
Keynote Presentations

Karen Middleton & Terrance Carroll ***Back to the Future of Libraries*** **Thursday, November 19 -- 5 to 6 p.m.**

Are libraries a timeless institution or antiquated mode of information-gathering? How can we garner the community support we need for the future of libraries, when the image of the library is often caught in the time-warp of our citizen's minds? What lessons have we learned in the creation of library districts, public dialogue about the role and purpose of libraries, and how can we best market the message of a library's importance to folks who really may not care? From town meetings to the campaign trail, we will talk about how to bring our libraries into the future.



State Representative Karen Middleton represents West Central Aurora and she is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Metropolitan State College of Denver. In the legislature, Middleton serves as the Majority Caucus Chair, is a member of the House Education Committee and will serve on the Business Affairs and Labor Committee in 2010. Karen served on the State Board of Education from November 2004 –February 2008.

Speaker of the House Terrance D. Carroll (HD 7) - Representative Terrance D. Carroll is the 54th Speaker of the House. He is the first African-American in that top leadership role.

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Lee Rainie ***The New Information Ecology*** **Friday, November 20 -- 9 to 10 a.m.**

The new information ecology: The Director of Pew Internet and American Life Project summarizes recent trends in Internet use, cell- phone use and how information seekers come in different shapes and sizes. He will discuss the way technology-use affects all types of libraries: academic, public, school, and special.

Lee Rainie is the Director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project, a non-profit, non-partisan "fact tank" that studies the social impact of the internet. Since December 1999, the Washington D.C. research center has examined how people's internet use affects their families, communities, health care, education, civic and political life, and work places.

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Peter Pearson ***How Libraries Can Thrive In Spite of the Economy*** **Friday, November 20 -- 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.**

The current economic crisis has created a perfect storm of increased utilization and decreases in funding in libraries throughout the United States. These times call for a concerted effort on the parts of librarians, trustees, Friends groups, and foundations to keep our libraries strong and vibrant. This keynote address will cover the variety of ways in which libraries can increase both private and public funding to maintain their role at the center of the community.

Peter Pearson is the President of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library in Minnesota. Mr. Pearson has a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Minnesota. He has been a classroom teacher, school principal, and executive director of two non-profit educational programs prior to taking this position as President of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library.



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Marianne "Mimi" Wesson

Unquiet Grave: the Hillmon Case and the Law of Evidence

Saturday, November 21 -- 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Julie J. Boucher Memorial Lecture on Intellectual Freedom

Mimi Wesson will share what she has learned about the Hillmon case, a nineteenth century lawsuit that pitted a young waitress against large three insurance companies and turned on the identity of a dead man. The case lasted for a quarter century and was heard by the United States Supreme Court twice. In their decision of 1892, the Justices created an important rule in the law of evidence. But did the Court, and almost everyone else who has studied the case since, get the solution wrong? Mimi's research included a journey through many dusty archives as well as the eventual exhumation of the body. She'll explain why she thinks she and her research team have solved the case, and what their solution means for the law.

Marianne Wesson, known to friends as Mimi, is a graduate of Vassar College and the University of Texas Law School. She has been a law professor at CU-Boulder since 1976, where she teaches evidence, trial practice, criminal law, and a course called Law and Literature. She's also been a federal prosecutor, university administrator, acting dean, and bestselling novelist.

Dr. Camila Alire

Every Voice Makes a Difference -- Frontline Library Employee Advocacy

Saturday, November 21 -- 1 to 1:45 p.m.

During these tough economic times, every voice can make a difference for our libraries no matter the type of library. There is another level of advocacy that has not been pursued – empowering library employees to advocate the value of their libraries and their value to patrons/users, friends, relatives, and neighbors.

Dr. Camila Alire is Dean Emeritus at the University of New Mexico and Colorado State University. Camila received her doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Northern Colorado and MLS from the University of Denver. Camila currently is president of ALA. She is past-president (2005/06) of the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and also past-president of national REFORMA.

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