valuable to their employers. You will leave this workshop with new, innovative ideas and with a renewed, enthusiastic outlook on your role as librarian and information professional.

You can pay at the door by check or cash. (Make checks payable to CoALL.) RSVP plans to participate by noon Monday, April 14 to Kathryn Christnacht, christk@hro.com, 303/866-0424. Directions: Holme Roberts & Owen LLP is located in the Wells Fargo Tower, aka, the cash register or mail box building, at 17th and Lincoln in downtown Denver. For detailed directions visit: <http://www.hro.com/offices.cfm?CityName=Denver&counter=1#maps>

! American Association of Law Libraries President to Visit Denver

The Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL) announces that Carol Avery Nicholson, current president of the American Association of Law Libraries, will be paying our chapter a visit April 30-May 2, 2003.

Ms. Nicholson, Assistant Director for Bibliographic and Collection Resources at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Library, will visit several Denver law firm and government libraries, the University of Colorado Fleming Law Library and National Indian Law Library in Boulder, and will attend a CoALL meeting to discuss what the national organization (the American Association of Law Libraries) is doing.

▲Submitted by Monica Martens, CoALL PR Chair

Show and Sell

Using Retail Techniques in Libraries

•How are libraries and bookstores alike?

•What can we learn from knowing how bookstores market to customers?

Thursday, May 15, 2003

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Arapahoe Library District Support

Services Building

12855 E. Jamison Circle, Englewood

\$35 CAL Members

\$60 non-members

\$45 CoALL, CCML & RMSLA Members

(Includes lunch & refreshments)

The Management and Administration Division of Colorado Association of Libraries (MADCAL) will present a panel of speakers to address such issues as:

- marketing trends
- building and location issues
- branding
- promotion
- how to create an effective display
- and much more!

Invited speakers include:

- The Tattered Cover
- Castlewood Library in Arapahoe Library District
- Cahoots Communications
- Denver Public Library's Schlessman Branch
- Brendel APV Architects

These experts will teach us how to put some excitement into our library services.

Complete registration and send to:
MADCAL Spring Workshop
Colorado Association of Libraries
4350 Wadsworth Blvd. #340
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Name _____

Library or Institution (if any) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Registration fee:

CAL Member - \$35 CAL Membership Number

(required for this rate): _____

(Contact CAL office if you are unable to locate your member number – executivedirector@cal-webs.org or 303/463-6400)

Non-Member - \$60

CoALL, CCML, RMSLA - \$45 (Indicate which group _____)

ADA: CAL events are accessible under the guidelines of the Americans with disabilities Act. Check here if you require special assistance. You will be contacted to address the type of assistance required.

Yes, please contact me to discuss my needs.

Payment method:

Check enclosed

Visa or MasterCard (complete the following)

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Address at which you receive your credit card bill _____

Zip code for this address _____

Registration via Visa/MasterCard is also available online at <http://www.cal-webs.org>

PQuestions on registration? Contact the CAL office at 303/463-6400 or executivedirector@cal-webs.org

PQuestions on the workshop? Contact Rochelle Logan at 303/663-1560 or logan23@earthlink.net



Attorney Available for Patriot Act

Last year the Management and Administration Division of CAL (MADCAL) presented a workshop on the Patriot Act, ably led by attorney Steve Zansberg of Faegre & Benson. Steve and his partner Tom Kelley were counsel to the American Booksellers Association in the Tattered Cover case, and have developed expertise on the Patriot Act as it affects libraries and bookstores. They can be of assistance if the FBI comes to call at your library.

Let me hasten to add that this information is not in any way an endorsement by CAL. This is just me, Eloise May, sharing some potentially useful information! Here at the Arapahoe Library District we talked with our Board's attorney, and confirmed with him that if the FBI comes, our first call will be to Steve Zansberg. Our attorney was glad to know that we had this type of specialty expertise available. Steve's back-up is his partner Tom Kelley, also a highly regarded expert on first amendment issues.

Steve's hourly rate is \$260/hour, and Tom's is \$340. They are willing to take calls in 15 minute or half hour segments. In addition, they will consider reduced fees or pro bono representation on a case by case basis. Here is their contact information:

Steven D. Zansberg (Email: Szansberg@faegre.com)

Faegre & Benson, LLP

2500 Republic Plaza, 370 17th Street

Denver, CO 80202

Direct dial: 303/607-3683; office number: 303/607-3500

Back-up: Thomas B. Kelley, same as above, except:

Direct dial: 303/607-3631

▲Submitted by Eloise May, Legislative Comm. Member

CoALA/TSAD Spring Workshop "Managing Change" Workshop Set

The planning committee for the joint CoALA/TSAD Spring Workshop is in the final phases of pulling together an interesting and provocative program. "Managing Change," will give us the platform to discuss many of the challenges we face, from technology to budgets. The workshop will take place May 30 on the Auraria Campus.

Kim Dority, formerly of Jones e-global library, will provide our keynote address. One of our reactors will be Catherine Murray-Rust, CSU's incoming Dean of Libraries. Concurrent sessions will include Gold Rush as it is integrated in DU's library catalog, the next generation of library Web design, and more.

Watch the CAL Web site for registration and detailed information. <http://www.cal-webs.org>

▲Submitted by Tom Riedel, CoALA Chair

Colorado Delegates Attend National Library Legislative Day



National Library Legislative Day will take place May 12 and 13 in Washington, DC. The event is held each year to bring librarians, library trustees, board members, and other library friends to Washington, DC, to talk with their Representatives and Senators about issues of concern to the library community.

Each year a group of Colorado delegates – generally, at least one from each Congressional District – participates in this event. This year there are many important issues to discuss: Reauthorization of LSTA, the Patriot Act, Government Printing Office and copyright extension, and more.

At the time this went to the printer, delegates were still needed for CD 4 and 5. One person from each district gets a \$300 subsidy from CAL for the trip. However, anyone can go if they are willing to pay their own way.

Colorado's efforts are coordinated by Nancy Bolt of the Colorado State Library. If you have questions about Legislative Day or are interested in participating, contact Nancy Bolt at 303/866-6733 or nancybolt@earthlink.net.

Congratulations to Emporia MLS New Graduates!

Congratulations to the 29 Emporia in the Rockies students who graduate on Saturday, May 31, 2003. These graduates have earned a Master's in Library Science: Shaun Boyd, Olivia Buzard, Ryan Gage, Victoria Gilbert, Eric Green, Lilian Hofflecker, Kathy Johnson, Cheryl Kaltenbach, Antoinette Massengale, Jenna Obee, Elizabeth Tracy, Teresa Youngquist.

In addition to earning an MLS, the following students have completed the Information Management Certificate: Johnette Benda, Mary Foley, Christine Kreger, Sara Montoya, Patricia Toner, Patricia Van Eysden. In addition to earning an MLS, the following students have completed the School Library Media Certificate: Rachael Budzynski, Patricia Frobisher, Mary Gelb, Jamie Harmon, Connie Hilton, Christine Johnson, Jennifer La Rue, Zandra Lopez, Joanne Meester, Elaine Pike, Mark Skinner.



▲Submitted by Sharon Morris, Colorado Academic Advisor, Emporia in the Rockies

Singles at the Bemis Public Library **Adventures in Programming**

Bemis Public Library has been offering programs for single adults for several years to provide a pleasant (and smoke-free) environment for them to interact and plug in to their community.

Phyllis Larison, who began the program, says "We started programming for singles because many singles use libraries, but they are often overlooked in program planning. In 1999 we held our first 'singles night' and over 140 people enjoyed live music, food, door prizes, and a workshop on how to meet someone new. Our second singles' night was held in 2001 and featured live jazz and a trivia contest with a local DJ. Drawings for free dinners at local restaurants were a big hit! The events brought people to the library who had never visited before. We set up book displays and the entire library was open to singles for browsing."

In 2002, Bemis started a singles group, the Bemis Public Library Book Lovers/Cinema Circle, featuring movie and book discussions. Every other month, the group would watch a movie and have a short discussion. On opposing months, the group would have a book discussion. Attendance varied from 15-25 for the movie nights and 4-10 for book discussions. As of March, we have split our group so that the Book Lovers and Cinema Circle meet on different nights, allowing for more movies and more books! In addition to our regular meetings, we are sponsoring a Shakespeare Film Festival in April.

What has been striking about our groups is that the participants are mostly over 40. There seems to be a great need for middle and older aged single adults, rather than the 20-30 age range, as we had anticipated. While participation by men has increased over the year, the bulk of patrons who come to our discussions are women.

We had a rousing success with our 2003 Singles Night at the Library on Valentines Day; 132 singles attended from all over the Denver Metro area. Our evening began with a talk about opportunities for singles in Denver by Greg Wasleski, author of the self-published Denver Singles Guide, and a comedy routine by Frank Shuchat, who has performed at The Comedy Works. By far, the most popular part of the evening was our Back to the Fifties dance with our lively DJ, Bryce Jackman. In addition to the dancing, Jackman led a rollicking round of trivia, a bubble blowing contest, and his own version of Fear Factor. We had collected prizes for our participants from local businesses in Littleton.

For more information, contact Becky Spilver at 303/795-3961 or rspilver@littletongov.org.

▲Submitted by Becky Spilver, Bemis Public Library

REFORMA
Colorado Chapter

**Promotes Library &
Information Services to
Latinos & the Spanish-
Speaking**

REFORMA, an affiliate of the American Library Association, is committed to the improvement of library and information services for the approximately 35.3 million Spanish-speaking and Latino people in the United States. Governed by an Executive Board, the 22 state chapters function autonomously, working through their local library systems and state library associations to achieve local objectives.

The Colorado Chapter was founded in 1994. As a chapter member, you have the ability to vote and serve on national committees. You receive a quarterly National newsletter. Members are part of an electronic discussion list that reaches librarians, library support staff, and community supporters in Colorado, and are welcome to join the National e-list, REFORMANET.

REFORMA Colorado Chapter is an Interest Group of the Colorado Association of Libraries. If you would like to participate in the interest group, contact the CAL office at executivedirector@calwebs.org or 303/463-6400 and ask that your membership be updated to reflect membership in this interest group.

For questions about or becoming active in REFORMA, contact Ruth DeChant Munive, chapter president, 303/428-3576, or email redchant@adams.lib.co.us.▲

Marmot Library Network, Inc.: **A Colorado Automation Consortium**

The Marmot Library Network is a consortium of academic, public, and school libraries that provides shared library automation services across a wide area telecommunications network. It includes over 80 individual library sites with more than 500 computers for library operations and public access.

Marmot Library Network, Inc. was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation October 1, 1990. The consortium originated in 1986 as the MARMOT Project under the Pathfinder Regional Library Service System. It initially provided electronic records of the holdings of libraries in Western Colorado, an Online Public Access Catalog, and a circulation control system.

The Network is the preeminent provider of technology to libraries in Western Colorado. The basic integrated online library system, utilizing the Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Millennium software, includes circulation, public access catalog, and cataloging modules. Acquisitions, (continued on page 9)

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serials control, and reserve room functions are also available to members. Future modules include electronic reserves, interlibrary loan, telephone renewal, community information databases, image linking, materials booking, and telephone notification. Libraries may choose to connect to the central site through a network supplied and fully supported by the Consortium staff or through their own Local Area Network.

Members share in the governance of the consortium, participate in cooperative purchasing programs, license and subscribe to electronic databases, maintain electronic communications, and obtain continuing education and training. Libraries participate in the development and enhancement of the online system and Network programs through task forces and users groups composed of front line staff.

For information on the pricing structure, membership, or about the network, contact Director Joel Robinson, joel@marmot.org, 970/242-3331.

▲*Submitted by Mary Katherine Johnson, MARMOT Member Services Manager*

CASL Spring Workshop Wedding

Plan for the marriage of information literacy and technology!



Come to Our Big Fat Wedding to make your own lesson plan, learn about curriculum integration, and visit with noted experts from CDE, Power Libraries, and the Jared Polis Foundation!

Saturday, April 26
8:30 a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Wasson High School,
Colorado Springs

Register at www.cal-webs.org

PSST! Public School Stateside Teachers!

You could be one in a “million!”

The worldwide Department of Defense Dependents’ Schools (DoDDS) school system employs thousands of educators across the globe to teach military dependents. Entrance requirements include: prior teaching experience, an above-average score on the National Teachers exam, recommendations from current supervisors and a personal interview. Each year, hundreds of teachers, counselors, media specialists, and administrators receive the coveted letter, which invites them to join this excellent, award-winning, educational system.

The DoDDS are not extinct or in danger of drastic downsizing. Opportunities abound for educators to transfer within a school, within a community and within a district, as well as to a different country or continent, although, as world conditions change, DoDDS employees may be subject to involuntary re-assignment.

Almost every school is staffed by a full-time, certified information specialist, the current DoDDS title for librarian or media specialist. Most contracts call for a two-year commitment, subject to renewal after the probationary period. Paraprofessionals and computer specialists are often part of the information center’s staff. Information specialists may have the opportunity to attend workshops and conferences within their district or country and, occasionally, in the United States. Stipends are usually offered for summer training.

Information, job openings, and application forms can be found on the Dept. of Defense Educational Activity Web site at <http://www.odedodea.edu>.

The Federal Government pays salaries competitive with those in the United States, and provides housing on- or off-base; cost-of-living allowance is paid in some communities.

I had the opportunity to be a librarian/information specialist at Bad Kreuznach’s American High School for eight years until the army base closed in 2001. It was a “wunderbar” way to immerse oneself in a foreign culture and climate while under the umbrella of Uncle Sam. Following my German occupation, I spent a semester at a DoDDS’ elementary school on a naval base in Japan.

It was “A Wonderful Life” overseas, but family, grand-children, and the Colorado sun called me home from the Land of the Rising Sun in late 2001. In my current position as an elementary media specialist in Aurora, the call of the child is now, “Buenas Dias” instead of “Auf Wiedersehen” and “Sayonnara.”

If you have questions about becoming a DoDDS Dewey Denizen, please send them to me at: andrea_antico@lycos.com

▲*Submitted by Andrea Antico, Elementary Media Specialist, Fletcher Elementary School*

Moving Statewide

We're more than half-way through the grant period, and the first two components of the campaign are functioning smoothly, with desired results.

Coach/Player Project participants held three-way phone calls with the consultant to check on progress and offer advice. A few of the participants have completed their advocacy projects, most are still in the midst of planning and implementation. Feedback indicates members are glad they got involved. Donna Arment from John F. Reed Library, Fort Lewis College, said, "Attending the workshop at CAL gave me the opportunity to meet with other colleagues and discuss ideas for improving library services. . . The support did not stop after the conference. I was in contact with my coaches via email and we were able to share program ideas. . . Being located in the lower southwest corner of the state we some times feel isolated. With the current state budget situation I feel a program like this is needed now more than ever. . .As a small library in a liberal arts college we often find it difficult to receive positive press and this program has given us the opportunity to change that."

Public Relations/Marketing Training also continues to be offered. Jeffco school district library media specialists had a tailor-made training, as did the Colorado Young Adult Advocates in Libraries. Still on the schedule is a presentation at the High Plains Regional System retreat and another round for Jeffco libraries.

Notes and additions to the web site are being prepared and should be added within a few weeks. The e-list continues to be updated and grow.

Representatives from the Colorado State Library are attending the school library strategy planning session in Minnesota this month, hosted by ALA and sponsored by 3-M. A national campaign will launch to this target market based on that session.

Statewide Promotion is now occupying most of the effort. Among the progress:

- Launched a cable television effort, locating municipal government channels who wish to have public service announcements.

- Sent a campaign public service announcement to UPN 20 and are in negotiation for further involvement.
- Obtained support for production of general summer reading program television public service announcement that will be offered around the state.
- Planned advertising placements in parent and kids publications in selected areas to promote summer reading programs.
- Created and produced toolkit, puzzle, memos, and incentives for summer reading programs; sent to elementary schools and libraries; will be sending to additional outlets (such as day camps, recreation centers, child care centers) as resources permit. These materials are rolled out every where we can think of.
- Obtained a toll-free telephone number and revamped CAL Web site so people can contact us for information.
- Made numerous phone and e-mail message contacts to stay in touch with possible corporate supporters
- Met with several public relations, media planning, and advertising experts to obtain advice on campaigns.

As reported previously, two areas of emphasis will primarily be responsible for conveying the value of libraries to the public: Children's literacy and summer reading (May – July), and "Explore the library" (September—November).

A grant request for LSTA support for a second year of the campaign has been submitted. This grant will emphasize academic and school libraries, as well as continuing the impetus of this year's grant.

Stay in touch for developments and feel free to contact us with questions and ideas – 303/866-6891 or mccune_b@cde.state.co.us

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