

**BULGARIAN/COLORADO LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP
INTEREST GROUP REPORT
Colorado Association of Libraries
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Recent Activity

1. Wrote an article for *International Leads*, the quarterly magazine of the International Relations Round Table (attached)
2. Have been asked to write a longer article (20-30 pages) for *Advances in Librarianship*, due September 30th.
3. Lisa Cole, DU Graduate student, will accompany me and others to Bulgaria on May 29th. She is doing her capstone project on the B/C Library Partnership project. While there, she will visit three partner libraries and interview staff. She will be interviewing the Colorado partners of these projects before we leave. Colorado librarians being interviewed will be Donna Morris from Arkansas Valley (partner of the Plovdiv library), Trish O'Borne, Jefferson County Public Library (Sofia library), and Patty Gibbons, Eagle Library District (Veliko Turnovo library).
4. Lisa will also be making a presentation at the Bulgarian Library Association conference on library ethics.
5. I've also been told that CAL will receive a certificate of appreciation from BLA at the same conference.
6. We've also been told that 6-8 Bulgarian librarians will be coming to Colorado following the American Library Association conference. A tentative schedule for their visit is attached. Bemis Public Library will sponsor a reception to which you are all invited.

Action Items

- A. Authorize Donna Morris to sign (I will be glad to write) a letter of commendation to the Bulgarian Library Association that I can deliver and read at their conference.
- B. Authorize a plaque or certificate to be presented to the librarians both in Bulgaria and Colorado (I will pay for it).
- C. Discuss CAL's willingness to apply for funds to support this project. Several federal sources of funding are possible. Bemis Public Library or the City of Littleton has also expressed interest.