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President's Message

*Diverse Communities,
Diverse Libraries*
by Martin Garnar

As I write this, snow continues to pile up outside the library and is covering the Regis campus with a uniform blanket of white. If you take a closer look, you'd see the individual snowflakes -- some perfectly symmetrical, others mashed together in a clump, none exactly alike.¹ How can something that's made up of so many unique parts look so uniform?

"Oh, no. No, no, no! Did you see the column title? He's not really going to use this snowflake metaphor to talk about diversity in CAL, is he? Next will be grains of sand on a beach, am I right? What a cornball!"

Corny or not, it does make the point rather succinctly. At least he's trying to draw us in with something that's common to all residents of Colorado, especially in February. Hush up and see where he goes with this.

In truth, it doesn't look uniform at all if you stop and really LOOK. Whether it's a field full of tiny frozen prisms on a sunny day, or the shifting grey shadings of a drift when the clouds roll through, the different parts of a snow-covered landscape are just that: different.

Now let's think about libraries and the people who work in them. Ask someone to describe a librarian and you'll hear about that little old lady with glasses, a bun, and sensible shoes (and, more likely than not, cat hair stuck to her tapestry tote bag). We all know the stereotypes aren't universally true (though some of you may be picking the cat hair off your sweaters as you read this), and we do our best to show the public how we're wild, crazy, and even (gasp) radical! (apologies to Jen Cotton). Despite our efforts, we are still stereotyped as a profession that's largely white, female, and older. As a matter of fact, that's an accurate description.²

Oh, that's just great. Now I know where he's going with this: he's going to suggest that CAL somehow become responsible for changing the face of librarianship, and it will all be in the name of political correctness!

Get a grip -- I doubt he'll suggest anything of the sort, though he is a bit of a dreamer. As for political correctness, I find it fascinating that you

say it like it's a bad thing. The word 'political' is derived from the Greek word for 'citizen'.³ In a sense, we are all citizens of CAL, so why shouldn't we act correctly regarding ALL of our citizens? As I said before, HUSH UP and see what's next...

But just like the snowy field that's not as uniform if you take a closer look, neither is the library community made up of people who are exactly alike. It's my hope that CAL is a true home for all people in the library community, whether or not you're white, female, or a cat owner. So how do you translate hopes into reality? Form a task force! As president, I can spawn them at will (oh, the power!), so I created one on diversity. Realizing that it's a big topic, we're making connections with existing groups, like the Colorado State Library's Special Populations & Issues Committee, Colorado REFORMA, and the soon-to-be revitalized HQ 76.3 Colorado⁴ -- there's no need to reinvent the wheel when so many people are already doing good work (and if you're doing this kind of work, let me know at mgarnar@regis.edu. Meanwhile, we're also looking at small tasks that will give us a sense of accomplishment in light of all the various possibilities.

One of these tasks was to draft a nondiscrimination clause for CAL's bylaws, as we currently don't have one. The board approved it in concept at our first meeting, and sent it to our trusty Revisions Committee for wordsmithing before we consider adopting it and sending it to you (the members) for ratification later this year. Why didn't we just make it a policy (which the board can approve at will without member input)? Real change comes from the community, not from the leadership. If, as an association, we feel strongly enough about diversity to add a statement to our bylaws, we can set the tone for what we want CAL to be. And if we can make CAL as diverse as the people we serve, we might learn a thing or two along the way that will help us serve them even better.

[Full disclosure: before Martin admitted his librarian tendencies, one of his best friends had him pegged as "one of those" and gave him a tapestry pillow depicting a sleeping cat in a bookcase. He still owns that pillow, and it's one of the favorite nesting places for his two cats. He wears glasses, his shoe collection is equally divided between sensible and sassy, and he's tried every pet hair remover on the market. Just don't expect a bun anytime soon.]

¹ at least according to the folks at Cal Tech -- see their "conjecture" hypothesis:

<http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/faqs/conjecture.jpg>

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² ALA Diversity Counts survey;

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ors/diversitycounts/divcounts.cfm>

³ American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 2006.

⁴ if you're a Dewey Decimal user, think 306.7(ish) and you'll figure it out



Eckhardt's Expository

by Su Eckhardt,
CASL President,



I cannot believe it!
Here we are already
in the second semester! Where has
the school year gone? I am sure most
of you are deeply involved with CSAP.

Meanwhile, your CASL Board is burning the midnight oil in order to bring you the all the benefits your membership in the organization can offer. The energy and enthusiasm of the group has been amazing. We are looking at developing a "tag line" to help us develop an identity within the community. Watch for upcoming announcements.

This year the busy CASL Board has decided to "go virtual" by ensuring all members have an opportunity to attend the meetings. We have had a few hiccoughs, but are using Skype.com to connect via online conferencing to members. It is great not to worry about the board commuting over treacherous roads.

Excitement is in the air thanks to Gwen Giddens, Past CASL President, and her collaborative work with the TIE Board. The CASL spring leadership workshop will be held this summer as a pre-conference to TIE. School librarians from all over the state will have a low-cost way to join us on June 23, 2008 for a great professional development opportunity. JoAnn Perry spear-headed the writing and application process for an ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant to assist with funding so we can bring in a well-known keynote for the *CASL Kick-off to TIE*. Shelly Walchak and Valerie Horton have promised CLIC's financial support. Nance Nassar and Laura Summers are working on 21st Century library connections workshops. The full board is working on the important details, such as our schedule for the day and what to eat for lunch!

Missy Snyder and Molly Gibney are busy planning the first Spring Meet-n-Greet, Susan Gilbert is working on the second event in Denver, Nancy White and Sherry Crow are organizing a gathering for Colorado Springs. We are in the process of scheduling another opportunity to visit with fellow school librarians along the northern I-25 corridor with the assistance of Becky Russell and one on the Western Slope with the help of Barbara Kidder, Mary Katherine Katzer, and Jenna Cook. The Meet-n-Greets offer area librarians – school, public, and academic -- a chance to informally gather, share some snacks, and discuss topics of mutual interest.

The Meet-n-Greets are not limited to CASL or CAL members. We invite all to join us at the gatherings. Endorsements, degrees, and memberships don't matter, just a desire to connect with others in the profession to the benefit of our communities. We hope you will look for news of a Meet-n-Greet near you, but in the meantime, if you have questions or comments you would like to share with the CASL Board, please look for our contact information on the Website and send an email. We have made a commitment to connecting with librarians throughout the state and want to be there for you. Start the second semester right by connecting with CASL!

Paralibrarian Division News



On behalf of the CAL Paralibrarian Division, welcome to 2008 and a new year of fun and exciting events! When you renew your CAL membership in 2008, remember to join the Paralibrarian Division again at no additional cost to you. Benefits of membership to the Paralibrarian Division include:

- Continuing education opportunities
- Attending the CAL Paralibrarian Spring Workshop at the member rate, and
- CAL fall conference programs relevant to paralibrarians offer a wealth of information.
- CAL conference scholarships: The Paralibrarian Division offers four scholarships annually to assist in paying for both the spring workshop and the CAL fall conference. In an effort to encourage paralibrarians from outside the Denver-metro area to have the opportunity to attend these workshops, we have designated one scholarship for each CAL event specifically for paralibrarians traveling longer distances.
- Networking opportunities: Meet other paralibrarians from around the state at the various conferences and workshops to share ideas and concerns.
- Leadership opportunities: The positions of chair, chair-elect, secretary, and reporter are available to those who want to work with great people and to plan and organize fun and informative workshops.

Round them up! The Paralibrarian Division will be holding its annual spring workshop on the Community College of Aurora campus Wednesday, March 26. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the conference will end around 3:30 pm with our silent auction.

This year's theme is "Spring Round-Up: Gathering Community Resources @ Your Library". In addition to a keynote speaker and breakout sessions, light snacks and lunch are included. Find more information and register at cal-webs.org.

We also will award two scholarships, one locally and one to a paralibrarian traveling from outside the metro area. Find more about the scholarship and apply online at http://cal-webs.org/divisions1_4.html. Use the link at the end of the page marked "Apply." Look for reminders and details on the spring workshop in the weeks to come.

The CAL Paralibrarian Division board looks forward to the New Year with you!

■ Ruby Nugent, CAL Paralibrarian Division Chair,
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Publications Committee News

by Beth Wrenn-Estes, Chair,
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The past 12 months have seen so many changes in the Publications Committee. We have had so many wonderful people involved in our publications and we have accomplished so many goals and objectives that I felt it would be good to let our CAL membership know about them.

Last year we lost two of editors. Laura Summers (UCDHS) and Jim Agee (formerly of UNC, now director at the Bermuda College Library) both had to resign from their posts as co-editors of Colorado Libraries. Their talents and personalities added so much to the journal.

Fortunately for us we found Melissa Powell (Authentic World LCC) and Nina McHale (Auraria Library) to come on board as co-editors, and both are currently busy on the 2008 production of the Journal.



Melissa Powell has spent years working with and helping people in libraries. She earned a bachelor's degree in medieval history from Northern Illinois University, then went on to earn a master's in library and information studies. For the last 18

years she has worked as a librarian in Wyoming and Colorado, with a four-year stint as a bookseller at an independent bookstore.

Nina McHale is assistant professor and Web librarian at the Auraria Library in Denver. Her professional interests include, not surprisingly, Web design and redesign, Library 2.0, Web accessibility, usability testing, and federated searching. She is still fairly new to Denver and Colorado, having headed west in 2006 from the Washington, DC, area, where she worked as a reference and Web librarian at Howard Community College in Maryland and Georgetown University. She earned her joint MA/MSLS in English Lit and Library Science at The Catholic University of America.



The journal has undergone an extensive redesign and thanks for the talents of both editors we'll see more positive "tweaks" throughout 2008 as well.

Peer Review Section

One of our goals for the past five years has been to develop a peer review section within *Colorado Libraries*. We have accomplished that goal and beginning in 2008, academic librarians will be encouraged to submit manuscripts for it. We have a marvelous panel of volunteer reviewers and a wonderful Section Editor in Sandra Macke (University of Denver).

Sandy Macke is the catalog librarian at Penrose



Library, University of Denver. She received her MLIS in 2003 from the University of Washington's Information School and has been a cataloger ever since. Her previous positions include project cataloger at Alaska Resources Library & Information Service and catalog librarian at Saint Louis University.

Sandy is originally from Portland, Oregon, and is a new arrival to Colorado. She is active in ALA, primarily in the ALCTS Division.

The copy editors for *Colorado Libraries* perform a vital service to the journal. Presently the copy editors are:

Juanita Alseike, Aurora Public Library
Lyda Ellis, University of Northern Colorado
Jennifer Holmes
Vicky Lopez-Terrill, Colorado State University
David Willis, Colorado Mountain College

Column Editors are:

- Focus on School Libraries
Wyne Cler, Graland Country Day School
Cat De Rose, Smedley Elementary School
Connie Masson, St. Vrain Valley School District
Sheri McCrill, Aurora Public Schools
- Advancing Diversity
Ellen Greenblatt, Auraria Library
- Paraprofessional
Lynda Hoffman, Colorado State University
Amy Sebby, Rocky Mountain High School
- LoanLine
Sandy Hudock
- Preservation
Diane Lunde, Colorado State University
- Netline
Jo Haight Sarling, Denver Public Library
- Tech Topics
Patricia Smith, Colorado State University
- Marketing Memo
Dee Vasquez, Pikes Peak Library District
- Special Libraries
We are looking for someone presently to do this! To volunteer, contact Beth Wrenn-Estes at bwestes@mac.com

Book Reviews

The committee set a goal to have our book reviews put onto the Web site so that they could be current and accessible immediately to readers. Getting them out of the journal and on to the Web took a couple of years, but 2007 saw that become a reality on the CAL Web site. <http://cal-webs.org/reviews.html>

Colbe Galston and Jamie Gotlieb (Parker Library, Douglas County Libraries) have been instrumental in getting the reviews done and organizing the numerous reviewers to get the reviews written. We are still fortunate to receive many titles as donations for our review. Members are also urged to contribute reviews of current titles they have read as well.

Newsletter

The newsletter has received a new look by adding photos of all are various association, division, and committee leaders. Kathleen Noland continues to organize the production of the newsletter as part of her duties for the
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Publications Committee Update

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Association and the information contained in each issue is invaluable to members in keeping up with what is going on in all the various areas of the association.

Web Site

Vicki Nichols of the Jefferson County Public Library has redesigned the Web site over the past year. It has new navigation, new interface and continues to be "the face" of our organization. Vicki has been the Web master for close to nine years.

I want to thank all of these wonderful and talented people for helping with our publications.

Colorado Public Library Association (CoPLA) News

by Janine Reid, CoPLA President

Did you know more that half of CAL membership is people who work in public libraries? Yet every public library in the state is not represented in CAL. Let's do something about that.

Several draws to membership include the annual conference, the attention of lobbyists who work on our behalf at the State Legislature, training programs, and networking opportunities.

At this time, your CoPLA Board (Janine Reid, Judy VanAcker, Amy Phillips, Linda Shaw, and friends) is working on increasing member participation in CoPLA, identifying programs and speakers that may be interesting to public librarians, keeping in touch with CAL Legislative Committee issues, and keeping involved in technology developments that could benefit/affect public libraries throughout Colorado.

We share a particular interest in assisting members who are affiliated with rural libraries. We may be contacting you in the near future to solicit your help in these efforts, as well as helping us identify what kinds of things you expect and need from your organization.



Conference Evaluation Submission Winners

Those who attended the 2007 CAL conference were invited to complete the online evaluation form, and those who completed the evaluations were entered into a random drawing for prizes. Winner of the free conference registration in 2008 is:

•Karen Burns, Rishel Middle School

Recipients of See's Chocolates: **Nadine Abrahams**, Westview Elementary; **Lea Hart**, Fort Lupton Public & School Library; **Carol Edwards**, DPL; **Diana Reese**, Dept. of Corrections; and **Janie Besel**, Trinidad Public Library.

Colorado Association of Special Libraries (CoASL) News

by Stephen Sweeney, President-Elect

Save the date: Friday, June 6, 2008 will be the Colorado Association of Special Libraries' first-ever workshop! The workshop will be called "The Plight of the Special Librarian: Working With Limited Resources," and it promises to be an event where you will find useful information regardless of your information setting.

Potential topics to be covered during the workshop will be a tour of the Cardinal Stafford Library, coordinating and retaining volunteers, recruiting and working with students/interns, process mapping for decision making, working with contractors/subcontractors, and when to outsource & what not to outsource.

The venue for this exciting opportunity will be the Cardinal Stafford Library at the John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization. Conveniently located at 1300 S Steele Street in Denver, the facility hosts the main offices for the Archdiocese of Denver, the St. John Vianney Seminary; and the Seminary library, the recently rededicated Cardinal Stafford Library.



The library boasts 160,000 volumes, more than 300 print periodical titles, and many others available on-site electronically. As the time draws nearer and the plans become firmer, be sure to watch the CAL Web site for more specific advertising regarding speakers and registering for this workshop.

CAL Legislative Basket Raffle Winners are . . .

Here are the winners of the baskets in the CAL Legislative Raffle at the 2007 CAL Conference:

- Warm Yourself Up: *Janie Besel*
 - Date Night: *Judy Barnett*
 - Dealing with Challenges: *Donna Miller*
 - Go Confidently: *Katharine Phenix*
 - Connect to the World: *Su Eckhardt*
 - Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate: *Lea Hart*
 - International Gift Box: *Cathy Jones*
 - Cook Smart: *Anne Marie Obarski*
 - Walk on the Wild Side: *Sara Lawton*
 - Cozy Up with Nancy Pearl: *Peggy Strick*
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Library Days

A new librarian spent the first week of his first professional job in a department dealing with computer glitches, mice in the ceiling, and copier problems. On Thursday afternoon all the lights went off in the building and the librarians started helping patrons by flashlight. When the manager stopped the new librarian to ask how his job was going he responded, "It's not just a job, it's an adventure!"

Have an interesting library story of your own? Send us your contribution for the *Library Days* column. Each issue we hope to highlight funny and/or heartwarming story about those things that make libraries such a special place to work. You and your library will be credited and the rest of us will enjoy the story. Please send your contributions to Naioma Walberg, nwalberg@dclibraries.org

CAL Marketing News

by **Kelli Johnson, Co-Chair,**
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The CAL Marketing Committee has spent a great deal of time discussing and planning its 2008 objectives.

To begin with, the committee is planning to create a radio and television public service announcement (PSA) to promote AskColorado. The committee is working on an implementation plan that

will include communication to libraries preceding the release of the PSA to:

- Communicate recent findings about AskColorado users, and prepare libraries for the release of the PSA, and
- Encourage participating libraries to make the AskColorado logo visible on the top one or two layers of their Web site so patrons can easily find the service from their local library's Web site.

The committee is also preparing to work with the 2008 CAL Conference Committee to help promote this year's conference.

For more information about the CAL Marketing committee visit our Web page at <http://www.cal-webs.org/committees8.html>.

As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Contact co-chairs Kelli Johnson, kjohnson@weld.lib.co.us, and Katie Klossner kklossner@dclibraries.org.

CoALA News: Scholarly Publication Opportunity!

Submissions are needed for the new peer-review section of *Colorado Libraries*. The peer-review column editor is Sandra Macke of University of Denver. Please contact Sandra at sandra.macke@du.edu for further information.

CoLIIG: Colorado Libraries Instruction Interest Group

by **Lyda Ellis, CoLIIG Chair,** lyda.ellis@unco.edu

COLIIG is a great group made up of school, public, academic, and special librarians! We get together twice a year for a brown bag lunch to share instruction tactics, new software, new Web sites, and to discuss instruction design (both physical and pedagogical).

Our last brown bag was held in August 2007 at Johnson and Wales University. Annie Epperson of the University of Northern Colorado discussed the development of a 3 credit LIB class entitled "Power and Control in an Information Society," which is now approved for transfer credits to other institutions. Rogene Goble from Pikes Peak Library District launched the troubleshooting discussion with the topic of reluctant trainers who only want to teach one specific course. This spurred a conversation about various in-house continuing education programs. Denise Pan gave an overview of library instruction during the First Year Seminar program for Johnson & Wales University.

During our meeting at the 2007 CAL Conference we discussed our next brown bag, which will be held in May at the DU Health Sciences Library. The theme for the May brown bag is "Classroom design: what works, what do you regret?"

Keep up with COLIIG news through the CAL Web site <http://www.cal-webs.org/interestg9.html>.

Gov Docs News

Did you know?

- For help with a variety of common problems, more people turn to the internet than consult experts or family members.
- Most Americans (70%) expect their government to make information and services available online.
- Reliance on commercial search engines (Google) misses the majority of government information online.
- 58% of Americans reported going to their local library for assistance.
- Only 36% of those say they found "a lot" of what they were looking for.

Do you have?

- the knowledge, skills and confidence to assist customers in finding the government information they need? If not, you need training from a Government Information-in-the-21st-Century librarian. It's free, but it's not forever!

Training is available through September 2008, and many of the trainers are members of the CAL Government Documents Interest Group. Please visit the Web site at:

<http://www.webjunciton.org/gi21> or contact Debra.VanTassel@colorado.edu for more information.

Bulgaria/Colorado Library Partnership Interest Group

by Nancy Bolt, Chair, nancybolt@earthlink.net

I was pleased to be able to visit Bulgaria again in November. The ABLE (American Bulgarian Library Exchange) Project was originally funded by the US State Department for three years, but careful fiscal management by the Iowa Project Director, Bob Anderson, extended it to almost five years.

I've reported the remarkable results of this project before. I firmly believe, and we have research to prove it, that the ABLE project has changed libraries and lives in Bulgaria. We can be very, very proud. While I was there, we had one final meeting of all the Bulgaria participants and was able to honor the people who were instrumental in making the project both a reality and a success:

- Iskra Mahailova – who came to the US in 1995, worked at the state library, helped start the partnerships, was the first project director in Bulgaria, and is now the Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works
- Vania Grashkina – President of ULISA, the professional library association in Bulgaria and Bulgarian ABLE project director after Iskra became a government official. Vania visited Colorado as part of the ABLE project.
- Snezjana Ianeva – Information Resource Specialist at the American Embassy, a constant and persistent supporter of the project, who, in fact, convinced the State Department to make the grant in the first place.
- Bob Anderson – Intrepid American Project Director, expert at getting Bulgarian government interest in the project.
- And me, Nancy Bolt – American Project Director and very proud to be part of the ABLE project.

Unfortunately I have NO photos of this historic closing meeting because it's forbidden in the American Embassy where the meeting was held!

After the closing meeting I did two training sessions. One was at the Plovdiv Public Library and the other was at the Smolyan Public Library.

Last spring, in Plovdiv, I did a workshop on Advocacy. This year, they asked me to extend that intend lobbying. As it turned out, there were two elected officials in the audience, librarians who had been elected to city council. Most of them were able to articulate how they were able to use their government position to also get support for the library.

I also made a presentation at the Smolyan library. I took a bus there. It is up in the mountains near a popular ski resort, Pomporavo. The bus followed a raging stream and over mountains covered with snow. Quite spectacular. At the library I repeated the workshop on advocacy that I had presented in Plovdiv in the spring. The workshop focuses on the role of libraries in a democracy and how librarians can convince public officials of the value of the library.

The audience response was varied, as it always is in Bulgaria. One woman stood up, with an American Peace Corps worker by her side, and basically gave examples that showed she was doing everything I recommended and had a very successful library. And

Nancy Bolt with staff of the Smolyan Public Library



then a man stood up and said that there was no way they could ever do any of these things because they did not have enough money, staff, resources, public or

government support. I've been invited back this spring to lecture on grant writing.

In other news, the library I spoke at, Smolyan, asked for an American partner and the West Liberty Public Library in West Liberty, Iowa, agreed to be the partner.

Currently, we are looking for a community or technical college who is willing to partner with a small college in Bulgaria. If you are interested, please let me know.



AASL Affiliate Assembly Report

by Sherry Crow, AASL Liaison
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As the CAL/CASL representative to AASL Affiliate Assembly, I had the privilege of representing Colorado at two sessions, as well as the committee meetings on January 12 and 13 in Philadelphia this year. I was pleased to be joined by Nance Nassar and Jody Howard in representing Colorado. The following is a summary of highlights.

The first Affiliate Assembly meeting was a networking meeting that provided sessions for discussion. Topics of discussion were: how affiliates use Web 2.0 technologies for AASL business, recruiting, implementation of 21st Century Standards, and the 21st Century Partnerships.

AASL Longitudinal Study: Keith Curry Lance has been conducting a longitudinal study of the current and changing status of library media programs and library media specialists nationwide. He urged greater participation.

How do we maximize our influence/collaboration with the educational/professional community? The AASL board asked the regions to caucus on the following topic: If AASL can only focus on partnering/collaborating with one of the three groups (parents, administrators, or curriculum), which one would you choose and why? The Region IX consensus was the parents group because they are the primary stakeholders (and power-holders) in the educational system. The recent success of "The Washington moms" was given as an example of the effectiveness of parental advocacy.

Check out this wonderful, very recent story as reported by SLJ.

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6522057.html>



ALA Councilor Report

by *Shelley Walchak, ALA Chapter Councilor*
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During the ALA Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia, Council was busy discussing and resolving many issues important to our profession. Some of the highlights include the following: work on a graduated due structure with the goal of making ALA more affordable to especially those in rural areas; an updating of the Library Code of Ethics; a resolution on member access to ALA electronic lists; website redesign update; establishment of a membership initiative group focused on Games and Gaming; and a resolution on the confiscation of Iraqi documents from the Iraq National Library Archives.



Through Council, I have met people from across the country, shared meals and ideas and understand much more clearly the shared challenges (and successes!) of our profession.

The democratic process is alive and well at council meetings, sometimes to the point that people criticize the time-consuming process; however, the councilors I have met work very hard to move issues forward. I would encourage you to get involved at whatever level you can and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about ALA.

MPLA Liaison Report

by *Annie Epperson, CAL's MPLA Liaison*,
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The MPLA/ULA conference, scheduled for late April/early May in Salt Lake City, is shaping up to be a fun and informative event. More than 90 proposals were accepted by the selection committee, with 36 of those coming from MPLA members. There will be a walking tour, an event for new members, and a reunion for participant in the Leadership Institute. Preconferences will be held on 29 April, the conference itself runs from 30 April to 2 May. Professional development grants are available through MPLA – visit <http://www.mpla.us/committees/profdev/grants.html> for more information, including deadlines.

As part of the conference, MPLA will celebrate its 60th “birthday” with a party at the award-winning Salt Lake City Public Library. To prepare for this event, I’ve been collecting photos that record the people and places of MPLA. If you were a member during the 1980s and 90s, I’d love to have a scanned image or two from your collection. I’ll use these images to create a slideshow that will run while people are gathering at the party. Colorado has been home to many MPLA conferences, including the 1948 inaugural in Estes Park. In addition, seven Coloradans have served as president, and Judy Zelenski, (1996-97 president) is currently the executive secretary. Send your contributions to this proud history to annie.epperson@unco.edu. Thanks!

CAL Membership Committee Report

by *Denise Muniz, Chair*



Please join me in welcoming these new CAL members who joined us in December and January.

Donna Allenbaugh, La Veta Regional Library District
Amy Baker, Mesa County Libraries
Josh Beckner, Mesa County Libraries
Clara Burns, Front Range CC - College Hill Library
Jan Cruz, Weld Library District
Tanya Darnell, Telluride School District
Anne Elias, Denver Public Library
Molly Elkins, Douglas County Libraries
Elizabeth Erfman, Elbert County Library District
Kathryn Ferrel, University of Northern Colorado
Eusebia Garza, Mesa County Libraries
Christina Gillen
Eric R. Green, Lamar Community College
Sara Harding, La Veta Regional Library District
Lynn Jennings, Grand County Library District (Granby)
Cathy Jones, Grand County Library District (Kremmling)
Karen Kilanxhja, Mesa County Libraries
Sandra Macke, University of Denver Penrose Library
Florence Mason, F Mason & Associates
Deborah McCarthy, University of Wyoming Libraries
Joy McCoy, Grand County Library District (Fraser)
Janet Moore, Elbert County Library District
Elizabeth Newsom
Alan Roedel
Amelia Shelley, Garfield County Public Library District
Abigail Simpson, Pikes Peak Library District
Susan Staples, Weld Library District
Melissa Stock, Arapahoe Library District
Cari Taylor, Mesa County Libraries
Jenni Tencza, Pine River Library District
Linda Van Wert, Gambro, Inc.
Adam White
Jan Zinkl, Aurora Public Library

Bits & Pieces

■ **Colorado Library Consortium (CLIC) has new staff:** Shannon O’Grady and Judy Van Acker. Find out more at: <http://www.clicweb.org/about/staff/StaffDirectory.html>

While you are there, view upcoming CE events on Leo: <http://leo.clicweb.org>



Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award Committee is pleased to announce **J. K. Rowling as the 2008 winner of The Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award** for her book *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*, published by Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic.

For the list of the 20 titles nominated by Colorado teens for the 2009 award, booktalks, program ideas, foil stickers for the winning titles, and voting procedures, visit: www.cal-webs.org/bluespruce



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See additional CASL information at:
cal-webs.org/newsletter.html

Mark Your Calendars for CAL Conference 2008
Communities & Libraries
November 6-8, 2008 -- Denver

Your CAL Conference Committee is already hard at work preparing for the 2008 annual conference.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend: November 6 to 8, 2008 at the Marriott Denver Tech Center, Denver

Coming soon:

■ Call for programs: opens in late February, closes May 23. Be sure to submit a proposal for a workshop or preconference! Watch the CAL Web site for info.

■ Want to help select the programs that will be presented at the conference? Watch the CAL Web site for a link to a short application. Representatives are selected from all aspects of membership, so be sure to apply to represent your interests!

