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NEW DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO STATE LIBRARY APPOINTED

Eugene Hainer has been appointed the new Director and deputy state librarian of the Colorado State Library (CSL), Colorado Department of Education (CDE), it was announced recently by Commissioner of Education, William Moloney. He replaces Nancy Bolt who retired from CSL after 18 years of service.

Hainer has been head of Library Development for CSL since 2000, after working five years as the School Library Consultant for the same agency. He has also worked for the Poudre School District as a library media specialist, and served before that as a classroom teacher and music instructor. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder where he worked in the music library, and received his MLS from the University of Texas - Austin.

As director of library development, Hainer supervised public and school library consultants and the department's web design and services unit. During his tenure, library development staff prepared "Information Literacy Guidelines" for school libraries and districts; standards for public libraries; long range plans for the use of federal Library Service and Technology funds; and developed a program to implement the school accreditation rule on educational technology and information literacy. Under his direction, the CDE website has grown in both use and content.

Commissioner Moloney welcomed Hainer to this cabinet-level position within the Colorado Department of Education. He commented, "Gene is a talented and dedicated librarian who will assist the State Library to continue growth in its service to Colorado's residents and librarians. His knowledge of Colorado's schools and libraries and their needs makes him an excellent choice as the new Director of the State Library."

The Colorado State Library is responsible for the Colorado Virtual Library and the popular AskColorado online reference service; the Colorado Talking Book Library, serving blind and print handicapped; the State Publications Library collecting and disseminating state documents; the Institutional Library Program serving people in the state's correctional and health institutions; the Library Development Office, helping libraries improve their service to local libraries; the Library Research Service conducting research on issues of interest to libraries; and the Community and Library Outreach service focusing this year on early learning skills of preschoolers.

For information on CSL, visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_library.htm or call 303.866.6900.

CLiC Board Elections

The Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) Board is pleased to announce the election of two new board members: Jon Walker, Executive Director of the Pueblo City – County Library District and Jo Ann Kruglet, Associate Dean for Learning Resources of the Morgan Community College.

The two new board members will start July 1. They replace outgoing Board Members Michele Seipp, Director of the Lafayette Public Library and Kendra Schwindt Swope, Director of Otero Junior College. The Board would like to thank Michele and Kendra for their excellent and extensive service during CLiC's startup year.

What You Missed By Not Attending the 36th Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference and Why You Should Consider Attending Next Year!

The Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) and the Interlibrary Loan Conference Committee sponsored \$2475 in scholarships to twelve library staff, to participate in the 36th Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference, held in Denver on April 28 – 29, 2005. Here are comments from some scholarship recipients about their conference experience.

“The conference was just as I thought, full of information, inspiration and intellectual stimulation! The presenters were fabulous! Joan Frye Williams was hilarious, very informative, and thought provoking. Rachel Singer Gordon gave me places to network online. Carrie Russell helped me understand copyright a little more. My overall impression of the 36th Annual ILL Conference was WOW! I want to do it again!” – Sharon Foote, Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo

“The networking opportunities are so amazing and were especially beneficial for me being new to Colorado. I especially enjoyed the sessions that talked about process and things to come in the ILL world. I also especially enjoyed the presentation by Dr. Ella Maria Ray. Testimonials make the process come alive and add more value for those of use who might not always have the big picture of the services we offer.” – Jan Pratt, Manitou Springs Public Library

“What a great conference this was! The SWIFT user group was especially helpful to me because they explained a lot of the nuts and bolts of SWIFT and how to use it more efficiently.” – Jane Thomas, Old Rock Community Library

“I really liked the format of the entire group being together for the entire conference, because that way you did not miss *any* speakers, or had to choose between one or another. ” – Ana Lash, West Routt Library District

“The 2005 Interlibrary Loan Conference served to open my mind to my own impressions of how libraries progress, and how I function in them as a provider of information. All of the sessions were thought-provoking and well-presented, and I found myself cocking my head and re-aligning my thinking throughout the conference.” - Linda DeFord, Denver Public Schools

"I am especially grateful for the opportunity to meet Allen Reichert, a librarian from Ohio who put me in touch with a school district that has just become the first K – 12 library system to join the Ohio LINK library and information network. We are considering a similar move (joining Prospector) and look forward to learning from their experiences, and sharing information on the ins and outs of contributing to and benefiting from participation in what has until now been a purely public and higher education library community." – Janne Cookman, Denver Public Schools

We hope these testimonials will encourage you to attend next year's conference in Estes Park on April 26 – 28, 2006 at the Stanley Hotel.

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AWARDS GO TO TWO STATE LIBRARY STAFF

Two staff members of the Colorado State Library (Colorado Department of Education) recently have received awards for their outstanding leadership and work on behalf of libraries.

Sharon Morris, coordinator of AskColorado, the 24/7 online reference service, was noted as a national "Mover & Shaker" by *Library Journal*. The award was created to honor emerging leaders in the library world, who are innovative, creative, and making a difference. AskColorado, jointly sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education and Colorado State Library, launched in 2003 as a collaborative project of the state's libraries, with over 200 staff members from Colorado libraries sharing responsibilities. Morris says she's always chosen jobs that allow her to stretch and develop new ideas and talents. "The job assignment that's the most fun is whichever project I am working on at the time. I get completely immersed." For her, professionalism is about approaching each task with curiosity and a goal of achieving understanding and expertise. She says, "Being right is overrated. Being curious and open to learning will get you much further."

Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Director of Networking and Resource Sharing, was selected as the Mountain Plains Library Association President's Board Choice Award for 2005. She has successfully planned, implemented and launched a number of continuing statewide, cooperative technology-based projects including the Colorado Virtual Library, Colorado Virtual Library for Kids (cataloged, searchable websites for K12), AskColorado (virtual reference), SWIFT (interlibrary loan), and Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection (digitized historic newspapers). Brenda currently serves on the boards of numerous state, regional and national library-related organizations and services. She is active in the Public Library Association, the Colorado Association of Libraries, Association of College and Research Libraries, Libraries, the Library and Information Technology Association, and the International Network of Social Network Analysis.

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Colorado Young Adults Advocates in Libraries C'YAAL Retreat

Western Slope Folks encouraged to attend!

Friday August 19th, 10am – 3pm

Eagle Valley Library District

Option to stay over night

Special topics: Teen Volunteers presentation and panel discussion and Legal Issues Involving Teens in Libraries

For more information, please see: <http://www.aclin.org/~cyaal/>

If you are interested in attending C'YAAL meetings, please contact: Jan Knauer (303) 795-3961 (jknauer@littletongov.org) Bemis Library, Littleton or Emily Dagg (edagg@denver.lib.co.us) Denver Public Library

The Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists (SRMA) proudly announces a new address for its web site: <http://www.srmarchivists.org>. Until recently, the University of Wyoming's American Heritage Center hosted the web site that began in November 1998.

Information on the site includes meeting details, newsletters, Board meeting minutes and advertisement of activities such as Archives Month. The SRMA web site informs the membership, the larger archival and preservation community, and the general public about the organization's goals, activities and functions.

SRMA endeavors to disseminate information on research materials and archival methodology, to provide a forum for the discussion of matters of common concern, and to cooperate with other similar cultural and educational organizations. In furtherance of these objectives, SRMA unites those who champion the acquisition and preservation of the evolving historical record and promotes access to records for present and future generations.

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Colorado State Library Honored in Washington, D.C. *State Library Partners in New National Library Health Award*

Washington, D.C. May 17, 2005—The Colorado State Library was feted by the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) at a Washington, D.C. event this month. The state organization was recognized for its role in identifying libraries in Colorado with outstanding health information programs for an NCLIS pilot award program in 2004 (see report: <http://www.nclis.gov/info/ModelProgramsReport04-19-05.pdf>) and for partnering on a new NCLIS national health award initiative.

Colorado State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner Gene Hainer attended the May 2 event held at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland. He joined 37 other members of COSLA, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, from across the country to be recognized by NCLIS and to launch the NCLIS Health Award for Libraries, the first nationwide award for libraries with exemplary consumer health information programs.



Colorado State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner Gene Hainer accepts a gift egg decorated by NCLIS Commissioner Mitzi Perdue from NCLIS Chairman Dr. Beth Fitzsimmons. Photo by DJZ Photography.

More than 230 library and health professionals gathered for the event, which featured an array of exhibits by health and library organizations and short presentations by NCLIS Chairman Dr. Beth Fitzsimmons, National Agricultural Library Director Peter Young, President Diantha Schull from the Americans for Libraries Council, and Dr. Roger Merrill, Chief Medical Officer for Perdue Farms. Commissioner Mitzi Perdue, Task Force Leader for the Commission's Libraries and Health Communications Initiative, exceeded the program and led a rousing cheer for the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies for their efforts in working with NCLIS on these programs.

Over the course of the next year, with the help of the Chief Officers of the State Library Agencies, the NCLIS Health Award for Libraries initiative will identify libraries in each state with outstanding health information programs (see award factsheet: <http://www.nclis.gov/award/2006AwardsFactsheet04-28-05.pdf>). In May 2006 a top winning library will be announced and representatives from that library will travel to Washington, D.C. to receive a \$20,000 cash prize.

The **U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)** is a permanent, independent agency of the United States government that advises the President and Congress on national policy with respect to libraries and information science.

COSLA is an independent organization of the chief officers of state and territorial agencies designated as the state library administrative agency and responsible for statewide library development. Its purpose is to identify and address issues of common concern and national interest; to further state library agency relationships with federal government and national organizations; and to initiate cooperative action for the improvement of library services to the people of the United States.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARDS

The following libraries and library staff have been recognized this year by the Colorado State Library for outstanding achievement in community relations and leadership, the foundation of all successful advocacy and marketing efforts.

Outstanding Achievement Award:

Denver Public Library, Read Aloud Program. Provides volunteer readers to Head Start and early childhood education centers. In existence for more than 16 years, the program enables volunteers to give many hours of their time to reach out to at-risk children at 87 sites. The program brings a variety of picture books into the classroom along with booklists and other resources for the teachers, provides training and modeling, and encourages the kids to get library cards.

Pikes Peak Community College Libraries, “All Pikes Peak Reads” program in conjunction with the Pikes Peak Library District. The college’s participation allowed them to reach beyond their campuses and into the community and involve students, faculty and staff. Activities included a kick-off event, film showings and book discussions at all three campuses.

Trailblazer Elementary School, Colorado Springs, school and community events. A student suggested that proceeds from the used book sale go to aid the Tsunami relief. The benefit, which was open to the public, was held after school as well as during school. Any remaining books were donated to a homeless shelter. Also for Family Time @the library which is a growing monthly event bringing the community and families together in the library for refreshments and reading.

Award of Merit:

Douglas County Libraries, Teen Battle of the Bands. Event helped change the stereotypes of libraries and teens. The program, which was attended by over 400 teens, offered a way to involve teens in a positive library experience and promote the library as having something for everyone.

Lamar Public Library, Staff Outreach to the Community. For consistent focus on community outreach, especially for Latino community. The staff’s commitment to major outreach over the past three years has provided many services to make new arrivals feel welcome, including ESL, GED and citizenship programs.

Manitou Springs Public Library, Reading Friends Program. Volunteers pair with children to read and do activities together. The program connects the local elementary school and the community with visits to the public library. Increased reading scores have been noted for the 75 kids that have participated over the last six years with the help of 74 volunteers.

Pikes Peak Library District, Funky Fairytales Performing Troupe. Putting on an act for 15 years, the troupe consists of staff volunteers who donate many hours to perform at elementary schools and public libraries. Last year the staff reached over 7,000 students in this unusual promotion for library services.

Witt Elementary School Library, Westminster, Turn Off the TV and Read Week. Hosted for 15 years, the program includes a drop-everything-and-read time, activities every night, coupons for prizes, in-house commercials and a PTO book give-away and fair. It also reaches parents and gets them involved.

Honorable Mention:

Arapahoe Library District, Homebound Delivery. This outreach program, includes a coordinator and 20 volunteers who deliver library materials to individuals and 12 senior living facilities.

Bemis Public Library (Littleton), READ posters for Library Week. Using library staff, city officials, and others, the posters were hung in the library, posted on the web site and garnered media coverage. The diverse subjects gave everyone someone to identify with.

Combined Community Library (Ordway), Director Dana Gibson. To build a new library facility, the director was instrumental in forming public interest groups, determining community needs, and planning opening events. The new building required no tax increase and is entirely debt free.

Douglas County Libraries, Summer Reading Program for Youth, Teen and Adults. A common theme helped to connect participants of all ages. Half-a-million in prizes were donated from local and national businesses. Overall, participation was up among all groups, with the greatest increases among teens and adults.

Douglas County Libraries, ACCESS quarterly publication. Produced by the library, the magazine is sent to over 80,000 homes and highlights events and library services. It also has an extended shelf-life with coupons and card applications in the magazine, so residents retain the publication.

Fleming Community Library, Fleming Community Library Association. These supporters sponsor special programs, fund-raisers and children's programming. They are involved in both the school and the library as well as being advocates in the community.

Loveland Public Library, Teen Reading Program. In cooperation with the Larimer Boys & Girls Club, the library helped kids, ages twelve to seventeen, to form a monthly reading and discussion group called Reading Raptors. The program has lead to additional library-related activities.

Montrose Regional Library District, Book Cart Drill Team. With over half of the staff involved, as well as volunteers, the drill team has been an ongoing effort and participated in community events, to an enthusiastic response.

Rocky Ford Library, Traveling Titles Program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and operating since November 2003, volunteers deliver items to patrons unable to travel. The program boosts morale and circulation at the same time.

For further information, contact Bonnie McCune, Library Community Programs Consultant, Colorado State Library, 303.866.6891, mccune_b@cde.state.co.us.

Greetings from the PAC committee. As you probably are aware, the Colorado Library Political Action Committee (That's CLPAC or PAC for short.) is the fund raising arm for keeping Colorado's libraries and their needs in front of state legislators. We work closely with CAL's lobbyists and the Legislative Committee to identify where funds will help library legislation the most.

We began the two-year election cycle in December 2004. Since that time, we made donations to all four party-affiliated legislative fundraising organizations so every legislator has benefited already. In addition, we have made a donation to Ken Kester's office. Other donations to legislators that are library advocates may be determined by the Legislative Committee this summer.

The end of the legislative session marks the beginning of our fundraising push. While we know that library funding at the state level here in Colorado has been bleak, we have been able to keep a modest amount of funding for CliC, Colorado Virtual Library, and the Talking Book Library. In spite of the poor economic picture over the last couple of years, we haven't lost sight of restoring other funds as state finances allow. As a PAC we are gearing up for a campaign to restore monies for library programs and that could happen as early as this fall if the Tabor referendum passes.

Our current focus is on supporting the movement to supporting referendums C and D this fall. We will be working with other organizations to educate Colorado voters about how libraries can benefit. Our fund raising goal this year is \$7,500. We count on library advocates who work in libraries and information professionals, library board members, and library friends to support the PAC. Please mail your donation to Colorado Library PAC, P.O. Box 452, Lafayette, CO 80026 or visit our website at <http://colibpac.org> to make a donation using the secure PayPal service. (The link for making contributions is on the left scrollbar.)

Finally a note about donations. State law requires that every donation come from an individual. We can not accept donations from libraries, businesses or organizations. An individual may only donate a total of \$500 during the two year cycle (Dec. 2004-Dec. 2006). People who donate the maximum receive complimentary tickets for any fundraising events we hold during the year. We have to report each donation to the Colorado Secretary of State.

No matter what your connection is to libraries, we need your help. Please send a donation today. We now have an e-mail address for your questions or for other communications. It is Colorado_library_pac@earthlink.net.

Thanks,

Lis Lord
Colorado Library PAC

P.S. The PAC is looking for new committee members and volunteers for the PAC fundraiser at the CAL Conference. If you are interested in working with us, please send a note to our e-mail address.