

# Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) Newsletter

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## President's Message

by R. Ellen Greenblatt, CAL President 2005

Things have been hopping at CAL in 2005, so there's a lot to report since the last newsletter!

First of all, please join me in welcoming the newest addition to our board, Abby Hoverstock. Abby became our new secretary in January. She works as a cataloging assistant in Denver Public Library's Western History/Genealogy Department and is also a student in the local Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management program. She has certainly hit the ground running, as she has already applied her recording skills at two meetings.

The next big piece of news is that CAL headquarters has a new home. The Jefferson County Public Library has leased us space in their administration building in Lakewood, Colorado. We moved during mid-February. On behalf of our Board and Association, I'd like to thank Bill Knott, County Librarian, his staff, board, and the county government administration for their generosity and support. I'd also like to thank Eloise May, her staff and board, and her county government for their generosity and support in providing us space from 2003-2005.

And the final piece of information to report for this newsletter is that the CAL Board is embarking on writing a business plan in order to more efficiently serve you our members and to ensure smooth transitions between administrations.



## CALendar 2005

- April 9 - Saturday, All-day  
CASL Spring Workshop
- April 22 - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Aurora  
Paralibrarian Division Spring Workshop  
*Spring Potpourri: Diversity Works  
@ Your Library!*
- April 27 - Colleague Connection, Denver
- April 29 - Storytime Workshop, Englewood
- May 16 & 17 - Monday & Tuesday, all day  
Archivist Workshop, Castle Rock
- November 10-13 - CAL Conference 2005,  
Denver

*Visit the CAL Web site for detail!*  
[www.cal-webs.org](http://www.cal-webs.org)



## Colorado Blue Spruce Award Winner Announced

*Eragon* by Christopher Paolini is the 2004-2005 winner of the Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award.

The Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award titles are nominated and selected entirely by

middle and high school students.

The Blue Spruce committee members gratefully acknowledge the support and assistance of CAL, one of its sponsoring organizations.

For further information about the Blue Spruce Award, please visit the Web site at [www.cal-webs.org/bluespruce/](http://www.cal-webs.org/bluespruce/)



Colorado Association of Libraries Paralibrarian Division presents:

# Spring Potpourri - Diversity Works @ Your Library!

April 22, 2005 - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aurora Public Library, 14949 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora

**Workshop fee is just \$50 for Members of CAL, CoAll, CCML, & RMSLA and only \$75 for non-members**

Come join your fellow paralibrarians from around the state as we learn about diversity in libraries from our keynote presentation. Choose from a variety of workshops, including topics on:

- \* learning how to use your strengths to further your career
- \* communicating with teen patrons
- \* an overview of WebJunction Colorado; and
- \* making art out of books!

A fun time will be had - all we need is you! Your registration must reach us by April 15.

Name:	
Library/Institution (if any):	
Mailing address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email:	Phone:

CAL Workshops and events are accessible under the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Please check here if you need accommodation and you will be contacted so we can discuss your needs.

Please check here if you would prefer that your contact information NOT be shared with other workshop attendees.

### Registration Fee:

CAL Member - Include your CAL membership number here. If you don't know your number, contact the CAL office for assistance by emailing [kathleen@cal-webs.org](mailto:kathleen@cal-webs.org) or phoning 303/463-6400. CAL Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$50

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Member of:       CoALL       CCML       RMSLA      Affiliate Group Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$50

We will contact the group you are affiliated with to confirm you are an eligible member.

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•Questions on the workshop content? Contact Lynda Lillwitz at 303/864-5355 or [lillwitz.lynda@tchden.org](mailto:lillwitz.lynda@tchden.org)

•Donations for the silent auction fundraiser for Paralibrarian scholarships gratefully accepted! Contact Lynda Lillwitz at [lillwitz.lynda@tchden.org](mailto:lillwitz.lynda@tchden.org) or 303/864-5355 to donate items.

## Paralibrarian Division Update

Registration is now open for the Paralibrarian Division Spring Workshop, entitled *Spring Potpourri: Diversity Works at Your Library*. The workshop will be held on Friday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library. The keynote presentation is about diversity in libraries, and then there will be several breakout sessions to choose from for the remainder of the day. Full registration information on the workshop may be found at <http://www.cal-webs.org>.

One scholarship of \$50 to be used to attend the Spring workshop will be awarded. If you are a CAL member and are interested in attending by scholarship, please visit

<http://www.cal-webs.org/PARAAscholarship.html> for information. The application deadline is March 23.

Donations for the silent auction to be held at the Spring Workshop are being accepted. Proceeds go to the CAL Paralibrarian scholarship fund. If you have an item to donate, you may send it to Lynda Lillwitz on the courier with the code: CHDO, Denver.

A hearty congratulations and thanks to Stephany Liptak and Marcy Hopkins for their many years of hard work on behalf of the CAL Paralibrarian division. They are recently retired from Colorado State University at Pueblo.

If you have questions regarding the Spring Workshop or the CAL Paralibrarian Division, please contact Lynda Lillwitz, Paralibrarian Division Chair, at 303/864-5355 or by e-mail to [lillwitz.lynda@tchden.org](mailto:lillwitz.lynda@tchden.org).

*▲Submitted by Marie St. Pierre, Division Reporter*

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*Plans Under Way for 2005 Conference*

## Rockin' with Colorado Libraries: Takin' Care of Business

Please put November 10-13, 2005 on your calendar for the 2005 CAL Conference in Denver at the Marriott Tech Center Hotel.

The CAL Conference Committee is well into planning this year's conference, and improvements for 2005 include a bit more program space so we can offer more programs!

The call for pre-conference and conference programs will be up on the Web site the first week in March.

The program committee has been expanded to include a healthy balance between all the different interest groups within CAL.

We also want to add something fun for everyone to participate in so get out your dancing shoes and plan to attend our dinner – dance on Saturday night the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

The Conference Committee is still looking for volunteers so if you are interested in helping with this year's conference please contact Beth Wrenn-Estes, 2005 Conference Chair, [calcomm@mac.com](mailto:calcomm@mac.com) or call 303/322-3420 and leave message in VM box 3; or Kathleen Noland in the CAL office, [kathleen@cal-webs.org](mailto:kathleen@cal-webs.org), 303/463-6400.

*▲Submitted by Beth Wrenn-Estes, Conference Chair*

## AskColorado Meets Legislators

Representatives from AskColorado visited the State Capitol in January to demonstrate the Colorado libraries' 24/7 live, online information service. Legislators, aides, and other interested people could stop by the display and computer station to see the service for themselves; legislators later received packets of additional information.

The Colorado Association of Libraries co-sponsored the demonstration.

# Chapter Councillor's Report: ALA Midwinter Conference in Boston

Submitted by Nancy Bolt, ALA Councillor

ALA Midwinter was held in Boston, Massachusetts, January 15 – 19, 2005.

□ You may remember that the ALA has formed a companion organization called the **Allied Professional Association (APA)**, which has two main action thrusts. The first is improving salaries for library employees. There will be four programs on this topic at the ALA conference in Chicago and Tuesday of National Library Week will be designated as National Library Worker's Day.

The other thrust of APA is a certification program for subgroups of the profession. The first certification program approved for implementation is the **Certified Public Library Director's Program**. This is only available to librarians with a master's degree in library science from an ALA accredited school. Other certifications programs are being planned.

□ Council approved a resolution calling for an expansion of No Child Left Behind Act to include school librarians as "highly qualified teachers." This **could require school districts to have a certified school media specialist in every school building**.

□ The ALA Committee on Legislation has **proposed that each state establish a federal legislative network to deal with requests from the ALA Washington Office and appoint a state coordinator**. This coordinator would identify experts in specific topic areas who could write letters on those topics to be shared with other state advocates.

□ Council approved a resolution put forward by the ALA Committee on Legislation on "**Privacy and Standardized Driver's Licenses and Personal Identification Cards**." The resolution calls for the protection of individual privacy as this is implemented and that this standardization of driver's license and personal ID cards "not be used to create a national database or to mine, link, or otherwise obtain access to the 'information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired, or transmitted' by library users."

□ The two **candidates for ALA President** are both public librarians: Christine Lind Hage from the Clinton-Macomb Public Library in Clinton Township, MI; and Leslie Burger from the Princeton Public Library in Princeton, NJ.

□ You probably know by now that the **Caldecott Award** was won by *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Keven Henkes. The **Newbery Award** was won by *kira-kira* by Cynthia Kadohata.

□ A **resolution to support health care reform** was also proposed. This passed with direction for ALA

to join a national coalition for health care reform that will provide affordable coverage for more Americans.

□ Council also approved a **resolution opposing GPO's decision to eliminate print distribution of important government information**. The new GPO proposal will limit federal depositories to \$500 in print-on-demand publications and regional depositories will be limited to \$1,500. This means libraries will have to limit what they get, pay to buy more, or pay to print what people want and can't or won't read online

□ **ALA is revising its long range plan**, called Program 2010. The six goals are similar to past priority areas. ALA hopes to coordinate its program and budget with these new priorities.

□ The **ALA Committee on Legislation also distributed handouts** on: Libraries as Economic Engines; Library Facts and Figures; School Library Fact Sheet; A "Highly Qualified" Librarian in Every School Library; Improving Literacy through School Libraries; Libraries and Head Start Reauthorization. These documents are available at the <http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/midwinterwo/midwinwashoff.htm>

□ The ALA Washington Office is participating in a national campaign called "Stop Before you Click" endorsing "**12 Principles for Fair Commerce in Software and other Digital Products**." A copy of this handout will be sent to all Colorado public and academic libraries and bookmarks are being developed for libraries to make available to patrons.

□ Council passed a resolution offered by the International Relations Committee on "**Rebuilding Libraries and Archives Damaged or Destroyed by the Earthquake and Tsunami in South Asia**." The resolution pledges ALA to work with UNESCO and the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) to "provide information on the damage to libraries in the region" and "publicize and provide information on how and where the library community and public can contribute to these rebuilding efforts."

The Tsunami has had a significant impact on libraries. For example, in Bande Ache, the local library lost not only its building and entire collection, but also the library director and 50 library staff members.

□ Resolved: **Libraries should permit and encourage the full and free expression of views by staff on professional and policy matters**. There was concern about the legality of this and it was referred to ALA's attorney for review.



*CASL News!*

## Batting Order for Schools

Hit a home run on April 9th at CASL's third annual spring workshop. We've adopted a baseball spring training theme – so dust off your glove and cap and plan to join us for fun

and professional development. The CASL board has formed a subcommittee to develop the topic of Shared Instructional Design, and we are hoping to partner with some valuable resource providers. It should be a great day of learning and sharing with other school librarians from around the state. Watch for more information about registration at [www.cal-webs.org](http://www.cal-webs.org).

We are looking for a few good media specialists to serve on the conference committee team; various line-ups work on entertainment, PR, evaluations, and the program—contact Kathleen at the CAL office to get in the bullpen! And since conference workshop proposals are due in May, if you have a great idea that's worth knowing about, be sure to submit your workshop idea before the end of school whirlwind takes over at [www.cal-webs.org](http://www.cal-webs.org)!

One of our goals this year is to find a way to connect all school librarians via e-mail. LIBNET is a communication tool we'd like all librarians to use, especially more school librarians. You can join this listserve by sending an email to [majordomo@bcr.org](mailto:majordomo@bcr.org), leaving the subject line blank, removing your automatic signature, and typing in the text area: subscribe Libnet. To maximize subscribers' time, if you post a question or comment that's particular to CASL or your peers, just preface the message title with CASL: or SCHOOL:

Another double-play the CASL board is developing is School-Public Library Partner Week. Look for more information in the next CAL newsletter. If you'd like to sign on to partner or simply lunch with your public librarian during April's National Library Week, email [heidibaker@cal-webs.org](mailto:heidibaker@cal-webs.org) and we'll keep you informed.

Note the change in CAL conference dates! The CAL conference will now be held November 11-13. Save these dates on your calendar now!

As always, your feedback and suggestions are welcome. The CASL board wants our organization to be a true reflection of members' wants and needs. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us; you can find the board list and other school info at [www.cal-webs.org](http://www.cal-webs.org)

▲Submitted by Kim Meyer, CASL President, [kmeyer@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:kmeyer@jeffco.k12.co.us), 303/982-5188

## CAL Response to Norwood Schools and Book Banning

CAL endorses the mission of schools and academic institutions to provide access by students to information that represents a variety of viewpoints. As part of its duty to take a stand when events require a response on behalf of libraries, the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) makes the following statement regarding the book banning in the Norwood schools.

In a recent incident in Norwood High School, a book being used in a classroom assignment was removed following a complaint about its suitability. Although this occurred not in a library, but in a classroom, the same freedom-to-read principle is at stake.

CAL acknowledges and upholds a parent's right to object to materials in the school curricula. It also recognizes that school districts have an obligation follow established review procedures when evaluating challenged materials, whether that challenge is with classroom materials, such as this, or with library materials.

Reconsideration policies should be in place in all schools to assure that disparate points-of-view are represented when decisions are made to allow such materials to be used in a school, or not. Adhering to thoughtful procedures ensures a balanced curriculum, intellectual integrity in the classroom, and allows for fair and open discussion of all sides of the issue when controversy arises.

In the absence of such policies and procedures, good people make bad decisions, or get caught up in needless conflict. Superintendents, principals, and teachers should be prepared for challenges. Time-tested policies are quickly available from a variety of sources, including the Colorado Association of Libraries. While information on controversial topics may not always be agreeable to everyone in a community, a spirit of openness to different ideas and beliefs forms the foundation of this country's rights and freedoms. Therefore, CAL supports free and open access to information and all efforts to ensure the intellectual freedoms on which this country was founded, whether in libraries or classrooms.

The following resources contain more information about censorship, intellectual freedoms, and reconsideration policies: *(continued page 6)*

## CAL Response to Norwood Schools Resources (*continued from page 5*)

◆CAL-IFC's "General Guidelines for Policies on Requests for Reconsideration"

<http://www.cal-webs.org/ifhandbook.html#requests>

◆ALA's information on "Book Burning"

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bookburning/bookburning.htm>

◆ALA's "Freedom to Read Statement"

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/ftstatement/freedomreadstatement.htm>

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## Continuing Education Opportunities Planned

The CAL Continuing Education Committee (CEC) has been busy putting together workshops for this spring. The first offerings are a Storytime Workshop, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Arapahoe Library Administration Building; and

Archives 101, May 16-17 at the Phillip S. Miller Library in Castle Rock. See details in this newsletter.

A Circulation Supervisors Workshop is scheduled May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Arapahoe Library Administration Building, and we are still working on the detail. Other workshops in various stages of planning are workshops for school librarians/media specialists, one for YA workers, and one for managers.

To keep in touch with all the CAL upcoming education opportunities, visit the CAL Web site: [www.cal-webs.org](http://www.cal-webs.org).

▲*Submitted by Naioma Walberg, CE Committee Chair*

## Bits & Pieces

### •CLiC Offers EBSCO and FirstSearch Database Searching Made Easy

CLiC will be offering EBSCO and FirstSearch Database Searching Made Easy, at many sites around the state starting in April. The workshop will focus on the EBSCO and OCLC FirstSearch databases that are available through the AIRS statewide agreements.

Check the CLiC Web site for dates, locations, and registration information. [www.clicweb.org](http://www.clicweb.org)

### •36th Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference – Denver, April 28-29

Registration is open for the 36th Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference at the Marriott City Center in downtown Denver. This year's theme is "Sharing Visions: Evolving to Meet the Future." Thanks to sponsors, the registration fee is only \$75. Scholarships are available; see <http://www.aclin.org/coloillconf/fund.html>

The preliminary conference agenda, registration forms for both the pre-conference and the conference, and hotel reservation information are available at: <http://www.aclin.org/coloillconf>.

## CLiC is up and running fast...

*by Valerie Horton, CLiC Director*

In August 2004, the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) was created as the successor to the seven regional library systems. Valerie Horton was hired at the end of November as the new director. Three Regional Consultants started work in February. Beth Filar Williams will be located in Durango and focus on the southwest part of the state. Shelley Walchak will likely be located in Pueblo and will focus on the southeast. Lisa Priebe will be located in Denver and will focus on the northern part of the state, roughly north of I-70. All consultants will be available statewide as needed.

CLiC has already taken on a number of duties formerly managed by the seven regional systems. The statewide courier service is widely considered one of our most important services. CLiC keeps costs low for member libraries by paying 20% of the overall cost and provides administrative support. Unfortunately, courier costs are expected to increase by 10% or \$55,000 next year. A Courier Committee has been formed to explore alternative ways of keeping costs down. Leslie Manning, Dean of the Library at the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, is the chair.

The courier is only one of the services provided by CLiC. Other previous system functions that CLiC maintains are the No-Stop Interlibrary Loan services with Denver Public Library, Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, funding for the DuPage Teleconferences, scholarships for local conferences, support for Power Libraries, and providing discounts for New Horizon computer training. CLiC is also preparing a broad range of continuing education classes. The regional consultants will be available to offer library expertise and technical assistance on a wide range of topics.

Our office is open in Lakewood. Please visit us at 9255 W. Alameda Ave, Unit C. Office staff include: Valerie Horton, Director, [vhorton@clicweb.org](mailto:vhorton@clicweb.org) and Teresa Abeyta, Office Manager, [tabeyta@clicweb.org](mailto:tabeyta@clicweb.org). To find a CLiC Board Member go to our Web site [www.clicweb.org](http://www.clicweb.org) and select "Directory". You may also reach the CLiC staff by calling 888-206-2695.



# Storytime Workshop

**Friday, April 29, 2005 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

*Presented by the Colorado Association of Libraries  
Continuing Education Committee*

Arapahoe Library District Support Services  
12855 E. Jamison Cir., Englewood

**Workshop fee is just \$50 for members of CAL, CoALL, CCML, & RMSLA, and only \$75 for those who are not members – includes breaks and lunch!**

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| 8 a.m.          | Good morning and welcome!  |
| 8:30 to 10 a.m. | <b>Every Child Ready to Read: An Overview of the PLA Project to Promote Early Literacy Through Storytime</b> – Priscilla Queen, Douglas County Libraries   |
| 10:15 to noon   | <b>Tools &amp; Techniques in Storytime: A Panel Discussion</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Music:</b> Kathleen DiLeo, Douglas County Libraries</li> <li>▪ <b>Felt Boards:</b> Leeann O'Malley-Schott, Douglas County Libraries</li> <li>▪ <b>Puppets:</b> Nancy Avalon, Children's Storyteller and Performer</li> </ul> |
| Noon            | Lunch (provided)   |
| 1 to 2:30 p.m.  | <b>Patron, Parent, and Child Crowd Control at Storytime</b> – Kim Meyer, CASL President, Jefferson County Public Schools   |
| 2:45 to 4 p.m.  | <b>The Great Storytime Idea Swap: A Time for Sharing and Shopping for Ideas</b><br><i>Please bring 50 copies of your favorite storytime idea to share</i>  |

**Your registration must reach us by Friday, April 22, 2005**

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