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CAL Board Develops Long-Range Plan

Members of the CAL Board met August 2 to develop the first long-range plan for the association. Mike Kiska of the Jefferson County Public Library facilitated. The Board will begin to implement the plan this year.

Pictured (left to right): Tom Moothart, Colorado State University, Continuing Education Committee and Colorado Library Education Foundation (CLEF); Beth Avery, Western State College, CoALA Incoming Chair; Mike Kiska, Jefferson County Public Library; George

Jaramillo, Colorado State University, CAL Treasurer; Donna Jones Morris, Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System, CAL President; Jamie LaRue, Douglas County Libraries, CoPLA President; Suzanne Taylor, Colorado State University, MPLA Representative; David Gleim, Auraria Library, CAL Executive Board Member-at-Large; Kathleen Sagee Noland, CAL Office, Executive Director; Shannon Cruthers, Auraria Library, CAL Executive Board Member-at-Large; Linda Van Wert, Gambro, Inc, CAL Secretary.; Dave Sanger, CASL Incoming President; Gene Hainer, Colorado State Library, State Library Liaison; Judy Barnett, Wasson High School, CASL President. (Not pictured: Paul Paladino, Montrose Library District, CAL Vice-President; and Carol Sehnert, Chaparral High School, CAL Executive Board Member-at-Large.)

CAL Office Completes Move

The Colorado Association of Libraries office moved to the Arapahoe Library District (ALD) Administrative Offices in late July. Our new contact information is:

•Colorado Association of Libraries
c/o Arapahoe Library District
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Courier: ALD, Littleton: Attn: CAL
The phone was not changed (303/463-6400).

Thanks go to Eloise May, ALD Library Director; the ALD Board; and the ALD staff for their cooperation and support. ▲

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Register by October 1

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Check the Web before you go to conference to see and/or print the updated version

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Make your hotel reservations by September 1!

President's Message

by Donna Jones Morris, CAL President

First and foremost I must send a heartfelt thank you to all those who have completed volunteer jobs for CAL. Our organization is strong because many people like you reading this article volunteer your time.

Kim Meyer and Patt Paul, CAL Conference Co-Chairs, and their many committee volunteers have organized a quality October conference. The draft agenda for the conference in this newsletter will give you an idea about the quality of the presentations. Please remember to consult the CAL Web site for the updated program. Changes are being made and to see the most recent program the Web site is your best source.

The volunteers listed on page one worked Saturday, August 2 developing the beginning of the first CAL Long Range Plan, including a proposed **mission**:

CAL is the:

- Common Thread
- Common Voice
- Common Power

for all Colorado libraries.

The CAL Board approved the following at the August 1 meeting:

- Colorado libraries were ask to invite legislators to summer reading activities
- CAL/MPLA (Mountain Plains Library Association) Joint Conference will be held October 21-24, 2004 at the Marriott Denver Tech Center
- CAL Conference set for October 6-9, 2005 at the Marriott Denver Tech Center
- Endorsed the ALA USA Patriot Act Resolution
- Appointed the new CAL Strategic Issues and Emergency Response Committee (SIER): All CAL press releases or articles will go through the SIER Committee, CAL Office, or the CAL President. The SIER Committee will be prepared, based on ongoing discussions, to indicate a CAL position, even if it's neutrality, with conviction and foresight. The original SIER Committee is to further develop this idea.

The next CAL Board meeting is September 18, 2003 (Thursday), 2:30 - 6:00, Chaparral High School, Parker. All those interested in Colorado libraries are welcome to attend.

My other CAL activities have focused around the conference development, library funding reductions, and intellectual freedom issues. A number of newspapers and radio stations have contacted people in the library community seeking statements on behalf of CAL with regard to CIPA, library funding cuts, the Patriot Act, and the Colorado Library Card. Special thanks to Nancy Bolt, Jamie LaRue, Eloise May, Patti Bateman, Martin Garner,

Bonnie McCune, and many others who have helped with responses. Many newspapers and radio stations want the local approach and the state approach from CAL.

One of the most important things was that I was interviewed for Colorado Public Radio by Dan Drayer of Colorado Matters on state budget cuts that impacted libraries. The interview aired July 22 and an interview with Rick Ashton concerning Denver Public Library budget reductions aired on July 23. These two library programs were heard on all Colorado public radio stations. At this point about 79% of state dollars that were going to libraries have been eliminated within the last year.

CAL has many future challenges. This year is a time when all those who support libraries will need to work together to help secure sufficient funds for libraries to provide needed services.

CAL was occupying an office within the Central Colorado Library System Office in Wheat Ridge. With the reductions in System budgets, Kathleen Sagee Noland, CAL Executive Director, and I investigated other office space options for CAL. After many contacts, we recommended to the Executive Board that the CAL Office move to the Arapahoe Library District (ALD) Administration building. A renewable "Memorandum of Understanding" with ALD from July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004 was signed, with CAL agreeing to pay \$1.00 for rental of the office space. Please join me in thanking ALD Director Eloise May for her generosity and cooperation in this matter.

CAL co-sponsored with the Prez Group the Colleague Connection meeting and dinner on April 22 at Denver University. Keith Fields, ALA Executive Director was an excellent speaker.

Congratulations to everyone who planned and implemented CAL Spring meetings. You each did fantastic jobs and deserve thanks for all your work. I attended all of the CAL Spring Meetings, except the Paralibrarian Division, for which I had a conflict and I had to be in the Arkansas Valley. CAL is definitely building credibility for future training.

CAL will be publishing a new print membership directory in cooperation with the Rocky Mountain Special Library Association, Colorado Association of Law Librarians, and the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians.

Please join me in thanking Paul Paladino for representing CAL at ALA. Will you all also join me in thanking Kathleen Sagee Noland for always having the bigger picture in mind and for always putting CAL at the top of her priorities. She is one of our best assets and I hope all of you will join me in telling Kathleen thank you for all she does for Colorado libraries.

Just a few days left to apply for CLEF Conference Scholarships!

Colorado Library Educational Foundation (CLEF) will award up to five \$200 scholarships to help defray the cost of CAL Conference registration, travel, accommodations, etc.

For details and application, visit the CAL Web site at <http://www.cal-webs.org>.

Deadline for receipt of scholarship applications is August 29.

Paralibrarian Division Update

The CAL Paralibrarian Division Executive Board congratulates Patty DeGrasse and Stephany Liptak, both from Colorado State University – Pueblo, as our 2003 scholarship winners. Patty and Stephany will be awarded \$150 each to attend the CAL 2003 fall conference in Keystone.

The CAL Paralibrarian Division will sponsor three programs at the fall conference. Come hear:

- Diane Turner, from Auraria Library, speak on “*Customer Service: Are you a Pointer, Setter, or Pit Bull?*”
- a presentation and discussion on budget saving ideas entitled, “*Bust the Budget Blues,*” presented by Bonnie Mueller from Colorado State University and Lynda Redman from Children’s Hospital Medical Library.
- Jim Hill, retiree from Auraria Library, and Jennifer Kutzik of Colorado State University, speak on the “*3rd Congress on Professional Education: Focus on Support Staff.*”

We are so excited to reconnect with our colleagues at the fall conference! Our annual business meeting will be held from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18th. This is a tentative date, but we will let you know if it changes. Come for an opportunity to win a free CAL membership for the 2004 year!

If you have any questions about the Paralibrarian Division, please contact Shannon Cruthers, Division Chair, at 303/556-6701 or email Shannon.Cruthers@cudenver.edu.

▲Submitted by Lynda Redman, Chair-Elect of the CAL Paralibrarian Division

Intellectual Freedom Update



There’s been a lot going on this summer, with efforts to repeal parts of the USA PATRIOT Act happening at the same time as when CIPA was upheld by the US Supreme Court. The Intellectual Freedom Committee has been busy staying on top of these events. At the October CAL conference in Keystone, we’ve proposed programs that will update you on the USA PATRIOT Act and help you comply with CIPA while trying to preserve your patrons’ First Amendment rights. In response to your requests, we will soon release an electronic version of a brochure that explains the USA PATRIOT Act to library patrons. Also, we’ve just launched a survey on Colorado librarians and intellectual freedom, available on-line at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=11898247527>

This survey will be used to gather information on formal and informal challenges to intellectual freedom and gauge the knowledge of resources available to Colorado libraries. The survey will be available through September 8th, so please take the 2-3 minutes required to fill out the survey and help us with our project. Results will be discussed at the October conference.

Also at the conference, we’re pleased to welcome Charles Levendosky, columnist for the Casper Star-Tribune and nationally-known writer on First Amendment issues. Mr. Levendosky will appear as this year’s speaker for the Julie J. Boucher Memorial Lecture, our annual series that honors the memory of one of our past committee chairs.

As always, if you have any questions about intellectual freedom, or would like to request support from our committee, please contact Martin Garnar at mgarnar@regis.edu or 303/964-5459.

▲Submitted by Martin Garnar, IF Committee Chair

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Council Report

Privacy

The Intellectual Freedom Committee has developed a privacy tool kit, which will be available shortly. It will include not only guidelines, but also a model policy. During the development of the tool kit, the Committee had a difficult time providing adequate examples from the field, but will continue to work on providing resources in this area.

ALA Web Site

There was a great deal of discussion about the Association web site. The Council passed a resolution, which will require that the information on the previous ALA site is available in the interim while the problems are being corrected on the new site and that future revisions adhere to usability principles and international standards.

School Libraries and Librarians

The Resolution on School Libraries and Librarians, was amended to read: "That the American Library Association Council directs its President and Executive Director to convey to Governors, State Boards of Education, National Association of School Administrators, Chief State School Officers, National Association of Independent Schools, National Council of PTA, National Educational Association, American Federation of Teachers, and National Association of School Boards of Education the urgent need to support and maintain school library programs and certified school librarians and encourage them to pass this concern along to their state affiliates; that the ALA President and Executive Director encourage state associations to influence state legislation requiring adequate funding and appropriate staff of school libraries in schools at all levels; and that the ALA Executive Director arrange a process to support ALA members to advocate for school libraries and librarians."

Iraq Libraries

Several groups worked together to produce a balanced resolution that passed. All references to the military were removed.

Intellectual Freedom Issues in Cuba

Council members had the opportunity to meet colleagues from Cuban libraries and hear their point of view. After much work on various drafts of resolutions, the matter was referred back to both the International Relations Committee and the Intellectual Freedom Committee, which will study the matter and develop a response.

CIPA Decision

ALA wanted to make the case that this was an inappropriate law as proposed. In his opinion, Justice Kennedy stated: "If some libraries do not have the capacity to unblock specific Web sites or to disable the filter or if it is shown that an adult user's election to view constitutionally protected Internet material is burdened in some other substantial way, that would be the subject for an as-applied challenge." It is still possible for an as-applied challenge to follow.

According to Judith Krug of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, a major reason for the CIPA case outcome was the U.S. Solicitor General's assertion during oral arguments that under the law, any adult could ask any librarian to take the filter off at any time in order to access all information available on the Internet for specific subjects.

Unanswered questions include:

- Why did the U.S. Solicitor General say this despite the *bona fide research* requirement stated in the law?
- What else does this expectation/reinterpretation mean for libraries?
- If it is acceptable to use federal funding to force a library to censor the Internet access of children despite the fact that filters overblock and underblock, then what else is the government able to force libraries to do in the name of protecting children, and by what means?

ALA, its committees, divisions, and officers will pursue a variety of activities to provide libraries with authoritative information, to minimize the negative impact of CIPA on library users, and to continue to protect the First Amendment rights of library users. As the Association moves forward with these activities, information will be available on the ALA web site: www.ala.org/cipa. To begin the process, ALA President Carla D. Hayden is convening a meeting of key member leaders and staff to discuss implementation of the activities. The meeting will be held on August 23, 2003 in Chicago. See CIPA Decision Response: A Statement from ALA President Carla D. Hayden and the Executive Board, for additional information.

Conference Attendance/Finances

As of Monday, June 23, there were 17,482 registered conference attendees. There were 20,723 conference attendees at the ALA 2002 Annual Conference in Atlanta. Losses from the lack of attendance were made financially manageable by cuts in entertainment and other areas. There is still a need for member donations to both the CIPA fund and the ALA/APA fund.

▲Submitted by Lynn Silipigni Connaway, ALA
Councilor



Legislative Committee Update

2003 Legislation Report

•Both the Library Law Recodification and \$600,000 allocation from the Tobacco Funds to Colorado library systems bills were signed, and a bill was passed to allow schools to refuse release of report cards until library materials are returned and all fines paid.

•Cuts included \$2.3M for Regional Library Systems, Payment for Lending, \$96,000 from the Talking Book Library for new materials, and 3 FTE. Since June 2002, state funding for libraries has been cut by 86%, a total of \$7.3 million dollars. This will result in a reduction of approximately 75% of federal funds or \$1.8 million.

•\$142 million in federal funds from the new Tax Reduction Bill will be coming to Colorado. At this time, it is anticipated that Governor Owens will allocate some money towards children's programs and put the rest into a trust fund. It may be part of the Long Bill in 2004.

2004 Planning Items

•The 2004 CAL Legislative Agenda is in development and under discussion at this time. Although more discussion will obviously take place before *any* recommendation is made to the Board, the following have been discussed by the State Education Board and the Commissioner for submission to the Governor's Office and may be appropriate for CAL:

Colorado Virtual Library, \$380,000 (6% over last year)

Regional Library Systems, \$1million (up from \$600,000)

Star Lending, \$180,000 (program similar to Payment For Lending)

Institutional Library materials, \$50,000 (decrease from current \$67,000)

•CIPA – The State Library will be recruiting and hiring a CIPA consultant to do an objective study (not philosophical) on filters available, costs, ease with which filters can be turned off for adults, possible impacts, and more. The CSL hopes to have this person hired sometime in August and the report back by December 2003.

Legislative Awards for CAL Conference

The Legislative Committee will give awards to Sen. Cairn and Rep. Spence for their work on the

Library Law legislation. Rep. Merrifield will receive an award for his efforts to obtain \$600,000 out of the Tobacco Funds for Regional Systems. Rep. Larsen will receive an award for his bill for School Library Sanctions. The Legislative Committee will present special legislative awards to both Bob Lackner, from Legislative Legal Services, and Karen Stroup, from the Colorado Department of Education, for their support of libraries and their help in working with CAL on bills and issues of interest to Colorado libraries.

PAC Update.

Foul Play will be PAC Fundraiser movie at the CAL conference. In addition, the PAC is working with the Vail Library to try to find Goldie Hawn memorabilia.

The PAC committee suggested the Canadian Library Association's library calendar as a fundraising concept. The Legislative Committee supported this idea, and the PAC Committee will be investigating the production of a calendar featuring the "real lives" of librarians. More on this soon!

PayPal is an option on the PAC Web site for donations.

PR Activity Plans.

CAL Legislative Committee approved both the Summer Reading Program Advocacy project and a strategic planning effort on CAL's presentation of library issues.

Bonnie McCune modified the Colorado @*your library* documents to focus on ways to bring local, state, and national decision makers into the libraries. The 8-page document was distributed to Library directors and made available on the CAL Web page. The Legislative Committee members noted the excellent work on this project!

Legislative Committee members are contacting all public libraries to ensure that follow-up information is sent to the State Library.

An initial core group met to discuss the Strategic Planning Committee for CAL PR response to issues in the media. The concept is to have a strategy committee for CAL to deal with emerging issues before they become a crisis, as well as get a consistent and positive message out about libraries to educate the public and the lawmakers.

CAL will designate a person with a backup designee for the media to call to get a statement instead of having them call around to find someone who may or may not be prepared to give an appropriate statement.

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Legislative Committee Update Continued

The designated spokesperson should work closely with the Legislative Committee, but ongoing PR is not considered a core mission of the Legislative Committee. This committee will do more work before a definitive plan is announced/implemented.

Conference Programs

Legislative Committee programs submitted for the October Conference include:

Daylong sessions on Saturday aimed at Trustees, Friends, and Directors – These sessions will be coordinated by Nancy Bolt and Patricia Froelich. A Saturday session of particular interest will be on the newly passed Library Law and entitled “Revised Library Law: A Guided Tour.”

Successful Legislator Relationships: How & Why” – This is a repeat of the popular 2002 overview session entitled “How to Grow Your Legislative Garden.” A number of Legislative Committee members will discuss 1.)how & why to talk to your legislators; 2.)the importance of advocacy to your legislators and library’s governing body; 3.)the current political environment; 4.)Legislative Network; 5.)the PAC; 6.)CAL-athon activities/impact; 7.)quick overview of the new Library Law; 8.)Q & A.

CAL-athon activity: CAL-athon info will be at the Registration Desk with scripted messages and email/phone access will be provided onsite for attendees to delivery the message during the conference. Additionally, plans include promoting this activity widely on the listservs and providing ample opportunity for individuals who cannot attend the conference to also participate. A Grand Prize will be offered in a drawing for CAL-athon participants regardless of where they participate. Look for more information on the upcoming October CAL-athon!

The Committee hopes that a speaker will be presented at the conference to talk in-depth about the State Budget, the Tabor and Gallagher amendments, Amendment 23, and how they all work together to get the state into the current economic situation.

CAL Legislative meetings are currently scheduled to occur on Fridays at the Denver Public Library, 7th floor Commissioners’ Room on Fridays at 10 a.m. Upcoming scheduled meeting dates are September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5. If you might be interested in participating in the committee, please call Patti Bateman at 303/739-6594, or email her at pbateman1@juno.com.

▲*Submitted by Patti Bateman, Legislative Committee Chair*

Learning from the Future

by Linda Van Wert

The best part of going to SLA in New York was not really being in the great city. It wasn’t riding the subways or going running in Central Park or visiting the museums or seeing the Puerto Rico Day parade or walking around Ground Zero or even touring the “vestpocket parks.” And visiting the Manhattan emergency walk-in clinic for several hours with a bleeding forehead is certainly not one of my favorite New York memories.

This year, SLA’s conference theme was dedicated to “the Future,” and it offered a wide selection of interesting programs. The most captivating and most inspiring program I attended was the keynote lecture by David McCollough.

McCollough is so old-fashioned that he actually writes on a manual Royal typewriter because he likes the clicking sound it makes. He described the way he approaches the researching and writing of his books, and the important role that librarians have played in his career. He does not think of a library as a place with books or information but more as a place where there are librarians. He tells his students to go to the library and “ask a librarian.” He was glad to note that there are more public libraries in the country than there are McDonalds. He said that knowledge and learning consist of more than mere information. What is important is how we arrive at the place of knowing. It is through the experience of learning that we begin to feel the depth of knowledge. Learning cannot be gained from encyclopedia information, but it can be experienced in a library. Great libraries, he said, bring the written word and preserved record back to life.

McCollough explained that history consists of stories, and that we all need stories for lessons. History is about cause and effect, and about the way people, life, chance, and human personality combine. His books are written to include the human equation because the critical influence is actually human nature, chemistry or personality. Researching history means to cast a wide net yet get below the surface; it means to see things within their context. Libraries are a resource to get at the truth. We can dig through many accounts of an event and a variety of points of view, and then we can combine them. Through that process, we can try to see the real facts.

McCollough chose to write biographies (e.g., Benjamin Franklin, John Adams) because people ARE history –
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IF Committee to Help Libraries Comply with CIPA Decision

by Martin Garnar, Chair, CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee

The Colorado Association of Libraries' Intellectual Freedom Committee is developing a checklist for helping libraries comply with CIPA and will discuss strategies for preserving access to constitutionally protected materials at the October CAL conference in Keystone.

In June 2003, the US Supreme Court issued its opinion in the case of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which had been partially suspended by a lower court.

As enacted, CIPA requires all public and school libraries that receive certain types of federal funding to install Internet filtering software on all computers. The filtering software is intended to block content and images that meet the legal definitions of obscenity or being "harmful to minors," but the software often blocks constitutionally protected materials due to imperfections in filtering technology. While CIPA took effect in April 2001, mandatory compliance with the filtering requirement was not scheduled until July 2002.

The American Library Association filed suit to block implementation of the law in public libraries on the grounds that it violated the First Amendment right to free speech through the blocking of constitutionally protected materials.

In May 2002, the 3rd Circuit Court in Philadelphia ruled that parts of CIPA did violate the First Amendment and enjoined the government from enforcing those sections. The ruling was appealed to the US Supreme Court, resulting in this final hearing.

Although five justices agreed that filtering software blocks access to a significant amount of constitutionally protected speech, six justices decided that the law should be upheld since there's a provision to disable filtering software upon the request of adult patrons, who do not need to provide a reason for their request. As a result, libraries that fall under CIPA's jurisdiction must install filtering software.

Which libraries are affected by this decision?

- Public libraries that use the federal e-rate program for discounted Internet access and/or use LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funds to pay for Internet access or equipment to connect to the Internet must comply with CIPA. Public libraries that do not accept these funds do not have to install filtering software
- School libraries in Colorado are already required by a 2002 state law to use filtering software. Also, the federal lawsuit covered only public libraries, so the

CIPA decision does not change the situation for school libraries, which have been required to filter under CIPA since the beginning.

- College and university libraries are not covered by CIPA and are not affected.

When do libraries need to comply and start filtering?

- A timetable for compliance will be set by the Federal Communications Commission (administrator of the e-rate program) and was expected to be announced on or near 18 July 2003. It is hoped that the date for compliance will be no earlier than 1 July 2004.

When can filters be disabled?

- Adults can ask for filters to be disabled without providing a reason for their request. Some filtering systems are not configured to allow individual terminals to be unfiltered without disabling the entire system; this may be difficult for some libraries.

Can libraries use federal funds to purchase filtering software?

- E-rate discounts cannot be used to purchase filtering software.
- Although there is no federal prohibition from using LSTA funds to purchase filtering software, individual states determine how these funds may be spent in each state. Colorado does not allow for LSTA funds to be used for purchasing filtering software.

More information on CIPA may be found at

<http://www.ala.org/cipa>.

Learning from the Future (continued)

– what they eat, how they relax, how they spend their money and all the other details of their lives provide the most evidence about the times. Since most people no longer keep diaries or write letters, much of our history is being lost. We who are proud of having so much information at our fingertips will not leave any personal information behind indicating what we were actually like. McCollough described finding an inkblot over a word in Theodore Roosevelt's diary and how a chemical specialist was able to uncover the word, which gave insight into Roosevelt's inner feelings. With our dependence on electronic information, will something like that be possible in the future?

Editor's Note: Linda Van Wert is the Chair of the Special Libraries Interest Group, and Secretary to the CAL Executive Board



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